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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Interstate Commerce Commission concluded its hearing in the case of the alleged merger of the L. & N. and A. C. L. at New York and adjourned to meet in Chicago Tuesday. ——Four trainmen killed and three injured in a wreck on the B. & O. railroad. —— Spanish steamer Noveima, from Galveston for Rotterdam, went ashore on Pebble Shoals, Va., and was floated by the revenue cutter Onondaga. —— General Luddington says that 30,152 Confederates died in Federal prisons during the civil war. —— Miss Ollie Cropsey was the star witness in the Wilcox trial yesterday. ——There was great anxiety yesterday in Columbia as to the condition of Editor Gonzales; Lieut. Gov. Tillman has made a statement that he thought Mr. Gonzales was armed. —— It will be determined next week by the President whether S. H. Vick, negro, will be appointed postmaster. ——The overdue steamship St. Louis was sighted off yesterday evening off Nantucket Lightship. ——At 11:30 last night Mr. Gonzales' condition was very grave; the crisis was expected before daylight. —— New York market reports for yesterday: Money on call steady at 3½@4 per cent.; rosin steady, strained common to good $1.92½@1.95; spirits turpentine firm at 59½@60c.; cotton steady, middling uplands 8.95c.; flour firm but quiet; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 82½c.; corn—spot firm, No. 2 60c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 41c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 16.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 35 degrees; 1 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum, 57 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2.29.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 —For North Carolina—Rain Saturday and Sunday, light to fresh west to southwest winds.

Port Almanac—January 17.

Sun Rises	7.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.13 P. M.
High Water at Southport	10 H. 05 M.
Low Water at Southport	10.50 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	3.20 P. M.

It is officially denied that Germany has any idea of investing any money in the Panama ditch or lawsuits over it.

An exchange asks if it wouldn't be funny if Teller won out for the Senate in the Colorado tilt. There wouldn't be any fun in in for Wolcott.

Now there is more trouble for President Roosevelt. Negroes are demanding positions in the regular army, and some of the Congressmen are giving them "aid" if not comfort.

A Goshen, N. Y. preacher has just died, aged ninety-three years. He had been married thirteen times. If it hadn't been for the last one, taking the hoodoo, he might be living yet.

Governor Murphy, of New Jersey, says there are very few real trusts, and that the corporation laws of his State are "beneficial." She collected about $2,000,000 revenue out of them last year.

A New York man has a Dane dog which increased in value from $200 to $1,000 in a day. He swallowed a $800 diamond. At last accounts the dog was wearing the diamond notwithstanding the devices resorted to to induce him to part with it.

Senator Aldrich, who was opposed to opening our ports to tariff free foreign coal, got caught short in his Rhode Island home and had to pay $1 a ton for what he got. A few object lessons like that might convert him and some of the other Dingley tariff people.

Dr. Schurman, President of Cornell University and President of the first Philippine Commission, still thinks that the right thing to do is to "haul down the flag." We have but three courses to pursue, hold them as subjects, admit them as states, or give them their independence. The first means continual warfare, the second is impracticable, so the only way left is to haul down the flag and let them paddle their own canoe.

In view of the number of fatal cases from lockjaw since Christmas, a Virginia lady asks the Richmond *Dispatch* to publish a remedy which she says she has tried repeatedly and never knew it to fail. It is to bake for twenty minutes the affected place once (or oftener if the pain be not relieved by the first application) with smoke from strips of woollen cloth or other wool, burned on live coals in a pan. This method said to be in common use in Mexico in treatment of wounds from which lockjaw might result.

THE LIBRARY SCHEME.

The Carnegie Library proposition is one that demands the careful consideration of the Board of Aldermen. On the surface it appears to be a "good thing"; but when subjected to a thorough analysis a different conclusion may be reached. With a white population not exceeding ten thousand, Wilmington does not need a library building (even as a gift) that will cost $25,000, if it must guarantee not less than $2,500 per year to maintain it. And who believes that it will not require more than that sum? Books are to be bought; a competent librarian and a janitor are to be employed; a site must be provided; insurance and repairs are to be considered; and when it comes to "incidentals" that unknown quantity is "always with you."

Even the sum asked ($2,500) will pay the interest on about $62,000 in 4 per cent. bonds.

The Walker Memorial Hospital is a charity that we are in honor bound to maintain at any cost, and about $4,000 additional is now required for that institution. Then, we have county road improvement, street improvement and too much negro education to provide for.

Taxes are already burdensome, and there is a strong sentiment in favor of retrenchment rather than expansion in public expenditures.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Early risers reported a heavy frost yesterday morning.

— The banks of the city will be closed Monday on account of Lee's birthday.

— Two cars will leave the Princess street junction at 3 o'clock this afternoon for the golf grounds.

— A thoroughly competent compositor accustomed to newspaper work may secure employment by applying at the STAR office.

— The Clyde Liner *Oneida* arrived early last evening from Georgetown, S. C, and will sail to-night or early to-morrow morning for New York.

— The ministers of the city have been notified that to-morrow will be "Charity Sunday." It is hoped that the congregations will go to the different churches prepared to contribute.

— A useful compendium of sporting statistics is the *Police Gazette Sporting Annual* for 1903. It is a veritable encyclopedia of sporting information, profusely illustrated and sells for ten cents.

— A "Name Party" will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's Episcopal church, at the residence of Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, 420 South Front street, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 20th.

— By order of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, to-morrow, the second Sunday after Epiphany will be observed as Missionary Sunday in every church in the United States and its dependencies.

— The handicap tournament for ladies on the Cape Fear Golf links will begin this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and is being looked forward to with much pleasure by the club members. Tea will be served by the ladies after the contest.

— The warrants against the four negro gamblers arrested Thursday night in an A. C. L. shanty car by Policeman George, were amended to disorderly conduct in the Mayor's court yesterday and each was let off upon payment of costs, except Tom Staton, who was fined $5.

— The fame of Wilmington's excellent paid fire department has extended everywhere almost. Yesterday Chief Schnibben received an inquiry from Mr. James F. Henzel, a member of the city council of Roanoke, Va., asking about the splendid system here with a view of following Wilmington's example in Roanoke.

Sunday School Mass Meeting.

There will be a Sunday school mass meeting at St. Stephen's A. M. E. church to-morrow at 4 P. M. This meeting will be conducted by Dr. James E. Shepard, Associate Field Worker among colored people for the Industrial Sunday School Association. All of the Sunday schools with their teachers and officers are invited to be present, and as many others as may desire to come. Dr. Shepard will also deliver an address to the members and congregation of St. Stephen's church at 7:30 P. M. on the date above mentioned. Rev. John E. Jackson is pastor of the church.

Bar Meets This Morning.

The bar of the city will meet at the office of Col. Jno. D. Taylor at 10:30 o'clock this morning for the purpose of arranging the calendar of cases for trial at the two weeks' term of New Hanover Superior Court which meets Monday week. There are no new cases of special importance for trial at the term.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Garrett Walker—Lands posted.
Morning Star—Printer wanted.
The Banks—No business Monday.
Wilmington Grocery Co.—Butter.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fancy fruits.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Setter dog.
Wanted—Agents.
Lost—Five-dollar bill.

ANTI-SALOON FORCES.

Well Attended Meeting of Voters Last Night in Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

ANTI-LIQUOR LEAGUE FORMED

Addresses by Dr. McKelway, of Charlotte, and Mr. J. A. Oates, Jr., of Fayetteville—Men Urged to Use Ballot to Wipe Out Liquor Traffic.

Prefacing its report of the proceedings with the statement that the STAR has no other desire than to deal fairly with both sides of a question that everyone concedes will be a "paramount" issue in the forthcoming local municipal campaign, the meeting last night in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium was rather better attended than is ordinarily the case with gatherings of its character. Perhaps 350 persons were in the hall when Rev. J. N. Cole called the meeting to order. What per cent. of that number were attracted by curiosity and what proportion of those present were in sympathy with the movement in the interest of which the meeting was held, is a question for others to decide.

The gathering was a representative one and the applause which greeted the speakers was warm and frequent. Every ward in the city was represented and following the regular exercises a local Anti-Saloon League was organized with over a hundred members.

The meeting opened with a very fervent prayer by Rev. Dr. Calvin S Blackwell, pastor of the First Baptist church, who had a seat upon the rostrum with the speakers and Rev. Mr. Cole, who presided.

Rev. Dr. A. J. McKelway, of Charlotte, editor of the *Presbyterian Standard* and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League in the State, was the first speaker. He was introduced by Rev. Mr. Cole and spoke for about twenty minutes, dealing with the evils of the liquor traffic and ending with a history of the temperance movement in Charlotte and an incidental reference to Cumberland, drawing therefrom a prognostication of the political death of those who dared to oppose what was characterized in so many words as the inevitable.

Mr. J. A. Oates, Jr., of Fayetteville, editor of the *North Carolina Baptist* and corresponding secretary of the State Anti-Saloon League, was next presented by Mr. Cole, and he responded in an address of about the same length as that of Dr. McKelway. He said that politicians locally and generally were beginning to realize that the good people of North Carolina were going to run the saloon out. He had no ill feeling for the saloon keeper but civilization demanded that liquor must go. He charged that the saloon does not promote the interest of a community in any sense. It does not promote the religious welfare of the city and in striking at the home, the base of the society structure of a town, in its broadest sense, it was an incubus. Morally, liquor does not promote the interests of a town or city. Two murder trials of State importance, the speaker said, were now in progress and the saloon he believed was responsible for the crime in each instance. Financially, he said, the liquor traffic was of no benefit to a locality. Wealth was produced by a proper combination of labor and capital. Unless the combination produces wealth or happiness it should not exist. When an institution like the liquor traffic destroys more than it produces, then it ought to be torn down. He had heard it argued that the people of Wilmington could not educate their children if the revenue from liquor was cut off. The speaker enumerated the factories and fisheries, the industrial plants and various other enterprises that had been reared and said it was a poor commentary upon North Carolina manhood if it could not educate its children without selling a part of its boys into slavery to educate the remainder. The audience was exhorted to use the ballot to put an end to the conditions.

Rev. Mr. Cole upon the conclusion of Mr. Oates' address, asked him to outline the plan and purposes of the Anti-Saloon League in the State. Mr. Oates did so in a few brief remarks in addition to his first speech. He said that it was an interdenominational and a non-political organization formed in Raleigh last February with a brief platform: "The Suppression of the Liquor Saloon." The first battle was in Cumberland county, where the prohibitionists cleaned up the enemy three to one and had some to spare. Similar Leagues he said existed in 39 States in the Union for the common purpose of restricting the power of the omnipresent saloon.

Rev. Mr. Cole thanked Mr. Oates for the explanation and said there was a motion and second to organize a local branch of the League in Wilmington. There was some discussion as to how the list of members should be obtained and it was finally decided that each one who desired to join should write his name on paper and hand the same to collectors who passed through the hall.

In the meantime upon motion of Mr. B. F. Hall, the chairman appointed a committee to nominate officers, composed of Dr. Blackwell, Mr. W. H. Sprunt and Mr. C. C. Covington. The committee reported as follows: President, P. Pearsall; secretary, W. B. Cooper, and treasurer, Geo. E. Leftwitch. Mr. Pearsall nominated Mr. W. H. Sprunt for president, but the meeting adopted the committee's report.

Mr. B. F. Hall asked if an Executive Committee should not be appointed and Rev. J. R. Marshall made a motion to that effect. The officers just elected and Dr. Blackwell, Mr. W. H. Sprunt and Mr. C. C. Covington were appointed, but Dr. Blackwell suggested that laymen be given places on the committee. It was at length decided to leave the appointment in the hands of the officers.

Mr. R. H. Beery said the secretary had incurred an expense of $8 or $9 in advertising matter and suggested that a collection be taken to defray that expense. Mr. Sprunt said he thought the meeting should be held without a collection, but that an opportunity should be given for a free-will offering. Mr. Sprunt and Mr. Covington were asked to stand at the door and receive any contributions that might be offered, which they did, the meeting having then adjourned.

Mr. Oates is a guest while in the city of Mr. W. B. Cooper. Dr. McKelway is the guest of his relative, Mrs. P. Pearsall, and Mr. W. H. Sprunt. He will preach in the First Presbyterian church Sunday.

SPIRITS CONTINUES TO SOAR.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores for the Week Ended Yesterday.

The spirits turpentine market continues to climb and naval stores men are asking themselves if it is going to 60 cents. The local quotation for machine-made casks yesterday was 57½ cents, with a steady tone. A telegram to a local factor from Savannah yesterday stated that a reaction in the market is expected early next week. This opinion is shared in by some here, but others express the opinion that it will be several days before the reaction comes and that in the meantime the 60c mark may be reached.

The stock report posted yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce shows receipts of naval stores during the past week as follows: Spirits, 168; rosin, 663; tar, 1,869; crude, 372. Last year: Spirits, 192; rosin, 2,931; tar, 1,531; crude, 264. The crop year receipts to date show a gain over the corresponding period last year of about 2,000 casks of spirits, 3,000 barrels of crude, and a decrease of about 1,000 barrels of rosin and 3,000 of tar.

The weekly statement of cotton shows receipts during the past six days of 5,410 bales, against 4,438 bales on the same week last year. The crop year receipts to date have been 288,653 bales; last year, 219,140 bales. The local market yesterday advanced to 8¼ cents for middling.

Castle Haynes Dynamite Robbery.

There is much alarm at Castle Haynes over the possible motive of the thief who stole the 200 pounds of dynamite, fuses, etc., at the rock quarry night before last. Superintendent Shearin continued the investigation of the robbery yesterday but his efforts were accompanied by little, if any, success. He is of the opinion that the explosives were taken by some one of the convicts at work in the quarry, who has complete knowledge of how to handle them. All the necessary fuses and caps were taken to explode the full amount of the dynamite at one time should that be desired. If the material has fallen into evil hands and the motive for the robbery was bad, a wonderful amount of mischief may be accomplished.

Left For New Orleans, La.

Col. W. J. Woodward left yesterday afternoon via the Seaboard Air Line for New Orleans where on Monday he will attend a meeting of Gen. Gordon's staff with the State Commanders of all United Confederate Veterans organizations. The purpose of the meeting is to recommend the appointment of a successor to the late Adjutant General Moorman and to transact any other business that may come up.

Naval Recruiting Station.

Lieut. Richardson, U. S. N., will open a recruiting office in this city—in the postoffice building Monday. The office will be kept open until the Saturday following for the enlistment of young men for the United States navy. Men will be enlisted in the following ratings: seamen, ordinary seamen, landsmen for training, apprentices, machinists, carpenters, shipwrights, coal passers, electricians, yeomen, (clerks), hospital apprentices, mess attendants, cooks and bakers.

Left for Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Paul M. Taylor left last night for Norfolk, Va., and will open a studio on Granby street, that city. Mr. Taylor leaves many friends in Wilmington, who note his departure with sincere regret and wish him unbounded success in his new home. His studio here is left in charge of Mr. Charles E. Vale, a thoroughly competent artist, whom Mr. Taylor commends to the public.

Successful Deer Hunt.

Messrs. Jno. H. Gore, Jr., A. T. Parmele and George Bellamy, Jr., yesterday went for a deer drive in Brunswick. Mr. Parmele brought down a fine doe, Mr. Gore killed a big turkey and with two barrels the party brought down 37 black birds. The sport was excellent.

Negro Teachers' Meeting.

The teachers of the colored schools of the county will meet at the Court House at 10 o'clock this morning for a conference with Superintendent Catlett. Prof. Catlett will address the gathering on methods of teaching arithmetic, history and, perhaps, geography.

ED. UTLEY ON TRIAL.

Shot That Killed Hollingsworth Was from Pistol in Defendant's Left Hand.

STATE HAS RESTED ITS CASE.

Witnesses for Young Man on Trial Will Be Heard To-day—Quarrelled With the Hotel Clerk, Who Refused to Cash a Check.

The trial of young Edward L. Utley for the murder of Hotel Clerk T. B. Hollingsworth was continued in Cumberland Superior Court yesterday and at the end of the day's session the State had introduced about a dozen witnesses and rested. Testimony for the defence will be heard to-day and court will take a recess until Monday. The evidence heard yesterday is outlined in the following special telegram from Fayetteville last night:

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C, Jan. 16.—The first witness was Dr. A. S. Rose, the coroner, who testified to the inquest and the wounds of deceased. One wound was through the right temple, the second below the right armpit. The temple wound, with shock and hemorrhage, was the immediate cause of death. He found a pistol between the legs of the dead man as he lay on the floor. The shells were unexploded. He testified that the slain man, having his right arm extended, could have received the wound below the armpit from a pistol in defendant's left hand. This was important, as it was designed to show that Hollingsworth might have had the pistol presented to fire when he was shot.

Policeman Benton testified to arresting Utley, half way up the stairs after the shooting. Looking on the body of the deceased, Utley said, "He fired at me first." He also said "That was a damned good shot with the left hand." Utley had been drinking. He carried him to jail and cautioned him not to talk.

Prof. J. A. Jones, Superintendent of the Graded Schools, testified to conversations he heard in Utley's room between Utley and Verner Moore. The rooms adjofned. He heard three shots, seemingly in the hotel and heard Utley say, "That d—d scoundrel would not give me $5 on a check, when I can raise more cash than any man in town." He also heard him say, "I called him a d—d ——;" further heard him say, "I will load my pistol and go down stairs, and if any man says anything to me I will fill the office full of holes." After Moore and Utley left the room, Utley came back alone, then left, and witness soon heard five rapid shots.

W. C. Vis, of Wilmington, was placed on the stand. There was much contention over the witness and it was finally not allowed for him to give a remark he heard from Utley's room. Verner Moore testified to conversations in the room identical with the testimony of Professor Jones. Down stairs Utley fired a pistol and said he did not fire at Hollingsworth, but only to scare him. While Hollingsworth was up stairs with the guests, Utley fired several shots toward the pool room door. He left before the homicide. Utley had been drinking heavily for days, and that night was badly in liquor. There were two quarts of liquor in his room that night.

W. R. Wicker, a policeman, testified to Utley being brought by Benton to police headquarters and to Utley's saying that Hollingsworth fired at him, first, and it was "d—d good shot with his left hand." Utley's right hand had been bitten by a dog, and was bound up.

A. R. Black, night operator of the Coast Line, was introduced but his testimony was not important.

Maj. A. A. McKethan, Clerk of the Superior Court, testified as to the family of the defendant, and the habits and mental condition of defendant's father. He also testified that before the homicide, he stated to Dr. H. W. Lilly his belief that Utley was insane that he would kill somebody or be killed, and urged that affidavits be made, and he would confine him. The State rested and the defence will introduce witnesses to-morrow.

KATHRYN KIDDER MONDAY NIGHT.

Norfolk Papers Speak in Highest Terms of the Production.

Wilmington play-goers may anticipate seeing a magnificent production at the Academy Monday night in Miss Kathryn Kidder's performance of "An Eye For An Eye." The presentation is winning the plaudits of the press everywhere. Yesterday the Norfolk, Va., papers fell in line and both the *Virginian-Pilot* and the *Landmark* highly commended the production throughout. The latter paper says:

"Kathryn Kidder in Dumas' great play of "An Eye for an Eye" gave two performances at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and night, and the audiences were more than pleased with her impersonation. Miss Kidder played "Farcine," the jealous wife, so acceptably that a number of curtain calls were accorded her, and no one who saw here play failed to realize that they were in the presence of a great actress. Miss Kidder's support was excellent and the performances were interesting from start to finish."

The sale of seats will open at Plummer's this morning at 8 o'clock.

MABEL PAIGE ALL NEXT WEEK.

A Southern Favorite Supported by a Strong Company at the Academy.

All next week, save Monday, Miss Mabel Paige and company will hold down the boards at the Academy of Music, playing at popular prices—10, 20 and 30 cents. The opening night (Tuesday) the great success, "A Mountain Waif," will be presented, and it affords the winsome little actress ample opportunity to "shine." Between acts specially engaged vaudeville performers will entertain, and this is a strong feature of the show.

It is useless to comment at length upon the engagement of Miss Paige, as she is already well known and decidedly popular in Wilmington. However, it is well to state that this season she is surrounded by an exceedingly strong supporting company and one that has won the universal praise of the press everywhere. The advance sale of seats will commence at Plummer's Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

THE LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY

No Important Bills Passed—One Aimed at Slot Machines—Morton Wants an Official Record.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 16.—When the Senate convened to-day, Rev. A. W. Curtis offered prayer. He asked that every Senator should be guided by his conscience and that "no trickery or jobbery prevail." "May this be a jubilee year, when the demon of intemperance will be banished by legislation." He also prayed earnestly for a reformatory and progress for education.

The following bills were ratified: To repeal the Union dispensary laws. To amend the charter of the James Walker Memorial Hospital. To provide for the printing of calendars, bills and journals.

Bills introduced: By Spence, to aid in taking depositions in the State for suits brought outside the State.

By Norris, to amend Chapter 750, Laws of 1901, so as to allow policemen of a city to serve notice to registrars and judges of election.

By Godwin, to appoint justices of peace in Harnett county.

By Wellborn, to allow bastards to represent their ancestors on their mother's side.

By Brown, to incorporate the Bank of Whiteville.

By Spence, to employ stenographers for courts.

By McBryde, to provide a new pension board for Robeson county.

By Pollock, to amend the pension law, increasing the appropriation from $200,000 to $300,000.

By Woodward, to establish a dispensary at Toisnot, Wilson county.

Bills considered: Senate bill for cross-indexing appointments of executors, administrators and guardians, recommended by the committee so as to make it discretionary with the county commissioners. Passed.

House bill to amend Chapter 287, Laws of 1899. Passed.

Senate bill to amend Section 2, Chapter 22, Laws of 1893, to require pleading to be verified under oath in the possessioning of land. Passed third reading.

Senate bill relative to appeals from justices of the peace. Tabled.

House bill to regulate drawing of jurors of Craven county was passed.

Senate bill to protect crops cultivated under a common fence, by requiring 90 days' notice to remove such a fence. Passed.

Senate bill to appoint justices of the peace for Harnett county. Passed third reading.

Senate bill to appoint Duncan B. McLaughlin a justice of the peace in Robeson. Passed third reading.

At 11:50 o'clock, the Senate adjourned until Saturday at 11 o'clock.

Bills introduced:

By McNeill, to prohibit sale, manufacture and shipment of liquor in Scotland.

By Carlton, to extend time for allotting homestead.

By Fuller, to protect water supplies.

By Abell, to punish seduction and abduction of married women.

By Lucas, to promote and protect the fish industry in North Carolina waters.

By Parker, of Wayne, to prevent gambling with slot machines.

By Hooker, to allow town of Washington to issue bonds to pay its indebtedness.

By Willis, to appoint justices of the peace in Bladen.

By Hall, to pay pensions to Confederate soldiers semi-annually.

The bill to prohibit the sale or manufacture of liquor in certain parts of Watauga passed, 95 to 5.

The bill to allow Bladen to levy a special tax to build a jail passed second reading.

The bill to regulate courts of the Eighth district, changing the time of holding courts in Union and Scotland counties, passed third reading.

Morton's resolution providing that the journal of the House be printed daily was opposed by Mr. Blount, who said the report printed in the papers were good enough for him and in his experience they were absolutely reliable and cost the State nothing. After an appeal by Mr. Morton that some provision be made for official record, the resolution was referred to the special committee appointed under the King resolution.

The House adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— W. H. Pope, Esq., of Fayetteville, arrived last evening.

— Mr. Henry Clark Bridgers, of Taroboro, arrived yesterday.

— Messrs. H. C. Clark and Jno. A. Tate, Charlotte, are at The Orton.

—Mr. E. A. Underwood, of Ernest, N. C., a leading merchant of Sampson county, is in the city on a business trip.

— Friends of Mr. Samuel Blossom will be pleased to know that he has recovered from his recent very severe attack of illness.

— Mr. Paul Cantwell has taken the position of chief clerk in the construction department of the Bell Telephone Co. at Wilmington.

— Florence *Times*: "Mrs. E. M. Gregg and daughter, of Wilmington, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Meginney, are visiting Mr. W. R. Barringer at the Central."

— Mr. L. B. H. Darr, a popular member of the STAR's composing room force, will leave this morning for Florence, S. C., to take a position on the *Times*, a paper with which he was connected for five years prior to his coming to Wilmington.

— Capt. A. W. Wiggs, of McDonald's, Robeson county, N. C., is in the city for a few days. Capt. Wiggs was for many years captain of the police department of Wilmington, has a host of friends here and is always welcomed back to the city, even if for only a visit.

— Dr. Thos. M. Green, of the staff of surgeons of St. Joseph Hospital, Baltimore, Md., is in the city to spend a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Green. Dr. Green has achieved distinction in his profession in Baltimore and is heartily welcomed back to the city for a brief visit.

U. S. SENATORIAL DEADLOCK.

Five More Ballots Without Nomination Last Night—Interesting Rumor Regarding Carr's Withdrawal.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 16.—The Democratic caucus of members of the General Assembly to-night to nominate a United States Senator was by all odds the fiercest of the five thus far held. The withdrawal of Carr seems not to have helped the situation at all, so far as breaking the deadlock is concerned, and the three leading candidates stubbornly hold on tenaciously.

The claim is made in open quarters that Carr's withdrawal was on a promise of support by the Watson faction for the nomination as Governor.

Craig still holds the key to the situation with his thirty votes, and by throwing his support to either can nominate Watson or Overman. There is little chance for him.

The caucus adjourned to-night until next Tuesday night.

Five ballots were cast last night, which resulted as follows:

Overman	55	55	56	54	54
Watson	45	49	47	47	48
Craig	30	29	29	27	28
Alexander	4	3	2	6	5
Hoke	1	—	—	—	—
Total	135	136	134	134	135

(By Associated Press.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 16.—There is still no settlement of the Democratic Senatorial question. The highest point reached by Overman to-night was 56 votes, with Watson 49, Craig 30 and Alexander 6.

The caucus adjourned till Tuesday night. The regular ballot in the General Assembly comes Tuesday, and a committee has been appointed to divide the Democratic vote so as to avoid an election by Republican votes.

The contest is in the dead-lock shape. Until either Craig, Overman or Watson retires there will be no election.

JIM TILLMAN HUNG IN EFFIGY.

Swung to a Billboard in Florence Thursday Night—Public Feeling.

Jim Tillman who shot and fatally wounded Editor Gonzales in Columbia Thursday afternoon was hanged in effigy at Florence Thursday night. The *Times* of that city says:

"The sympathy of the people was all with the stricken editor, who was recognized as having been made a martyr to his ideas of public duty. The indignation of the citizens reached its culmination at night, in the hanging in effigy of Jim Tillman to the big theatrical bill board at the corner of Irby and Evans streets, where the gruesome guy swung in view of the early toilers as they came to work. To the figure was pinned a card with the name and a skull and crossbones. Who hung the figure there nobody seems to know, but nobody seemed to care to cut it down and nobody had aught to say against it.

"The fear has been generally expressed that the offence will not be punished, and that the offender ought to be summarily dealt with by the outraged people."

General Lee's Birthday.

The public is asked to enter heartily on Monday afternoon into the celebration in this city in honor of Gen. Robt. E. Lee's birthday. Merchants are asked to close their doors during the hours of the exercises and the public generally is invited to hear Gen. Ransom in the Academy of Music. It will be an address worth going miles to hear and will be perhaps the last opportunity many Wilmington people will have of hearing this distinguished North Carolinian.

A. C. L. Double Tracking.

Florence *Times*: The Atlantic Coast Line railway, with the progressive policy that has always characterized it, has decided upon an increase in its facilities to Jacksonville which will be of immense importance to the railroad interests of that city. This improvement is the building of a double track from Grand Crossing to Folkston as the objective point, thus practically providing a double track all the way from Jacksonville to Savannah, by the aid of the Folkston cut-off.

For Philippines Monday.

Company 38, United States Coast Artillery, will probably leave Monday for its transfer to the Philippines. Capt. Price has arrive from Fort Getty, at Sullivan's Island, S. C., to command the company. Lieut. Ruggles has been temporarily transferred from the 38th to a company from Maine, which will go over at the same time.

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