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OUTLINES.

Congressman J. M. Moody, of the 11th district, died at his home in Philadelphia yesterday. — Hobson's act upon the acceptance of his nomination from the naval service. The Statehood bill was discussed in the Senate; the House debated the trust bill. — All grades reduced in the State. — Addicks has withdrawn candidacy for U. S. Senator by the Delaware Legislature. — Young for murder of Mrs. J. P. Ferguson yesterday; only six jurymen so far been secured. — Condition of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, Asheville, is regarded as critical. — One man was killed and six injured by an explosion at 7 S. arsenal at Frankfort, near Memphis. — The allied Powers instructed their representatives in Washington to submit the question of equal treatment in the Venezuelan dispute to President Roosevelt. — The Brazilian government has ordered the occupation of Acre, and has ordered troops to that place. — The strike at Waterbury, Conn., continues; but disturbances have ceased. — British steamer towed into Norfolk with broken shaft. — Coal steamer Usher from Liverpool with coal lost and propeller and rudder broken. — Sensational rumors are current in Europe regarding an expected rising in Macedonia in the Spring. — Markets: Money on call steady, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent; cotton firm at 15 1/2 to 16; wheat quiet but firm; spot—spot wheat, No. 2 red 83; corn—spot steady, 48 to 50; spot firm, No. 2 48; flour—firm; strained common to good 10 1/2 to 11; spirits turpentine firm at 68.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6, 1903.
Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:
Temperature: S. A. M., 42 degrees;
W. M., 43 degrees; maximum, 61 degrees;
minimum, 42 degrees; mean, 52 degrees.
Wind: all for the day, 00; rainfall, .01 inch.
Forecast for to-day:
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday; Saturday increasing cloudiness; probably rain and warmer; fresh north to northeast winds.
Port Almanac—February 6.

LOCAL DOTS.

— "Love laughs at locksmiths."
— So did Uley.
— Spirit turpentine went to 64 cents on the Wilmington and Savannah markets yesterday; receipts here 22 casks.
— Fayetteville Observer: "The officials here are still without the sign of a clue to the whereabouts of E. L. Uley."
— Fayetteville Observer: "Mrs. W. L. Holt gave a delightful luncheon yesterday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Anita DeBosset, of Wilmington."
— Bud Sterling, a colored drayman arrested by Hall Officer G. R. Holt, was fined \$5 in the Mayor's court yesterday for fast driving.
— The Wilmington District M. E. Conference will meet at Jacksonville, N. C., Feb. 17th. Delegates from the various Methodist congregations in the city are being appointed.
— At a meeting of Oriental Lodge Wednesday night Dr. W. D. McMillan, worshipful master, was presented with a handsome silk hat by the lodge. Mr. W. H. Casbourne made the presentation.
— The Howard Relief Company will give its 47th anniversary ball on the night of February 24th, at Germania Hall. Messrs. H. L. Vollers, G. F. Tieschen, H. Habernicht, M. Von Osen and John Kubliken compose the arrangement committee.
— Southport Standard: "Capt. Harper is having the inside parts of the steamer *Wilmington* thoroughly repaired and painted, preparatory to the coming busy excursion season, when this commodious and handsome steamer is always kept busy with the river traffic."
Fish and Oyster Supply.
The receipts of fish on this market are said to be rather small at present. One dealer is authority for the statement that not more than a hundred had been caught during the season and not more than a dozen of those were roe. There is a plentiful supply of Stump Sound oysters, but the warm weather has been interfering with sales. The cold snap now on is expected to move them in a hurry.
Lumberland Road Bonds.
The County Commissioners of Cumberland decided yesterday to ask the Legislature for authority to issue \$40,000 in 30 year, five per cent bonds for permanent road improvement.
NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
W. B. Cooper—Buy the best lard.
A. D. Brown—American Lady corsets.
BUSINESS LOCALS.
Wanted—Man with \$250 capital.

THE SUPERIOR COURT

Two Weeks' Term Will Likely Be Finished Up Early This Morning.

AN IMPORTANT LAND SUIT.

Order for Party Plaintiff in Case Involving Title to "Summer Rest"—Other Proceedings Yesterday—Motions and Judgments.

The two weeks' term of the New Hanover Superior Court for the trial of civil suits will likely come to an end this morning. Yesterday the morning and afternoon sessions were taken up principally with the hearing of motions and the entering of judgment in cases previously passed upon. To-day there are a few more such motions and judgments and the business of the term will be wound up.
In the suit of Mrs. Mary E. Irving, et al., against Mrs. Blanka Pembroke, Jones and about 25 other defendants, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover a greater portion of the land upon which the ocean resort, "Summer Rest," is situated, a motion was allowed ordering that Geo. Irving, husband of Mrs. Mary E. Irving, be made party plaintiff. The various defendants in the action will be represented by Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy, Davis & Davis, Rountree & Carr, Herbert McClammy, A. J. Marshall and others. With the exception of L. V. Grady, Esq., the plaintiff has employed non-resident counsel.

Other cases were disposed of as follows and court at 5 P. M. took a recess until 10:30 A. M. to-day:
Jno. H. Gore, Jr., vs. DuBrutz Cutler, judgment final for confirmation of sale.
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R. W. Hicks vs. W. W. Blair, set for Monday of second week to follow case of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. vs. Kirtland.

R. W. Hicks vs. C. A. Healey, same order as above.
A. G. Ricard vs. W. H. Chadbourne, et al., judgment for non-suit; defendant not to pay costs.

Robt. Korngay vs. J. E. Elmore, Esq., judgment for plaintiff; motion for venire de novo; motion denied; defendant excepts and appeals to Supreme Court.
City of Wilmington vs. Bridget McDonald et al., non pro as to O. D. Gilbert and wife; judgment against other defendants.
Louisa B. Smith vs. Susan E. Moore, Esq., continued until September term.

W. T. Dorich, Adm'r. vs. W. T. Bannerman et al., plaintiffs allowed 30 days to file amended complaint and defendants 30 days to file answer.

COUNTY'S FINANCES.

Auditing Committee of Board of Commissioners in Session Yesterday Afternoon.

INTEREST COUPONS BURNED.

Increased Appropriation for the James Walker Memorial Hospital—No Official Notification of Passage of Act—Treasurer's Report.

The Auditing Committee of the Board of County Commissioners was in session yesterday afternoon, examining and approving bills for current expenses. Those present were Chairman D. McEachern and Messrs. Gabriel Holmes and E. L. Vollers.
Interest coupons amounting to \$945 on the County House bonds, the same having been paid, were burned by the Board. The same disposition was made of \$1,125 worth of interest coupons on the road bonds, which had also been paid.
Under the Act just passed by the Legislature it is provided that the county's contribution to the James Walker Memorial Hospital will be \$600 instead of \$400 per month as heretofore and that of the city \$400 instead of \$266.66 as heretofore. As the Commissioners had received no official notification of the passage of the Act the Committee yesterday afternoon took no action upon bills presented for the increased amount for the months of January and February. Under the new law the Hospital will receive annually \$7,200 from the county and \$4,800 from the city, which is equal to \$1,000 per month from both sources.

Treasurer Green's monthly report for January was examined and approved by the Committee yesterday as follows:
Receipts—Balance, General Fund, \$22,453.94; Special Fund, \$3,254.82; Road Fund, \$23,954.82; Road Sinking Fund, \$3,254.82; Interest, \$325; back taxes, \$27.43; rents, \$21.75; marriage license, \$23.80. Total, \$51,305.55.
Disbursements—Public Building, \$340.91; out-door poor, \$473.75; roads and bridges, \$108.25; Superior Court, \$270.85; jail, \$36.65; County Commissioners, \$121.90; County Home, \$151.80; magistrates, \$49.20; Hospital, \$400; military, \$600; refunds, \$282; and stationary and advertising, \$18.80 Register of Deeds, \$123.23; Superintendent of Health, \$101.20; Constable, \$127; Coroner, \$45; Clerk, \$50; Jailor, \$45; Road Fund, \$21,928.01; Sinking Fund, \$1,141.87. Total, \$67,773.81.
Balance to February account, General Fund, \$19,230.12; Special Fund, \$2,288.01; Road Fund, \$21,928.01; Sinking Fund, \$1,333.53. Total, \$44,779.67.

Should Dr. Blackwell decide to accept the Norfolk call, his departure from the city will be regarded as a public loss. Every denomination of class and condition of people in Wilmington will feel an individual sorrow at losing him. The Virginia field, however, is a promising one, and Dr. Blackwell will be a native Virginian and Mrs. Blackwell's home being Norfolk, it will be a strong offer for him to refuse. The salary of the Norfolk church has been \$1,500 per year, but in order to secure Dr. Blackwell that amount will be increased to \$2,000.

HIS SKULL WAS CRUSHED.

Fearful Accident to Pender County Farmer Wednesday Morning—May Die.

While engaged in logging for the Acme Tea Chest Co. on the Cape Fear River Wednesday morning, Mr. J. M. Marshall, of Berta, Pender county, received a severe blow on the head from the lever pole of a log wagon, which resulted in the fracture of his skull. The wounded man was taken on an improvised stretcher to his home, where at last accounts he was not expected to live. Mr. Marshall, with a number of laborers, was engaged in hauling a mammoth gum log on the wagon and the lever in some way flew back and dealt him a severe blow squarely on the head. He fell lifeless and at first it was thought he had been killed instantly.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES OF INTEREST.

Basket Ball Game—Religious Services for Boys—Sunday Afternoon.
A game of basket ball will be played to-night between two Y. M. C. A. teams, composed of members of the young men's class. This will afford an opportunity for the people of the city to see a fine game. Both ladies and gentlemen will be admitted. There will be no charge. The game will begin at 8:30 o'clock. The teams will line up as follows:
REDS.
D. Green, guard; A. C. Boney, E. Sherman, guard; J. L. Peterson, J. Laughlin, c; L. Davis, A. Dasher, f; W. Dasher, E. H. Marshall, f; F. Irving.
A new feature, in the form of a boys' meeting, will be inaugurated to-day. The nature of the meeting will be religious. Dr. A. D. McClure will be the speaker to-day. Only practical subjects of special interest will be discussed. The meeting will last 45 minutes. Good music and other features of interest will be introduced. Only boys 13 years or older will be admitted. The meeting will be held every Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. A large attendance is expected to-day.
Rev. F. M. Shambarger, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. church, will conduct the men's meeting every Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock during the month of February.

Distress Signals for a Pilot.

Southport Standard: "On Tuesday night, shortly after 9 o'clock, distress whistles were heard from Southport that came from just over the bar. Immediately the tug *Alexander Jones* and *Blanche* steamed out to sea to render the cause and render assistance. It terminated that the distress signals were from the tug *Tormentor* and *Escomere*, which were towing a dredge and five scows, bound from Boston to Savannah. Two of the scows were leaking, and owing to the threatened condition of the weather sounded the distress signals for a pilot, who rendered the desired service, and brought them safely into port. The tugs are owned by the American Towing & Lightering Co., of Boston, and the dredge and scows are owned by Morse & Co. They will arrive more favorable weather before resuming their voyage."

Country Real Estate Transfers.

By deeds filed for record yesterday Ezekiah Bonham and wife and Mrs. Lizzie Williams transferred to Mrs. Martha Jane Vann, for \$500, two tracts of land in Harnett township, containing 240 and 60 acres, respectively, and Thos. J. Vann and wife and Ezekiah Bonham and wife transferred to Mrs. Elizabeth Williams for \$500, three tracts of land in Harnett township, containing 79, 40 and 219 acres, respectively.

Pilotage Fight in Washington.

Southport Standard: "Capt. J. J. Adkins went to Washington on Tuesday of last week and appeared in the interest of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association at the hearing before the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries on the bill for abolishing compulsory pilotage upon sailing vessels in the coastwise trade, on Thursday last. Capt. Adkins returned on Saturday, and reports that no action was taken by the committee at that time. It is quite probable that the bill will be reported unfavorably."

PASTOR RESIGNED.

The Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell Tendered His Resignation Last Night.

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

He Will More Than Likely Accept Call to Norfolk Work, Tendered Him Unanimously Last Sunday—Committee Considering Report.

Immediately following the regular prayer meeting service in the lecture room of the First Baptist church last night, Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, the beloved pastor of the congregation and one of the leading Baptist ministers in the entire State, tendered his resignation, asking the same to take effect as early as possible. It had been known several days that Dr. Blackwell was considering a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Norfolk, Va., to succeed the Rev. E. B. Hatcher, who goes to a Baltimore church March 1st, but the large congregation last night was unprepared for the actual resignation, which it was hoped would be withheld for a short time at least.

It was known, however, that there are strong ties which bind Dr. Blackwell to the Virginia city and that the call would likely be discussed at last night's meeting, hence the very large attendance. Dr. Blackwell was strongly urged by everyone present to withdraw the resignation, at least temporarily, but he did not then see his way clear to do so. The resignation was read by Mr. E. S. Lathrop, the clerk, as follows:
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 5, 1903.
To the Executive Committee, Deacons and Members of the First Baptist Church:

Brethren and Sisters in Christ—I believe God calls a man into the ministry of the Word and gives him a message to a certain race, place, and people. When that message is delivered, he should go and enter, or open another door of opportunity, disregarding the wish of his own heart in the separation from a congenial place and a beloved people.

I am impressed that my message to you has been spoken. Another door opens and invites me, I, therefore, tender and ask you to accept my resignation as your pastor, and release me at a date as early as you may prefer. CALVIN S. BLACKWELL.
The Executive Committee, consisting of fifteen leading members of the church, including the deacons and officers, was present and when the resignation had been tendered there were universal and touching expressions of regret. The Committee decided to withhold an acceptance until another conference which will be held Sunday night. A report will then be made to the regular congregational meeting Monday night following and definite action will be taken at that time.

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RAILROAD THIEVES IN LIMBO.

Special Detective Scarborough and Constable Chadwick Landed a Pair Yesterday. Constable M. G. Chadwick, of Cape Fear township, with the assistance of Railroad Detective H. F. Scarborough, yesterday landed a couple of bold thieves, who have been systematically stealing from cars of the Atlantic Coast Line at Castle Haynes and elsewhere. The negroes are Charles Sinclair and Walter Williams, and they were arraigned in Justice McGowan's court yesterday afternoon. Messrs. Davis & Davis appearing as attorneys for the prosecution. The specific charge against the negroes was stealing a hat and some dry goods on Jan. 30th and some shoes and other goods on Jan. 15th. Each of the negroes was committed to jail for the Superior Court, in default of bonds of \$100 each.

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AS TO CHILD LABOR.

Prominent Mill Men Oppose Legislation Now Pending in the General Assembly.

PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY.

More Temperance Petitions—Tarboro Dispensary and Wilkes Case—Bills Introduced in Both Houses—Those That Were Ratified.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 5.—Prominent cotton mill men from all over the State appeared before the Joint Legislative Committee on Manufacturing to-day to oppose legislation now pending against child labor. Speeches were made by Messrs. A. Cone, of Greensboro; Dr. J. H. Meador, of Charlotte; J. Thompson, of Raleigh; and D. Y. Cooper, of Henderson. They denied the necessity of legislation such as is now pending, and said there is no abuse of child labor. Mr. Cone knew a number of men who worked in mills when they were twelve years old and are now useful citizens and superintendents of mills. They all especially urged that no legislation be enacted until the cotton mill interests are heard fully. With this idea in view, the committee adjourned to meet next Wednesday afternoon, when a big delegation of mill men are to appear before the committee.

Child labor bills now in the hands of the committee are: By Parker, of Wayne providing that no child under 13 years be employed in a factory and none under 14 after 1904, unless they can read and write, and the Durham bill introduced to-day, providing that no child under 13 be employed during the public school term; that during 1905 no minor, who can't read and write, be employed after the close of school term unless they attended school 75 per cent of the term.
The bill providing for a two-hour or longer, in the House to-day on the bill allowing the Taxway Co. to serve to guests wines and liquors in homes and hotels in Tarboro, Stokes and Jackson counties. An amendment by Graham to submit the question to a vote of the people was voted down.

The bill providing for a vote on a dispensary by the people of Tarboro was passed with an amendment that a majority of the votes cast shall establish the dispensary.
Other notable bills passed were: To allow Elizabeth City to issue bonds and to prevent obstruction of water ways in Bladen county. The bill introduced to-day, providing for a code for the practice of medicine; by Price, to compel children in Bladen county to attend public schools; by Doughton, to allow Elkin to issue bonds; by Goode, to exempt manufacturing corporations from the license tax; by O'Connell, to protect the traveling public by requiring the employment of competent railroad agents.

The Wilkes county prohibition bill was made a special order for Friday noon.
In the Senate the bill putting an end to the use of the Bible in administering oaths was read.
Much time was devoted to the bill providing that bodies of persons dying in jails and public hospitals be distributed among medical schools for dissecting purposes, and it was finally referred to the Committee on Public Health. The best men in the Senate are to appoint a committee on expenditure for House employes; to amend the Code as to the practice of medicine; by Price, to compel children in Bladen county to attend public schools; by Doughton, to allow Elkin to issue bonds; by Goode, to exempt manufacturing corporations from the license tax; by O'Connell, to protect the traveling public by requiring the employment of competent railroad agents.

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