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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Philippine currency bill passed the House yesterday. —— Jas. Fred Allen, arrested in New York, charged with embezzling funds of the defunct bank of Warrenton, Ga. —— Senator Tillman continued his speech in the Senate relative to the Indianola postoffice case. —— White man and two negroes killed near Nashville by accidental explosion of dynamite. —— Dr. W. E B. Davis, a prominent physician, was run over and killed by a train at Birmingham, Ala. —— The Panama canal situation was considered at a meeting of the President and his cabinet. —— President Roosevelt has signed the agreement for a naval station at Guantanamo and a coaling station at Bahia Honda, Cuba. —— Six persons were killed and five injured in a railroad accident at Berea, Ohio. —— A negro was lynched near Shreveport, La. —— Negro shot and killed by a mob near Griffin, Ga. —— Mississippi Female College, at Meridian, destroyed by fire; all the inmates escaped. —— The carnival at New Orleans closed last night. —— Henry Young, who killed J. H. Williamson at Hamlet, N. C., was captured at Monroe last night. —— The volcano of Colima was in violent eruption last Saturday. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 2½@3 per cent; cotton —steady at 10.05c; flour was steady with a moderate demand; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 81½c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 60c; oats—spot steady, No. 2 43½c; rosin firm; strained common to good $3.35; spirits turpentine dull.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 24.

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

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 43 degrees. 8 P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 64 degrees; minimum, 43 degrees; mean, 54 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; 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. 12 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—For North Carolina: Fair Wednesday; Thursday rain; light to fresh north to northeast winds.

Port Almanac—February 25.

Sun Rises	6.39 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.49 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 07 M.
High Water at Southport	6.55 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	9.25 P. M.

So far as they concern the whites, the fulminations of John S. Wise and the negro lawyer Jim Hayes are as harmless as a French duel.

Washington *Post*: "The Duke of Yarmouth was looking for a February Thaw." But it seems the old lady Thaw it in a different light and is trying to freeze him out.

When Mrs. Hetty Green forecloses a mortgage on a church, which she does sometimes, she simply remarks that "a religion which isn't honest enough to pay its debts is no good."

Bishop Tugwell, of Western Equatorial Africa, isn't cramped for room. His diocese embraces 700,000 square miles. He embraces the opportunity to see his people as often as he can, but it takes him some time to cover the ground.

It is said that eating apples is a cure for insomnia. That depends on the person, the apples, the kind and quantity. We have known a few apples to keep a vigorous boy, who could ordinarily sleep like a top, awake for a whole night.

It is said that the Pope, who is 93 years of age, reads without spectacles, walks without a cane, dresses and undresses without assistance, and works about fourteen hours daily, which is doing pretty well for one who the doctors had given up in his youth as marked for an early grave.

That cotton handkerchief which Mrs. Roosevelt sent to that Texas fair which caused such a racket, panned out all right and brought in $121 which was more net profit than anything sold. Perhaps the racket was raised to advertise it. Nothing like advertising when you want to sell anything.

Maude Gonne has gone out of the Joan of Arc business and done gone and got married. She is the bride of Major McBride, who commanded the Irish brigade in the Boer war. The major will probably be the minor in this combination, and will be known as Maude's husband

A German Court has decided that wearing a wig is sufficient grounds for a divorce, when the wig wearer failed to inform the other party as to the wig previous to marriage. That court doesn't believe in one person pulling the wool over the eyes of another person.

HOWARD RELIEF CO.

Forty-seventh Anniversary of Its Founding Very Elaborately Celebrated Last Night.

GRAND BALL AND SUPPER.

Nearly 300 Guests Were Present and About 75 Couples Dancing—Splendid Music and All Other Features Were Most Enjoyable.

The forty-seventh anniversary ball of the Howard Relief Company last night in Germania Hall was highly successful in every particular and was enjoyed by between 250 and 300 guests. The music was by Hollowbush's Orchestra and the decorations were a very elaborate festooning with evergreens and a large United States flag which served the double purpose of lending patriotism to the scene and forming a portiere between the ball room and the banquet hall.

The committee captained by that prince of good fellows, Mr. H. L. Vollers, was very attentive in its hospitalities and if everybody didn't enjoy themselves it was not the committee's fault. Other members besides Chairman Vollers were Messrs. Jno. G. Kuhlken, Martin VanOssen, H. Habenicht and G. F. G. Tienken.

About 75 couples participated in the dance, which lasted until 3 o'clock. The dance programme, which was beautifully embossed and caught in pamphlet form by the colors of the company, announced the several features as follows:

1. Grand March.
2. Waltz.
3. Quadrille.
4. Two Step.
5. Waltz.
6. Quadrille.
7. Two Step.
8. Waltz.
9. Quadrille.
10. Scottische.
11. Quadrille.

Intermission For Supper.

March.

The supper was served by Mrs. P. N. Fick, assisted by Mr. Fick and Mrs. H. Gerdes. Mrs. Fick has been serving the suppers for the anniversary ball of the company for years and has established quite a reputation for the success of them all. Last night, if anything she exceeded all her former efforts and had a delightful menu.

The Howard Relief Company is one of Wilmington's oldest and most popular organizations. It is now noted for its social features but once it was the power behind the volunteer fire department. Its officers are Mr. M. Rathjen, president; Mr. J. W. Duls, vice president; Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen, secretary and treasurer; Mr. M. Schnibben, foreman; Mr. Henry T. Duls, assistant foreman, and Mr. H. L. Vollers, second assistant foreman. May it live long and prosper was the sincere wish of every one present last night.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Mr. Ed. Craft's little advertisement in the STAR brought him his lost dog.

— The demand for criminal lawyers just now seems greater than the supply.

— Only three unimportant cases were disposed of in the Mayor's court yesterday.

— The Sneed Co. announce some between-season prices in this issue of the STAR.

— The "Globe Saloon," 22 Market street, has issued a handsome calendar for the year 1903, a copy of which the STAR is in receipt.

— It looks like there's going to be a head-on collision between the wit nesses for the prosecution and those for the defence in the Haywood case

— The Court House clock ceased operations yesterday at 2:15 P. M. Mr. G. C. Simmons, the keeper, says he is giving the public timepiece a good overhauling and it will be in A1 condition in a few days.

— The next popular priced attraction that the Academy of Music will offer will be the Peyton Sisters' Comedy Company the entire week of March 9th. This company is an exceedingly strong one and plays only the cities.

— Parties who have had opportunity to know whereof they speak, say the Federal Point road is in very bad condition; in fact almost impassable with safety. They urgently request that the authorities do something to remedy the condition.

The Epicurean Club.

Last evening, at the residence of Mrs. S. H. Burtt, the Epicurean Club gave a "Happy Hooligan party." Delicious refreshments were served During the evening many vocal and instrumental solos were rendered by members of the club, and all had a general good time.

Ridgeway Concert Co.

The Ridgeway Concert Company appeared to a large and well pleased audience in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last evening, the attraction being the sixth in the the Star Course. Miss Ridgeway, the leading lady, is one of much versatility and talent and delighted her hearers in a marked degree.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sneed Co.—Furniture.
Academy—"Hello Bill."
J. H. Hardin—Sick room comfort.
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.
N. C. Home Building As'n—Report.

THE RALEIGH KILLING

John Chick Denies the Statement That He Said He Saw No Altercation.

NO OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

Seven Prominent Attorneys Will Defend Haywood—The Prosecution Will Not Have Local Counsel—Other Developments in the Case.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.—John Chick says the statement sent out in the press dispatches last night that he saw the shooting of Ludlow Skinner by Ernest Haywood and there was no altercation and no blows passed is absolutely without foundation. He says he knew neither of the men by sight; that he passed into the postoffice and while in the lobby shots were fired. He only saw Skinner fall and Haywood have the pistol in his hand. He couldn't say there was no fight.

There has been no notable developments to-day. No local counsel has been engaged for the prosecution. Hon. J. E. Woodard, of Wilson, will be chief of the prosecution counsel. Others are not announced.

Counsel for the defence are T. M. Argo, Jas. H. Pou, W. H. Day, J. C. L Harris, W. N. Jones, J. N. Holding and W. C. Douglass.

Many local attorneys decline to prosecute Haywood because of intimate association with him heretofore.

The Raleigh *News and Observer* of yesterday morning says:

Mr. Armistead Jones, solicitor of the district, will not prosecute Mr. Haywood. He did not attend the coroner's inquest, but requested Mr. B. M. Gatling to do so. Asked last night about the truth of the report that he would not undertake the prosecution, Mr. Jones said: "Yes, it is true. I have thought it all out and decided that I cannot prosecute him. For years we have been intimately associated in practice, in many cases almost like partners, and I just could not prosecute him. Besides, he is a cousin of my wife.

Judge Henry R Bryan, who would naturally be the Superior Court judge to try the case, is an uncle of the wife of the dead man. It will therefore be necessary to have another judge to preside when the case is called on the 22nd of March, unless there shall be a continuance.

THE COMPULSORY PILOTAGE LAW.

New Bill Introduced by Morton—Lobbyists on Their Way to Raleigh.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.—Representative Morton, of New Hanover, in the House to-day introduced a bill to regulate the pilotage rates on the Cape Fear river by reducing the pilotage charges on licensed coastwise vessels to 12½ cents per ton, and making it a misdemeanor punishable by $100 fine for any tug boat or tow boat to discriminate between licensed and unlicensed vessels in towage fees.

This, Morton claims, will put Wilmington on a par with Norfolk. There the pilot's fee is 10 cents per ton, but the greater distance up the Cape Fear, Morton says, justifies the extra 2½ cents per ton charges.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce bill, revising the entire system at Wilmington, is expected to come up in the Senate to-morrow. A number of Wilmington people are expected to-night to work for and against both the bills now pending.

The news that Representative Morton had introduced a bill in the House regulating pilotage was unexpected by the pilots here yesterday, but they soon had private information that "something was doing" besides the Chamber of Commerce bill and Messrs. George Harriss, E G. Parmele and Captain S. F. Craig left at once last night for Raleigh, presumably to oppose the bill. Messrs. M S. Willard, J. A. Arringdale and R. A. Parsley left to champion the Chamber of Commerce measure in the Senate.

PRETTY LITTLE GERMAN.

Informal Dance Given Last Night in Hibernian Hall by Young Men.

A number of young men of the city delightfully entertained their lady friends last night at a pretty german in Hibernian Hall, which was decorated for the occasion. Mr. Paul Cantwell led in most approved manner and unique little souvenirs of the last of the before-Lent dances were given. The couples dancing were as follows:

Miss Margaret Ashe, Mr. A. D Daniels; Miss Daisy Burbank, Mr. Meares Harriss; Miss Margaret Walker, Mr. Ernest Peschau; Miss Louise Bellamy, Mr. M. S. Wever; Miss Stewart, of Louisville, Ky., Mr. Richard Meares; Miss Beulah Armstrong, Mr. Norwood Giles; Miss Theo. Cantwell, Mr. Norwood Huske; Miss Nellie Durham, Mr. Clarence Myers; Miss Bessie Gore, Mr. W. A. Holley; Miss Etta Furpless, Mr. Fred Furpless; Miss Lenoro Cantwell, Mr. Paul Cantwell.

Stags—Messrs. F. G. Harriss, Zach Bell, Pierre Holmes, Willie Peck, Dr. Foster, Ben Parmele and James Gause.

Pilotage.

Compulsory pilotage is a necessity. It is just as compulsory to the pilot to stay at his post as to the vessel that pays it. This tax is levied at every Southern port and to keep up a proper system of pilotage it must be compulsory, or else we will have *pirates*. If pilotage is abolished insurance rates must increase, as our bars and river channels are always shifting, hence experts are required. They were licensed by the State in good faith. Our city does not lose or pay one penny of this necessary tax, but nearly every dollar of it is spent here.

REVENUE MEASURE.

Legislators at Raleigh Are Busy With the Act to Provide State Funds.

IN THE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

Many Sections of the Bill Passed and Others Objected To—Tax on Incomes, Undertakers and Horse Dealers—Other Notes.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.—The House spent a good portion of to-day's session in committee of the whole, considering the Revenue bill, beginning with the tenth section, the preceding ones having been adopted. A large number of sections were quickly disposed of, there being no amendments.

Section 31, prescribing license tax on physicians, lawyers, etc., evoked a lengthy discussion, the opposition urging the exemption of country physicians. The section was, however, finally adopted without change.

Section 34, prescribing a uniform tax of $25 on undertakers, was pronounced by some members unjust. After some argument the section was passed over for the present.

Section 35, imposing a tax of $15 on horse traders, was amended to $25.

No action was taken on sections 22 or 23, providing the tax on incomes.

The House passed the bill by Guion, to place the mental anguish doctrine, as recognized by the Supreme Court, on the statute books.

Among the bills introduced was one by Hinton for the relief of T. P. Wilcox, ex-sheriff of Pasquotank.

Section 31 of the Revenue Act referred to above is as follows, the changes from present laws being printed in italics:

"On each and every practicing lawyer, practicing physician, dentist, oculist, *photographer*, optician, *osteopath or any person practicing any pretended art of healing for fee or reward*, the sum of $5: Provided, that no city, town or county shall levy any additional license tax on lawyers, physicians, dentists, oculists or opticians."

The present tax on horse dealers is $25, but the committee had recommended a reduction to $15. The reduction was not sustained.

Sections 22 and 23, providing the tax on incomes, upon which no action was taken, are entirely new in their text as follows:

"SEC. 22—The taxpayer shall list his income for the year ending June 1st from any and all sources in excess of $1,000.

"SEC. 23—The blank for listing taxes shall contain the following questions: 'Was your gross income from salaries, fees, trade, profession and property not taxed, any or all of them, for the year ending June 1st, in excess of $1,000?' 'If so, what was that excess?'"

Section 34 prescribing a uniform tax of $25 on undertakers, which was passed over for the present is as follows:

"SEC. 34—An annual license tax of $25 shall be collected from the following: For collecting accounts, bills, notes or money from one person in favor of another, as a regular organized collecting agency, undertakers, and every dealer in second-hand clothing."

TREMENDOUS SAILING VESSEL.

Schooner Sagamore is a "Whopper." News of the Shipping.

The big four-masted schooner *Sagamore*, of 1,320 tons burthen, arrived yesterday from Boston and will receive a cargo of cross-ties from Flynn & Co. Marine people say the *Sagamore* is the largest schooner that ever came to this port for a cargo. She is built of steel, 219 feet long, 43 feet wide and 20½ feet depth of hold. She will carry about 25,000 cross-ties. Capt. F. P. Sanford is the clever master in charge.

The schooner *Major Pickands*, 875 tons, Capt. C. W. Holden, arrived yesterday and will receive a cargo of cross-ties from the Hall Tie and Lumber Co. The *Pickands* comes from Boston and will return to that port with her cargo, where the Hall Tie and Lumber Co. has large contracts with one of the leading railroad lines in the country.

The schooner *Albert T. Stearnes*, Capt. Bunker, cleared yesterday with a cargo of lumber consigned by the Cape Fear Lumber Co. to parties in New York. Capt. Bunker is one of the most popular vessel masters who comes to this port, and made many new friends on this trip.

The schooner *Charles C. Lister*, Capt. Moore, arrived yesterday from Carteret, N. J., with a cargo of fertilizers, which is being discharged in the Wilmington Compress warehouses.

The Clyde liner *Carib* passed out yesterday afternoon for her regular trip to New York, having been delayed by the storm. The steamer *Geo. W. Clyde* arrived during the day on the regular schedule.

Goes With Hugh MacRae & Co.

Mr. Frederick D. Bolles, one of the most popular young men in the city, has resigned his clerkship at the Murchison National Bank and will enter the banking house of Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co. in Wilmington. Later Mr. Bolles will be transferred to the branch offices of Messrs. MacRae & Co. in Washington, D. C., and will be located there permanently. His numerous friends here regret his contemplated departure, but with one accord will wish him unbounded success in his new field.

First Church of Christ, Scientists, Murchison bank building on Chesnut street: Services this evening at 8 o'clock. All are invited.

THE SCHOOL FUND.

Senator London introduced Resolution Pledging Faith of the Legislature to $100,000.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

Opposition Contended It Would Commit Assembly to Bond Issue—Old Law Desired to Be Reinstated With Slight Amendments.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.—When the Senate convened this morning London introduced a joint resolution reciting the fact that a deficit in the Treasury makes it impossible for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to give any assurance to county school authorities as to when, if at all, this money will be available, and that many schools must soon close down if something definite is not known.

The resolution then authorizes the Superintendent to notify the county officers that the good faith of the Legislature is pledged for the payment of the $100,000. London asked that the resolution be put on its immediate passage, saying Gov. Aycock was anxious that this be done.

The opposition contended that this would commit the Legislature to a bond issue and insisted that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The resolution was referred by a good majority vote.

Henderson introduced a bill for reenacting the old school law with some changes, the most notable being that county school boards be appointed by the Legislature.

White introduced a bill to establish a library and school house fund.

The Senate voted down the committee substitute to the London bill but took no action as to pending amendments to the Watts bill.

The Senate at the night session passed the joint resolution introduced in the morning and referred to the Appropriation Committee, providing that the good faith of the Legislature be pledged to the payment of the second $100,000 for public schools. This practically pledges the Legislature to a bond issue if it passes the House.

The resolution, however, encountered a snag in the lower branch of the Assembly, the same having been sent up immediately at last night's session. The House refused by a vote of 38 to 34 to put the resolution on its immediate passage and it was referred to the Committee on Education.

In the House to-night the following notable bills were passed: An act to incorporate the City of Washington, N. C.; to incorporate the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Company. A great number of local bills were passed.

PRETTY WEDDING LAST EVENING.

Miss Pearl Montgomery Became the Bride of Mr. Robt. L. Presson.

Last night at the residence of Capt. James Loughlin, No. 110 Castle street, a pretty wedding ceremony united in marriage Miss Pearl Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Montgomery, of Point Caswell, and Mr. Robert L. Presson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Presson, of this city. The ceremony was performed in a most pleasing manner by Rev. Congdon W. Trawick, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, and a number of young friends of the popular couple were present to extend happiest congratulations upon the consummation of the event. Mr. and Mrs. Presson will reside in this city.

At the ceremony last evening Miss Bessie Presson, sister of the groom, was maid of honor and Mr. S. F. Garrison was best man. The parlors of the home were attractively decorated with palms, ferns and potted plants. Mr. W. H. Montgomery, brother of the bride, is a son-in-law of Capt. Loughlin and for that reason the ceremony was celebrated there.

The bride is a young lady much loved and admired in a wide circle of friends and the groom is a young man of sterling business qualities. He is a member of Col. Walker Taylor's Boys Brigade and many of his comrades were present to witness the happy event in his life.

Married in Pennsylvania

It is announced that on Sunday night at the home of the bride in Bethlehem, Pa., Miss Lilly M. Heller, formerly head nurse at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, this city, was quietly married in the presence of a few friends to Dr. Thos. R. Little, of Richmond county, who was superintendent of the hospital until a few months ago. Dr. and Mrs. Little, it is said, will make their home in Greensboro, N. C., where Dr. Little is a member of the firm of Beall & Little, physicians and surgeons.

Married Last Night

At the residence of Justice G. W. Bornemann last night at 8 o'clock Miss Mattie L. Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses E. Coleman and Mr. C. McD. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Jones, were quietly married in the presence of a few friends. Justice Bornemann performed the ceremony in his happiest manner. The couple will make their home in Wilmington.

Blizzard Gave Bond.

Bond was yesterday furnished in the sum of $100 for A. D. Blizzard, the young white man bound over by the Mayor to Superior Court Monday for the alleged burglary of two or more houses, and he was discharged from custody. Mr. A. O. McEachern, by whom Blizzard's brother is employed, became surety for the prisoner in the amount named.

WATTS BILL IS LAW.

Passed the Senate Last Night Exactly As It Was Adopted by the House.

INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1ST.

Many Amendments, But All of Them Were Lost—Prohibits the Manufacture and Sale of Liquor Outside of Incorporated Towns—Notes.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.—The Senate to-night passed the Watts whiskey bill just as it passed the House. The amendments adopted this morning were reconsidered and all others including twenty-five, providing that the act not apply to certain counties unless ratified by the majority of the qualified voters, were voted down so as to avert the necessity of a conference committee and the possibility of the working temperance legislation. The vote was 14 to 27 and three pairs. The act will go in effect July 1st.

The Watts bill as now passed by the House and Senate makes the following provisions:

1. Prohibition of, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors outside of incorporated towns and cities, with the following exceptions:

(a) Druggists may sell upon written prescription of a legally qualified physician.

(b) Wine or cider manufactured from grapes or fruit, grown on land of the manufacturer or purchased by him from growers, may be sold in any quantity and drunk on the premises. If the grapes or fruit were grown on the manufacturer's lands, he must sell in quantities of not less than one gallon, and there must be no drinking on the premises.

(c) Brandy manufactured from fruit or grapes may be sold in original packages of not less than five gallons.

II. Elections in towns and cities on the question of Saloons, Distilleries, Dispensaries and Prohibition, upon petition of one-third of qualified voters, at any time not within ninety days of a municipal or State or general election.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.—The Senate devoted two hours to the consideration of liquor legislation during the morning session to-day. Henderson offered the Watts bill as it had passed the House as a substitute for the London bill. A rambling discussion followed during which amendments were ordered, fixing the minimum population of towns in which whiskey shall be manufactured or sold at 300; prescribing that the place of delivery shall be construed to be the place of sale—this to prevent the shipment of liquor into prohibited territory—and allowing the manufacture of wine and sale in gallon lots in the country when license is procured.

Many amendments were offered to except counties until ratified by votes of the people including one by Bellamy to except New Hanover and Brunswick.

Further consideration of the bill was deferred until night.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. L. Tyndall, a prominent citizen of Clinton, is in the city on a business and pleasure trip.

— Mr. Henry Walters, of New York, arrived yesterday morning and will spend a few days at "Airlie."

— Fayetteville *Observer*, 24th: "Miss Sallie McRee, of Wilmington, is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Herbert Lutterloh."

— Mr. Thomas C. DeRosset, representing H. B. Claflin & Co., New York, arrived in the city yesterday to spend a few days with friends.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. P. O'Keef, who have been residents of Wilmington during the past year, will leave next month for Evansville, Ind., where Mr. O'Keef becomes general State agent of the Home Life Insurance Co. He has been with the company for some time and the transfer is in the nature of a promotion.

IMPORTANT FOR FAYETTEVILLE.

Railroad to Connect With the Wilmington Steamboat Line on the Cape Fear.

[*Fayetteville Observer, 24th.*]

Yesterday Mr. Bullard introduced in the House a bill to incorporate the Cumberland Railroad Company.

The object of this corporation is to build a road from Fayetteville, beginning at the wharfs in Campbellton, running by the mills of the Holt-Morgan villages, via Hope Mills, to connect with Mr. John Blue's Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad, which is now within twelve miles of Fayetteville. As Mr. Blue's road connects with the Seaboard Air Line at Aberdeen, the importance of this enterprise to Fayetteville can be readily seen.

It is intended also to run a car line from the wharfs and terminal of the Cumberland Railroad Company to the proposed up-town warehouse of the Fayetteville & Wilmington Steamboat Company, which is to be erected on the corner of Donaldson and Franklin streets.

The Hermit Lunatic.

Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cox will leave this morning, taking with him to the Goldsboro asylum for colored persons, the negro James Williams, who created some interest a week ago by camping alone in the woods in Federal Point township. The negro by his strange actions and primitive method of living attracted the attention of the authorities and after being examined, he was adjudged a fit subject for the Goldsboro hospital. He has been held in jail here pending arrangements for his entrance into that institution.

— Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville *Observer* says: "The *City of Fayetteville* cleared for Wilmington this morning."

TO THE PUBLIC!

Having had a total loss by fire, of my entire stock of goods on the morning of February 11th, and the destruction of the building as well, I have opened my office at No. 113 North Front street, formerly occupied by The Murchison National Bank. Desirous of adjusting all my claims, I'll ask those indebted to me for the prompt payment of their accounts. This is absolutely necessary in order that I may again resume business. Thanking a generous public for past patronage, I am respectfully,

A. D. BROWN.

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FURNITURE.

BETWEEN SEASON PRICES:

LOOK! LOOK!! LOOK!!!

PRICES FOR FIFTEEN DAYS.

Iron Beds for	$3.50
Oak Low Seat Rocker for	1.75
Ten-piece Toilet Sets for	2.49
Three-piece Tin Sets for	1.99
Nice Oak Center Table	1.25
Oak Cane Seat Dining Chairs	.75
This is the paralyzer: Oak Bedroom Suit with French Plate Glass	13.50

Everything else in proportion. Come early and get first choice.

THE SNEED CO.,
Agents for Wheeler & Wilson Machines,
Corner Second and Market streets.
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The Cheapest Furniture Store in North Carolina.

A title proved by four years ever increasing business with an endless chain of satisfied customers.

Special sale for the week.

$14.50 Sideboard for	$12.50	$40 00 Sideboards for	$37.50
15.00 " "	13.50	50.00 " "	40.00
18.50 " "	15.50	60.00 " "	55.00
22.50 " "	21.00	40.00 Buffett "	37.50
25.00 " "	22.50	50.00 " "	45.00

In quartered Golden Oak and genuine Mahogany. As the spot cash price is marked in plain figures on all my goods you can see that these special prices are not "catches" but genuine reductions.

Liberal terms to the right people—Goods hauled, packed, shipped and stored by competent workmen at moderate prices. Special department for Upholstering, Repairing, Mattress Making and Renovating. Hair Mattresses picked and cleaned by machinery.

N. F. PARKER,
Furniture and Furniture Novelties, 111 Market Street.
Bell 'Phone 613. feb 15 tf Inter-State 431

Our Dollar Window

Has been attracting many new customers lately, as well as our "stunning" attractions in

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Make yourself glad by seeing our lines before you buy.

Mercer & Evans Co.,
feb 22 tf 115 Princess Street.

JUST IN

Until sold we have on hand, arrived to-day,

770 Bags Choice Virginia Water Ground Meal.

No better Meal made, and guaranteed in every particular.

THE F. E. HASHAGEN CO.,
Wholesale Grocers
'Phone 447. No. 410 to 420 North Water St.
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Please Remember

That money deposited with us on or before Monday, March 2nd, will bear 4 per cent. from March 1.

We respectfully solicit your Savings Bank account.

The People's Savings Bank,
Opposite the Postoffice.
H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.
feb 24 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.

"HELLO BILL" SATURDAY.

Popular Farce Comedy Will Be Seen Here Matinee and Night.

Saturday the Academy will offer the popular farce comedy success "Hello Bill" at two performances—matinee and night. The admission for the latter, which will be given expressly for the benefit of the ladies and children will be reduced to 25 and 50 cents.

Farce comedy, in the true sense of the word, does not imply the grotesque, the peroxide soubrette, the flannel-mouthed Irish moke and the rag-time melody, such as is nowadays dished up to a long suffering public and labeled as farcical comedy; farce comedy in the true sense of the term is a comic play in which the fun arises from the humor attached to the lines and situations, where the fun is of the honest and spontaneous type, and not dragged in from the burlesque and variety stage. Such a farcial comedy is "Hello Bill."

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