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OUTLINES.

The United States Supreme Court declares unconstitutional Section 5507 of the Revised Statutes, respecting liberty of persons protected by the fifteenth amendment. — A disastrous hail storm is reported yesterday in South Carolina. — Two negroes were lynched Sunday in Mississippi by the murder of a planter. — Maj. James Warren, a prominent citizen of Atlanta, was struck and killed by a railroad train yesterday. — The Russian government has decided to carry out its original programme for the evacuation of Manchuria. — An engagement between the Turkish troops and revolutionists has occurred near Monastir, both sides suffering severely. — Police reserves were called out in New York yesterday to suppress disorders growing out of various strikes. — John H. Coe, a wealthy citizen of Buffalo, N. Y., was shot by his wife. — President Roosevelt was in Colorado yesterday; addressed 25,000 people at Denver. — Mayor P. M. Brown, of Charlotte, was re-elected yesterday. — The Pennsylvania courts refuse to charter a Christian Science Association. — Jas. R. Marcum, a prominent citizen of Kentucky, was shot and killed by an unknown assassin at the front entrance of the court house at the town of Jackson. — New York markets: Money on call steady at 3 1/2 per cent.; cotton quiet at 17.75; flour steady; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 82 1/2; corn—spot quiet, No. 2 82 1/2; oats—spot dull, No. 2 58 1/2; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet at 49 1/2.

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## 'TIS ELECTION DAY.

Polls Open at Sun Rise This Morning and Close at Sun Set This Evening.

### NO INTEREST WHATEVER.

Absence of Opposition to the Democratic Nominees Brings a Peaceful State of Affairs—Charter Will Be Adopted or Rejected.

The city election to-day will be a very quiet affair in the absence of an opposition ticket to that put out by the Democrats in their recent primary. The polling places will be the same as for the primary and the polls will be open from sun rise to sun set. Only those who registered during the ten days preceding last Saturday a week ago are eligible to vote in the election. The registration was very light and the indications are that the vote will be lighter.

The acceptance or rejection of the new city charter, recently published as a supplement to the Star, will be determined by a majority of the votes cast for or against the measure. Ballots have been printed both for and against the charter, and they may be found at the various polling places. There appears very little general concern about the matter, and it may be rejected or it may be adopted. The average citizen seems to care little one way or another. Mr. Meares, author of the measure, will vote against it.

The election officers at the various polling places will be as follows:

First Ward—Registrar, R. G. Holmes; inspectors, W. G. Brinkley and J. A. Lewis.  
Second Ward—Registrar, C. H. Ward; inspectors, P. Helmsberger, Sr. and W. W. Hodges.  
Third Ward—A. G. Hankins, registrar; inspectors, C. O. Alexander and E. T. Wade.  
Fourth Ward—Registrar, Thomas G. Pickett; inspectors, E. H. Freeman and L. DeBenedictis.  
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## DAILY STRAWBERRY REPORT.

Prices Declining, But Luscious Fruit Continues to Go North in Train Loads.

New York Quotations.

Saturday's and Sunday's shipments of strawberries through South Rocky Mount amounted to 139 refrigerator cars and 1,122 crates by Southern Express.

Saturday's shipments were distributed as follows: Pittsburgh, 14 cars and 4 crates by express; New York, 13 cars and 117 crates; Buffalo and Cleveland, 4 cars each; Boston, 9 cars and 27 crates; Philadelphia, 7 cars and 23 crates; Newark, 3 cars and 10 crates; Albany, 3 cars; Saratoga and Detroit, 2 cars each; Baltimore, 1 car and 19 crates; Washington, 1 car and 15 crates; Wilmington, Del., 1 car and 22 crates; Providence, 1 car and 82 crates; Worcester, Binghamton, Columbus, Cincinnati, Montreal and Toronto, 1 car each; Chester, 13 crates; Richmond, 14 crates.

Sunday's shipments were distributed as follows: Boston, 11 cars; New York, 9 cars and 123 crates by express; Newark, 5 cars, 19 crates; Philadelphia, 5 cars, 321 crates; Pittsburgh, 5 cars; Elmira, 4 cars; Baltimore, 3 cars, 154 crates; Springfield, 3 cars, 27 crates; Buffalo, 8 cars; Hartford, New Haven, Pittsfield, Erie, Wilkesbarre and Utica, 2 cars each; Washington, 1 car, 74 crates; Worcester, Norwalk, Waterbury, Saratoga, Syracuse, Binghamton and Columbus, 1 car each; Wilmington, Del., 22 crates; Chester, 14 crates; Richmond, 37 crates; Providence, 1 crates; interior New York and Pennsylvania points, 2 crates, and Virginia points, 8 crates.

The following special telegram relative to the New York berry and vegetable market was received by the STAR last night:

New York, May 4.—Berries to-day were generally light to twelve cents, but some in poor order were lower. Peas are in excellent demand at from \$1.25 to \$1.75. Cabbage are dull and dragging at from 75 cents to \$1.50. — J. G. LIPPMAN, Wholesale Produce Commission Merchants.

## THE OLD BRUNSWICK PILGRIMAGE.

Large Crowd Will Attend If the Weather is Favorable—Steamer Schedule.

If the weather is at all favorable a large number of people will enjoy a delightful day's outing in the annual pilgrimage of the Colonial Dames and their friends to Old Brunswick to-day. A programme of interesting exercises has been arranged as published in these columns a few days ago and those who attend will have a rare historical and educational treat before them. Following very appropriate memorial services there will be interesting historical addresses by Mr. James Sprunt, Mr. William Calder and Col. A. M. Waddell.

The steamer *Wilmington* will leave the city at 9:30 o'clock and will return about 5:30 o'clock. Capt. Harper has kindly made a round-trip rate of 35 cents for all who attend. Clearer water will be on the grounds for all.

## LOCAL MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Schooners Arriving and Departing—Fleet Standard Oil Company Steamer.

Schooner *Mount Hope*, hence for Boston, passed out at Southport at 9:30 A. M. yesterday.

Schooner *Mabel Hall*, 144 tons, arrived Sunday from New York with cargo of cement for the Southern Cement and Supply Co., of Charleston. She is discharging at the S. A. L. wharf for interior shipment.

The magnificent steamer *Colonel E. L. Drake*, just completed by the Standard Oil Company and one of the largest and finest that ever entered the port, arrived Sunday from Philadelphia and cleared early yesterday morning for Charleston, S. C. She is 30 feet longer than a city block and has a capacity of 35,000 barrels of oil. Capt. Bullitt, formerly of the *Maverick*, was in command.

County Board of Education.

There was no quorum and consequently no formal meeting of the County Board of Education last night. Mr. W. H. Sprunt, acting chairman of the Board, Superintendent Caldwell and Treasurer H. McCall Green were present, however, and discussed informally a number of educational matters. Messrs. Samuel Northrop and C. W. Worth, of City School Committee No. 2, were present early in the evening and it was expected that a successor to the lamented Capt. W. R. Kenan as a member of the committee, would be elected, but in the absence of a quorum of the Board of Education, no action could be taken.

To Atlanta and New Orleans.

Col. W. J. Woodward left last night for Atlanta to attend the National Conference of Charities and Corrections. He is having been recently appointed a delegate from this State by Gov. Aycock. From Atlanta Col. Woodward will go to New Orleans to attend the Confederate Reunion. Col. Woodward, aside from being a member of General Gordon's staff, is chairman of the social function committee, and it is necessary that he be on the grounds early.

Carolinas Day.

The parents and guardians of the pupils of the Hemenway school and other friends are cordially invited to be present at the exercises, celebrating "Carolinas Day," this evening at 8:15 o'clock in the Hemenway school house.

## PASSING OF ALDERMEN.

Present Board Held Its Farewell Monthly Business Meeting Last Night.

### AN UNIMPORTANT SESSION.

Members Have No Desire to Take Advantage of Technicalities and Hold Over—Will Obviate All Possibility of Confusion To-night.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night was in the nature of a "farewell greeting." No new business of importance was proposed, and as the chairman of the committee made the usual routine reports, each one sat down apparently with a sigh of relief. Just before adjournment the possibility of the present Board's holding over as the result of an irregular registration, was suggested, but there was no apparent disposition on the part of any one to take advantage of the technicality. In fact, the Board evidenced a desire to remove all possible doubt of the legal constitution of the incoming Board and there were several offers to resign forthwith and elect as their successors the nominees of the recent Democratic primaries in the several wards. While such action was not deemed absolutely necessary, City Attorney Bellamy gave his opinion that it would be on the safe side to do so, and read extracts from a letter from the Attorney General supporting that position.

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## ODD FELLOW TEMPLE.

Cape Fear Lodge Purchased Third and Princess Street Site Yesterday Afternoon.

### THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Regular Monthly Meeting—Dr. McMillan Re-elected Superintendent of Health. The Federal Point Fence—Back Tax Collection Agreement.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, upon which all members were in attendance, yesterday afternoon, probably the most notable action was the sale of a portion of the old Court House lot, at northwest corner of Third and Princess streets, to Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the price paid having been \$4,380. The portion of the lot purchased by the Odd Fellows extends 66 feet on Third and 80 feet on Princess street. Upon the site the Odd Fellows of the city will erect a handsome temple without unnecessary delay. Cape Fear Lodge was represented at the sale by Messrs. W. L. Smith (chairman), W. H. Yopp, S. Behrends and M. W. Jacob, who with Mr. A. H. Oresay, constitute the Building Committee.

The sale of the property is pursuant to and by authority of an act of the last General Assembly, the proceeds of the sale to go into the sinking fund for the liquidation of the new Court House bonds. In response to advertisement in the city papers there were two bids as follows: Herbert McMillan and Furney G. Gooding, who offered \$3,750, and Cape Fear Lodge, I. O. O. F., which bid \$4,156.50. After discussion, it was decided to reject both bids. The Odd Fellows then made a verbal offer of \$4,380 for immediate payment and the same was accepted, subject to approval of the Board of Magistrates, who have been called to meet in the Court House Thursday at noon. The general opinion is that the property brought a good sum and it is expected that the magistrates will ratify the sale without delay.

The usual reports were read and ordered on file. That of Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, shows that during the month of April 114 patients were treated in the office and that 16 were treated at their homes. All the county institutions were reported in good sanitary condition. There was one case of fever in the convict camp, but that was brought in by a convict from another county. Except a few cases of whooping cough and mumps there was no contagious disease in the county during April. The register of deeds reported the payment of \$38.50 into the treasury as revenue from marriage licenses and the Clerk of the Superior Court reported the payment into the treasury of \$864.76 in fees accruing from that office.

When the reports had been concluded the Commissioners took a recess and pursuant to law, the County Board of Sanitation met for the purpose of electing a superintendent of health. All members of the Board of Commissioners were present and the only member of the medical profession in attendance was Dr. Edward J. Wood. Dr. W. D. McMillan was unanimously re-elected at the same salary as present, viz: \$1,800 per year. Dr. Wood, who was one of the board of physicians which recently visited the convict camp for the purpose of ascertaining the true situation relative to the sanitary conditions there, took occasion to congratulate the county upon the excellent management and regulations as to health and sanitation which obtain at the quarters.

The Sanitary Board having adjourned, the Commissioners resumed their session. The injunction complaint recently filed by Capt. J. W. Harper and others against the building of the Federal Point fence was read and discussed, after which the chairman of the Board was authorized to take such action in the matter as he deemed advisable. Geo. Robinson, Jr., represented the County, in the hearing before Judge Peebles at Clinton on May 15th and private property owners in Federal Point township, who desire the fence and a dissolution of the injunction, will be represented by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy.

Application of Chas. Allen and wife, colored, of Masonboro township, for relief on the outdoor poor list, was referred to the finance committee with power to act.

Two bids received by Chairman Robertson for the building of Federal Point fence were referred to the clerk of the Board with instructions to file same unopened until the injunction matter is disposed of.

Application of Joseph H. Hinton, manager, to retail liquor at the Seashore Hotel, on Wrightsville Beach, was found not in due form, inasmuch as the endorsees were not properly owners in the township, and no action was taken upon same.

Application of W. E. Mayo for relief from back taxes, listed erroneously, was referred to the finance committee for adjustment.

The agreement between Bellamy & Bellamy and the commissioners for the collection of back taxes of the county was read, and upon motion the chairman signed the same and it becomes in full force and effect at once. By the terms of the agreement, Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy take absolute control of the books and papers as they now stand and agree to collect the claims as far as possible, charging therefor 10 per cent. on all collections made without suit, and 20 per cent. where suit is brought. Settlement is to be made with the county monthly.

ENJOYABLE PYTHIAN RECEPTION.

Many Ladies Entertained in New Castle Hall Last Night—Furnishings.

Despite the threatening weather the reception by the Pythians to the ladies of the city from 9 to 11 o'clock last night in the handsome new Castle Hall on the third floor of the Murchison National Bank building, was well attended and heartily enjoyed. Music was furnished by the Italian harpers and every one was most cordially received. Chocolate was served by a committee of ladies consisting of Mrs. J. D. Nutt, Mrs. E. H. Burris and Mrs. A. B. Sandlin. The ladies handsome Japanese fans were presented as souvenirs and the gentlemen received as a memento of the occasion a sprig of myrtle.

Of course the greatest interest was in an inspection of the handsome new lodge furniture recently purchased with a part of last Fall's carnival proceeds. The reception and reading rooms as well as the hall proper have elegant pieces of weathered oak furniture with leather upholstery. The chairs for the officers are massive and each bears upon the front a K. of P. monogram, with the exception of that of the Chancellor Commander which has the monogram of Stonewall, Clarendon and Jefferson lodges, interlocked with the triangle emblem of the order, the back of ground being of Pythian colors. The furnishings as they now stand cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000.

The reception last night was under the auspices of the joint Hall Committee of the three lodges named and consists of Messrs. J. D. Nutt, W. O. Smith and C. D. Weeks.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Miss Rosa Battle, of Raleigh, is the guest of Miss Laura Clark.

—Mrs. S. P. Collier, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Collier, North Front street.

—Friends will regret to know that Master Claude Cooper, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cooper, is seriously sick with pneumonia.

—Miss Ola Mitchell, music teacher in the Excelsior High School of Atkinson, is in Wilmington taking special courses under the instruction of Miss Canine Oshaten and Mrs. J. D. Edwards.

—Raleigh News and Observer: "Mr. Claude Hardy arrived in the city from Vance county yesterday and left last night for Wilmington, where he takes a position with the Wilmington Electric Supply and Construction Company."

—Great Sochem W. H. Lane, Great Sannap J. M. McGowan, and Messrs. E. P. H. Strunk and J. A. Deane, representatives of Eyota and Cherokee tribes, I. O. R. M., respectively, will leave to-day to attend the Great Council pow-wow in Washington, N. C., this week.

AN APPROACHING MAY WEDDING.

Miss Jane Meares Harris Will Become the Bride of Mr. Delano.

Friends in the city and elsewhere will be interested in the following announcement, contained in invitations mailed only to friends outside the city yesterday:

Mr. and Mrs. George Nehemiah Harris request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Jane Meares,

Mr. Philip Warland Delano, United States Navy, on Tuesday evening, May 5, at 8 o'clock, at St. James Church, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Admission to the church will be by card. Miss Harris is very popular among the young society people, and Lieut. Delano, during several brief visits to the city, has made many friends. The announcement will be received with much interest by the friends of both young people.

JURORS IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Those Drawn by County Commissioners Yesterday to Serve at May Term.

The following jurors were drawn to serve for the one-week term of New Hanover Superior Court, convening Monday, May 25th, for the trial of both civil and criminal matters:

Jno. H. Woodbe, Jno. L. Wilkins, Henry D. Stanaland, J. W. Oresay, W. H. Harden, J. M. Bryan, L. B. Rogers, Wm. E. Crumpler, T. M. Turventine, T. J. Ebering, B. S. Montford, W. E. Davis, A. E. Carter, D. L. Gore, A. Shrier, C. D. Gore, G. A. Warren, E. S. Harvitt, J. M. Bunting, Thos. McMillan, E. B. Stone, C. W. Woolard, B. O. Stone, Elijah A. Todd, Jno. Frank, Owen Martindale, Silas Sneeden, Josh G. Skipper, C. H. Doller, C. O. Gore, C. VonGlabbe, James Miller, J. G. Blier, H. C. Porter, W. P. Burns, Walter G. MacRae.

—Herbert K. Gilbert, A. C. L. time-keeper in the Florence shops, has resigned and gone to Decatur, Ala., to take a position in the L. & N. shops.

## ODD FELLOW TEMPLE.

Cape Fear Lodge Purchased Third and Princess Street Site Yesterday Afternoon.

### THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Regular Monthly Meeting—Dr. McMillan Re-elected Superintendent of Health. The Federal Point Fence—Back Tax Collection Agreement.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, upon which all members were in attendance, yesterday afternoon, probably the most notable action was the sale of a portion of the old Court House lot, at northwest corner of Third and Princess streets, to Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the price paid having been \$4,380. The portion of the lot purchased by the Odd Fellows extends 66 feet on Third and 80 feet on Princess street. Upon the site the Odd Fellows of the city will erect a handsome temple without unnecessary delay. Cape Fear Lodge was represented at the sale by Messrs. W. L. Smith (chairman), W. H. Yopp, S. Behrends and M. W. Jacob, who with Mr. A. H. Oresay, constitute the Building Committee.

The sale of the property is pursuant to and by authority of an act of the last General Assembly, the proceeds of the sale to go into the sinking fund for the liquidation of the new Court House bonds. In response to advertisement in the city papers there were two bids as follows: Herbert McMillan and Furney G. Gooding, who offered \$3,750, and Cape Fear Lodge, I. O. O. F., which bid \$4,156.50. After discussion, it was decided to reject both bids. The Odd Fellows then made a verbal offer of \$4,380 for immediate payment and the same was accepted, subject to approval of the Board of Magistrates, who have been called to meet in the Court House Thursday at noon. The general opinion is that the property brought a good sum and it is expected that the magistrates will ratify the sale without delay.

The usual reports were read and ordered on file. That of Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, shows that during the month of April 114 patients were treated in the office and that 16 were treated at their homes. All the county institutions were reported in good sanitary condition. There was one case of fever in the convict camp, but that was brought in by a convict from another county. Except a few cases of whooping cough and mumps there was no contagious disease in the county during April. The register of deeds reported the payment of \$38.50 into the treasury as revenue from marriage licenses and the Clerk of the Superior Court reported the payment into the treasury of \$864.76 in fees accruing from that office.

When the reports had been concluded the Commissioners took a recess and pursuant to law, the County Board of Sanitation met for the purpose of electing a superintendent of health. All members of the Board of Commissioners were present and the only member of the medical profession in attendance was Dr. Edward J. Wood. Dr. W. D. McMillan was unanimously re-elected at the same salary as present, viz: \$1,800 per year. Dr. Wood, who was one of the board of physicians which recently visited the convict camp for the purpose of ascertaining the true situation relative to the sanitary conditions there, took occasion to congratulate the county upon the excellent management and regulations as to health and sanitation which obtain at the quarters.

The Sanitary Board having adjourned, the Commissioners resumed their session. The injunction complaint recently filed by Capt. J. W. Harper and others against the building of the Federal Point fence was read and discussed, after which the chairman of the Board was authorized to take such action in the matter as he deemed advisable. Geo. Robinson, Jr., represented the County, in the hearing before Judge Peebles at Clinton on May 15th and private property owners in Federal Point township, who desire the fence and a dissolution of the injunction, will be represented by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy.

Application of Chas. Allen and wife, colored, of Masonboro township, for relief on the outdoor poor list, was referred to the finance committee with power to act.

Two bids received by Chairman Robertson for the building of Federal Point fence were referred to the clerk of the Board with instructions to file same unopened until the injunction matter is disposed of.