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The Morning Star.
OUTLINES.
House committee is expected to make favorable report on bill for construction of a light house on the outer end of the Cape Hatteras. The bill has been formally accepted. Great Britain's protocol to secure reference to the Venezuela dispute to the Hague court. The Statehood bill was discussed in the Senate. Chaffee arrived in Savannah yesterday. The condition of Dr. J. M. Curry shows no improvement. It is thought he is slowly sinking. Discussion of anti-trust legislation was discussed at the White House. Steamer Madiana which sailed from New York Saturday for a cruise among the Caribbean islands with a party of 100 persons was wrecked near Hamilton, Bermuda; all persons saved. Mr. L. Bishop was yesterday arrested in court at Charlotte, N. C., killing Thos. J. Wilson; the trial begins Friday. Hubbard T. U. S. vice consul at Cairo, died yesterday. All officers of the main army reserves are notified to be ready to re-join their regiments at Brussels for attempting to assassinate King Leopold, was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment. N. Y. markets: Money steady; cotton quiet at 95c; wheat—spot steady, 95c; red 82c; corn—spot steady, 90c; oil—firm; spirits turpentine firm at 67c.
WEATHER REPORT.
U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.
Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:
Temperature: 8 A. M., 37 degrees; 4 P. M., 48 degrees; maximum, 55 degrees; minimum, 35 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, 0.09 inches.
Largest amount for any day in the last month to date, 2.00 inches.
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—For North Carolina: Rain Wednesday; Thursday, colder; fresh east to south becoming west Thursday.
Port Almanac—February 11.
Rises: 6.58 A. M., 5.38 P. M.
Sets: 10.43 A. M., 9.43 P. M.
Water Wilmington, 9.43 A. M.
Hobson has graduated in the study of bulkheads, is now thinking turning his attention to a Bank.
Comforting to know that the Merrimac blowout will be his first love if Germany Hobson us.
Learning of that bill to pension slaves may recall to some of the red brethren the reminiscence forty acres and a mule.
Minister Wu's wife has had her operation upon after the Lorenz method. This may improve her understanding and also her gait.
Senator Morgan says the ratification of the Panama canal treaty breed war. By the way Senator Morgan seems disposed to raise the rancor himself.
Minister Bowen, who is running Venezuelan business, formerly in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is a mate of the Brooklyn Polytechnic School. Perhaps that's where he learned to do things.
That's the matter with Louisville? said that a suicide club exists composed of boys and girls, old boys and girls, either. Two belonging to it have committed suicide within a year.
The cultivating of sugar cane for the purpose of making syrup, not for the purpose of making rum, is becoming considerable of industry in Georgia and in Florida. The syrup is sold at home Georgia, at a good profit, but in Florida it is bottled and shipped.
Melina Patti, has agreed to another farewell tour of this city, giving five concerts, for which Manager Gran has contracted for her \$300,000. With such partial encouragement the proprietress she will give us some "farewells," as she seems to be doing pretty well on this side.
There has been a good deal of fun at that veterinary surgeon of the United States Department of Agriculture who discovered the worm down in Georgia, gets into people and makes crazy. But the h. w. seems to be promiscuously scattered in various parts of the globe, has an ancient ancestry, too, Egyptian records speak of it years B. C.

A STREET BRIDGE.
Agreement Between City and the D. L. Gore Company for Overhead Structure.
BOND EXECUTED YESTERDAY.
Indemnity of \$10,000 Is Put Up to Guarantee City Against Liability—To Be Renewed Annually Upon Forfeiture of the Privilege.
The matter of the erection of an iron bridge across Water street by the D. L. Gore Company, connecting its store with its extensive warehouses across the street, which has been such a prolific source of argument and contention on the Board of Aldermen for some time is finally settled and the bridge will be built. It will be remembered that the Board of Aldermen at its last meeting granted the permission to the Gore Company, provided it entered into a good and sufficient bond, to be renewed annually or more often if at any time the bond may become insufficient, the amount of the bond being above the street on Water street, connecting its main building with its warehouses on Water street, and whereas the City of Wilmington as a condition precedent to the erection or construction and maintenance of said bridge has required the D. L. Gore Company to execute a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$10,000 to indemnify and secure the said city against any and all claims and damages to be incurred by the erection of said structure and to indemnify the said city against loss incurred by the city on account of personal injuries arising from the construction and maintenance of said bridge.
"Now therefore, if the above bond of D. L. Gore Company and D. L. Gore, its surety, shall well and truly secure the said city against any loss that may in any way occur to the city by reason of the construction and maintenance of said structure and indemnify the said city against loss incurred by the city on account of personal injuries arising from the construction and maintenance of said bridge, then this bond to be void; and, whereas the D. L. Gore Company and D. L. Gore, its surety, have agreed that this bond shall be renewed annually, or if within any year the security in the bond shall become insufficient, then the bond to be renewed, and, upon sixty days notice in writing, the bond is not renewed, then said bridge shall be removed."
LOCAL DOTS.
—A legalized primary for the Sixth Congressional District is what a great majority of the Democratic voters would dearly love to have.
—The W. C. T. U. will meet in the First Baptist church Wednesday at 4 P. M. A full attendance of ladies interested is earnestly desired.
—The Cumberland County Board of Education has elected Mr. D. A. McLaughlin, of Inverness, superintendent of schools, vice Prof. S. D. Cole.
—With a view to organizing a Union Baptist Church, a series of meetings is being held each night at 7:30 o'clock in the Fifth Ward hook and ladder hall.
—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merchants Association will be held this evening at 8:15. All Directors are expected to be present.
—The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, appointed to be held yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, was postponed until the same hour this afternoon.
—The Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran church will give an entertainment to-morrow from 8 to 10 P. M. Music and refreshments will be features. No admission will be charged.
—Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, Monday night initiated seventeen candidates and received the applications of fifteen others. In honor of the occasion a spread of refreshments was served.
—The third of the series in a handicap golf tournament for men will be played next Saturday afternoon on the Cape Fear Golf Club links. The match will begin at 8 o'clock and eighteen holes will be played.
—The Charleston train due here at 11:45 P. M. Monday did not arrive until 8:05 o'clock yesterday morning. The engine attached to the train became disabled and another had to be sent out from Wilmington to bring the coaches in.
—A reception will be given by the Cape Fear Club Thursday evening week, Feb. 19th, from 9 to 12 o'clock. There will be dancing. The arrangements are being made by the House Committee composed of Messrs. M. W. Dwyne, H. H. McElhenny and G. Herbert Smith.
NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Notice—In bankruptcy.
Carolina Yacht Club—Attention.
Wm. E. Worth & Co.—Listen!
Peoples' Savings Bank—Statement.
Wilmington Grocery Co.—Fresh goods

THE REVENUE BILL.
Joint Legislative Committee on Finance Is Industrious at Work Upon It.
MAY REPORT THIS WEEK.
Many Changes Proposed Affecting the Business Community—Ample Time for its Discussion and Consideration Will Be Allowed.
Perhaps no measure that will come before the General Assembly during the present session will be fraught with so much interest to the business community as the Revenue Bill, which many contend badly needs overhauling. The bill is at present in the hands of a sub-committee from the Joint Senate and House Finance Committee, of which Senator H. A. London, of Pittsboro, is chairman.
The sub-committee worked faithfully upon the bill and reported to the Joint Committee Monday and the latter now holding sessions until a late hour each night, preparing amendments and new provisions that will provide sufficient revenue for the State and at the same time will not be onerous upon the tax-payers. It is expected that the new bill will be reported to the House this week and ample time will be given for its full discussion and consideration before the rush incident to the closing of the session.
Monday night the Joint Committee decided to put a specific tax of \$2.50 per mile upon the Southern Express Company, instead of the two per cent on gross earnings, as under the present law. Last night the liquor section of the Act was considered and also the section concerning railroad and telegraph companies.
An extensive hearing was given last night to representatives of the railroad companies on the railroad tax levy of the act, Section 50, by which it is proposed to prescribe that railroads shall be taxed on the market value of their stock. C. B. Watson, represented the Norfolk & Western; Judge Francis D. Winston, the A. C. L., and H. W. Miller, the Southern. No action was taken.
Some of the minor changes in the proposed bill are outlined by Chairman London as follows:
The portion of the present revenue bill relating to bank taxation and reports from corporations will be taken from the revenue act and placed where it properly belongs, in the Machinery Act, relating to banks, part of which is proposed, but will not be definitely determined until the Machinery Act is considered.
The change proposed in the income tax does not require changes in list their incomes which do not exceed \$1,000, the amount exempted.
In schedule B, the first change proposed is that of section 53 the proviso allowing the license tax to be rated for such parts of the year as it is used. Section 35, imposing the tax on circuses, etc., is amended so as to prevent the same from being levied, as many have done, the tax therein imposed. The change imposes a tax of \$300 a day on every circus which the price of admission, including a reserved seat, exceeds \$100.
The license tax is repealed on a number of vocations, such as auctioneers, dealers in fresh meats, wood dealers, junk dealers, etc. The tax on horse dealers is reduced from \$35 to \$15, to be paid to the State Treasurer. Dealers of clocks, stoves and ranges must pay a tax of \$100 instead of \$50 as heretofore.
Section 50, relating to pawn brokers, is amended to read, "This section shall apply to all persons, firms or corporations conducting a business of lending money and holding the same by chattel mortgage, pledge or otherwise and who charge more than the legal rate of interest." In section 54, relating to peddlers, persons who sell books, part of which is proposed, are exempted from the peddler's license tax.
The tax on lighting-rod agents is increased from \$50 to \$60.
The tax on cigars is changed so as not to tax those charging not over \$1.00 a day.
The tax on oil tanks is increased from \$30 to \$100 and a tax of \$5 is levied upon each delivery wagon of oil.
Section 70, relating to liquor dealers, is amended so as to increase the tax therein levied from \$50 to \$150, from \$100 to \$300 and from \$25 to \$50.
The Merchants Special License Tax of \$1.00 is repealed and their tax on their gross sales is changed so as to be fifty cents on sales of \$1,000 or less and on all sales over \$1,000 or any fractional part thereof, fifty cents for each \$1,000 or fractional part thereof. This change will impose a much less tax on small merchants and a larger tax on merchants who sell over \$5,000.
The tax on emigrant agents is increased from \$25 to \$100 for the State and \$100 in each county.
Section 51, relating to the tax on corporations, is amended so as to add thereto the words "No county, city or town shall have the power to levy a franchise tax under this section."
The tax on cigars, express companies and telegraph companies will be increased and a tax will be levied upon whiskey.
The sub-committee which has been preparing the revenue act, will now begin their work upon the machinery act, in which many important changes are proposed.
Witness in Murder Case.
Thomas Doscher, colored, who is said to know something of the fight in which the negro Shines was killed early Sunday morning, was arrested subsequent to the coroner's inquest, by the police, and was yesterday recognized to appear at the March term of court and testify. The Thomas negro, in jail charged with the murder, have consulted Messrs. Marsden Bellamy and Herbert McClammy, relative to defending them at the trial.
—Thomas Hawkins, colored, was committed to jail by Justice Fowler yesterday charged with an assault upon William Jones in which the latter's skull was crushed. The deed was committed on March 2d, last year, but Hawkins fled the county and has only recently returned.

HOSPITAL MANAGERS
Regular Monthly Meeting of James Walker Memorial Board Yesterday.
THE AMBULANCE MATTER.
Purchase of Suitable Vehicle in Sight School for Trained Nurses Legalized by Bill Just Passed by General Assembly—Other Notes.
The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the James Walker Memorial Hospital was held yesterday at 10 A. M. in the hospital building, Tenth and Red Cross streets. Capt. Walter G. Macfie, president, and Dr. C. P. Bolles, Jr., acted as secretary. All other members were in attendance.
Dr. Joseph Akerman, surgeon in charge of the hospital, made his usual report for the month, which was satisfactory in every respect.
Perhaps the most important matter considered was the desirability of an hospital ambulance of modern construction. Although no action was taken it was pretty generally understood by members in attendance that at no distant day a vehicle of the kind desired will be in commission in connection with the institution. Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy, who has been one of the most enthusiastic advocates of an ambulance as a valuable adjunct to the modern equipment of the institution, emphasized the need of the vehicle and gave the Board much valuable information as to the probable cost, etc.
The resignation of Miss Lillie M. Heller, head nurse at the hospital, was formally accepted. Miss Heller resigned to return to her home at McKeesport, Pa., and has already left for that city, via Philadelphia. No action has as yet been taken by the Managers as to her successor. Miss Hayes is acting in the capacity of head nurse until Miss Heller's successor is appointed. Her resignation in no way affects the school for trained nurses and the lectures are being conducted as usual.
The hour for the monthly meeting of the Board of Managers was changed from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M. on the second Tuesday of each month. Members of the Board are all business and professional men who can better spare the time in the evening to attend the meetings.
Dr. Bellamy and Mr. D. C. Love, of the committee appointed for that purpose, reported the passage of a bill introduced in the Legislature, legally establishing the school for trained nurses at the hospital, which has been a successful operation for nearly a year. The hospital is now authorized to grant diplomas to students taking a prescribed course and in other ways to graduate trained nurses in the profession. The school will afford ladies an excellent opportunity to become members of a noble profession without the cost and inconvenience of going to the Northern cities for the training as heretofore.
Another special committee appointed upon legislation reported the passage of the bill in the General Assembly, authorizing the city and county jointly to appropriate \$13,000 annually for the maintenance of the institution. A certified copy of the bill is already in the hands of the Board of Managers and is now in full force and effect.
Improving the Turpike.
Pursuant to resolution at the special meeting of the County Commissioners last week, the Permanent Roads Committee this week drove over the Wrightsville turpike and made a thorough inspection of it with a view of placing the same in perfect order for the increased travel that will come with the Spring and Summer season. It has been decided, as a result of the inspection which has previously been referred to in these columns, to place over the shell foundation an entirely new and continuous top dressing of the Castle Haynes material, from Wilmington to the Sound. The road force and machinery has been taken from the Scott's Hill road to the turpike and the improvement will begin at once.
Wilmington Presbytery Meeting.
At a called meeting of Wilmington Presbytery held in this city Monday, the resignation of Rev. D. P. McGeechy as pastor of the Burgaw group of churches was accepted. As stated in these columns several days ago, Rev. Mr. McGeechy will go to Western North Carolina to engage in the Twentieth Century work of the North Carolina Synod. Rev. R. M. Mann, now of Clinton, was given permission of Presbytery to accept a call for one-fourth of his time to the Oak Plains church and Saturday before the third Sunday in March was appointed as the time for his installation.
Conference About Dick Hill.
Col. Walker Taylor, Maj. C. H. White, Maj. W. F. Robertson, of the Governor's staff; Capt. A. P. Adrian, of the W. L. I., and Lieut. H. M. Chase and Ensign S. K. DeValley, of Wilmington Division, Naval Reserve, left last night for Raleigh in response to a call from Adjutant General Boyter for a conference of militia officers of the State in regard to the Dick Hill, which recently passed Congress, providing for a national guard. Lieut. Col. T. C. James, of the Third North Carolina Regiment, expected to join the party at Goldsboro last night.

\$400,000 IN BONDS.
That Is the Amount Proposed for North Carolina in a Bill Introduced Yesterday.
\$200,000 FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
Sessions of the General Assembly Yesterday—Measure Affecting Contractors and Builders—Bill Abolishing Bucket Shops—Notes.
[Special Star Telegram.]
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 10.—Representative Dougherty, of Alleghany, introduced in the House to-day a bill providing for a \$400,000, 5 per cent bond issue to meet State appropriations and for other purposes. This is a compromise bill agreed upon in committee, Governor Aycock in his message having asked for \$500,000. The State deficit is \$319,000.
In the Senate, White, of Franklin, introduced a bill to appropriate \$200,000 to public schools, being a renewal of the appropriation two years ago.
Other bills introduced in the Senate were:
Webb, of Buncombe, to protect mechanics, laborers and material men by requiring contractors to furnish sworn statements of amounts due workmen and for material before receiving payment; owners are also required to demand such statement before making payment.
Brown, of Columbus, to authorize Whiteville, to issue bonds.
Gilliam, of Edgecombe, to prevent fraudulent trading by requiring the name of the principal partner to be displayed in authority order; suits to do certain work and injury results, the firm or corporations will be liable for damage.
Gilliam, of Edgecombe, to protect employees, by extending the principle of "vice-principal" so that when employed in authorized order, suits to do certain work and injury results, the firm or corporations will be liable for damage.
Phillips, to protect the oyster industry in Brunswick.
Self, to provide and increase punishment in cases of assault with intent to outrage.
The Senate passed as special order, a bill providing for the inspection and sale of cotton seed and fertilizer.
A second special order, relating to the sale of concentrated food stuffs went over until to-morrow.
A joint resolution was passed regarding the Appalachian Park bill. Also bills to incorporate the Hiwassee Railroad Co.; Bank of Duplin, at Wallace, and a substitute for establishing a Board of Examiners for trained nurses, by whom licenses shall be issued.
A substitute bill to provide dead bodies for medical colleges, giving them bodies of those who die in jails, penal institutions and bodies not claimed by relatives.
The only notable bills to pass the House were:
To provide for the incorporation of street railway companies under the general law.
To incorporate the Savings Bank and Trust Co. of Elizabeth City, and in other ways to reorganize Brunswick county, from peddler's tax.
The quickest legislation on record was enacted to-day. Jno. R. Webster introduced a bill to repeal the law which prohibited peddlers' shops in Beaufort. It was introduced in the Senate, and in twenty minutes had passed both branches of the legislature and was ready to be signed by the Governor. It requires railroad companies to blow whistles and ring bells always until persons on the track take notice, and if they do not the company is liable. This is the bill, it is claimed, which would force roads to run trains most of the time under control.
HANDSOME PLEASURE YACHT.
The handsome pleasure yacht *Bessie W.*, just completed by Messrs. R. F. Warren and George N. Penny at the Custom House wharf, was successfully launched yesterday afternoon with the apparatus of the Diamond Steamboat and Wrecking Co. The launching took place in the presence of a large crowd and the little yacht was much admired as her owners boarded her and went for a short trial trip. She is handsome and of a very neat model. She has accommodation, for a party of about fifteen and is fitted with a gasoline engine of seven horse power.
The *Bessie W.*, is named for Miss Bessie Williams, daughter of Capt. Edgar D. Williams, Wilmington's popular harbor master and clever citizen. The trim little craft is destined to be a source of much pleasure and convenience to her owners and their friends.
New Presbyterian Church.
Rev. William Black, of Davidson, Synodical Evangelist for North Carolina, passed through the city Monday from Phenix, Brunswick county, where he had just concluded a successful revival, at which there were 30 conversions. He also brought with him news that he had the petition of 35 conscientious people of that section for the establishment of a Presbyterian church at Phenix. The new church will be organized on Saturday before the first Sunday in March.

FIRE THIS MORNING.
Serious Conflagration Started at 2 O'clock on Front Street in a Basement.
BAFFLED THE DEPARTMENT.
Flames in the Basement Were Hard to Get at and Burned Fiercely—The Fire Still Burning To-day—Loss Cannot Be Estimated Yet.
At 2:35 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the basement of the three-story, brick dry goods establishment of Mr. A. D. Brown on Front street. As the Star goes to press this morning the fire is still burning, but the firemen were confining the flames pretty much to the tier of buildings in which they originated.
The stock of dry goods in Brown's store will be pretty much a complete loss and the stock of clothing in the store of the A. David Company will also be badly damaged.
Of course at this hour it is impossible to say as to the extent of the damage but it will run into the thousands.
The fire probably started from a cigarette or cigar-stump dropped carelessly by some pedestrian through the grating over the basement on the sidewalk. The flames had gained considerable headway when discovered by Policeman W. M. Harris. An alarm was sent in from Water and Market streets, and two streams from hose were soon playing into the cellar. Later, Engine No. 1 went to the Princess street dock and afforded a stream from the river.
Smoke poured from the fire in dense volumes and as the wind was blowing toward the Star office, it made work very difficult. The firemen were also badly handicapped.
The building in which the fire originated belongs to the estate of L. Volters. No insurance figures are, of course, obtainable at this hour.
At 4:30 o'clock this morning A. D. Brown's store is a total loss, and it looks as if David's store on southwest corner of Front and Princess streets is doomed to nearly a complete loss. Brown's loss on store will be \$35,000; insurance, \$35,000. The loss in the building is about \$8,000. The David store is owned by Mrs. P. M. McCrary. The David stock probably is worth \$45,000.
The offices of the O. R. L. & P. Co., and Hugh Macfie & Co., next south of Brown's, were badly damaged by smoke and water.
A M. The fire appears under control, with only partial loss to David stock and building.
PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.
—Mrs. James Sinclair is the guest of friends at Red Springs, N. C.
—Mrs. C. W. Worth returned home yesterday from a pleasant visit to Raleigh.
—Mrs. W. A. Farris has gone to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, for treatment.
—Mrs. J. M. Wells and little son returned last night from a six week's visit to Buena Vista, Va.
—Miss Nell Bernard, of Durham, has gone to Raleigh to visit friends, after a delightful visit to Mrs. S. M. Sanders, of this city.
—Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "Miss Mary Fuller Robeson, and her guest, Miss DeVane of Falsco, went down to Wilmington yesterday afternoon on the City of Fayetteville."
—Mr. H. M. Durant, of Berta, Pender county, is in the city on a business trip. He says that Mr. Marshall who was injured near that place last week by being hit in the head by the lever pole of a log wagon, is improving.
—Mr. W. W. Blair has returned from Gainesville, Ga., whither he was summoned on account of the serious illness with peritonitis of Mrs. Blair, whom her numerous friends in Wilmington will be delighted to know is improving.
—Raleigh correspondence: "Mr. H. M. Emerson, of Wilmington, traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, arrived in Raleigh this morning and will appear before the legislative committee this afternoon relative to the Erwin bill about freight over-charges. Mr. Emerson is one of the most efficient and popular railroad men in the State."
ATTACKED OFFICER HARRIS.
Married a Month, John Robinson Started Domestic Row and Went to Hospital.
The domestic equilibrium of the household of John Robinson, white, who married Mrs. Florence McDougald, the dressmaker, on Second, between Market and Dock streets, about a month ago, was woefully disturbed this morning at 12:30 o'clock.
Mrs. Robinson says her husband was drinking and commenced to raise a row in the house. She ran to the street and called for help. Policeman W. M. Harris was on the beat, and hearing the woman's cries, he went to her rescue. Upon entering the house the infuriated husband made for the officer with a knife and Mr. Harris defended himself by felling Robinson with a blow from his club over the head, which made an ugly gash over the left eye and sent the young man to the hospital for repairs. Later he was returned to the police station and locked up for a hearing in the Mayor's court to-day at noon.
Father Gassed His Arrest.
Wm. Doe, colored, arrested at Second and Bladen streets at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, was sent to the roads by the Mayor for 30 days. Doe was arrested at the request of his father, to whose home he went and started a "rough house," while under the influence of liquor.

NEWS OF THE SHIPPING AT WILMINGTON YESTERDAY—STEAMER GARLANDS REPORTED FLOATED AT BIG KINNAKEE.
The schooner *Emily F. Northam*, in charge of the popular Capt. Penwell, arrived yesterday from New York and will receive a cargo of lumber.
The steamer *Geo. W. Clyde* arrived yesterday from Boston, via New York, and cleared in the afternoon for her regular Georgetown trip. The *Clyde* is again on this line permanently.
The Fayetteville Observer says the steamer *Gloucester*, which has been tied up at Fayetteville for a month, has proceeded to Wilmington and will hereafter run on the Northeast river.
British steamer *Marial*, 1,665 tons, Capt. Freeman, arrived yesterday from Baltimore for cargo of cotton from Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son. She is now the only regular cotton steamer in port. The *Daventry* and *Esstry* are here, but the first named is in distress and the *Esstry* will take part of her cargo.
The only change in the local naval stores market yesterday was an advance in tar to \$1.65 per barrel. Spirits remained firm at 65 cents—the highest price in thirty years. Dealers think the healthy tone of the market has come to stay and upon the strength of that belief in the country, it is said, that many pines hitherto unworked, because of their inaccessibility will be boxed next season. This will be especially noticeable, it is reported, in Brunswick county, where much of the land and timber is cut off by swamps.
Mr. W. L. Miller, manager of the Acome Tea Chest Co., yesterday received a telegram from Capt. Doherty, of the British steamer *Garlands*, previously reported ashore at Big Kinnakee, stating that the vessel had been floated and was awaiting orders of the owners. She will probably proceed to Newport News for repairs and later come to Wilmington. Capt. Hunter, of the British steamer *Savon*, which is in at Southport for slight repairs, came up to the city yesterday evening for a conference with his consignees, Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son.
A correspondent writing from Norfolk Monday of the steamer *Garlands* says: "All three of the wrecking tugs are on the scene of the wreck of the steamer *Garlands* at Kinnakee Life Saving Station. At noon to-day there was no arrangement with either one of the tug owners for the salvage of the ship. Captain Doherty was dicker with the masters of the three tugs, two of them of the *Lacomb* line, and the *Rescue* of the Merritt & Chapman Company. The steamer is lying on her side and is still in a safe condition. None of the men who were aboard were hurt in coming from the ship on Sunday morning in the breeches buoy, and they are all reported well now. One of the tugs will likely begin pulling the vessel off as soon as the bargain is struck."
(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 10.—Reports received here last night from Big Kinnakee life saving station, near Cape Hatteras, announced that the British steamer *Garlands* which had blown ashore last Saturday morning, is still firmly imbedded in the sand. The tugs are still making heroic efforts to float the stranded vessel, and there are thought to be some hopes of their succeeding.

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We claim that the COAL we are selling is as good as any Domestic soft COAL sold on this market. Try it and you will find it so.
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Weight Guaranteed.
Give us your orders and save money.
Wm. E. Worth & Co.
Phones—Bell 94. Inter-State 146. Feb 11 14
Statement of The Peoples' Savings Bank,
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.
At the close of business February 5th, 1903, condensed from report to Corporation Commission.
RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts \$ 855,125.87
Real Estate 129,250.00
Trust Funds and Due from Banks 126,716.16
Total \$ 1,110,091.99
February 5th, 1903, \$1,110,091.99
February 5th, 1902, \$893,284.37
February 5th, 1901, \$698,028.51
H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.
Feb 11 14 F. W. DECK, Cashier.

Notice of Dissolution.
The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name and style of Volters & Hashagen has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. H. L. Volters, having purchased all the interest of F. H. Hashagen in the said firm, is alone authorized to collect the debts owing to the said firm, and has assumed and will pay all the liabilities of the same.
Dated this 7th day of February, 1903, at Wilmington, N. C.
H. L. VOLTERS,
F. H. HASHAGEN.

NOTICE.
The undersigned having purchased all the interest of F. H. Hashagen in the firm of Volters & Hashagen, will hereafter conduct the business carried on by the said firm at the old stand under the name of H. L. Volters.
Dated at Wilmington, N. C., this 7th day of February, 1903.
Feb 8 14 H. L. VOLTERS.

Fresh Goods.
Just arrived per steamer to-day:
Maple Sugar and Cream (in cans). Four-crown Kitchon Bouquet, a delightful flavoring for Soups, Gravies, &c.
Grain-Trust (extra peeled); Goddard's Peas; Peas; Beans; Canned Salmon; Smoked Trout; fat broilers.
The above will be sold at a very low price. Just arrived this day.
For sale by
WILMINGTON GROCERY CO.
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA: In the said District Court, in and for said district, Fourth division, in the matter of William J. Benton, bankrupt. Notice of first meeting of creditors. The creditors of William J. Benton, of Whiteville, in the county of Columbus, State of North Carolina, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt, who has been duly adjudicated a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Federal Court-room in Wilmington, N. C., on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1903, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt's books and records, and transact such business as may properly come before said meeting.
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