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OUTLINES.

Favorable report is directed by the Senate Committee on Commerce on the authorizing A. F. Bela, of Boston, to construct a light house on Diamond Shoal, Hatteras. —— Representative Lamar, of Florida, introduced a resolution to impeach Judge Swayne of the U. S. District Court. —— Nothing was done in the Senate. —— John D. Rockefeller has made a donation of $100,000 for Furman University. —— Alleged safe blowers arrested in Mobile are wanted in a number of places. —— In a street car riot at Chicago a car was wrecked. —— A vigorous fight is to be made in the Senate against Senator Smoot of Utah. —— Report that Millionaire Wentz had been rescued from bandits in the mountains of Virginia is denied; there have been no developments in the case. —— Queen Alexandra and her secretary, Miss Knollys, had narrow escapes from fire that broke out in their apartments at Sandringham early yesterday morning. —— Report of a Russian naval demonstration against Corea is discredited at St. Petersburg. —— Peace negotiations between Japan and Russia are said to be proceeding to a satisfactory conclusion. —— Twenty indictments have been found by the U. S. grand jury investigating postoffice bribery cases and illegal fencing of government land in Nebraska. The Legislature of Louisiana met yesterday in special session to consider the boll weevil. —— New York markets: Money on call was firm at 4@6 per cent; cotton quiet at 12.25c; flour was dull but steady; wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red 89½; corn—spot firm; No. 2 81½c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 41c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 10.

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

Temperature: 8 A. M., 34 degrees; 8 P. M., 41 degrees; maximum, 42 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees; mean, 36 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, .99.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M., 2.5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 10.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday, fresh west winds; Saturday cloudy with rain in the interior, except snow in mountain districts.

Port Almanac—December 11.

Sun Rises	7.00 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.46 P. M.
Day's Length	9 h. 46 M.
High Water at Southport	1.19 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	3.49 P. M.

The price of life-lines will probably advance in Washington. President Roosevelt's demand for them will bull the market until he safely lands Major General Wood.

The Mobile *Register* denies that Alabama would go for Hanna. Roosevelt will go for him, however, if Uncle Mark is really playing possum in the White House yard.

Carrie Nation is going around saying that "the White House cellar is full of spirits." That makes no difference to Roosevelt. He never was much afraid of ghosts anyway.

General Wood will be on the way over a long time in his homeward trip to confront the witnesses of that investigation, but he is reminded that the whitewash bucket will be kept full till he gets here.

The dispatches said Prof. Langley was very much depressed when his flying machine went to pieces and took a dive into the Potomac. Now let him invent a diving machine and probably it will fly.

People who have whitewash ready for use will please address T. Roosevelt, Washington, D C. He will need plenty of it to get those major general epaulettes on the shoulders of Brigadier General Lenard Wood.

The people at Des Moines, Iowa, are awfully mad because the government has garrisoned the new military post there with negro troops. Not a well regulated coon hunter would mind a little thing like that.

The Danville, Va., *Register* says Congressman Claude A. Swanson has gone to Richmond to look out for his gubernatorial candidacy. Did it get there ahead of him? If not, he probably went there to get some other folks to help him "look out" for it.

This from the Jacksonville *Times-Union*, is commended to those who are in high authority but who abuse their powers and use their positions for graft getting: "People who dread anarchy would do well to dread the causes that produce it."

Scientists have been foolish enough to let it get out that radium which sells on the market at $145,- an ounce is found in petroleum. Rockefeller believes it and has raised the price of kerosene so he can get back some of the value of the radium that we extravagant people are burning.

Some of the North Carolina press are fully denounce the steal of the Panama canal, but they do not hesitate to gobble up what their newspaper brethren grind out. We see numbers of the STAR'S luminous emanations copied and credited to newspapers that have stolen the items out of the whole cloth.

FIVE WERE DROWNED

Coasting Schooner "Clarence H." Capsized With All on Board Wednesday Night.

BOUND FOR WIMINGTON.

Gale Too Much for Well Laden Little Craft Wreck and One Body Washed Ashore Near Cape Fear Life Saving Station—All White Men.

While attempting to get over the bar into a safe harbor in the teeth of a stiff northwest gale late Wednesday night, the coasting schooner "Clarence H.," bound from Shallotte, Brunswick county, to Wilmington, with a cargo of general merchandise, capsized off the mouth of the Cape Fear river and all hands aboard, including crew of three and two passengers, all white, were drowned. The boat, bottom-up, with the body of one of the drowned men, washed ashore near Cape Fear Life Saving Station early yesterday morning and parties interested in Wilmington were at once notified. The bodies of the other dead had not been recovered according to latest information last night. The drowned men are:

Capt. Lucian Hewett, of Shallotte, master of the vessel, unmarried and aged about 28 years.

Mate Morris Caison, of Shallotte, unmarried and aged about 26 years.

Cook Robinson, son of Mr. Hartford Robinson, a well-to-do citizen of Brunswick county, aged about 20.

Capt. James Lewis, of Brunswick county, a passenger, aged about 45 years and man of a family; former master of the sharpie "C. D. Maffitt."

Capt. William Lewis, of Federal Point, a brother of Capt. James Lewis, aged about 38 years and a well known fisherman.

The body of the last named is the only one thus far recovered. He was at once identified and his family, with that of the other lost brother, was at once notified.

The wrecked sharpie was built a year ago last Summer, and is owned by Messrs. Jackson Stanland and W. A. Frink, of Shallotte; Mr. W. H. Phillips, formerly of Shallotte, but now of this city, and Mr. R. V. Leonard, of Wilmington, the last named being agent for the schooner here. She is 54 feet long, 14½ feet wide, four feet deep and was 14 net tons register. Her value is about $1,500, with no insurance. Of course, however, she will not be a total loss. The schooner left Shallotte Wednesday about 1 o'clock with cargo of naval stores, cotton and all the clothing and household effects of Mr. Phillips, who lately removed to Wilmington and with Mrs. Phillips, was here awaiting their arrival. The steamer "Franklin Pearce," which arrived yesterday morning, left Shallotte after the departure of the schooner and Capt. Kermon said he passed her only a short way out. It is supposed—for the actual facts of the case may never be known—that the gale struck the little craft between 9 and 10 o'clock Wednesday night and that the sails were so manipulated that she turned over. The wreck on the island yesterday gave every evidence of that having been the fate of the craft. The wreck is in charge of Capt. J. E Robinson, of the schooner "Bessie Moore," who has been engaged by the owners to look after their interests until Messrs. Phillips, Leonard and others from here can go down this morning. The cargo is valued at from $1,500 to $2,000. Mr. Phillips and wife, who were here awaiting the arrival of their household effects, were left with only the apparel they are wearing. The most of the property is expected to be found intact in the hold of the vessel, but, of course, will be ruined by the water.

King Kelly in Baseball.

"King" Kelly, of North Carolina baseball fame becomes manager of the Jacksonville, Fla., team for next season in the new South Atlantic League recently organized to embrace Charleston, Savannah, Augusta, Macon and Columbus, Ga. Will Wynne, of Raleigh, Suggs, of Kinston, Person, of Waynesville, and other North Carolina players are being signed by Kelly.

Junior Membership Contest.

The Junior Y. M. C. A. membership contest is waxing warm. The score last night stood: Reds, 10½ points; Yellows, 9. The winning team at the close of the contest will be given a sumptuous supper while the vanquished ones will be permitted to feast on bread and water.

Wilmington Negro Arrested.

Southport *Standard*: Wiley Weary, colored, a deck hand on the steamer "Wilmington," was arrested on Monday last on the charge of selling liquor without license, and now lies securely behind the prison bars in the county jail awaiting the next term of Superior Court, when he will answer to this serious charge. Mayor Swain fixed his bond at $200.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

T. D. Love—Shippers notice.
Academy of Music—Mildred & Rouclere Co.
Academy of Music—Harris-Parkinson Stock Co.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Radiator—Take the chill off.
Cape Fear Camp, U. C. V.—Meeting.

— Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, was slightly indisposed yesterday and unable to be in his office a part of the day.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The New York steamer passed up from Southport at 6:30 P. M. yesterday.

— A team of Wilmington Odd Fellows went up to Burgaw and instituted a new lodge there last night.

— The STAR has with the compliments of the Home Brewing Co., an attractive calendar for the new year.

— The regular meeting of Cape Fear Camp No. 254, U. C. V., will be held at the W. L. I. armory to-night at 8 o'clock.

— A coal car was derailed for some time on the A. C. L. "dummy" track at Water and Chesnut streets yesterday.

— The government has appointed as United States Commissioner at Fayetteville ex-Judge Thomas H. Sutton, of the criminal court and a prominent member of the Fayetteville bar.

— Cotton receipts yesterday were the heaviest in some time—3,635 bales, against 1,935 same day last year. The market was nominal. Spirits was firm at 55c and there was nothing doing in rosin.

— By deed filed for record yesterday J. O. Brock and wife transferred to Mrs. I. Shrier, for $990, house and lot on east side Sixth, between Church and Castle streets, 37x66 feet in size.

— The Southport *Standard* chronicles the death of Miss Eliza Guthrie, sister of Capt. A. M. Guthrie and daughter of Mrs. Amelia Guthrie, which occurred at Southport last Thursday.

— Charlotte *Observer*: "Mr. C. Furber Jones, who has pneumonia and who was thought to be in extremis early yesterday morning, rallied yesterday afternoon and it is now thought that he has a chance for recovery."

— The bonds of Mr. C. M. Whitlock for installing the heating plant in the City Hall and Mr. Roger Moore for paving Market street, have been approved as to legal status and will be passed upon by the Board of Audit and Finance Tuesday night.

— Southport *Standard*: "Mrs. A. W. Rieger and Mr. M. B. Mintz were here on Tuesday and qualified as administrators of the estate of the late A. W. Rieger. They were accompanied by Dr. J. H. and J. C. Rieger, Esq., of Kansas City, brothers of the deceased."

— Plummer Johnson, a colored man found asleep in the office of the B. F. Keith Company by Policeman M. C. Gray at 2 o'clock yesterday morning is being held at the police station awaiting the appearance of Mr. Keith to prosecute him for trespass or larceny, or both.

— Police Sergeant Ward turned "house mover" for a short while yesterday. A small building on the O. A. N. grounds, near the old Seacoast railroad depot, was blown partially over the sidewalk at Ninth and Orange streets by the wind yesterday and Sergeant Ward directed the removal of the ruins from the sidewalk by a force of street workers.

— Southport *Standard*: "Invitations were sent out last Monday to the wedding of Miss Laura DeClifford Weeks to Capt. James B. Church, Jr., on Wednesday afternoon, December 16th, at one o'clock, in Trinity Methodist church. Miss Weeks is one of Southport's most popular young ladies and the wedding is looked forward to with much pleasure by her many friends."

JURY EXONERATED WATKINS.

Final Incident in Accidental Shooting of Cartwright Woman—Funeral.

The last incident to the accidental shooting of the Cartwright woman over a month ago and her subsequent death at the Hospital after a marvelous battle for life, was her burial yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock in Bellevue cemetery by Undertaker W. E. Yopp. There were brief services at the grave by Rev. Geo. B Webster, pastor of Bladen street M. E church, but only the minister, the undertaker and his assistants were present to witness the pathetic and tragic end of an unhappy career such as was her's—unmourned, unwept.

Pursuant to recess the coroner's jury which had under investigation the circumstances of the death, met yesterday morning in the city court room and after hearing a report of the autopsy performed at the Hospital the afternoon previous, rendered a verdict exonerating Mr. Watkins as follows:

"We, the coroner's jury, having been duly named and sworn by Dr. C. D. Bell, coroner of New Hanover county, to inquire what caused the death of Mary Cartwright, do hereby report that from the investigation and evidence of witnesses that the said Mary Cartwright came to her death from the effects of a bullet wound in the head from the accidental discharge of a pistol falling from the person of Mr. A. Watkins on the night of November 4th, and the said Watkins is hereby exonerated from all blame in the matter."

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Richards.

Southport *Standard*: "A handsome memorial window has been placed in the front end of Trinity Methodist church. It is the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. E. V Richards, of Wilmington, and is erected to the memory of little Mary Elizabeth, deceased daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cranmer. The window is beautiful in design and represents much skill and labor. On last Sunday morning the congregation passed a resolution of thanks to Mr. Richards."

AFFAIRS OF COUNTY.

Commissioners and Auditing Committee of Board in Session Yesterday Afternoon.

THREE BONDS APPROVED.

W. W. King, Keeper of Cemetery and County Undertaker — Receipts and Disbursements of Public Funds in November — Statement.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the transaction of business necessarily left over from the annual meeting the first Monday in December, was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, all members having been present, viz: Chairman D. McEachern, Maj Wm. F. Robertson and Messrs. W. F Alexander, H. L. Vollers and M. W. Divine. A meeting of the Auditing Committee was subsequently held, Chairman McEachern and Messrs. Robertson and Vollers having been in attendance. The proceedings of the committee meeting consisted principally of approving bills for current expenses and an examination and approval of the usual monthly report of County Treasurer H. McL. Green and a special report by him as to the standing of the township road fund.

THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING.

A full attendance upon the commissioners' meeting having been noted, Commissioner Alexander who was not present at the regular meeting Monday, affixed his signatures to the bonds of county officials previously signed by other members of the Board.

An error having occurred in designating certain property on the tax lists as that of V. Gaskill against which an over-assessment of $750 was placed, it was ordered that the valuation of same be changed to $350.

W. W. King was re-appointed as keeper of Oak Grove cemetery, the public burying ground, and his salary was fixed same as last year—$100 per annum. Mr. King was also given the contract for furnishing coffins and burial of the poor at $2 each. There were no other bidders for the contract nor applicants for the position of keeper of the cemetery.

Further time having been granted at the meeting Monday, bonds of three county officers were submitted duly approved by Marsden Bellamy, Esq., county attorney, and signed by all the commissioners as follows:

Dr. C. D. Bell, coroner, in the sum of $2,000 with F. J. Gooding and T. S. Toler sureties, each of whom justified in the sum of $1,000.

W. H. Shearin, superintendent of convict camp, in the sum of $2,000 with Marsden Bellamy, Esq., and Samuel Blossom sureties, each of whom justified in the sum of $2,000.

M. G. Chadwick, keeper of County Home, in the sum of $1,000 with Geo. H. Heyer, I. J. Bear and Martin Newman sureties, each of whom justified in the sum of $1,000 except Mr. Heyer who justified in the sum of $5,000.

THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Examination and approval of reports of Treasurer Green were the principal items of business transacted by the Auditing Committee. The report for the month of November showed receipts and disbursements as follows:

Receipts—Balance to general fund, $2 234 81; special county fund, $1,-709.71; road fund, $16,755; road sinking fund, $,9,235.01; property tax, $9,-945 03; schedule B tax, $234.77; jury tax, $6.00; transfer to road fund, $500; back taxes, $236.46; jury tickets returned, $7.60; rents, $4; marriage license, $31 35. Total, $33,889.74.

Disbursements — Outdoor poor, $347.85; roads and bridges, $350 08; public buildings, $126 69; Superior Court, $394 55; jail, $304.30; stationery and advertising, $31.50; magistrates, $10 20; County Home, $148 60; refunded taxes, $2.30; tax listing, $39.60; Hospital, $600; County Commissioners, $130.25; Superintendent of Health, $100; Coroner, $24 40; Constable, $11.40; Clerk, $50; Janitor, $45; roads, $1.375; order of transfer from general to road fund, $500; Treasurer's commissions, $163.28; balance, $29,257.19. Total, $33,889.74.

The balance to the several funds was as follows: General, $9,429.02; Special County, $1,709.71; Roads, $15 883.45; Road Sinking, $3,235.01.

The account with the Township fund to Dec. 1st showed balance on April 1st as follows: Cape Fear, $39 79; Harnett, $161 58; Masonboro, $48.44; Federal Point, $1.98; Walter Scott, on account of Masonboro, $2. Receipts from J. A. Perry were as follows: Cape Fear, $15 50; Harnett, $22 50; Federal Point, $5; Harnett, $20; Masonboro, $3; Cape Fear, $5. Total, $323 79.

The disbursements were $30.80 in Harnett township and $11.61 in Masonboro, which with Treasurer's commissions of $1.43, left a balance on Dec. 1st of $279 95, divided among the townships as follows: Cape Fear, $48.27; Masonboro, $52 39; Federal Point, $6 92; Harnett, $172 37.

Died in Its Mother's Arms.

Capt. Jno. H. Hanby, of Wrightsville, telephoned to the Court House yesterday to know if an inquest was necessary in the case of a most unusual death of an infant on the Sound yesterday morning. A colored woman went to sleep Wednesday night with her babe in her arms. When she awoke yesterday morning the child was dead. The woman said there was nothing to indicate that the child could have been smothered to death. The county authorities replied to the inquiry that there was no need for an inquest.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. W. R. Newbury, of Magnolia, was here yesterday.

— Mr. A. L. Bain, of Greensboro, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. W. H. Bagley, of the Raleigh *News and Observer*, is at The Orton.

— R. G. Grady, Esq., went to Clinton yesterday to attend Superior Court.

— Mr. W. A. Sheppard, a well known travelling man of Richmond, Va., is at The Orton.

— Mr. C. N. Wire, of Philadelphia, the well known railroad promoter, is in Southport.

— Col. W. S. Cook, Fayetteville agent of the South Atlantic Transit Company, is here on business.

— Mrs. T. G. Covington, of Clio, S. C., is visiting the family of Mrs. P. E. Rivenbark, 416 Grace street.

— Messrs. O. L. Clark and O. L. Clark, Jr., of Clarkton, were among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton.

— Mrs. Chas E. Borden, of Richmond, is here on a visit to her parents, Col. and Mrs. Jno. D. Taylor.

— Mrs. Gregg, of Sumter, S. C., and Miss Eanett left yesterday morning for a visit to Rocky Point and Burgaw.

— Mr. J. D. Frink, a leading merchant of Clarendon, N. C., is in the city on a business trip. He says his town is prospering and that from all over the country comes report of good times.

— Miss Bessie Williams, of this city, was maid of honor at the marriage of Miss Katie Sheetz to Mr. Eugene Maxwell Best, of LaGrange, N. C., at Fayetteville Wednesday night.

— Mrs. Samuel J. Springer left yesterday morning to spend the holidays at her former home in Washington, N. C., and to attend the marriage of her sister which will take place soon after Christmas.

— Southport *Standard*: "Mr. J. Fletcher Ruark, the affable bookkeeper for Messrs. Brooks & Taylor, of Wilmington, spent Sunday last at "Brierhurst," the county home of Prof. H. C. Schultz, a few miles from Southport."

— Mr. W. H. Phillips, of Shallotte, who has removed to the city with his wife and become interested in the Brunswick Grocery Co., is residing temporarily at No. 701 Dock street. Wilmington is glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Phillips as residents. Mr. Phillips for several terms represented Brunswick county in the Legislature.

POPULAR REPERTOIRE COMPANY.

Harris-Parkinson Big Stock Company Here All Next Week—Opening Bill.

Next Monday night the Harris-Parkinson big stock company will open a week's engagement at the Academy of Music, the opening play being "Slaves of the Orient," a startling melodrama of life in the Far East under the Sultan. Robert H. Harris, the Sothern romantic actor, will be in one of his strongest parts. Mr. Harris has long been identified as one of the strongest and most pleasing actors of the present day. He is this season supported by Marie La Tour, recent leading lady with one of the Charles Frohman forces, and a powerful acting company of twenty people. This company will present the strongest line of royalty plays ever brought South at popular prices, among them Maud Adams' great success, "The Little Minister," "In Sunny Tennessee," "A True Kentuckian," "The Scout" and others. Between acts specialties will be introduced.

Popular prices—10, 20 and 30 cents—will prevail for the entire engagement, and seats for Monday night's peformance will be on sale at Plummer's tomorrow morning.

REWARD FOR MERIT.

Gifted Young Wilmingtonians Captured Prizes for Literary Skill.

Solomon's Shoe Store received notice yesterday from the manufacturers of the Little Giant School Shoes, to present to Master Wilbur Gore and Miss Hattie Ray Kline, both of this city, a pair each of the best Little Giant School Shoes as prizes, they having won them in the "Fairy Story Contest" that the Dalton Shoe Company, of Dalton, Mass., has been conducting for the past four months.

Little Miss Kline is only six years of age, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kline. Each of the contestants received a very complimentary letter from the manufacturers of the shoe, complimenting them upon being two of the successful ten contestants.

Menhaden Season Over.

After having been in operation little more than a week the Atlantic Fisheries plant at Old Brunswick has closed for the season and the steamer "Atlantic," the only one sent here by the company this season, has returned North. Menhaden are now scarce, but they were very plentiful earlier in the season. The Atlantic fisheries were too late in opening.

To Attend a Wedding.

Miss Lottie L. Mason left for Point Caswell yesterday morning to attend the wedding of Miss Minnie Vollers to Mr. George Kelley Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Baptist church. Miss Mason will be maid of honor. The bridal party will arrive in the city Saturday evening over the A. & Y. railroad.

COAST LINE WRECK.

Dozen Freight Cars Piled Up on the Track Three Miles Beyond Navassa.

A RATHER UNLUCKY TRAIN.

Two Mishaps to No. 80 from Florence to Wilmington Yesterday — Brakeman Slightly Injured—W., C. & A. Tracks Were Blocked.

The Atlantic Coast Line suffered another very disastrous freight wreck yesterday and one which will perhaps cost the company thousands of dollars. Fortunately, however, no lives were lost and no one was seriously hurt. The story of the wreck is a series of mishaps which befel through freight train No. 80, from Wilmington to Florence, and due here at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. The chapter of accidents begins at Fair Bluff, about 60 miles from Wilmington, on the W., C. & A. railroad, very early yesterday morning, when a box car of the train of about twenty-five, flew the track near the South Carolina line. The car was more or less demolished and the accident blocked the train for a few hours. The passenger train for Charleston was delayed two hours. The wrecking train was sent out from Wilmington and soon cleared the track.

The freight train proceeded and was making good time towards its destination when early in the afternoon some disarrangement of a journal under a car near the middle of the train gave way and between ten and fifteen other cars were derailed and piled up in a confused heap on the track and upon each side about seven miles from the city, between Malmo and Navassa station. Some of them are cross ways, others are on end and many of them are completely demolished. Persons who witnessed the heap of ruins say it is the worst freight wreck they ever saw before. The train had just passed over a long trestle and it was fortunate that the disarrangement under the car did not occur a minute sooner.

The engine and two cars in front of the train and the caboose and several other cars on the rear did not leave the track, else loss of life and serious injury to the crew would have certainly resulted. George Herring, a brakeman of this city, was badly shaken, up and more or less bruised by the shock, but no bones were broken. The wrecked cars were laden with cotton, lumber, phosphate rock and other material, much of which is smashed up in the wreck. The injured brakeman was brought to Wilmington and given attention by Drs. Pride J. Thomas and Jno. O. Wessell, of the A. C. L. Relief Department, after which he was sent to his home on Sixth street.

Soon after the accident another wrecking train was sent out from Wilmington and Mr. W. J. Haylow, superintendent of transportation; Mr. Walter Forlong, engineer of roadway, and other Coast Line officials left at once for the scene. An extra train was sent to transfer passengers, mail and express from the train due here from the south at 1:45 P. M. and the same transfer had to be made for the return trip of the same train, causing a two hour delay. Although 40 or 50 men worked all last night in an attempt to clear the track it was still blocked and a transfer had to be made for the Charleston train due here at 11:20 P. M. The transfer train did not reach the city until 1:15 o'clock this morning, and it was stated that a transfer would again have to be made this morning for the Charleston train leaving the city at 6 o'clock.

SENTRY AND A RED FLAG.

More About the Alley Controversy Between Mr. Bailey and the City.

The alley controversy between Mr. E. P. Bailey and the city authorities reached the acute stage yesterday when Mr. Bailey, exercising his claim to police his own premises as he desires, placed a guard with a rifle on his shoulder and a red flag nailed to the ground in the alley leading from Second street to the Wilmington Iron Works. The guard was W. J. Johnson, the plumber who was recently pardoned by Governor Aycock, and he carried on his shoulder a Winchester repeating rifle. Chief Police Furlong saw the sentry pacing the alley, but he pulled up the red flag and flaunted it in Johnson's face, so to speak, and told Johnson that if he didn't "get off the earth" he would put him, gun and all in the guard house. That closed the incident.

NEGRO PERHAPS FATALLY BURNED.

Tramp on Coast Line Suffered from Fire Built to Warm Himself.

Isaac Bryan, colored, 17 years old, is at the James Walker Memorial Hospital suffering from burns of which he may die. The boy lives in Wilmington but had been to Rocky Point and told Dr. Akerman at the hospital that he was "travelling;" presumably on his way back to Wilmington. He built a fire near the railroad track to warm himself and either while asleep or in some other way his clothing caught the blaze and he was severely burned about the hips, thigh and lower parts of the body. He was brought to Wilmington on an A. C. L. train Wednesday afternoon and sent immediately to the hospital.

— Mr. William Struthers is confined to his home by a slight illness.

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IS VAUDEVILLE POPULAR?

That of Class Furnished by Mildred and Rouclere Company is Great.

Without a single exception vaudeville productions in Wilmington heretofore have been a dismal failure and impatient critics have declared in their haste that no vaudeville is popular in the South. Not so with the Mildred and Rouclere company of entertainers who were seen and appreciated last night at the Academy by an audience which was large, considering the temperature both on the inside and outside of the theatre. Every minute of the time was full of startling and entertaining features and the company's own orchestra between curtains made a delightful hit.

The strongest acts were perhaps Mildred and Rouclere in the "Flight of Princess Iris," which has already set the town to talking and trying to explain; Kitamura's Royal Japanese Troupe; Rouclere in a series of original novelties as an adept manipulator, and Mildred in exhibitions of mental phenomena.

With a change of bill almost throughout, the company will again be seen to-night, to-morrow at matinee and to-morrow night.

THE ACT OF AN INCENDIARY.

Fire Probably Set to Residence Where Dance Was in Progress Last Night.

While a dance was in progress last night shortly 11 o'clock at the home of Mr. A. S. Faircloth, No. 307 Dawson street, smoke was discovered to be coming up through the floor and ceiling, and further investigation proved that directly under an adjoining room a blaze had been started either by an incendiary or from some other most unusual source. An alarm was sent to the Department from box 47 at 11:18 o'clock, and the firemen soon extinguished the flames. There is no clue to the probable incendiary, and no motive can be assigned. The building belongs to Mr. E. P. H. Strunck, and the damage is about $15.

Championship Game To-night.

The last game of basket ball in the Y. M. C. A. series until after the holidays will be played to-night between the Littles and the Loughlins, both of which are tied for first place and are in fine trim for the decisive battle. The winner of the contest will be the undisputed champion for the present half of the season. The game will be called promptly at 8:30 o'clock and the Loughlins will line up with H. E. Boney and E. O. Hunter, guards; J. J. Loughlin, centre, and Albert Dosher and J Frank, forwards. For the Littles, A. C. Boney and E. T. Hancock will play guards; F. DuPre, centre, and W. A. Little and Robt. Houston, forwards. The friends of both teams are expected out in full force.

Howard Relief Company.

The Howard Relief Company at its annual meeting Monday night re, elected by a unanimous vote all the old officers for the ensuing year, viz: President, Martin Rathjen; Vice President, J. W. Duls; Secretary and Treasurer, J. G. L. Gieschen; Marshal, Martin, Schnibben; First Assistant Marshal, H. T. Duls; Second Assistant Marshal, H. L. Vollers. Guard Wm. Tienken. The handsome new club house of the company will be formally opened on New Year's eve with a house warming.

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