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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

British officials in West Africa are making strenuous efforts to compete with the United States in growing cotton. — The naval appropriation bill as reported to the Senate provides for construction of two first class battleships and two first class armored cruisers. — R. J. Gaillard, inventor of the Gaillard gun, died suddenly in New York, aged 88 years. — The Senate yesterday had under consideration the Sunday Civil bill; a protest was presented against passing it. — In the House Jas. J. Butler, of Missouri, was unseated and Geo. C. R. Wagner was seated in his place. — Fire at the town of Peaks, S. C., destroyed \$30,000 worth of property. — Mr. Cornelia Cole, former wife of Senator Cole, was unanimously re-elected president of the Daughters of the American Revolution. — Albert Knappa, arrested at Indianapolis, confessed to five murders; the victims all women and two of them his wives. — It is generally believed that a merger or consolidation of the "Frisco, Rock Island and Southern roads is contemplated. — The Collier Alexander has been re-elected to port at Bermuda. — Ten masked robbers raided a residence near Toledo, O., and after brutally beating and robbing the inmates, robbed the house of money and jewelry. — New York markets: Money on call rather firm at 3 1/2 per cent; cotton steady at 10.05; flour weakly but wheat steady in the absence of buyers; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 81 1/2; corn—spot firm, No. 2 60; oats steady at 33; soy beans 24; rice firm; strained common to good \$3.30; spirits turpentine firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 26. Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.: Temperatures: 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 9 P. M., 51 degrees; maximum, 60 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 47 degrees. Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since last of month to date, 3.05 inches.

Forecast for To-day. WILMINGTON, Feb. 26.—For North Carolina: Rain Friday; fresh to brisk northeast winds; Saturday, rain, colder in interior.

Port Almanac—February 27. Sea Bises, 6.37 A. M. Sea Sets, 5.51 P. M. Day's Length, 11 H. 11 M. High Water at Southport, 8.03 P. M. High Water Wilmington, 10.32 P. M.

Real estate is on the raise in Guam. A succession of earthquakes recently raised the level of the whole ballwick six inches.

Washington Post: "The George Washington jokes were worse than usual this year." Yes, we tried to imitate one, but it spoiled before we could hatchet out.

Mr. Roosevelt has a fine opportunity to open "the door of opportunity" to some sprightly negro by putting him in Mr. Cortelyou's place as his private secretary.

A Kansas colon wants a law passed punishing with death a man who instigates a lynching. Generally speaking, that's what happens to the fellow who instigates a lynching down in these parts.

It is very thoughtful in the War Department to issue the new "riot cartridges" to the States. We will have a few in our vest pocket when negro Jim Hayes comes here with his sword and torch.

"Within a week or two now we shall have reports of the annual Spring floods," says the Savannah News. What are they when compared with the visitations of the annual Spring poets?

A Boston preacher who preached last Sunday on the harmful influence of the millionaire made a hit with his congregation because he didn't hit any of them.

A Georgia story writer says President Roosevelt is one of the best friends of the Southern people and of the South that he has ever known. But he has a very queer way of showing it.

Porto Rico must be a daisy dwelling place for a lazy man. The laborer earns about 15 cents a day, but things are so cheap there that he can support a family by working two days in the week.

Rev. H. P. Johnston, negro, of Camden, N. J., who got \$500 (he wanted \$10,000) from the Pullman Company, damages for refusing to serve him breakfast in his dining car, did better than if he got his breakfast. This pull from the Pullman may encourage him to travel and get hungry often.

TO REVISE THE CODE.

Three Commissioners for That Purpose Chosen by Democratic Caucus.
AT SALARY OF \$2,000 EACH.

Ex-Judge T. B. Womack, Prof. N. Y. Gully and Col. W. B. Rodman the Nominees.
M. O. Sherrell State Librarian.
No Revision Since 1883.

[Special Star Telegram.]
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—The Democratic caucus to-night nominated Ex-Judge T. B. Womack, of Raleigh; N. Y. Gully, professor of law at Wake Forest, and Col. W. B. Rodman, of Washington, N. C., as members of the commission of three to codify the laws of the State. When the caucus first met motion was made and lost that the naming of the members of the commission be left to the Governor. Nominating speeches were limited to one minute each.

There were 20 nominations and the first ballot resulted as follows: L. L. Smith, of Gates, 33; J. E. Hendon, son of Salisbury, 38; A. J. Burton, of Rockingham, 15; A. E. Henderson, of Caswell, 10; W. B. Rodman, of Washington, 18; Jas. W. Hunsdale, of Raleigh, 34; Eugene S. Martin, of New Hanover, 5; A. W. Graham, of Oxford, 40; N. Y. Gully, of Wake Forest, 49; J. Crawford Biggs, of Durham, 38; T. J. Jerome, of Monroe, 10; O. S. Moore, of Asheville, 4; L. B. Blow, of Pitt, 20; E. E. Epper, of Davidson, 18; W. E. Moore, of Jacksonville, 4; T. E. Womack, of Raleigh, 40; W. C. Munroe, of Goldsboro, 1; W. J. Adams, of Moore, 6; W. B. Shaw, of Vance, 5; J. F. Ray, of Orange, 4; S. F. Morehead, of Raleigh, 11; Swift Galloway, of Greens, 4; B. E. Westcott, of Hertford, 3; Jacob Battle, of Edgecombe, 1; J. C. McRea, of Orange, 3; D. D. Hackett, of Wilkes, 5; W. C. Newland, of Caldwell, 1; Theo. Davidson, of Broomfield, 1.

There were five ballots, N. Y. Gully being nominated with 80 votes on the second; T. B. Womack, with 66 on the third; W. E. Moore, R. Rodman, with 55 on the fifth. By the fourth ballot all nominees had dropped out except Rodman, 52; Galloway, 40; Smith, 5; Hunsdale, 3; Biggs, 14, and E. S. Martin, 1. Parker, drew Judge Graham's name and the fifth ballot resulted: Rodman, 85; Biggs, 19; Galloway, 10; Hunsdale, 2; Parker, 1; E. S. Martin, 1. E. S. Martin received 3 votes on the second ballot and two on the third.

The commission will elect a clerk at \$75 per month and each commissioner will receive \$2,000 for making the codification.

The caucus nominated M. O. Sherrell for re-election as State Librarian. The names of the Code Commission members selected to-night will be inserted in the bill now before the Senate providing for a commission to revise the Code of North Carolina, the last revision having been made in 1883 by Messrs. William T. Dortch, John Manning and John S. Henderson.

LOCAL DOTS.

The committee on pictorials is headed this way. It reported at Maxton Wednesday.

Messrs. Brooks & Taylor are moving into their handsome new store recently completed on the wharf, nearly opposite the Willard Bag & Mfg. Co.'s factory, on South Water street.

State Councillor Hood, of the Jr. O. U. A. M. has appointed Mr. William J. Bellamy, of Jeff Davis Council, this city, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the order in North Carolina.

Messrs. H. E. King, T. E. Grafton and A. J. Martin have arrived from Hamlet to open an office here for the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. The office will probably be in the Masonic Temple.

The offices of Messrs. Hugh MacRae & Co., and the C. E. L. & P. Co. on the first floor of the MacRae building, next north of the Masonic Temple, are being enlarged by the burning of private office apartments in the rear.

Southport Standard: "From reliable authority it is learned that considerable building will be done at Fort Caswell in the near future. An administration building, guard house, and hospital barracks are to be erected. A building to replace the one recently burned is also to be erected."

The W. C. T. U. requests all members who have affiliated with the organization during the past 21 years to be present at the memorial meeting in the lecture room of the First Baptist church to-night, a programme of which was printed in yesterday's STAR.

Shifting Engine Jumped.
Atlantic Coast Line shifting engine No. 100 jumped the dummy track back of Front street market house yesterday and ploughed its way for some distance in the ground. Another shifter was brought out and the disabled engine pulled back on the track with much difficulty.

Anti-Saloon League.
The STAR is requested to call attention to the meeting of the Anti-Saloon League in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at 8 o'clock to-night. The meeting is for men only and a full attendance is desired as important matters will come up for transaction.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Chas. Anderson & Co.—The Only Restaurant.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Household convenience.
BUSINESS LOCALS.
Book-keeper—Position wanted.

THE RIVER TRAFFIC.

Sixth Annual Meeting Yesterday of Merchants' and Farmers' Steamboat Company.
UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT.

In Future All Lines, Except City of Fayetteville, Will Be Operated Conjointly—New Light Draught Steamer Being Built Here—Notes.

The sixth annual meeting of the Merchants' and Farmers' Steamboat Company was held at the general offices in this city upon the arrival of the steamer Highlander yesterday. Mr. Oliver Evans, of Fayetteville, president, and Mr. T. D. Love, of Wilmington, secretary and treasurer and general manager of the company, were the officers present.

The general discussion of the business of the past year, which was entirely satisfactory, was indulged in and all the old officers were re-elected unanimously. The company operates the steamer Highlander between Wilmington and Fayetteville and a new boat in process of construction a new boat of light draught and good freight capacity to be known as the Tar Heel. She is being built near foot of Chesnut street and will be admirably adapted to the Cape Fear traffic.

One of the most important announcements as a result of the meeting yesterday was that the steamers Hurl and Highlander and E. A. Hayes and Tar Heel will continue to be operated under one management, notwithstanding the withdrawal of the City of Fayetteville, against which the Merchants' and Farmers' and Cape Fear Steamboat companies most emphatically claim there was no discrimination.

Mr. T. D. Love will be general freight agent here of the Hurl, Highlander, Tar Heel and Hayes, the latter being employed on the North-east and Black river lines, and Col. W. S. Cook will be general freight agent for the steamers at Fayetteville.

Mr. James Madden, who was formerly general agent here for the Hurl and Hayes, becomes chief clerk to General Manager Love.

All the steamers land at Mr. Love's wharf, nearly opposite the rear of the Front street market house, though the company still retains possession of the wharf, next south of the foot of Chesnut street. The new arrangement promises exceedingly well. Schedules will be strictly adhered to as far as possible and the freight office will remain open until 4 P. M. of each steamer day.

"Let Everybody Subscribe."
Nordica and the Duss Metropolitan Opera House Orchestra, a company of more than 120 people, will be due to come to Wilmington on May 20.

Ground will be broken the first of next week for the handsome club building which the Howard Relief Company will erect on the northeast corner of Front and Orange streets. A description of the proposed club house was printed in these columns several months ago when bids were first invited for the work. It is sufficient now to say that the building will be a great credit to the city and the popular organization which will own it. It will be modern in every particular and will have every appointment of a model club building for social and business purposes.

Hospital Ambulance Fund.
The STAR yesterday turned over to the Ministering Circle of Wilmington amounts on hand to the credit of those contributors to the hospital ambulance fund, who have thus far signified that they desired the amounts to be dispersed in that way. The Ministering Circle is still at work upon the fund and desires every encouragement.

Some Fine Street Work.
Like all the work he has done for the city during his administration, Superintendent Woolard is making a neat and substantial job of the macadam on Grace, between Front and Second streets. Superintendent Woolard has built a long line of splendid macadam for the city, but none will be better than the block on Grace street. The Columbia crushed rock is excellent for the work.

Greensboro Telegram: "If there is any sort of annual meeting that Wilmington isn't going to get the coming summer, we haven't heard of it. One of the latest is the Teachers' Assembly." Yes, Bobbie, and "there's always room for one more."

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Many Bills of Minor Consequence Introduced, Reported and Passed Yesterday.

RESORT HOTELS EXEMPTED.
House Adopts Measure Allowing Liquor to Be Sold at Beaches—Change of Robeson's County Seat—Money for the Public Schools.

[Special Star Telegram.]
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—In the Senate to-day a bill to create a fund for the building and improving of public school houses in North Carolina passed second reading and was made the special order for 1 o'clock tomorrow for third reading. It provides that the proceeds from the sale of State swamp lands, now amounting to \$200,000, be made a permanent fund to be loaned to school districts at 4 per cent, one-tenth of the principal to be paid back each year.

A bill also passed, authorizing the sale of the steamer Lilly and the purchase of gas boats. Among bills introduced were: McBrdy (by request), to provide an election in Robeson county on moving the county seat from Lumberton to Pembroke. The bill is accompanied by petitions from 2,000 voters.

Mitchell, to incorporate the Ohwan and Anderson B. Co. The Senate Committee on Finance made a favorable report on the bill appropriating \$25,000 for erecting a hall of records at corner of Wilmington and Morgan streets.

In the House, Nissen introduced a bill to incorporate Williams, Yadkin county, the purpose being to avert the necessity of an old rice whiskey distillery moving away to some incorporated town under the operation of the Waite bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of whiskey in the country.

Other bills introduced were: Erwin, to incorporate the Trans-Appalachian Building Co.; Morton, resolution to print 5,000 copies of the Waite bill for distribution by members of the General Assembly.

Britt, to incorporate Parker's High School, Robeson county. Thompson, to prevent falling trees in streams of Onslow county. Walker, to amend the act in relation to servants or wage earners to secure employment by misrepresentations.

Parker, to provide for stock law election in Wayne. Parker, to provide for an election in Wayne to determine upon the manufacture of liquor in that county.

Carroll, to fix the time for holding court in Duplin. Among the bills passed by the House were: To incorporate the Home Savings Bank of Durham; to incorporate the Durham Loan and Trust Co.; to repeal an amendment to the charter of Carolina and Northern R. R. Co.; to permit the sale of liquor at resort hotels in New Hanover county; to incorporate Scotland village, Scotland county; for the improvement of highways in Robeson county.

GOVERNOR BOB TAYLOR.
"Every Hearty Lamb, a Halloo!; Every Seag, the Wings of a Seal!"

The coming of Governor Bob Taylor to the Y. M. C. A. auditorium on Tuesday evening is certain to attract one of the largest audiences of the season. It has been said of him that he has scattered more sunshine and created more laughter among the amusement-loving people than any man who has graced the platform within the memory of the present generation, his ideal being to hold up the mirror to human nature, and to light the temples of thought with winds of fun; and as he has said himself, "Music is the wine of the soul and there is a melody in every sunbeam, a sunbeam in every melody."

The New York World editorially says of Governor Taylor: "Whether with mouth or riddle, Ex-Gov. Robert C. Taylor, of Tennessee, is easily one of the most accomplished performers of the world in the art of making the most of the worst situations and a Patrick Henry among fiddlers, the ex-Governor is undoubtedly the most admirable product of the moonshiner regions of his admirable State. * * * Whether a fiddler, orator, or patriot, he is an unequalled success, and a credit to the country of which his native moonlight mountains form so picturesque a part." To-day is the last upon which tickets may be secured at the reduced rate—75 cents. To-morrow the box seats open at DeRosset's. By securing seats to-day 25 per cent. will be saved.

NEWS OF THE LOCAL SHIPPING.
Tug Blanche Disabled—Steamer Garlanda Here from Newport News—Notes.
The Clyde steamer Geo. W. Clyde arrived at 7:30 o'clock last evening from her regular trip to Georgetown and will leave to-morrow for New York.

The schooner E. W. Hopkins, Capt. Hitchcock, arrived yesterday from New York and will receive a cargo of cross-ties from Keith & Company.

The British steamer Garlanda, 1,360 tons, Capt. Doherty, arrived yesterday from Newport News and will receive a cargo of veneering timber from the Acme Tea Chest Co. The Garlanda recently went ashore off Hatteras while proceeding to Wilmington and had to return to Newport News to go in dry dock for slight repairs.

While proceeding inside the bar at the mouth of the river with the schooner E. W. Hopkins yesterday the tug Blanche was disabled by a leak springing in one of her boilers. The schooner was anchored and the tug Jones went out and brought her in. The Blanche came up to the city with the Jones last night and will be tied up for repairs a day or two.

PILOT LAWS INTACT.

Chamber of Commerce Bill for Revision Defeated in the Senate Yesterday.

THE VOTE WAS 29 TO 11.

[Special Star Telegram.]
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—Both the House and Senate passed a great number of local bills to-day. The bill to amend and revise the pilotage laws at the port of Wilmington came up as unfinished business this morning.

Senator Mitchell, of Bertie, made an eloquent and powerful speech for the bill, pleading that Wilmington, North Carolina's only seaport, had from this standpoint placed on an equal footing with Norfolk and Savannah.

Senator Woodard, of Wilson, spoke against the bill, Mr. Hicks, of Granville, following with a speech for the bill, declaring Wilmington's commerce, North Carolina's seaport and State's railroad routes should be relieved of arbitrary monopoly of a few organized pilots.

Lamb, of Cumberland, sent up to the clerk and had read a letter from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce endorsing the bill. However, he said he had investigated the subject and would oppose the bill. On motion of Bellamy, the bill was tabled by a vote of 29 to 11.

It is announced that Morton's pilotage bill will have a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on Saturday afternoon.

Referring to the discussion of the pilotage bill in the Senate Wednesday, yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer says: "The majority of the bill proposing to repeal the compulsory pilotage laws at Wilmington. The Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington and some of its merchants say that the system in vogue hurts the commercial growth of the city, while the pilots say that it is all right, it is only what it is, and they will oppose the bill."

Senator Bellamy opposed the bill, which has a number of unfavorable reports from the Judiciary Committee, a minority report favoring it. He described the conditions, held that the pilots were right in their contention and that at the bottom of the matter were two trusts.

Senator Brown favored the repeal and declared that it ought to pass, that it removed hardships from shippers, that it lowered rates and that it would repeal an amendment to the charter of Carolina and Northern R. R. Co.; to permit the sale of liquor at resort hotels in New Hanover county; to incorporate Scotland village, Scotland county; for the improvement of highways in Robeson county.

Senator Travis aided Senator Bellamy and spoke against the bill. Senator Bellamy asked him if he was not interested in the lumber business. To this Mr. Brown replied vigorously saying that he was, to a small extent, but that because of this he was not urging the bill, but simply because it was right.

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The capstone of oratory was put on by Senator Wellborn (Rep.), of Ashe. He talked patriotism, told of the days of the Revolution and how by their loyalty the blockade was broken and supplies brought in. For this alone he thought the pilots should be left unmolested and patriotism was his plea.

He spoke, and his gestures and words were emphatic, so much so that the Senators gave him the "glad hand" of applause when his oratory had closed out.

The Senate adjourned at this juncture, feeling that it had enough for the day, and desiring to take the rest of the discussion on the instant plan.

"HELLO BILL" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
It Will Be Seen Here To-morrow Matinee and Night—"Uncle Hex."

Yesterday's Columbia (S. C.) State highly commends "Hello Bill," the well known farce comedy, which is to hold the boards at the Academy to-morrow at matinee and night. The play has also been praised by the Atlanta Constitution and the Charleston News and Courier.

The piece is said to be one of the very funniest of all modern comedies and gives rise to the introduction of several up-to-date and refined specialties. It has been presented with great success in all of the larger cities and will be presented here by the original cast. The matinee will be especially attractive to the ladies and children and the prices will be only 25 and 50 cents. This performance will be given just the same as at the night and the Academy's entire orchestra will be used. Seats for the night performance will be placed on sale at Plummer's this morning at 8 o'clock.

A Good Show.—The price of reserved seats for the performance of "Uncle Hex" at the Academy Monday night has been reduced to 75 cents, and this of course, when taken in connection with the worth of the play, will be a very large saving to the audience. A special feature of the production is the trick and mechanical properties and scenery. Clever singing and dancing and splendid scenery numbers are introduced. The supporting company is capable, and a theatrical festival of fun may be expected.

The sale of seats will open at Plummer's tomorrow morning.

It is announced that "the trial of the monitor Florida has been set for March 11." Wonder if she's going to plead self-defense!

MIDNIGHT BURGLAR.

A Guest of Rock Springs Hotel Had a Rude Awakening This Morning.

HIS TROUSERS WERE ROBBED

Negro Captured, After Chase, Believed to Be Guilty of the Burglary—Joined His Pursuer in Shooting for the Police—In the Lock-Up.

This morning shortly after midnight the wharf section of the city was alarmed by vigorous shouts of "police" and persons who immediately reached the scene of the outcry witnessed the unusual spectacle of a man racing in his night garments through the chilly air after an unknown negro, who was sending the atmosphere with distress signals almost as vociferous as those made by his pursuer.

A burglar had entered the Rock Springs Hotel on Chesnut, between Front and Water streets, and rifled the trousers of Mr. F. J. Vincent, a machinist in the Atlantic Coast Line shops, who rooms on the second floor of the building. Mr. Vincent was asleep when his room was entered, but when the trousers were thrown back into the room and a button struck a pitcher on the washstand, the blinking sound awoke him and as the hotel has been burglarized several times recently, he immediately imagined the cause of the trouble then in hand and a hasty examination of his trousers confirmed his suspicion that his pockets had been robbed of a pocket-book containing \$5 or \$6 in cash and a few other articles.

Mr. Vincent, unarmed, dashed out of the room, down the steps to the sidewalk and overhauled a negro making his way toward Water street. The negro immediately decided upon a "nervy proposition" and he joined Mr. Vincent's shouts for police, running to a small office on the wharf, saying the policemen were in there.

Officer John Meier soon reached the scene and leveling his revolver at the negro, demanded that he halt. He did so. After being carried to the light the negro proved to be Albert Jones, who has an unsavory reputation, and who was arrested a few months ago for entering a number of residences on the Sound. He is also said to have served a term or two on the chain gang.

A search of the negro disclosed no pocket-book, but Mr. Vincent says that he is of the opinion that the negro, seeing arrest staring him in the face, threw the money away. A search will be made for the book this morning.

Y. M. C. A. BASKET BALL.
Game This Evening—Team That Will Go to Charleston Next Month.

The fourth game of the Friday night series of basket ball games will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium to-night. Two strong teams have been organized and a fine game is sure to be played. The teams will line up as follows:

REDS. L. Davis, J. H. Little, A. Doshier, W. A. Little, F. Irving, J. Doshier, J. Loughlin, J. Richards, and H. Shames. BLUES. H. Quinn, G. A. Boney.

The game will begin at 8:30 o'clock. No charge will be made for admission. The team, which will go to Charleston next month, commenced regular practice last night, and judging from the start a strong team will combat with the South Carolinians.

The boys' meeting will be held at 5 p. m. today, as usual.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.
—Mr. E. C. Clark, of Ellerbe yesterday, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. Gabriel Holmes went up to Fayetteville yesterday for a brief visit to relatives.

—Southport Standard: "Mr. John W. Adkins, of Ash, moved to Wilmington a few days ago, where he makes his home."

—Rev. A. P. Tyler, former pastor of Grace M. E. church, this city, is visiting here for a few days, the guest of Mr. T. King.

—Mr. Owen Flynn and daughter, Miss Estelle, of Canastota, Pender county, returned home Wednesday after a visit to relatives and friends.

—Mr. Luther Herring, a clever "knight of the key" who has been with the Western Union in this city, has gone to Palm Beach, Fla., to take a position in the telegraph office of the Royal Poinciana Hotel, the largest in the world.

Jefferson Lodge, K. of P.
At a meeting of Jefferson Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Wednesday night, Mr. James H. Taylor, Jr. was elected master of finance to succeed Mr. R. S. Collins, resigned, and Mr. Anson Allgood keeper of records to succeed Mr. Alex. S. Holden, who also resigned. The lodge held a memorial service in honor of the late J. Robt. Jordan, State Lecturer of the order.

The Steamer "Cape Fear."
The government suction dredge Cape Fear returned to Southport yesterday after having completed slight repairs here. While at work on the dock Tuesday morning, one of the doors to her coal bin was broken and she had to suspend work until the damage could be repaired.

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25.00 " " 23.50	50.00 " " 45.00

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THE MAXTON SHOOTING.
Further Particulars of the Fatal Wounding of W. I. Thompson Wednesday Night—Plea of Self-Defense.

The shooting affair at Maxton night before last in which W. I. Thompson, a well known traveling man, was shot and fatally wounded by his nephew, E. N. McLean, son of B. F. McLean, Esq., was the subject of much local interest here yesterday, both men being well known in Wilmington.

The shooting took place in the dining room of the home of Thompson, who it is claimed fired the first shot, causing a slight wound in McLean's side just above the hip. McLean surrendered himself shortly after the shooting to Maj. Wooten, a justice of the peace, and is still in the custody of Deputy Sheriff T. L. Smith.

Mr. Thompson, who was drinking, and had sent for his nephew, who came for her protection. McLean remonstrated with Thompson as to his treatment of his aunt, when Thompson drew his pistol and fired, the ball barely grazing McLean's left side, passing through the waistband of his trousers and glancing off. McLean returned the fire and emptied three chambers of his revolver at Thompson, two of them producing wounds in the region of the heart and the third grazing the side, inflicting no injury. Yesterday morning Thompson was still living but with slim chances of recovery.

Young McLean is 21 years of age and unmarried. He has been studying medicine, but poor health has interfered with the completion of his course. He had been lodger in the house of his uncle.

HABEAS CORPUS FOR UTLEY.
Plea of Insanity Will Be Argued—Development in the Haywood Case.

[Special Star Telegram.]
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—Ex-Judge Thos. H. Sutton is here to-day and applied to Associate Justice Platt D. Walker, of the Supreme Court, for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Ed. Utley convicted at Fayetteville for the murder of T. B. Hollingsworth and sentenced to fifteen years. Insanity is the ground on which the writ is asked. The hearing will be in Raleigh Monday.

W. C. Douglass, of counsel for the defense in the Ernest Haywood affair for killing Ludlow Skinner, withdraws from the case because his partner, B. N. Simms, will be a witness in the case: Simms saw an alleged altercation which precipitated the shooting.

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