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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

W. A. Gautier, the Sampson county desperado, was sentenced to three years in prison for destroying rural free mail-boxes. —— The House passed the pension bill appropriating $138,153,000. —— U. S. cruiser Olympia has sailed for Colon. —— Cotton future market excited and higher. —— The Chinese canal question was debated in the Senate. —— The business done by the South Carolina dispensary in the fiscal year, 1903 amounts to $1,817,998.77. —— Commander Turner of the U. S. cruiser Atlanta, reports a body of Colombian troops just north of the Atrato river; the Colombian commander made protest against the presence of Americans in Colombian waters. —— President Roosevelt has signed the Cuban reciprocity bill. —— Japan has determined to oppose a strong front to Russia; the dispatch of troops to Corea is imminent. —— The A. C. L. syndicate has been extended to February 28th, 1903. —— U. S. grand jury at Omaha returned a true bill against U. S. Senator Dietrich for illegal leasing of a building to the government for a postoffice. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 4@5½ per cent; cotton quiet at 12.70; flour was fairly active, closing steady; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 90¼c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 53c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 43½; rosin firm; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 17.

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

Temperature: 8 A. M., 33 degrees; 12 M., 36 degrees; maximum, 45 degrees; minimum, 31 degrees; mean, 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.09.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday; light to fresh north to northeast winds.

Port Almanac—December 18

Sun Rises	7.05 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.48 P. M.
Day's Length	9 h. 43 M.
High Water at Southport	7.58 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	10.28 P. M.

If ex Judge W. S O'B. Robinson were to glide into the portals of the White House these days, he would feel like he had stumbled by mistake into a refrigerator.

President Roosevelt has sent a minister to the new Republic of Panama. Everybody ought to chip in now and send a minister to Roosevelt if it is not too late for him to add to missionary efforts.

If Roosevelt and his accomplices mean to turn the rascals out, why is there so much wincing and balking when the Democrats in Congress put their shoulders to the wheel of the over loaded graft cart?

We see in the papers that two men in New York died from drinking wood alcohol. Why on earth don't that men will run such risks when pine top whiskey from North Carolina will reach New York the day after the bill of lading in made out?

The experience of Colombia just goes to show that when Uncle Sam offers his price he considers it a trade. Any further demand is maddening evidence that it is an assault on him with intention to "bleed." Uncle Sam wants it understood that he doesn't go up the alley with any of your thimble riggers.

Editor Jim Robinson, of the Durham *Daily Sun*, is complaining of the bad pavements of that city. Pavements bare the reputation of being mean everywhere, having never quit their sneaking old trick of flying up and hitting a gentleman in the face, and may be why editors are generally down on pavements.

That two-faced and mealy-mouthed paper, the Congressional Record, may rest assured that the people know why it has no opinions of its own. It is on the top rail of the fence and publishes the speeches of both Republican and Democratic senators and representatives, whether they speak the speeches or not.

Radium is 6,000 times more costly than pure gold. The Savannah News claims that a supply of this costly article has reached that city, but as Savannah recently passed a counterfeit $100 bill on Senator Tillman, we propose to protect ourself by patronizing the Chicago market for our Christmas supply of radium.

Smoot, the Republican Mormon senator, talks very conservatively about the protests of the Congress of Mothers against his being seated in the United States Senate. He invites the ladies to go to Utah "to visit his home and see his beautiful home life and the wife and children." Smooty, old boy, the ladies will naturally want to know which one of your homes you want to steer them up against, and whether it's Penelope, Elenor, Lida, or Mary Ann, that they are expected to meet.

THREE WEEKS COURT TERM.

Discovery that is Very Pleasing to Local Attorneys in View of Crowded Docket—The Act

The lawyers are discussing whether the county will have a three weeks term of court beginning Jan. 25th instead of a two weeks term as is the popular supposition. All the printed court calendars, purporting to be official, give only a two weeks term for New Hanover beginning Jan. 25th, but Chapter 523 of the Public Laws of 1903, which is an act to fix and regulate the time for holding the Superior Courts for the Fifth Judicial District, explicitly prescribes that New Hanover shall have a one week term on the sixth Monday before the first Monday in March and a two weeks term (which will immediately follow) to be convened on the fifth Monday before the first Monday in March. That is construed certainly to mean that court will open here at the appointed time and continue for three weeks for the trial of both civil and criminal matters.

The printed court calendars sent out from Raleigh give Judge Ferguson, who will preside here, an open week after holding a two weeks term here, but the act shows that his time will be given to the extra week for New Hanover exactly as was contemplated in framing the law. The discovery is highly pleasing to attorneys here, inasmuch as there are a number of pressing civil matters that would necessarily have to go over as much time will be taken up with the Terry murder trial.

LOCAL DOTS.

— J. T. Bland, Esq., has resigned as attorney for the county of Pender.

— British steamer "Toloas," Capt. Holtsum hence for Bremen, arrived out on the 6th inst.

— The annual holiday german of L'Artoso Club will be given on New Year's eve, Dec. 31st.

— Romeo and Juliet by a strong company will be an attraction at the Academy Christmas night.

— Willie Perry, a colored youth charged with committing a nuisance in the opera house, was discharged by the mayor yesterday.

— A slight freight wreck caused by the dropping of a brake rod delayed the northbound A. C. L. passenger train near Willard yesterday morning.

— The commissioners of Brunswick county are casting about for a site for the building of a new County Home, authorized by the last Legislature.

— An interesting programme has been arranged for the tree exhibition in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium which will be one of the features of the New Year's reception at the Association.

— Ed Brown, the negro who shot another who was brought to the hospital here Sunday, is in jail, having been committed by Justice C. H. Alexander. The negro at the hospital is doing very well.

— The big steam road roller in the City Hall yard was fired up yesterday to test the new chest and cylinder put on by machinists from Whitlock's. The roller will be ready for use in a day or two.

— Mr. T. H. Thompson, the well known Eagle Paper Co. travelling man, has an important notice to city and country merchants in another column. It needs reading to be appreciated.

— By deed filed for record yesterday W. M. Cumming and wife transferred to C. E. Goodwin for $225, house and lot on west side of Everett, 66 feet south of Dawson street, 66x165 feet in size.

— Duplin *Journal*: "Mr. Herbert Smith, ex-clerk of the Superior Court of Duplin, and Mr. A. T. Hocutt, ex-deputy register of deeds, are now express messengers on the Atlantic Coast Line."

— Wilson *Times*: "We are sorry to note the death of Mr. Ben Arrington, which occurred at his home in Rocky Mount yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. Mr. Arrington was an engineer on the A. C. L. He leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Arrington, and several sisters and brothers."

CHARTER FOR NEW OIL MILL.

New $20,000 Enterprise for Wilmington Incorporated at Raleigh Yesterday.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17.—A charter is granted to The University Oil and Fertilizer Co., of Wilmington, the capital stock being $50,000. The incorporators are B. G. Worth, C. W. Worth and W. E. Worth. The company is authorized to manufacture cotton seed oil and extract grease from any and all substances, deal in cotton, cotton seed and manufacture fertilizers.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Taxes—In Brunswick county.
T. H. Thompson—To merchants.
Academy of Music—"The Stain of Guilt."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

C. R. L. & P. Co.—Reading lamp.
Y. M. C. A.—Musicale for N. C. Sorosis

Ladies' and Gents' solid gold and gold filled watches. J. T. Burke, Jeweller, No. 27 South Front street.

I guarantee each article, and the price will suit you, as I am striving to please the public. J. T. Burke, Jeweller. †

SEABOARD AFFAIRS.

Resignation of Capt. Meares and Complications Growing Out of Same.

AUDITOR HERE YESTERDAY.

General Agent Refuses Use of His Name in Connection With Company's Business—Chamber of Commerce Will Meet To-day.

Travelling Auditor Pitzer, of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, arrived in the city yesterday in connection with the resignation of Capt. T. D. Meares as general agent of the Company here, but he was not empowered to settle with Capt. Meares or relieve him of the duties of the position and he was, therefore, recalled with the information that another auditor would be here Monday with whom Capt. Meares could wind up his accounts. In the meantime the affairs of the office remain in the hands of Mr. F. C. West, chief clerk to the general agent here. Capt. Meares also in the meantime has been just as peremptory with his resignation as Supt. Towsley was with his removal and he has had nothing whatever to do with the office since placing his books, accounts, etc., in proper shape for a full settlement on the morning he notified the company to send a man here to check him up and relieve him of his duties. Capt. Meares has officially notified Supt. Towsley as to his action in the matter and has forbidden the use of his name as agent of the company here any longer.

There were rumors yesterday of wholesale resignations on the part of the clerks in the Seaboard offices here, who were peculiarly attached to Capt. Meares and who were incensed at his treatment at the hand of the Seaboard officials. Mr. Frank Harriss, yard clerk of the company, tendered his resignation yesterday to go into effect to-night.

Bills of lading issued by the company yesterday were signed by clerks with the name of Capt. Meares as agent, but Capt. Meares says that such action is wholly without his authority. It is presumed that other arrangements will be made to day as to signatures and that another agent will be here to relieve Capt. Meares upon his settlement with the travelling auditor who is expected Monday. Mr. Williamson, the appointed successor to Mr. Meares, has been a travelling auditor for the company and an office man in Portsmouth.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet this morning at 11:30 o'clock for the purpose of giving expression to the sentiment of the business community relative to the peremptory dismissal of Capt. T. D. Meares from the general agency of the Seaboard Air Line in this city. From the number of signers of the call for the meeting and the general interest which has been manifested in the affair, the attendance will be quite large. The Chamber will doubtless dispose of the question with a general commendation of Capt. Meares and a condemnation of the Seaboard Air Line for its action in the matter, after which a resolution will likely be introduced embodying the expressions voiced on the floor.

Dog's Experience with Fenders.

Never-failing objects of interest yesterday were the new fenders on the street cars. "They're out o' sight," remarked a motorman last night. "Over the road to day a venturesome little cuss of a dog unwittingly jumped in front of the car. We scooped him up as neat as you ever saw; carried him about a block on the trap and then he jumped off, curled his tail between his legs, looked back with a frightened expression on his face and trotted off down the street as if nothing had ever happened. The claim agent won't have to settle up for killing a 'fine bird dog,' in this case."

THE HARRIS-PARKINSON COMPANY.

"The Stain of Guilt" at the Academy To-night—Matinee To-morrow.

Quite a large audience greeted the Harriss-Parkinson Company at the Academy last night and witnessed a splendid production of "A True Kentuckian." A change of specialties was presented and greatly enjoyed.

To-night the company will present "The Stain of Guilt," a romantic drama of great interest. At matinee to morrow afternoon the old favorite, "Rip Van Winkle," will be offered.

Jim Judge in the Toils.

Upon complaint of his mother and sister whom he threatened to kill, Jim Judge, white, a notorious character of the city, was arrested shortly before last midnight at 113 Front street by Justice G. W. Bornemann and Policeman Leon George. He was placed in jail for a hearing upon a peace warrant in Justice Bornemann's court at 9 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Judge said that her son had several times threatened her, and she was in fear of bodily harm at his hands. She wanted him locked up so that he could not carry out his threats.

Crosses of Honor.

The custodian of the Crosses of Honor for the Daughters of the Confederacy announces that all applicants for these badges must file a certificate of eligibility before Jan. 1st, as after that date the applications will have to be forwarded to Atlanta in order to have the crosses sent before Lee's birthday, January 19th. Blanks can be obtained from Capt. J. I. Metts.

GAS CONSUMERS COMPLAIN.

Some Irregularity at Consolidated Plant Put Places in Darkness — Housewives Protest—At Postoffice.

Owing to some irregularity at the gas plant of the C. R., L. & P. Co., the nature of which could not be learned as the authorities were apparently out of communication by telephone with the newspaper offices, the supply of gas was practically cut off last night and places dependent upon that means of lighting were almost in total darkness. Conditions were almost as bad the night before, but the company is reported to have promised that there will be an improvement beginning to-day.

The absence of gas was principally noticeable at the postoffice, where the electric lighting system burned out at the same time, emphasizing the old saw that "troubles never come singly." The evening mails, which came in late, had to be worked by candle and lamp light and the clock in the tower, which is presumed to be lighted by gas, was in darkness. A number of stores which used gas exclusively had to close up early or borrow or buy lamps. The Welsbach street lights in remote parts of the city showed only a faint glimmer. Lanterns were pressed into service at the police station and contrary to custom it was a hard matter to find one's way into the guard house.

Many a housewife, dependent upon gas for cooking purposes, rebelled when their ranges failed to heat yesterday just before meal time and it is not a wonder that the gas people decided to suspend telephone communication when early in the day each and every one wanted to tell "just what she thought about such a state of affairs." As before stated better things are promised to-day.

There was an improvement in the gas about 12 o'clock last night so that consumers may be reasonably certain the supply will be good to day. General Manager Skelding spent almost day and night at the plant until the condition was remedied.

THE TROLLEY CAR ACCIDENT.

Mrs. Piner's Condition Favorable—Motorman Smith's Case Continued.

Mrs. Elizabeth Piner, the victim of the frightful trolley car accident at Second and Princess streets Wednesday morning, was doing remarkably well yesterday and last night. Her condition is indeed very favorable, though she is not yet out of danger. The accident was much discussed yesterday and varying opinions as to the speed of the car were expressed by additional witnesses who were found. The statement that Mr. J. O. Brown witnessed the accident from his carriage shops on an adjacent corner proved incorrect, as Mr. Brown was at his home at the time.

The case of Motorman Smith, charged with criminal negligence in running over the woman, was called in the police court yesterday at noon. City Attorney Bellamy stated that upon advices from the hospital Mrs. Piner was still in a precarious condition and he thought it unwise to proceed with the case. It was then upon motion of Marsden Bellamy, Esq., and T. W. Davis, Esq., counsel for the C. R., L. & P. Co., ordered that the case be continued until next Tuesday at noon. In the meantime should the patient die, the motorman agrees to give himself up the City Hall for a readjustment of the bond, which was continued for the present at $1,000.

DR. W. G. GALLOWAY TO WED.

Will be Married in Tarboro After the Yuletide Season.

Very many friends in Wilmington yesterday received handsomely engraved invitations bearing the following announcement:

The honour of your presence is requested
at the marriage of
Mrs. Pattie J. Hart
to
Dr. Walter C. Galloway,
On Tuesday afternoon, December the twenty-ninth,
Nineteen hundred and three.
At four o'clock,
Calvary Church,
Tarboro, North Carolina.

Dr. and Mrs. Galloway will be at home in this city after Jan. 15th.

FUNERAL OF MRS. J. F. RULPS, SR

Remains Laid to Rest in Oakdale Cemetery Yesterday—Impressive Services.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. F. Rulfs, Sr., was conducted at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the late residence, thence to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church. The services were by Rev. Dr. G. D. Bernheim, and many friends of Mrs. Rulfs and the family were in attendance. The floral offerings were many and very pretty. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery, the following having acted as pall-bearers: Honorary, Dr. J. T. Schonwald and Mr. H. Rehder; active, Messrs. John Haar, B. H. J. Ahrens, M. G. Tiencken, Louis Hanson and William Neistlie.

Rev. J. B. Shelton to Preach.

Rev. J. B. Shelton, of Chester, S. C., who preached with much power and eloquence at the First Baptist Church Wednesday night, has consented to remain in the city and preach to the congregation again on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and evening at 7:30. Rev. Mr. Shelton has rare gifts as a speaker and he will be heard with much pleasure.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Prize Winners in Many Classes Were Announced by the Judge Yesterday.

FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN.

Special Hours Announced by the Management for This and To-morrow Afternoons—Exhibit from State Experiment Farm at Raleigh.

Although the exhibit is the finest ever made in the city and one of the largest ever seen in the State, the public does not seem to appreciate the Poultry Show under the auspices of the Wilmington Poultry Association, now in progress at corner of Front and Market streets. With the exception of the Blue Andeluvians, Games and Bantams, the judging has now been completed and all the prize ribbons are up, so that the present is a very opportune time to see the show. The doors open this morning at 10 o'clock and close at 10 o'clock to night. This afternoon and to-morrow afternoon has been given by the management to the ladies and children and they are cordially invited to call at those times. The admission has been reduced to 10 cents for both ladies and children. The usual general admission, however, will remain at 15c for men.

The prizes thus far announced are as follows:

P. B. Brooks, Rural Hall, N. C.—Second and third pullets; third cockerel, Rhode Island reds.

C. P. Butner, Rural Hall—Buff Leghorns, third hen.

H. M. Collins, Charleston, S. C.—White Leghorn, first, second and third hen.

Dr. J. H. Dreher—Barred Plymouth Rock, third cockerel.

T. S. Eanes, Lexington, N. C.—Brown Leghorn, first, second and third hen; first cock; first, second and third pullet and first hen.

Golden Plume Poultry Farm, Burlington, N. C.—Silver Penciled Wyandottes, first cock, pullet and hen.

Independent Poultry Farm, Wilmington—First pair Pekin ducks.

W. H. McEachern—White Wyandottes, first and third cockerel. Barred Plymouth Rocks, first hen and third pullet.

W. C. Armstrong—Buff Leghorn, first cockerel.

N. C. Experiment Farm, Raleigh—Buff Orpingtons, second cockerel, first and second hen; first and second pullet. White Plymouth Rocks, first and second hen; first and second pullet; second cockerel. Barred Plymouth Rocks, second and third cockerell; first pullet; second hen. White Wyandottes, second cockerel; third hen. White Leghorns, first and second hen; second and third pullet. Brown Leghorn, second cockerel. Light Brahmas, second hen and third cockerel. Pekin ducks, second pair.

N. M. McEachern — White Wyandottes, first and second hen; second cockerel.

Shadeland Dairy, A. O McEachern—Partridge Wyandottes, first and second pullet; second hen. White Wyandottes, second and third pullet. White Leghorn, first cockerel.

W. P. Monroe—Partridge Wyandottes, first cockerel; first and third hen; third pullet.

Parker & Miller, Rock Hill, S. C.—All on Rose Comb White Leghorn.

Robert N. Reaves—White Plymouth Rocks, third hen.

Dr. T. M. Scharlcock, Charleston, S. C.—White Leghorn, third cock.

S. J. Davis—Buff Leghorns, first, second and third pullet; third cock and third cockerel.

Dr. W. H. Crowell, Burgaw, N. C.—Buff Leghorn, second hen, cockerel and cock.

J. A. P. Wolf, Rural Hall—White Wyandotte, first cock; first pullet. Buff Orpingtons, third cockerel.

Geo. A. Woodard—Buff Leghorn, third cockerel.

E. T. Wade—Buff Orpingtons, third hen; second cockerel. Barred Plymouth Rocks, first cockerel, second pullet, third hen.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES.

Rev. A. McCullen and Two Little Sons Came Last Night—Reception.

Rev. Alpheus McCullen, the new pastor of Fifth Street M. E. church, arrived last night from Oxford, accompanied by his two little sons, aged about 9 and 11 years respectively. Mrs. McCullen has gone to visit her daughter at Littleton Female College and will not join Rev. Mr. McCullen here until after the holidays. The new pastor was met last night at the station by Messrs. J. W. Fleet, W. E. Yopp, B. M. Wilson and Jno. T. Sholar and was shown to the home of Mrs. J. J. LeGwin, where he will be a guest until he is joined by his wife when the family will occupy the parsonage. Rev. Mr. McCullen and little sons were tendered a reception last night by the Ladies' Aid Society and they will be entertained again to-night by the enthusiastic N. N. S. Society, of the congregation. Rev. Mr. McCullen will occupy the pulpit of his new church at the usual hours Sunday.

Sorosis Concert This Evening.

A delightful concert will be given in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium this evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the North Carolina Sorosis. Among those engaged for the evening's entertainment are Mrs. Joseph H. Watters, Miss Florence Pearsall, Mr. D. Amati Richardson, the Atlantic Quartette and Mr. White, accompanist. General admission, 25c.

— Capt. Jim Cutts, one of the freight conductors of this division of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Mr. Wm. H. Branch, baggage master between Wilmington and Norfolk, have been transferred to the second division, with headquarters in Savannah. They will leave for Savannah to-day.

I am making a specialty of Ladies' set rings. Solid gold only. J. T. Burke. †

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Cotton Record Highest Point of Season. Steamer for Bremen—Barque and Two Schooners Cleared.

Clyde Liner "Navahoe" arrived up from Georgetown, 5:20 P. M. yesterday.

Schooners "William P Hood" and "C. C. Lister" cleared yesterday with cargoes of lumber from the Cape Fear mill for Boston and New York, respectively.

British steamer "Scarthoe" cleared yesterday for Bremen with cargo of 13,952 bales of cotton valued at $870,000 and consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Norwegian barque "Kampfjord," Capt. Christensen, was cleared yesterday for Bristol, Eng., by Messrs. Heide & Co. with cargo of 7,586 barrels of rosin, consigned by Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co.

Cotton receipts yesterday were only 699 bales against 1,474 same day last year. The market advanced during the day to 12¼ cents for middling, the highest price recorded here this season.

Southport *Standard*: "While coming in over the bar on Wednesday evening last week, the schooner 'C. D. Maffit,' bound from Shallotte to Southport with a cargo of wood, encountered the northwest gale which capsized and drowned the crew of the 'Clarence H.,' an account of which is given in another column. While off abreast of Fort Caswell a heavy sea struck the vessel, carrying away her deck load of wood. Part of the wood struck Capt. David Robinson, who was at the wheel, breaking his nose and cutting an ugly gash over his right eye. It is somewhat remarkable that the schooner weathered the storm and reached port in safety about 8 o'clock. Capt. Robinson's wounds were dressed by Dr. J. A. Dosher on Thursday morning."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. H. L. Finlayson is here.

— Mr. B. F. Tatum, of Ammon, Bladen county, was here yesterday.

— Mrs. W. L. Harlow returned yesterday from a visit to Richmond.

— Mr. Clem Wescott is at home from Oak Ridge Institute to spend the holidays.

— Mr. D. W. Council and wife, of Rutherfordton, are guests at The Orton.

— Mrs. M. L. Counts, of Bamberg, S. C., was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. Richard Meares came home from Chapel Hill yesterday to spend the holidays.

— C. D. Weeks, Esq., went to Clinton yesterday to attend Sampson Superior Court.

— Messrs. W. R. Walker and J. G. Hollingsworth, of Currie, are in the city on a business trip.

— Capt. J. H. Dosher, of Bald Head light station, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. N. F. Parker.

— Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Clark, Miss Mary Clark and Dr. G. L. Clark were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, 17th: "Miss Sarah L. Hart came up from Wimington yesterday to spend a few days with her sisters, the Misses Hart."

— J. B. Schulken, Esq., of Whiteville, was here yesterday on his return from Raleigh where he argued as one of the counsel for the State the case of the Registers in the Supreme Court.

— Hon. John D. Bellamy returned yesterday morning from Raleigh, where he argued before the Supreme Court the Register case already referred to in these columns. Donald McRackan, Esq., of Whiteville, who also appeared in the case, was here yesterday, returning home.

Navassa Guano Tax.

Southport *Standard*: "At the commissioners' meeting last Thursday an affidavit was furnished by Mr. H. W. Malloy, President of the Navassa Guano Company, to the effect that the Navassa Company had only $140,000 worth of stock on hand June 1st, 1903, instead of $180,000 as charged up against them by the county for taxes. In view of this the commissioners ordered the tax assessment reduced to $140,000. Chairman Guthrie went up to Wilmington on Monday and held a conference with President Malloy in regard to the matter. The Board also ordered that C. W. Yates be paid $330 00 for two sets of index books, same to be paid out of the special bond fund."

— Richard Crawford, colored, was lodged in jail by Constable Savage last midnight charged with some disorder at one of the compresses. He is said to have drawn a knife on several other negroes and acted ugly in a general manner. He will be tried in Justice Fowler's court to-day.

Don't forget to take a look as you pass by the window and see the assortment of appropriate Xmas presents at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

Notice the window at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO-NIGHT.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Harris-Parkinson Co.,

In a big scenic production of the thrilling drama.

"THE STAIN OF GUILT."

Popular Prices—10, 20 and 30c.
Seats on sale at Plummer's.

MATINEE TO-MORROW.

"RIP VAN WINKLE."

de 18 1t

283 NEW CLOAKS!

We Are Receiving Daily New Cloaks.

Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $6.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors. Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

MILLINERY.

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $2.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1 75 now 75c.

A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars $39c, $1, $1 50, $2; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,

139 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.,
Next to Bonitz Hotel.

dec 15 tf

Santa Claus Has Arrived

AND MADE HIS HEADQUARTERS AT

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR.

An immense line of Toys of every description. The finest line of Dolls in the city.

Kid Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Lace Collars, Chiffon and Fur Scarfs, Work Boxes, Manicure Sets, Albums, Gent's Smoking Sets and Shopping Bags are only a few of the many suitable presents we offer for young and old. The prices are sure to suit you.

Call and convince yourself at

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,

The Leading Millinery House,
118 Market street.

Store open until 9 P. M., until after the holidays. dec 13 tf

Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome but useful Xmas Presents.

We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and Canes.

M. H. Curran.

Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel.

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ORANGES.

15,000 Oranges.
9,500 C. C. Nuts.
4,700 lbs Raisins.
2,100 lbs Mixed Nuts.
110 bbls Baldwin Apples.
1,850 lbs Calif'nia Peaches
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103 Boxes Broken Candy.
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Suitable for Wrapping
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I will attend at Wm. Goodman's Store Friday, December 18th, 1903, to collect taxes for Brunswick county.

P. ROURK,
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Rush and Excitement of business will be on till after Xmas, and in the rush you may run out of Wrapping Paper and Paper Bags.

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Big stock Raw Hide Paper and forty kinds of Bags on hand for

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WM. E. SPRINGER,
no 25 6w we fr su Mayor.

Rates for Sewer Service

Water Closets - - 50 cts per quarter, each
Kitchen Sinks - - 50 cts per quarter, each
Bath Tubs - - - - 50 cts per quarter, each
Fixed Wash Basins 25 cts per quarter, each
Fixed Laundry Tubs 50c per quarter, per set

We carry our pipes to your property line without charge, and rates do not go into effect until service is rendered.

The Wilmington Sewerage Co.

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