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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The dead-lock in the Senate over the Statehood bill and the Panama Canal treaty continues; a compromise is suggested. —— Mr. Andrew Carnegie is reported as much improved. —— The Fowler currency bill was debated yesterday in the House. ——The cornerstone of the Army War College was laid yesterday in Washington; President Roosevelt and others delevered addresses. —— Posses are in pursuit of two men near Richview, Illinois, supposed to be the Union, Missouri bank robbers. —— Seven men arrested in New York city charged with running a fake lottery. —— Police in New York have recovered a large quantity of silverware stolen from prominent families in Philadelphia and found in possession of two negro burglars. —— Judge Neal still holds the jury in the Bishop case, at Charlotte. —— Hill & Porter, cotton brokers, Fort Smith, Ark., have failed; liabilities $50,000. —— J. H. Williamson, of Monroe, N. C., was shot and killed by Henry Young, of Rockingham, in a bar-room at Hamlet, N C.; Young has escaped. —— New York markets: Time money was steady; rosin firm, strained common to good $2 25; spirits turpentine nominal at 66@66½c; cotton quiet at 10.05c; flour steadier but rather dull; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 83c.; corn—spot firm, No. 2 60c.; oats—spot steady, No. 2 43¼c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 21.

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

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 39 degrees; 8 P. M., 40 degrees; maximum, 40 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees; mean, 41 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .69; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.05 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Friday 26 7 feet

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—For North Carolina: Fair Sunday; fresh to brisk northwest winds on the coast. Monday fair.

Port Almanac---February 22.

Sun Rises	6.42 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.47 P. M.
Day's Length	11 ·.04 M.
High Water at Southport	4.50 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	7.20 P. M.

London physicians tell us that shocks will kill bacteria. This may reconcile us somewhat to earthquakes, Mount Pelee eruptions &c.

Truth may be "at the bottom of a well," but with some Republican editors, judging from the small quantity they use, it must be at the bottom of the ocean.

A Geneva dispatch says there is a great demand from all parts of Europe for pictures of the eloping Princess Louise, of Saxony. They want to see what the royal freak looks like.

Senator Morgan commented very sharply the other day about "leaks" in executive sessions of the Senate, and yet he would probably have been much disappointed if some of those leaks hadn't got into print.

A New York Republican paper has an editorial on "the way to beat Addicks," who is running for the U. S. Senate from Delaware. The way to beat Addicks in that bailiwick is to distribute more money than he does.

Whether the world is getting better or not there were 1,261 churches added last year to the number already built in this country, an increase of 720 in the number of clergymen and 403,743 in the number of communicants.

A Southern California man who started a pigeon ranch a few years ago with 400 birds, now has 12,000, and is making money by selling the squabs, for which he gets a couple dollars a dozen. He draws the color line and raises only white birds.

The wireless telegraphy people seem to be getting down to business. A company has been organized and will soon be sending messages from San Francisco or Seattle to Honolulu. It has had dynamos constructed powerful enough to send messages 3,000 miles.

Mr. Oliver Harriman, of Port Chester, N. Y., who has managed to accumulate a $15,000,000 fortune, does not seem to be able to take care of it and his friends are asking the courts to appoint persons to take charge of it. In the long run they will probably get more out of it than he will.

The New York *Sun* believes that Senator Morgan could talk thirteen hours consecutively, but doubts his ability to hold out for thirteen days. The *Sun* doesn't know Senator Morgan. If the gentleman from Alabama became really aroused he could wind up his talk apparatus and talk for thirteen weeks.

TEACHERS IN JUNE.

North Carolina Assembly Will Meet at Wrightsville Beach Again This Year.

THE STATE'S EDUCATORS.

Letter Containing Definite Announcement Received Yesterday from Prof. W. D. Carmichael, of Durham—Visitors to Be Entertained.

The twentieth annual meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will be held at Wrightsville beach in June. The announcement is authoritative, a letter having been received to that effect yesterday by President Chadbourn, of the Chamber of Commerce, from Prof. W. D. Carmichael, secretary and treasurer of the Assembly, and the STAR is sure that the news will be received with great delight by the people of Wilmington. The Assembly met here year before last and was entertained in royal manner by the Seashore Hotel. The same will be true of the meeting again this season. Over five hundred teachers and their friends will be present. The railroads will offer the usual reduced rates.

Dr. F. P. Venable, of the University, is president and Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest, is vice president of the organization. The letter from Secretary and Treasurer Carmichael is as follows:

"DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 19th.

"*Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Wilmington, N C.*

"MY DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 18th inst. has been received. I thank you very much for the kind offer from you for the Chamber of Commerce. We have decided, I am personally very glad to say, that we shall meet in Wilmington this year. I am sure that this will be a great year for the Assembly, and the fact that we meet on Wrightsville will be greatly to our advantage.

"Thanking you again for your kindness, I am, Very truly yours,

"W. D. CARMICHAEL."

LOCAL DOTS.

— This is the 171st anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

— Farmer Felger is turning out a mighty poor article of weather these days.

— "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

— Monday, Feb. 23d, being a legal holiday, no business will be transacted in the city by the savings banks.

— There are just twelve more working days, or talking days, for the Legislature. The per diem of members ceases March 7th.

— A special convocation of Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., will be held Monday night for work in the Past Master's degree.

— At the morning service of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to-day Rev. John F. Preston, of Greenville, S. C., will speak in the interest of the Forward Movement for Missions.

— The fire at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning was at the residence of Mr. J. B. Hewlett, 807 Chesnut street, and not at Mrs. Morris' as erroneously stated. The damage was about $125.

— The alarm of fire from box 22 at 7:45 P. M. yesterday was on account of some hay burning in a horse stable back of Shepard's drug store on Market street. There was no damage.

—The Bell Telephone Company is putting up poles on Castle and on Market to Fifteenth street, preparatory to installing the new system. Work will now be pushed as rapidly as possible.

—Fayetteville *Observer*: 21st: "The hearing of the Utley case on appeal, was concluded before Judge Cooke this morning. The case will be heard by the Supreme Court the third week in March."

— A deputy sheriff from Whiteville yesterday arrived for the young white man arrested on the charge of embezzlement at Chadbourn, N. C. The prisoner will be taken to Chadbourn to-day.

— Conductor Tyson, colored, charged with stealing poles from the Standard Pole and Tie Co., was bound over to the Superior Court by Justice McGowan yesterday. He gave bond in the sum of $50, with Mr. C. H. Dock surety.

— Messrs. J. A. Springer & Co. have received the first cargo of hard coal that has reached Wilmington this Winter. It consists of 500 tons and, though late, it comes in good time, as there will be plenty of cold weather before the close of March.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. W. Henry—$50 reward.
R. C. DeRosset—"Flinch."
W. B. Cooper—Choice hay.
F. E Hashagen Co.—Just in.
S. & B. Solomon—This week.
G. O. Gaylord—Special prices.
Savings Banks—Holiday notice.
J. A. Springer & Co.—Hard coal.
H. L. Vollers—Sole selling agent.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.
F. E. Hashagen Co.—Announcement.
Atlantic Na'l Bank—$300,000 to loan
Mercer & Evans Co.—Dollar window
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Schedule change.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Traveller.
Wanted—Sample distributer.

THE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Entertainment and Public Debate in East Wilmington on Friday Afternoon.

THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Next Regular Meeting Will Be Held Saturday--Several Interesting Addresses on Programme--Personal Recollections of Fort Fisher.

A most creditable public entertainment and debate was given Friday afternoon at the East Wilmington public school, Prof. S. V. Bowen, principal. The attendance was unusually large, many persons having gone out from the city and the patrons and friends of the school having attended almost en masse and thoroughly enjoyed every feature of the programe, which consisted of music, recitations and the like, closing with a spirited debate.

Prof. D. M. Bain, teacher of vocal music in the rural schools, was present and the singing of the children gave evidence of efficient work on his part. Mr. Lovie Mills was organist. The programme was as follows:

Song: "Singing Gaily Singing."
"What We Learn at School," by five children.
"Papa's Little Girl" by Mollie Potter.
"Sensible" by Lila Blake.
Song, "Merrily Sing."
"How Do I Look" by Lila Kline.
Speech, by Allen Blake.
"Lazy Little Lew" by Harry Webb.
"What a Small Boy Can Do" Tommie Blake.
Song: "Birds are Singing."
"St. Valentine's Day Among the Birds" by Fannie Biggs.
"What Would You Think?" by Annie M. Blake.
"Never Out of Sight" by Bessie Edens.
"Diffidence" by Annie Webb.
Charlie's Speech" by Dinnor Padrick.
Song: "School Boy Days."

The debate was upon the query: "Which is More Desirable, Country Life or City Life?" Affirmative: Victor Pearsall, Esther Klein, Willie Webb, Mary Webb, Mary Riggs, Lovie Mills. Negative: Bessie Mills, Lila Blake, Oscar Pearsall, Jr., Jerry Blake, Annie Webb.

The judges appointed to decide were Superintendent W. Catlett, Messrs. W. M. Cumming and M. N. Northam.

Mr. Cumming delivered the decision of the judges. Both affirmative and negative presented their respective sides so well that it was impossible for the judges to say which had won. Mr. Cumming made a neat little speech complimenting the school and its enterprising teacher. Superintendent Catlett and Mr. Oscar Pearsall, one of the committeemen, also made congratulatory addresses.

Teachers' Association Meeting.

The New Hanover County Teachers' Association will meet next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the Cape Fear Academy building, next south of the Court House, on Third street. Teachers in the city white public schools are cordially invited to attend and participate in the exercises. The features of the programme will be as follows:

Bombardment of Fort Fisher, (Personal Experience), Rev. J. A. Smith.
The Best Method of Teaching Literature, Miss Fattie D. Thorne.
The Bible in the Public School, Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell.

THE RIDGEWAY CONCERT COMPANY.

Sixth Entertainment in Star Course at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday Evening.

The Findlay, Ohio, *Morning Republican*, of Jan. 31st, has the following to say of the Ridgeway Concert Company which will appear as the sixth entertainment in the Star Course Tuesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium:

"Without a peer. That is the best criticism that can be made of Katharine Ridgeway. In her recital last night at the Marvin she completely captured the audience which went into ecstacies in their appreciation. * * * * One could write columns on her work and then not say too much in praise of her. Suffice it to say once again, that she stands undisputedly without a peer."

Reserved seats can be had at DeRosset's. General admission and reserved seats, seventy-five cents.

Commerce Chamber a Model.

Mr. R. C. Foster, president and general manager of the Georgia Car and Manufacturing Co., of Savannah, spent yesterday in the city as the special representative of the business men of his city, who desire information regarding the practical workings of a live Chamber of Commerce, with a view of establishing a body of that character in their midst. Savannah has a Board of Trade and a Cotton Exchange, but Mr. Foster says they do not meet all the requirements. He said he had heard of Wilmington's Chamber, and came here first to get the desired information because he regarded the organization here up-to-date. Later he will visit Knoxville and Atlanta.

Trolley Car Schedule.

The regular schedule of the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. may be found in another column. In addition to the regular schedule there is an extra service on pleasant days to Wrightsville Beach.

I. Shrier was never so busy as now taking orders for made-to-measure garments. You should have him show you his immense line of 2,000 Samples. He is making suits to order from $13.00 to $40.00; Coat and Trousers from $10.00 to $25.00, and Trousers from $3.00 to $9.00. Fit Guaranteed. †

Wash Silk 50c at Polvogt's. †

RE-UNION OF ELKS.

Great Gathering of the Antlered Tribe at Wrightsville This Summer.

THE COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Royal Welcome and True Cape Fear Hospitality for "Best People on Earth." Every Arrangement Will Be in Capable Hands—In June.

That all shall be in readiness for the annual gathering of North Carolina Elks, the committees named below have been appointed and they will at once proceed to arrange for the third annual re-union, to be held here June 3rd and 4th.

The order during the past year has greatly increased its membership and the number of lodges, hence this Summer's assembly will in all probability be very largely attended and the Wilmington Elks will provide a most hospitable reception for all their visitors. The committees named are as follows:

Executive—Wm. F. Robertson (chairman), H. J. Gerken, Jno. R. Turrentine, Jr., T. B. Carroll, L. Stein, H. McL. Green, I. W. Solomon.

Finance—L. Stein (chairman), C. W. Polvogt, C. T. Harper, H. L. Hunt, R. W. Wallace, I. M. Bear.

Entertainment—Wm. J. Bellamy, (chairman), T. H. Wright, R. H. Gwaltney, W. F. Robertson, Harry Smallbones, W. W. Harrington, E. E. David, F. H. Stedman, T. W. Davis, F. W. Kerchner, F. P. Turrentine, J. D Bellamy, Srd., A. Smith, J. H. Sweeney, T. B. Willard, J. P. Taylor.

Transportation—S. H. Fishblate, (chairman), J. D. Edwards, W. G. Elliott, Jr. Geo. L. Morton, D. McEachern.

Reception — Herbert McClammy, (chairman), J. J. Fowler, F. L. Tomlinson, Jake Sternberger, C. W. Polvogt, Oscar Morris, A. H. Harriss, G. V. Harrell, J. H. Gore, Jr., J. J. Blair, R. C. DeRosset, J. W. Williams, J. S Burnett, W. E. Springer, S. J. Springer, H. C. Bear, F. W. Dick, F. P. Donlan, J. S. McEachern, E. E. David.

Parade—Jno. J. Fowler, (chairman), John J. Furlong, Albert Solomon, J. P. Taylor, J. Frank Maunder, M. B. Mintz, J. L. Solomon.

Refreshments—H. J. Gerken, (chairman), M. W. Divine, John H. Rehder, J. F. Woolvin, T. E. Wallace.

Printing and Advertising—John R. Turrentine, Jr., (chairman), B. B. Jackson, C. McD. Davis, Benj. Bell, B. F. King, Wm. L. DeRosset, Jr.

Decoration—Jas. F. Woolvin, (chairman), J. VanB. Metts, L. H. Skinner, W. R. Morrison, Geo, Harriss, E. T. Taylor, H. B. Peschau, H. D. Springer, W. S. Johnson, W. A. French, Jr., W. H. Stokely, Jr.

REV. BENJ. R. HALL DEAD.

Leading Methodist Preacher, Once Pastor Here, Died Friday Night at Fayetteville—Funeral To-day.

Friends in this city—and they are numbered by the score—will hear with deep regret of the death of Rev. B. R. Hall, presiding elder of the Fayetteville District M. E. church, South, which occurred at the Marsh-Highsmith Hospital at Fayetteville Friday evening at 7:10 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Hall was stricken with apoplexy Friday morning at 4 o'clock and he never regained consciousness lost at that hour.

At the request of the deceased before his death, the remains were taken to the Hay Street Methodist church in Fayetteville where they will remain until this afternoon at 3 o'clock when the funeral will be conducted by Rev. T. A. Smoot.

Rev. B. R. Hall was in the 52nd year of his age, having been born Sept. 25th 1851. His parents, Henry G. and Mrs. Emily B. Hall, are still living and make their home at Shelby, N. C. His is the first death in the family. Mr. Hall was married in 1876 to Miss Fannie Stedman, who, with four children, survive him. He also leaves three brothers and a sister to mourn their loss, as follows: Mr. Edward Hale Hall, of Waco, Texas; Mr. Heman R. Hall, of Fayetteville; Rev. John H. Hall, of Rockingham, and Mrs. C. P. Roberts, of Shelby; Rev. John H. Hall, who has just retired as pastor of Fifth street M. E. church, this city. His aged mother and his sister, Mrs. Roberts, expected to reach Fayetteville last night.

Deceased has been a presiding elder in the North Carolina Conference for eight years, and for the past three years had been on the Fayetteville District. At one time he was pastor of Wilmington Fifth Street M. E. church and was universally esteemed here. He joined the conference in 1875 and has never since that time missed an annual session of that body. He was a graduate of Trinity College and a preacher of great ability, having served some of the most important stations in his church, Trinity church, Durham, St. Paul's, Goldsboro, being among the number of leading charges he served.

Golf Tournament Postponed.

The ladies' handicap golf tournament scheduled for yesterday afternoon was postponed on account of the weather. The annual mixed foursome tournament will be played on the links Monday afternoon, commencing promptly at 3 o'clock. Nine holes will be played.

Carolina Central Delay.

A box car of a freight train jumped the track near Old Hundred, yesterday, causing a five-hour delay of the passenger train due to arrive here from Hamlet over the Seaboard Air Line at 12:05 o'clock in the afternoon.

New Ribbons just received at Polvogt's. †

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Consideration of London Bill in the Senate Deferred Until Monday Morning.

THE WATTS' BILL SENT UP.

Revenue Act is Being Discussed in the House—Bond Issue Must Be from $400,000 to $500,000--Local Bills as to Eastern Carolina.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21.—Senator London made a motion in the Senate this morning that further consideration of the London bill be deferred until Monday at 11 o'clock and that a final vote on the measure be taken at noon, Tuesday. The motion was adopted. This was in order that time could be gained to clear the calendar of accumulated bills to which to-day's session was devoted.

A great number of local bills passed. One of general importance was to empower the N. C. Corporation Commission to hear complaints of demurrage charges by shippers against the railroads.

The Watts bill came over from the House and was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances. Three hundred copies were ordered printed.

The House spent a good portion of to-day's session in committee of the whole, considering the Revenue bill. Discussion of the first section brought out the statement from Doughton, the introducer of the bill, that the estimated additional revenue would be $159,000.

The first section defining the objects of taxation was adopted. During the discussion of the second and third sections, Graham said much property is escaping taxation. Thirty-three counties show no revenue from cigarettes; fifty-eight no tax on horse dealers and sixty-one no tax on pistol dealers. He insisted on taxing gross earnings of railroads and increasing the valuation from $42,000,000 to $107,000,000.

Sections 2 and 3 of the Revenue Bill were adopted without change. This provides $1.29 poll tax; an ad valorem tax of 21 cents for the State; 4 cents for pensions and 18 cents for schools, making 43 cents on the $100 valuation.

Further consideration of the Revenue Bill was deferred until Monday at 3 P. M.

Incidentally there was a discussion of the necessity of a bond issue, the concensus of opinion being that provision must be made for from $400,000 to $500,000 in bonds.

Notable bills introduced in the House were by Abell to prohibit the manufacture and sale of adulterated illuminating oil; Carlton, to amend charter of Rose Hill; Carlton, to incorporate the Elizabeth City Through Line Railroad Co.; Carlton, to incorporate the Bank of Warsaw, and Willis, to incorporate the Brothers' and Sisters' Union, of Bladen county.

A brief session of the House was held to-night for passage of local bills exclusively. Hon. R. A. Doughton, presided and put through fifty bills. Those of interest in East Carolina were to create a new school district from portions of Cumberland and Robeson counties; for the drainage of roads in Robeson county; to sell the oyster steamer Lily and regarding witness fees in Cumberland county.

Meeting of Wood Workers.

There was a large attendance last night upon the mass meeting of white wood workers of the city in Pythian Castle Hall, in the Murchison National Bank building. President Smith, of Local Union 899, Carpenters and Joiners' of America, presided and the chief speaker of the evening was General Organizer J. P. Ogletree, of Birmingham, Ala., who has spent the past ten days in Wilmington. Other speeches were made by President Smith, Mr. David Rountree, Mr. G. F. Quinn and others. As a result of the meeting a new local union was organized, the number of which will not be known until the charter is issued. General Organizer Ogletree leaves this afternoon for Charleston but will return in time to address the wood workers again on Thursday night.

The Steamboat Merger.

Mr. A. A. Lisman, president of the Wilmington and Fayetteville Steamboat Co., who was in the city yesterday, confirmed the report printed in the STAR from the Fayetteville *Observer* that his company had withdrawn from the traffic agreement recently formed by the steamboat companies operating on the upper Cape Fear. Mr. Lisman says the *City of Fayetteville* is withdrawn because he thinks more money can be made by her independently. Mr. Lisman left on the steamer for Fayetteville at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Compliment to Wilmington Firm.

Goldsboro *Argus*: "Thus far this week Messrs. Best & Thompson have bought 960 bales of cotton for Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, the noted cotton exporters of Wilmington, who have for years been a vital energy of incalculable benefit to the cotton farmers of North Carolina—not only as purchasers of the fleecy staple at the highest market price, but also as intelligent, vigilant and fearless champions of the farmers best interests in promptly and persistently fighting the insidious round bale trust."

At the Postoffice Monday.

Washington's birthday falling on Sunday, the postoffice will observe holiday hours Monday as follows: General delivery and stamp windows open from 9 to 10 A. M. and 6 to 4 P. M. Registry department open from 9 to 10 A. M. Money order department closed all day. Carriers will make one delivery and collection in the morning.

New Mattings are shown at Polvogt's. †

TRAGEDY IN RALEIGH

Ludlow Skinner Shot to Death by Ernest Haywood, a Prominent Lawyer.

SPECULATION AS TO CAUSE.

Domestic Troubles Thought to Have Been at Bottom of the Affair—Genuine Sensation Created — Insanity May Be Pleaded at Trial.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C. Feb. 21—Earnest Haywood, one of the best known lawyers of Raleigh, shot and instantly killed Ludlow Skinner, of the firm of Johnson, Thompson & Co., cotton brokers, this afternoon about 4 o'clock. Both are of social and business prominence. Haywood gave himself up after the shooting but refuses to make any statement and having waived examination was committed to jail without bail.

The two men were seen at the postoffice entrance in earnest conversation a few minutes before the shooting. Skinner had turned away and was moving toward the street ten paces away when Haywood fired the first shot. Skinner quickened his pace as though trying to get away when Haywood fired a second shot within probably fifteen seconds of the first, the ball taking effect just back of the left arm and penetrating the heart.

The assertion that Skinner was shot in the back, aggravated the feeling against Haywood among Skinner's friends and there was talk of violence and while there is no guard at the jail to-night a sharp look out is being kept to prevent any demonstration.

Raleigh never experienced so severe a shock as the killing has created, and the town is rift with supposed explanations as to the cause. It is conceded that complications between the families of the two men are at the bottom of it. It has been common report going for some months that Haywood and Mrs. Gertrude Winder Tucker, widow of the late Wm. R. Tucker and sister-in-law of Skinner, were secretly married in New York several months ago. This he denied. Mrs. Tucker was treated in a Baltimore hospital recently and it is out of these conditions that the shooting has grown, though there can be no comprehensive statement of the case until developed in the trial.

Dr. T. E. Skinner, the venerable retired pastor of the First Baptist church and father of the murdered man, declared this evening that Haywood had written an insulting letter to his son's wife. Mrs. Skinner said, when told that her husband was shot, that she tried to keep him from going down after dinner, and telephoned to Johnson & Thompson's office for him to keep off the street.

These statements, than which there is nothing more definite, now indicate that there was an old and bitter score between the two men to be settled.

The coroner held an inquest and autopsy to-night, finding that the deceased came to his death at the hands of Haywood. It is understood insanity will be pleaded.

Jas. H. Pou and T. M. Argo, the best lawyers here, have been engaged for the defence. Haywood has a brother in the insane asylum.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 21.—A special to the *Observer* from Raleigh says: The greatest social and criminal sensation Raleigh has ever known developed at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon when, on Fayetteville street, Ernest Haywood shot and killed Ludlow Skinner. The prominence of both families is marked. Haywood is a grand son of the late State Treasurer John Haywood and son of the late Dr. E. Burke Haywood, and one of Raleigh's leading lawyers. Skinner was a grand-son of the late Mr. Ludlow, of New York, and a son of Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Skinner, of Raleigh, one of the best known Baptists in the South.

At least a hundred persons must have seen the shooting, certainly that number saw the victim of Haywood's revolver as he reeled and fell upon his face on the car track in front of the postoffice and Yarborough House and not forty yards from the court house.

Hayward was taken by Deputy Sheriff Separk to Haywood's law office, and was there for about two hours guarded by deputies and in conference with his attorneys, James H. Pou and Argo & Shaffer. Later he was taken to the court house, where Magistrate Marcom had a preliminary hearing, taking only Separk's testimony upon which he committed Haywood to jail without bail for murder.

Skinner's wife is a daughter of the late Major John C. Winder. The rumor here is that the tragedy grew out of a reported secret marriage in the family of one of the men concerned.

RALEIGH, N. C. Feb. 21.—Haywood, who is now in jail has as yet made no statement. The testimony at the preliminary hearing before Justice J. C. Marcom this afternoon is as follows:

Earlier in the day Skinner called at Haywood's office. What occurred there is not known. When he came out he started for the postoffice. In the mean time Haywood went to the court house. As he returned and was near the middle steps of the postoffice, he saw Skinner on the sidewalk, and called him, saying: "Ludlow come here, I want to speak to you."

As Skinner approached, Haywood fired point blank at him. He missed, and Skinner turned and ran. When he reached the car track Haywood fired again, and Skinner stumbled for a second and sank to the ground. He was taken into Jas. I. Johnson's drug store in an unconscious condition and died within a few minutes. Later the body was removed to his home. The wife of Mr. Skinner is prostrated with grief.

— The bill passed by the Legislature in regard to the no-fence law for Federal Point township is printed in this issue of the STAR.

Millinery, Cloaks and Furs half price, at The C. W. Polvogt Co. †

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FEDERAL POINT FENCE LAW.

Full Text of Bill Exempting a Portion of New Hanover from Stock Regulation—Township Tax.

Below will be found the full text of the bill recently passed by the General Assembly, repealing the no-fence law as applied to Federal Point township, this county:

An act to repeal the stock law in Federal Point Township in New Hanover county:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That from and after June 1st, 1903, chapter 290 of the Public Laws of 1899 shall not apply to that portion of New Hanover county south and west of a line starting at a point on the Cape Fear river where the water course from McIlhenny's mill pond empties into said river, and running with the stream and mill pond to the head of clay bottom and running behind W. P. Oldham's fence southeast to the old Federal Point road, running thence west side of said road to the sound road, running thence west side of the sound road to George Roger's Lane; down said lane to the sound and also including that portion of the beach south of a pond opposite where this line touches the sound.

SEC. 2. That before May 15th, 1903, the Board of Commissioners of said county shall cause a good and sufficient fence five feet high to be constructed and maintained along the boundary line above mentioned, with suitable gates at all crossings of public roads and other places where necessary; *Provided*, that the said Board of Commissioners may at any time and from time to time declare any water course along the line of said fence to be and constitute a part of said fence; *Provided further*, that the Commissioners may have the right, if in their judgment it is necessary, to run this fence a little south of the point where it touches the sound in order to touch the sound at a deep water point, and for the purpose of this act the said Board of Commissioners may let out the construction of said fence and gates by contract to the lowest responsible bidder, giving twenty days' of such letting out by public advertisement in at least two daily papers published in the city of Wilmington, or in their discretion the said board shall deem it advisable, that they may employ an agent to construct said fence under such terms as they shall prescribe; and for defraying the expenses of constructing said fence and gates the said board may draw upon the county treasurer of said county of New Hanover for a sum sufficient therefor out of the general fund of said county; and may thereafter levy on all real property, taxable by State and county in said territory so fenced out, and collect a tax sufficient to replace the amount so drawn from the said general fund, and in addition thereto may from year to year in like manner levy and collect a tax sufficient to maintain said fence and gates.

Sec. 3.—That all laws and clauses of laws conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4.—This Act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified January 29.

LOCAL SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrivals and Departures of Vessels from the Port of Wilmington.

The British steamer *Muriel*, hence for Liverpool with cargo of cotton, passed out at Southport at 5:40 P. M. Friday.

The schooner *John R. Fell*, Capt. Loveland, arrived yesterday from New York with cargo of 500 tons of hard coal for J. A. Springer & Co.

The Norwegian barque *Freidig*, Capt. Christophersen, was cleared yesterday by Messrs. Heide & Co., with a cargo of 6,700 barrels of rosin, consigned by Messrs. Murchison & Co. to parties in London, Eng.

Mr. Will L. Miller, manager of the Acme Tea Chest Company, yesterday received a telegram stating that the British steamer *Garlands* would sail from Newport News at daylight Tuesday for Wilmington. She will receive a cargo of veneering timber for Glasgow, Scotland.

Howard Relief Ball.

The STAR is under obligations to the House Committee for an invitation to attend the 47th anniversary ball of the Howard Relief Company at Germania Hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 24th. The committee is composed of Messrs. H. L. Vollers, G. F. G. Tienken, Martin VanOesen, J. Kuhlken and H. Habenicht.

—The STAR office cat's tail pointed northeastwardly yesterday, and the horse editor says this means much bad weather during February and March. When it comes to forecasting the weather, the STAR office cat's tail beats the ground-hog's shadow out o' sight.

EASTERN CAROLINA DIOCESE.

Standing Committee Held Session in Wilmington and Considered Bishop's Enfeebled Condition.

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina met in this city Friday as advisory counsel to the Rt. Rev. Bishop A. A. Watson in view of the enfeebled condition of his health. The action taken at the meeting is set forth in the following resolution furnished for publication by the secretary:

DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 14th, 1903.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, held as above, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"*Resolved*, That the committee advises the Bishop that they deem it unnecessary to take any steps looking to the transference of the Diocesan affairs into the hands of the Standing Committee. And they advise that the Bishop, through the secretary of this committee, and at the expense of the Diocese, procure the assistance of his brother bishops to perform such Episcopal acts as may be thought necessary or pressing.

"The Committee are satisfied that the interests of the Diocese are in no danger of suffering by postponing any further steps until the meeting of the Annual Council, when the Bishop may take such action as to him may seem best.

"And, the Committee emphatically and affectionately insist that the Bishop owes it to himself, to the Church which he has served so long and faithfully, and whose children are so anxiously interested in his condition, that he shall, until the time indicated, religiously abstain from all mental and physical exertion in regard to the Diocese.

[Teste.] "W. L. DEROSSET,
"Secretary."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. L. A. Bethune, of Clinton, arrived last evening.

— J. B. Schulken, Esq., of Whiteville, was an arrival at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. J. Parker Lewis, the popular travelling man is shaking hands with friends in the city.

— Mrs. W. R. Kenan and Miss Sarah Kenan have returned from a visit to relatives at Macon, Ga.

— Messrs. J. K. and E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, N. C., were guests at The Orton last night.

— Mr. R. M. Wescott has just returned from a business visit of a week to Norfolk, Tarboro and Kinston.

— Mrs. Jno. F. Garrell and Miss Lillian Horne have returned from a visit to Chicago and other points in the West.

— Mr. J. W. Rivenbark went up to Willard yesterday morning to spend the day with his father, Mr. R. T. Rivenbark.

— Dr. E. G. Goodman, of El Paso, came over yesterday from Brunswick county to spend a day in the city on business.

— Among yesterday's visitors to the city were Messrs. O. W. Scott, of Hallsboro, Duplin county, and W. E. Read, of Southport.

— Messrs. W. E. Yopp, William J. Bellamy and Jno. E. Wood have returned from High Point where they attended the State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M.

— Mrs. J. G. Blount, Jr., after a visit to relatives here, left yesterday morning for Washington. N. C., accompanied by her sister, Miss Nora Angel.

Notes of the W. C. T. U.

The anniversary of the death of the former national president, Miss Frances Willard, of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which was to have been observed on next Tuesday night, is changed to Friday night next at 8 o'clock in the lecture room of the First Baptist church. A programme of recitations, music and a lecture by Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell will be among the features. On Wednesday afternoon the regular meeting of the Union will be held at 4 o'clock.

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