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OUTLINES.

President Roosevelt delivered an address at Sioux Falls, S. D., yesterday in a snow storm. — The case of Tillman, for the murder of N. G. Gonzales, will be called for trial in Columbia, S. C., on the 18th of this month. — Arthur R. Pennell, who was killed in an automobile accident in Buffalo, N. Y., March 10th, it is claimed was a defaulter for over \$150,000. — The British steamer Crown Point, from Philadelphia with cotton, has arrived at St. John, N. F., with cargo on fire. — A general strike has been proclaimed in Holland of all labor engaged in transportation, both by land and water. — No change in the Mississippi flood situation. — Wm. J. Bryan will deliver a series of addresses on political subjects in the New England States in May. — Mrs. Horace Porter, wife of the American ambassador in Paris, died suddenly yesterday. — Ed. S. Armstrong, a drummer, was killed by a man named Feathers in Hawkins county, Tenn. — Mayor Johnson claims the election of the entire Democratic ticket in Cleveland, O. — Frost Sunday night did great damage to strawberry and other crops in Virginia. — W. J. Ellis, a farmer near Greenville, S. C., was assaulted and apparently fatally wounded by a negro. — New York markets: Money on call at 3 1/2% to 4% per cent, closing at 3 1/2%; 60-day note, cotton quiet at 10 1/4%; flour less active, but well sustained; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 78 1/2; corn—spot steady, No. 2 nominal; oats—spot dull, No. 2 4 1/2; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine nominal at 54 1/2 to 55c asked.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., April 6.
Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 48 degrees; 8 P. M., 61 degrees; maximum, 66 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees; mean, 52 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, .08 inches.
Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 17 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
WASHINGTON, April 6.—For North Carolina: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; fresh south winds.

Port Almanac—April 7.
Main River 5.38 A. M.
3rd Sea 12 P. M.
Day's Length 12 H. 45 M.
High Water at Southport. 3.45 A. M.
High Water Wilmington. 6.15 A. M.

The car factories in this country turned out last year 165,000 street cars.

The latest fish story comes from Sisco, Ohio, where an oil well is spouting out salt water and fish from six to ten inches long. That's the scaly freak for an oil well.

An English paper notes the organization of a society of women to boycott the men and marriage. The men can stand a good deal of boycotting by that kind of old girls.

Mrs. Weaver, a 75 year old widow at Easton, Pa., is very industrious, notwithstanding her age. She is now engaged in cutting her third set of teeth and so far is making a success of it.

A Chicago waiter has been locked up as insane because he fell in love with a millionaire's daughter. Are Chicago millionaires' daughters such freaks that only insane fellows fall in love with them.

Pat Grady, a New York sport, recently in Chicago ran up against a San Francisco "merchant" and lost \$7,000 shaking dice at \$100 a shake. The remarkable thing about it is that he was shaking his own dice, too.

The man who made the harness which Gen. Grant used in his inauguration parade died recently. We are not informed but the probabilities are that the man who made the first pair of boots that Grant wore died some time ago.

A learned professor contends in a magazine article that man is the only rational being in the universe. He is certainly the only rational being that we know anything about, but he doesn't act as if he were all the time.

The Sultan of Sulu would like to come to the St. Louis Exposition He will bring some of his wives, but not more than seventeen, and a lot of fellows who wait on him and them. He gently intimates that he wouldn't object to this government footing the bill.

A Chicago alderman who has found trouble in renting a house because he has seven children, proposes to get even by advocating an ordinance, preventing landlords from discriminating against children unless they can prove that those children are destructive.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

An Important Regular Monthly Meeting Held Last Night at the City Hall.

MORE ROCK FOR STREETS.

Purchase of Additional 1,500 Tons Authorized—Compromise of an Old Back Tax Matter—New Charter to Be Published—Notes.

The Board of Aldermen was in session two hours last night. The principal items of business transacted were the appropriation of \$100 for the publication of the new city charter to be voted upon May 6th; a compromise with ex-Judge E. K. Bryan of the suit now pending in reference to back tax funds; the appropriation of \$2,000 to meet the current expenses of the extended fiscal year and a permanent change of the latter; the election of Capt. A. L. DeRosset as tax lister, and an authorization of the purchase of 1,500 tons of crushed rock for a continuation of the street improvement.

The Board met at 8 o'clock. Present: Mayor Waddell and Messrs. Murrell, Sweeney, VonGlaban, Johnson, Cooper, Haskagen, Bailey, Tiencken and Mann. After reading and approval of the minutes of preceding meetings, a communication was read from the Board of Audit and Finance informing the Aldermen of the action at the last meeting of the first named Board.

At the suggestion of the Democratic City Executive Committee and upon motion of Mr. Tiencken, \$100 or so much thereof as is necessary was appropriated for publication of the new city charter upon which the people are expected to vote at the municipal election May 6th. The amount, if concurred in by the Board of Audit and Finance, is to be turned over to the Finance Committee for expenditure as directed.

The regular monthly reports were read. That of the cattle weigher shows 70 head of cattle inspected and the payment of \$10.50 into the treasury. The chief of the Fire Department reported 15 alarms during the month and a total damage of \$15,000 to property. The City Attorney collected \$802.89 in back taxes during March. The Police Department made 98 arrests, of which eight were sent to the roads and four to the Superior Court. Of the number, 46 were white defendants and 47 colored. Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the request of Mr. Samuel Bear, Sr., for refund of back taxes was not granted. Bill of Meares & Ruark for professional services in the suit of Worth vs. City of Wilmington to the amount of \$113, was allowed. On account of the extension of the fiscal year from April 1st to May 1st, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, \$2,000 or so much thereof as is necessary, was appropriated to meet the current expenses of the city during that period.

Mr. Haskagen, for the Finance Committee, nominated Capt. A. L. DeRosset for tax lister. Mr. Sweeney nominated Mr. T. O. Bunting and the same was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Later, Mr. Johnson moved that the City Clerk and Treasurer be required to do the work and employ two assistants, if necessary. The motion met with no second and upon a ballot between supporters of the other candidates, Capt. DeRosset was elected by a vote of 7 to 2. Mr. Bunting is county tax lister and that point was urged against his election.

Mr. Cooper suggested the propriety of permanently changing the fiscal year to correspond with the incoming administrations. Mr. VonGlaban suggested that it would be a good idea to make the fiscal year begin July 1st, so the Boards could tell something about what taxes were in sight for appropriation. Upon motion, the beginning of the fiscal year was changed from April 1st to June 1st.

The City Clerk and Treasurer submitted his annual statement of the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year ended March 31st. The receipts were as follows: Balance from March 31st, 1902, \$18,999.08; merchants' license, \$19,315.48; bar rooms, \$17,871; market rent, \$2,474.34; mayor's court, \$2,152.95; pound fees, \$15; weighing beef cattle, \$39.95; public buildings, \$878.11; miscellaneous and extraordinary, \$4,375.85; real and personal tax 1902, \$181,853.18; real and personal tax prior to 1902, \$3,628.78; dog badges, \$605.80; dog badges, \$307.80; loans, \$40,000; costs on tax 1902, \$139.30; costs on tax prior to 1902, \$740.95. Total receipts, \$229,618.46. Total including balance, \$247,917.54. The disbursements amounted to \$218,370.55, leaving a balance of \$29,546.99.

Mr. A. B. Skelding was granted permission to build a small boat house at foot of Castle street.

About an hour was consumed in hearing the merits of a controversy between the city and ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, relative to an old back tax matter. Mr. Bryan was present and said he would waive his rights in the matter, provided the city was willing to yield the \$1,076, now in his hands. The controversy grew out of an agreement made under the administration of 1894-1895. City Attorney Bellamy, favored allowing the suit now in court to proceed, saying the city had nothing to lose. Mr. Sweeney made a motion that Mr. Bryan's proposition be accepted. Mr. Johnson offered a substitute that Mr. Bryan be released upon payment of \$750 into the city treasury out of the funds now in his hands. Mr. Johnson withdrew his former substitute and made another that the suit

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Such brave men who risked their lives to save ours are heroes of the first degree. After the hardships and expense experienced by these Pilots they have refused to charge us a cent or to receive any compensation whatever.

C. W. SPRAGUE,
ap 7 11
Master of Sch. John H. Butterick.

Notice to Depositors!

Interest for the quarter ending April 1st is now due and payable. Depositors who have had as much as five dollars on deposit for three months or longer are requested to bring in their books at their convenience to have interest entered.

The People's Savings Bank,

Opposite the Postoffice.
H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.
ap 7 11 F. W. DICK, Cashier.

A Report Has Been Circulated

That GEO. T. HEWLETT, better known as Trixie, was accidentally killed yesterday, but it's all a mistake, he's down at his post at

SOLOMON'S SHOE STORE

Showing the Ladies the New Spring Styles of Dorothy Dodd Shoes.
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SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION.

Two Convicts Sentenced Yesterday—The Murder Case Continued Upon Affid