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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

President Castro has resigned the presidency of the republic of Venezuela. — Storm in Alabama caused considerable damage; at Cedar Bluffs two boys were killed. — Steamer Powhatan, from Baltimore for Newport News, is grounded in Chesapeake bay. — Mrs. Geo. A. Johnson, of Rochester, N. H., committed suicide at Southern Pines. — Tents for flood sufferers have been sent by the War Department to Tennessee and Arkansas. — Report of the coal strike commission recommends a general increase of wages of miners amounting to about 10 per cent. — Five men of the tugboat Pilot were drowned in a collision between the tug and the steamship Winifred in Delaware river. — There is a more hopeful feeling in Memphis regarding the flood situation. — U. S. cruiser Atlanta has gone to Haiti to protect American interests there. — Fire at Pittsburgh, Pa., caused loss of \$150,000. — Freight steamer Norman was badly damaged in collision with a collier last Thursday night near Fire Island. — New York markets: Money on call steady at 5 per cent.; cotton steady at 10.15c; flour dull and easy; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 78c; corn—spot easy; No. 2, 5 1/2c; oats—spot dull; No. 2, 49c; rosin firm; strained common to good \$3.30; spirits turpentine firm at 67c/68c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., MARCH 21. Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.: Temperatures: 8 A. M., 66 degrees; 8 P. M., 68 degrees; maximum, 75 degrees; minimum, 64 degrees; mean, 70 degrees. Rainfall for the day, .14; rainfall since last month to date, 39 inch. FORECAST FOR TO-DAY: WASHINGTON, March 21.—For North Carolina: Rain and not so warm Sunday; Monday fair, except rain in southern portion; fresh westerly to northwesterly winds.

Port Almanac—March 22.

Sun Rises..... 6.02 A. M.
Sun Sets..... 6.19 P. M.
Day's Length..... 12 H. 10 M.
High Water at Southport 2.55 P. M.
High Water Wilmington. 5.35 P. M.

A letter on an Erie Railroad ferry boat picked up a \$1,000 bill the other day and at last accounts there were only five claimants.

Herr Jentsch, German Inspector of Post, says a telephone between Berlin and New York is possible. It is merely a matter of money.

Sir Thomas Lipton professes confidence in the ability of Shamrock III to lift that cup and take it back to England. He felt confident that Shamrock I and II could do it. But they didn't.

The collector of taxes in New York city has on his books \$40,000,000 worth of property on which taxes have not been paid, and expects to have a big sale some of these days.

A West Virginia judge has decided that the head of a negro when used as a catapult is "a dangerous and deadly weapon." With an able bodied darkey behind it, it is not a nice thing to stand before.

The State of Missouri is putting on airs now. The other day she paid up the remainder of her bonded indebtedness, \$487,000, and felt so good over it she incinerated the bonds with imposing ceremonies.

Eugene Sandow wants \$2,000 damages from a New Zealand newspaper because it said that, in a show altercation with a lion, he treated the lion too roughly and didn't give him a show to get away.

A Pottsville, Pa., judge has decided that a fellow can be a rioter without throwing rocks, knocking people on the head, &c. All it is necessary to do is to "Hurray!" He doesn't think freedom of speech means freedom of holla.

An agent of the Barnum and Bailey show found in the suburbs of Paris a fellow eight feet two inches tall, who weighs 502 pounds and wears shoes twenty-four inches long. He has just arrived at New York to go into the show business.

"The door" of the Pacific ocean is somewhat broken. Between San Francisco and Honolulu it is rough, with valleys 30,000 feet deep. Then there are level plains about 15,000 feet deep. Between Honolulu and Manila there are chains of mountains.

Hon. Grover Cleveland rises to remark that the scribe who quoted him as saying that he is out of politics took unwarranted liberties with the language, for he didn't say anything of the kind. As he is only 66 he does not feel old enough yet to go on the retired list.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

County Meeting With State Workers in Wilmington March 21st and April 1st—To Arrange Programme.

All Sunday School teachers are urgently requested to meet at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock for the purpose of arranging for the county inter-denominational Sunday School conference in this city, which will be held under the auspices of the North Carolina Sunday School Association on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31st and April 1st. At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Association a Trans-State Tour by prominent workers was arranged and each county visited is asked to supplement the programme with addresses by local speakers. The members of the touring party are Prof. S. M. Smith, of Elon College, General Secretary of the Association and leader of the Tour; Rev. John T. Jenkins, formerly of Marietta, Ga., a prominent minister, writer and platform lecturer; Mr. Chas. Elmer Farmer, of New York, a chalk artist and Scripture illustrator; Rev. Walnut Holcomb, of Montreat, N. C., who spent last Summer in the great Sunday School of the First Methodist church of Memphis, Tenn., and a most attractive teacher and speaker.

Other dates arranged in this vicinity are as follows: Fayetteville, March 26-27. Lumberton, March 29-30. Warsaw, April 3-5. Wilson, April 4-5. Raleigh, April 7-9. Rocky Mount, April 11-13. Williamston, April 14-15. Washington, April 16-17. Greenville, April 18-19. Beaufort, April 21-23. Jacksonville, April 23-24. Newbern, April 26-28. At Kinston, April 28-30, the tour will end with the State Convention. Reduced rates are offered on all railroads and entertainment will be provided for all who attend.

LOCAL DOTS.

The Piano Club will meet Tuesday evening at Ludden & Bates' music house on Princess street. A full attendance is desired.

Prospective builders are asked to read the advertisement of the Hydraulic White Pressed Brick Co., which may be found in another column.

Mr. W. M. Whitelaw, of Cincinnati, has succeeded the late Thos. Peadar as special representative of the Standard Oil Co. in this territory, and will make his headquarters in Fayetteville.

Two negroes at the Powers & Gibbs fertilizer factory got into a fight yesterday and one of them was badly out in the head. He was brought to the city and sent to the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

Fayetteville Observer: "The first refrigerator car of lettuce was shipped from here to New York to-day. These cars will now follow in rapid succession, and in a week or two it will require several cars a day."

W. B. McGill, the Bladen county deputy who created a scene with a colored insane patient at the A. O. L. passenger station Friday night, was allowed to proceed with his charge to Goldsboro yesterday morning.

The police last night raided an alleged disorderly house at Eighth and Nixon streets. Mary and Maggie Denton, Mamie Brock, Jim Nobles, Jim Register and Will Smith were arrested and looked up for a hearing tomorrow.

The "Blue Caps" and "Sixth Street Bulldogs" played a game of baseball yesterday, in which the B. C.'s were victorious in a score of 13 to 9. The features were the batting of Kingsbury, T. Struthers and Wright. Umpires, Duffy and Brown.

Mr. W. W. King says that the announcement in the papers last Sunday that he was a member of the membership committee of the Anti-Saloon League, is not correct, as he has not authorized any one to place him upon such committee.

Chas. Singletary, colored, was committed to jail by Justice Fowler yesterday for preliminary trial Monday on a charge of larceny by trick of an amount of money from the Hall and Lumber Co. Two men by the name of Singletary worked for the company and Charles Singletary signed the pay roll for both of them.

The Greater Coast Line. The Florence Times announces that the A. O. L. has purchased the Southern Florida railroad, extending about 400 miles to Punta Gorda, Fla., and tapping a fine fruit and tourist hotel section. The Florida Southern road had been operated in connection with the old Plant System, but was not a portion of that road.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—City electric. Notice—In bankruptcy. The Speed Co.—In store. N. F. Parker—Furniture. John H. Sweeney—A card. M. G. Tiencken—To voters. F. E. Hashagen—To voters. Wanted—Portable saw mill. G. O. Gaylord—Spring goods. Mercer & Evans Co.—A feast. Walter P. Gafford—To voters. Wilmington Sewerage Co.—Lost. A. D. Brown—Ready for business. F. E. Hashagen Co.—It's an ill wind. Hydraline White Brick Co.—Notice. Solomon's Shoe Store—Spring styles. Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.

GOVERNOR COMING.

Patriotic Exercises Under Auspices of Junior Order of American Mechanics.

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS.

Union and Hemenway Schools of Wilmington Will Be Honored by Jeff Davis and George Washington Councils—Committees, Etc.

Governor Charles B. Aycock will be a visitor to the city on Wednesday, April 23rd, and will deliver an address, most probably in the Academy of Music, on that evening. The occasion will be the formal presentation of handsome silk flags and Bibles to Union and Hemenway public schools of this city by the local councils of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, which have had such a step under consideration for a long time.

Governor Aycock's acceptance of the invitation to deliver an address upon the occasion was received last night by William J. Bellamy, Esq., chairman of the joint committee from Jeff Davis and from George Washington councils, appointed to make the purchases and arrange for appropriate ceremonies upon the presentation. The acceptance will be hailed with delight by the patriotic "Juniors" of Wilmington, who will make of the event a red letter day in the educational life of the city. The flags are very handsome silk ones, of large size, and the Bibles are expensive editions, designed especially for school use.

The ceremonies upon the occasion will consist of an opening address by Chairman Bellamy, of the committee, and then the formal presentation will be made on behalf of the order by State Councillor Geo. E. Hood, mayor of Goldsboro, N. C. The response will be by some prominent local citizen identified with the educational movement in Wilmington.

Governor Aycock's address will follow with concluding exercises consisting of the singing of National airs and the benediction. The committee in charge from the two Councils consists of William J. Bellamy, Esq., chairman; Messrs. R. C. DeRosset, J. H. Swinson, Marsden Bellamy, Jr., S. H. Fishblade and Jno. E. Wood.

CLARKTON MALE ACADEMY.

Interesting Programme Observed by Cadets and Other Students Friday Evening.

[Special Star Telegram.]

CLARKTON, N. C., March 21.—The Clarkton Male Institute, one of the most flourishing schools in Eastern North Carolina, presented the following programme Friday evening to a large audience:

- 1. Revellie.
2. Doll Reception, Primary Department.
3. Doll Drill, Primary Department.
4. Instrumental Duet, "Jolly Little Players," Misses Rose and Anne Neal Clark.
5. Instrumental Solo, "Twilight," Miss Amanda Clark.
6. Recitation, Cadet Roy Lyon.
7. Instrumental Solo, "The Lively Mill," Miss Ethel Clark.
8. Instrumental Duet, Impromptu, Miss Ruth Pearson and Cadet C. S. Clark.
9. Song Drill, Girls.
10. Instrumental Trio, Festival March, Misses Rose Clark, Anne Neal Clark, Kate Singletary.
11. Instrumental Solo, (1) "The Joyful Wanderer," (2) "Drolleries," Miss Jessie Clark.
12. Tramp Chorus, Cadets.
13. Specialties.
14. Camp Scenes.
15. Tattoo.
16. Toppa.
The school since the establishment by Wilmington Presbytery in 1893 has made rapid and substantial progress.

Press Association Coming.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association met in Greensboro Friday afternoon and selected Wrightsville as the place for holding the next annual meeting of the Association. The date will be announced later. The following attended the meeting: W. B. Marshall, of the Gastonia Gazette, president of the association; J. B. Sherrill, of the Concord Times, secretary and treasurer; H. B. Varner, of the Lexington Dispatch, and J. J. Farriss, of the High Point Enterprise.

Application for Building Permit.

Building permits have been issued to Contractor Thad F. Tyler as follows: Two-story metal-roof house for A. M. Wilson on southwest corner of Fifth and Nun streets; one-story frame metal-roof house for C. D. Sykes on Dock and Seventh and Eighth streets; one-story metal-roof house for V. Hall on Second, between Nun and Church streets; to move two-story Market street to west side of Third, between Market and Princess streets; for Mr. Oscar Pearson.

Heavy Criminal Court Docket.

Superior Court for the trial of criminals cases only will be convened tomorrow morning and will remain in session during the remainder of the week. Judge Peebles, who will preside, and Solicitor Duffy are already here to begin work upon the docket, which is one of the heaviest on record. There are over a hundred cases for disposition.

—Only a small crowd witnessed the D'Valigne matinee at the Academy yesterday afternoon. This was probably due to the weather.

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NEW RESORT HOTEL.

Enthusiastic Meeting of Chamber of Commerce Yesterday to Consider Movement.

BOOKS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

Stock Already Being Solicited for Enterprise That Will Ultimately Be Valued at \$100,000.—Mr. Christian, of the Seaboard Air Line.

The movement for a new and modern hotel of large capacity at Wrightsville Beach in view of the unmistakable evidences of a largely increased patronage at that delightful resort this Summer received a great impetus at an enthusiastic general meeting of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, held yesterday at noon. As a result of the meeting, which was primarily to hear Assistant General Passenger Agent W. E. Christian, of the Seaboard Air Line, upon the prospect of increased travel this season, the business men of the city were awakened to the imperative and immediate need of increased hotel facilities at the beach and the Chamber of Commerce lent its endorsement to the movement by appointing a soliciting committee of three to at once canvass the city with a view of securing a sufficient amount of stock locally to make the proposition an inviting one for outside capitalists who have already manifested a very flattering confidence in the project.

Vice President E. W. Malloy presided at the meeting in the absence of President Chabouras, who was out of the city and did not come in until later, and among those in attendance were Secretary James Kyle, of the Chamber, who kept a record of the proceedings; Mr. W. E. Christian, Mr. T. D. Meares and Mr. G. F. Fletcher of the Seaboard Air Line; Mr. Hugh MacRae, president, and Capt. W. F. Corbett, soliciting agent, of the Consolidated Railway, Light and Power Co.; Mr. Nelson Millett, of Denver, Col., representing himself and associates, who desire to invest largely in a hotel on the "Hammocks;" Messrs. Walker Taylor, C. W. Worth, G. Herbert Smith, M. W. Jacob, Hugh MacRae, Geo. A. Croft, R. M. McIntyre, Sol. Bear, R. H. Pickett, C. P. Bolles, W. F. Corbett, T. C. James, L. B. Sasser, D. H. Lipplit, W. H. Brown, Oscar Pearson, J. H. Hinton, Jno. Frank, W. A. Dick, J. Van B. Meits, W. L. DeRosset, Jr., S. A. Schloess, H. K. Nash, J. H. Grant, Sewan, Wm. E. Worth, James Davis, P. Pearson, Jno. A. Aringdale, S. H. Fishblade, W. W. Harrington and James H. Chabouras.

Mr. Malloy, in calling the meeting to order, said it was for the purpose of considering the question of erecting a hotel on the "Hammocks" or on the beach early enough for occupancy this season. He called upon Mr. W. E. Christian, of the Seaboard Air Line, as to his idea of the necessity for such an enterprise.

Mr. Christian detailed the result of the informal conference the afternoon previous at the office of Mr. Hugh MacRae, and said the newspapers had given a very clear outline of what had been said and done there, and consequently very little remained for him to add. He wanted it understood that he was not in Wilmington as a hotel promoter, and that he was not authorized to bind his company in any particular.

However, from conversations he had with General Passenger Agent Christian of the Seaboard system, he felt confident that the S. A. L. would do its share towards the development of Wrightsville into one of the greatest resorts on the South Atlantic coast. Last season the Seaboard brought 1,700 people here from Atlanta, but some of them were dissatisfied with the lack of hotel facilities. Notwithstanding that, however, there were now many applicants at his office who desired to come or bring excursions again. His message on reflection on hotels now on the beach, the proprietors of which were as anxious for increased facilities as he was, but if there was a place for the people he could bring 3,000 of them here during the season. The company proposed to continue the \$2.50 rate and give additional train service, but his hands are simply tied if the hotel accommodations are inadequate.

Mr. Christian reviewed the history and phenomenal growth of Southern Pines from a barren sand waste to a thriving resort of 3,000 people, to which the Seaboard carried hundreds of tourists upon their return from Florida. Wilmington as a resort of that kind could be easily developed by the Coast Line for its heavy Florida traffic. He said Mr. Meares had been making a great effort to get Pullman service between Wilmington and Charlotte, but so far the service was not justified by the travel. However, he said, the Wilmington-Charlotte train of the Seaboard was paying better per mile than any train on his system. He was also informed by the Pullman people that the week-end sleeper ran to the beach last season did better than any sleeper running out of Atlanta to a resort point. This Summer, if the right spirit was manifested by Wilmington people in providing accommodations, he thought the Seaboard would attach a sleeper to the train from Hamlet, which now arrives here at 8 A. M., and would attach a parlor car to the train reaching here at 12:30 P. M.

Mr. Hugh MacRae was called on, but he simply introduced Mr. Millett, of Colorado, whom he said had thoroughly investigated the hotel proposition. In Mr. Millett's opinion Wrightsville Beach is the greatest asset Wilmington possesses. It is greater than the people seem to have any conception of. The climate, in his opinion, has no superior for a winter resort in the South. Where Southern Pines and Pinehurst have one advantage, Wilmington has two. When we make Northern people understand that with a climate like this, with less expense and inconvenience than is attached to a Florida trip, Wrightsville will have more winter tourists than she can accommodate and this will lead to a revival in all other lines of business. Mr. Millett said he could speak positively only for himself, but he was willing to stake his all on the "Hammocks" proposition and could interest much more capital, but some local backing was absolutely essential to success when presenting the case to outside persons, who invariably ask the question if the home folks have confidence in the scheme. He thought that the plans would rapidly materialize.

Mr. George A. Croft, the popular travelling man who has many influential friends in Atlanta, was present and authorized the statement that Atlanta people whom he knew would readily take \$25,000 stock in the projected enterprise.

Mr. Hugh MacRae said there would be no trouble in raising \$25,000 for a new hotel but the plan was to raise \$25,000 among a few of the larger capitalists and to secure the remaining \$25,000 from smaller investors, something on the order by which the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company was organized. He said that Mr. Worth and himself had made a desultory canvass a few days ago among the larger capitalists and had easily secured \$16,000, but the matter for one reason or another had been allowed to lag until Mr. Christian arrived and the absolute necessity of the enterprise became apparent. It had now been decided to raise \$50,000 at once for a Summer hotel and to add \$50,000 to convert the property into a winter hotel later.

Mr. C. W. Worth expressed appreciation of the interest taken in our resort by strangers and said it was only a pity that it is necessary for outsiders to come in and arouse our people to opportunities at their very doors. He didn't view the situation of one that appealed to the public spirit of the community, but it was a proposition that invited those looking for a sound business investment. He concluded his remarks with a motion that the chairman appoint a committee of three to at once begin a canvass for stock and be ready to report, if possible, on Wednesday following.

There was a little further discussion and Mr. Malloy appointed Messrs. C. W. Worth, G. Herbert Smith and Sam Bear, Jr., to constitute the soliciting committee. Upon the suggestion of some one, Mr. Millett was added to the committee and work was begun at once in the afternoon.

Mr. Worth, chairman of the committee, asks that all who desire to subscribe to the stock and are not found by the committee in its haste, to confer with any member who will enter any number of shares at \$100 each. The time is limited and for that reason the committee in its rounds may find some whom it would like to interest.

NOTES ABOUT THE CITY ELECTION.

New Charter Will Be Voted Upon—Candidates for Aldermen.

Official notice is given in another column of an entirely new registration for the forthcoming city election on the first Tuesday in May. Notice is also given that the charter drafted about two years ago by former City Attorney Meares will be submitted at the same time for adoption or rejection. The hours and days of registration may be ascertained by reference to the advertising department of today's STAR.

In another column will also be found the official announcements of Messrs. Jno. E. Sweeney, F. E. Hashagen, Walter P. Gafford and M. G. Tiencken as candidates from their respective wards for aldermen.

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114 Market St.

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We have the newest novelties of the season, such as Silk Figures, Neckwear, Laces of all kinds, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Antique Cuffs, Laces, all-over Laces, Foulard Calicos, Ginghams, Cambrics, Satins, Palms, everything that is kept in a first-class Dry Goods House. Agent for Butterick's Patterns. Agent for American Lady Corset.

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City Clock Repairs.

Chairman Hashagen, of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, yesterday closed a contract with a Boston house for the necessary articles with which to repair the city clock in the First Presbyterian church tower. The repairs will consist of a new dial and all arrangements for lighting similar to the Court House clock.

Jno. Watson Here Again.</