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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The pension appropriation bill and the emergency river and harbor bill passed the Senate yesterday. ——The House passed a number of bills, including one for the government of the Panama canal zone. —— Judge Holt overruled the demurrer of Sully & Co., against the involuntary petition in bankruptcy. —— The Massachusetts Democratic convention instructed its delegates to St. Louis to support Olney for the Presidential nominee; supporters of Hearst were defeated by an overwhelming majority. —— U. S. marines at Seoul, Corea, are ordered to go to Manila on the cruiser Raleigh.—— All quiet at Port Arthur. —— Russia's daily expenses on account of the war average $750,000. —— Russians will fit out two merchant ships purchased from Germany to prey upon Japanese commerce. —— Russians say the Japs are preparing to make a landing near Takushan. —— Russians are reported as fleeing from the Japanese and are losing hundreds by crossing the Yalu river in overcrowded boats. —— The Chicago car barn bandits will be executed today. —— Fishing schooner off Norfolk blown out to sea and dismasted; crew rescued. —— Negro who insulted white girls at Blacksburg, Va., was severely whipped by cadets of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1@1½; cotton quiet at 14.15c; flour was dull but steady; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red $1.04; corn—spot irregular, No. 2 nominal; oats—spot steady, No. 2 44½; rosin, easy; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., April 21.

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

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 43 degrees; 8 P. M., 53 degrees; maximum, 60 degrees; minimum, 40 degrees; mean, 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .03; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.01.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. 4 feet.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.

Local rains have fallen in the Carolinas, Georgia, Arkansas and Tennessee. The weather has continued cool in the northern and eastern portions of the belt with killing frosts reported at Greensboro and Weldon; heavy frost at Raleigh, and light frost at Lumberton, N. C.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—For North Carolina: Warmer Friday with rain in west portion; Saturday rain and warmer; fresh east to southeast winds.

Port Almanac---April 22.

Sun Rises	5.18 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.40 P. M.
Day's Length	13 H. 21 M.
High Water at Southport	12.24 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	2.54 A. M.

When is the Winter of our discontent to be made glorious Summer?

There has been a revival of Wang in New York. DeWolf Hopper is again scoring a big hit in his old time specialty.

As Judge Parker is also a farmer we hope his nomination for the Presidency means that he is going to raise cane with Roosevelt.

It is said that Judge Parker spends much of his time on his farm near Albany. From this we should infer that he knows how to hoe his own row.

"How shall we treat Governor Aycock when he visits Spartanburg?" asks a South Carolina paper. We guess Governor Aycock will be satisfied to take "the same."

It is hardly to be supposed that Judge Parker will take advantage of his position on the bench to hand down an opinion on Theodore Roosevelt. The case will be heard "in chambers."

A court in Philadelphia decides that a man does not have to tell his wife how much money he makes or how he spends it. Decision overruled and declared null and void. Opinion by Judge Feminine.

A New York man has been sent to jail for three years for striking three women. Evidently they sent in good bawls, and the striker is now sorry it was his time at the bat for such a long "inning."

Russia has decided that it is the better part of wisdom not to send her Baltic Sea fleet around to Port Arthur. Of course Russia doesn't want all her ships Togo to the bottom.

In New York recently the Daughters of the Confederacy had a banquet and sang some of the poetic gems of Syney Lanier. Some Southern papers printed it "Sydney Larner." What is fame for a poet outside of Georgia?

The gentlemen who are fond of mint juleps need not misconstrue the statement that "all mint records were broken at Philadelphia the past week." It is meant to say that the coinage of gold there for the month ending April 16th was $60,180,390 in $20 gold pieces, and for the week $11,302,600, an average of nearly $2,000,000 a day. The weight of the gold coined was more than forty-two tons.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Thos. J. Rann has been given a permit to build a two-story residence on east side of Fifth, between Hanover and Brunswick streets.

— Pay your poll tax before May 1st, or you cannot vote in the State and Presidential elections to be held in November next.

— A number of friends of Brooke G. Empie, Esq., announce him a candidate for the State Senate, in an official card appearing elsewhere in to-day's paper.

—It is stated that Mr. S. P. Cowan will conduct only boarding stables for horses at Second and Princess streets for the present, but that later he will probably also engage in the livery business.

— A special meeting of St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M. will be held at 8 o'clock to-night. Business of importance with reference to the old St. John's building, on Market street will be considered.

— The alarm of fire at 3:05 P. M, yesterday, from box 49, was on account of a small blaze caused from sparks from the chimney at 311 Castle street, occupied by Virginia Hall, colored. The damage was about $10.

— George Washington Council No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M., will hold a pleasant social session after the regular lodge exercises to-night. Refreshments will be served and a full attendance of members is desired.

— The County Board of Education of Brunswick at the regular meeting last Monday elected Geo. H. Bellamy, Esq., county superintendent of schools, to succeed the late John Henry Mintz, whose death was noted in these columns.

— The burning of a railroad bridge ten miles this side of Monroe night before last cut off mail and passengers on the Seaboard Air Line from points west of Monroe yesterday. A temporary trestle was completed yesterday and the track is again open to traffic.

— Prof. J. S. Leonard, teacher of vocal music in the schools of the country, will give a joint musicale at Masonboro this afternoon at 2 o'clock and another at Delgado next Friday. The children of the Masonboro school are requested to meet this forenoon for rehearsal prepatory to the exercises this afternoon.

— Mrs. Horace M. Emerson, Miss Amy Harlow, Miss Laura Clark, Miss Julia Parsley, Miss Bessie Gore, Mr. Benj. Bell, Jr., and Master Allan Emerson, left yesterday morning for Chapel Hill. They will attend the regular April german of the University German Club to-night, and also attend the game of baseball between North Carolina and Virginia at Chapel Hill this afternoon.

— By deed filed for record yesterday Thos. Settle and wife and Tenche C. Coxe and wife transferred to W. J. McCall, of Charlotte, for $4,000, tract of land beginning at a point known as "Negro Head Point," formed by the confluence of the northeast and northwest branches of the Cape Fear river, thence up the northwest branch of the river, a distance of about two miles.

EX-GOVERNOR RUSSELL'S CONDITION.

Decides to Remain a Few Days Longer at the Johns Hopkin's Hospital.

It was announced in a telegram from Washington to yesterday's Raleigh *Post* that ex-Governor D. L. Russell would be discharged from Johns Hopkins Hospital on the following day and that on Friday, after spending the night in Washington, he would return to his home in Wilmington. A later telegram received here yesterday, however, stated that the ex- governor's fever had returned and that he had decided to remain in the hospital a day or two longer; that he would telegraph later when to expect him.

Dr. Young, who performed the operation on ex-Governor Russell, says that the patient will leave the hospital a well man; that he is in better physical condition than he has been in for ten years. For several weeks in the hospital his life was dispaired of and the news of his recovery will come with satisfaction to many friends here and elsewhere throughout the State.

The following Associated Press dispatch from Baltimore was received last night:

"Former Governor Daniel L. Russell of North Caroline, who has been under treatment at the Johns Hopkins hospital for several weeks left that institution to night for Washington, D. C., where he will spend a few days with his friends. He will return to his home in Wilmington, N. C., early next week."

Pastor Hale Arrived Safely.

A telegram to Mr. W. C. Peterson from the Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., last night stated that Dr. Hale had arrived safely at Hot Springs, Ark., on "schedule time." Mr. Hale stated in the telegram that he stood the trip well and was in good shape.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

For Senator—Announcement.
At Hardin's—"Tokio Camphor."
Wilmington Grocery Co-New goods
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—Where to put your money.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

House and Lot—For sale.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Junior Order of United American Mechanics Celebrated an Important Event.

JEFF DAVIS COUNCIL NO. 63.

Five Years of Good Work and Splendid Growth—Addresses by Prominent Members of Order and Bountiful Spread of Refreshments.

Jeff Davis Council No. 63, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, last night very auspiciously celebrated the fifth anniversary of its founding. The exercises took place in the handsomely appointed lodge rooms of the council on the third floor of the Murchison National Bank building and there were in attendance a very large number of "Juniors," members of their families, members of the Daughters of Liberty and other friends. The hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Past Councillor A. J. Hewlett presided over the exercises and after the opening preliminaries he made a very cordial welcome address and presented William J. Bellamy, Esq., the speaker of the evening. Mr. Bellamy outlined the beautiful principles of the order and spoke with much interest and felicitation upon what the Jr. O. U. A. M. has accomplished since it entered the lodge realm in Wilmington.

Mr. Bellamy was followed by Past Councillor J. T. Burke, who read a statement giving the history of Jeff. Davis Council. It was established in Wilmington April 21st, 1899, with 86 charter members, largely through the instrumentality of Messrs. Jno. E. Wood and Walter E. Yopp. Now the council has nearly 200 members and is growing every day. The receipts during the past five years have been $4,013.33 and of that amount, $769.95 has been paid out in sick benefits, $1,095 in death benefits while $951.70 has been paid in funeral assessments. For State Council purposes, $315.60 has been paid in per capita tax, while $767.68 has been paid out for hall rent, officers' fees, paraphernalia, etc. During the past five years Jeff. Davis and George Washington councils have presented bibles and flags to Hemenway and Union schools, of Wilmington, and Jeff. Davis Council has done likewise for Delgado, Masonboro and Greenville schools in the country. The "Juniors" propose to keep up the good work upon the opening of the schools next season until a flag floats over every school building and a bible is in every school room in the county.

Following Mr. Burke's very interesting story of the growth of the council and its laudable purposes for the future, Mr. G. J. Boney spoke upon "Why I Became a Junior." His talk was very interesting and was greatly appreciated by the large crowd present. Mr. Geo. T. Hewlett, with Mrs. E. B. Burkhimer as accompanist, next entertained with a number of "coon songs" and plantation melodies. He also appeared in a monologue skit in which local hits were abundant and timely. Many of them "brought down the house."

Following the exercises the "Juniors" entertained their guests at a sumptuous spread of refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, fruits, etc. The committee of arrangements consisted of Messrs. G. J. Boney, Jno. E. Wood, W. A. Parker, A. J. Hewlett and G. C. Simmons and to them the large crowd in attendance voted thanks for a most pleasant evening's entertainment.

MUSICALE A GRAND SUCCESS.

Miss McGirt's Circle of Fifth Street M. E. Church Delightfully Entertained.

The entertainment given last evening in the lecture room of Fifth Street M. E. church by Miss Mamie L. McGirt's Circle of the Sunday school was a highly successful affair in every respect, both from a financial and social point of view. The numbers on the programme, without an exception, were delightfully rendered and all of them were received with enthusiastic encores. The progamme was as follows:

Piano Solo..March Militaire..Schubert Lausig
Miss Corbett.
Duet.....Fair Janette
Mrs. F. A. Muse, Mrs. C. D. Weeks.
Female Quartette.....Selected
Miss Horne, Mrs. Jas. Smith,
Miss Adrian, Mrs. F. A. Muse.
Reading.....The Lisper
Miss Pearsall.
Duet.....One Sweet Solemn Thought
Miss Scott, Mr. C. V. Motte.
Trombone Solo.....Violets
Mr. R. Merrick.
Reading.....Katie's Beau
Miss Pearsall.
Vocal Solo, Past and Future, Reginald de Koven
Miss Scott.
Mandolin Duet with Guitar and Piano Accompaniment.
Misses Ethel Hopkins, Mamie L. McGirt,
Mr. Clifford Hopkins, Mr. A. L. Doster.

The lecture room of the church was very prettily decorated for the musicale and Miss McGirt was complimented by every one for the magnificent success she made of the event.

"THE LITTLE TYCOON."

Rehearsals Progressing Satisfactorily. Seats on Sale—Box Sheet.

Rehearsals for "The Little Tycoon," to be presented next Friday evening in the Academy of Music, under the auspices of the Colonial Dames, are now in progress nightly and rapid progress is being made in training the voices for the delightful little operetta. The management desires that the announcement be made that only those who are members of the cast attend the rehearsals. Seats are now on sale for the production at Yates', The Office, The Orton and DeRosset's. The box sheet opens at DeRosset's Wednesday morning.

A. C. L. SUIT COMPROMISED.

Whiteville Superior Court Still in Session. Verdict for the Defendant in Another Damage Case—Coleman Smith.

The $50,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Susie O. Holmes, of Florida, against the Atlantic Coast Line, was compromised before it came up for trial in Columbus county Superior Court at Whiteville this week, counsel for defendant railroad having agreed to allow the plaintiff $2,750, which amount has been paid. It will be remembered that Mrs. Holmes sued for injuries received last year at Donaldsonville, Ga., the same having resulted from a train running into an open switch upon another train on which the plaintiff was a passenger.

The only other civil action of any interest tried this week at Whiteville was that of L. Lock, administratrix, against the Acme Manufacturing Company, of this city, in which plaintiff asked $6,000 damages for the killing of her husband at the factory at Cronly, N. C., in February, 1903. While Lock was engaged in oiling some machinery, his clothing was caught on a shaft and he was thrown several times against the ceiling, killing him instantly. The case was on trial all day Wednesday and all of yesterday morning, the jury at 11:30 o'clock bringing in a verdict for the defendant and awarding no damages upon the ground that plaintiff's testator was guilty of contributing by his own negligence to his injuries. Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, of Wilmington, Messrs. Schulken & Lewis, and Jackson Grier, of Whiteville, represented the Acme Manufacturing Company and Messrs. C. C. Lyon & Son represented the plaintiff.

It was decided yesterday that the trial of A. Coleman Smith, charged with implication in the Soles-Staly murder, would begin this morning. Owing to the heavy expense incident thereto the prisoner's counsel has decided not to bring either H. B. Register or Cross Edmondson from the penitentiary to testify. The general opinion seems to prevail at Whiteville, it is said, that, while the circumstantial evidence is strong, it is not sufficient to convict of murder in the first degree.

FRUIT AND PRODUCE TRAVELLERS.

Annual Meeting in This City Saturday, With Banquet Night Following.

Arrangements are all complete for the banquet to be given at The Orton to-morrow evening at 9 P. M., complimentary to the members of the American Fruit and Produce Travellers' Association, which meets in annual convention in this city to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the rooms of the Merchants' Association. An attractive list of speakers has been arranged for the occasion and a most interesting programme is being mapped out. A large attendance is expected.

The American Fruit and Produce Travellers' Association has members in fourteen States of the union who travel from Florida to the Great Lakes on the North from early in January till the dog days in August. They represent millions of dollars in wealth and it comes their way to speak favorably or unfavorably of a community as their impressions may be, and as the association has held three annual meetings here it goes without the saying that Wilmington has a soft place in their hearts.

CAPT. R. P. HOBSON'S LECTURE.

"The Navy, its Achievements and Improvements" Will be the Subject.

"The Navy, Its Achievements and Improvement" will be the subject of Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson's lecture in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Tuesday night as the eighth and last number in the Star Course of Entertainments. The recent utterances of the distinguished naval hero along the lines suggested by the subject have created a deal of newspaper and magazine comment all over the United States and that the speaker will have something interesting to say in his own interesting way, there can be no doubt. He will speak as one with an authority borne of experience and there will be food for thought in his eloquent discourse.

Capt. Hobson will reach Wilmington from Charlotte on the noon train Tuesday and will be entertained at The Orton. The box sheet for the lecture opens at DeRosset's Monday morning.

James Sprunt Institute.

The following invitation has been received: "The Faculty and the Senior Class of the James Sprunt Institute request the pleasure of your presence at the commencement exercises, April 24th to 26th, 1904." The Senior Class is composed of Misses Callie Newton, Mary Louise Pridgen, Bettie Southerland and Mary Graham Carr, and the piano graduates are Misses Mary Graham Carr, Bessie Williams Hinson, Kate Middleton and Callie Newton.

Street Car Disabled.

The motor under a street car bound south on North Front street, near Bladen, yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock gave way and dropped to the track while the car was going at rather rapid speed. The motorman was thrown over the front of his car for some distance, but caught on his feet and was only slightly injured. There were no passengers on the car and the conductor managed to hold to a seat when the sudden stop came.

FIRE TUG IS CERTAIN.

Committee from Board of Aldermen Receive and Accept Another Proposition

FROM CAPT. E. D. WILLIAMS.

Marion Will be Equipped With 1,000 Gallon Capacity Pump—Appropriation of $600 for Maintenance Will be Included in the Budget

That the city will in the near future be in possession of a first-class fire tug is now beyond peradventure. That one is needed no one who has kept track of municipal events within the past year will gainsay.

At a meeting of the Fire Committee of the Board of Aldermen yesterday for the purpose of making up an estimate of the amount of appropriation needed for that department during the fiscal year ensuing June 1st, 1904, a proposition was received from Capt. Edgar D. Williams, owner and master of the steamer "Marion," offering to equip that tug with modern fire-fighting appliances and have it ready at all times to respond to alarms from along the water front for the modest sum of $600 per year. Only Chairman P. Q. Moore and Alderman W. E. Yopp were present at the meeting, Alderman M. G. Tienecken being unavoidably absent, but the two members of the committee present at once decided to recommend the acceptance of the proposition and to include an amount sufficient to maintain the tug in the appropriation for the next fiscal year's expenses. There appears not a shadow of a doubt but that the appropriation will be allowed at once, upon the committee's investigation and recommendation.

Capt. Williams, for the sum named, agrees to equip the tug with a pump of 1,000 gallons per minute capacity; and to have the boat in readiness at all times to respond to alarms from the water front, keeping the fire under the boiler banked and one or two men aboard at all times, who shall be competent to man the tug. The city is to furnish the hose and nozzles sufficient for the equipment. A detachable alarm will be kept aboard the boat at night so as to facilitate the work. The further details of the proposition will appear from the contract when it is presented to the Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance for acceptance.

STOLE SCHLITZ BEER BOTTLES.

Two Negroes Sent to Jail for Larceny. Other Cases Before the Mayor.

Sternberger Bros., grocers on North Front street, yesterday gave the police a tip which led to the arrest of a couple of negroes engaged in the wholesale larceny of Schlitz beer bottles from the Cape Fear Club. Jim Anderson and Thos. S. Gordon are the negroes, and they carried about 100 bottles of the kind that "made Milwaukee famous" to the store of Messrs. Sternberger Bros., representing to Mr. Sternberger that they were train hands and had secured the bottles from a bar-room at Dudley, N. C. They said they had more at the shanty car, and without passing over any coin Mr. Sternberger told the negroes to go and bring the remainder of them. When the negroes left, Mr. Sternberger 'phoned the police station and Officer H. W. Howell responded, finding the negroes in the yard of the Cape Fear Club filling two sacks with the bottles, preparatory to carrying them to Messrs. Sternberger Bros'. store. The negroes were at once arrested and half an hour later they were taken before Mayor Springer and bound over to the May term of Superior Court in bonds of $50 each, which they failed to give and went to jail. The negroes attempted to implicate a "James" Anderson, who worked at the club, but he could not be connected with the affair and was discharged.

The only other defendants in the police court yesterday were Calvin Larkins and Annie Johnson, both colored, charged with being drunk and disorderly. They were each fined $5 and costs, which they arranged to pay.

AN INCIDENT OF YEARS AGO.

Insane Man Who Shot Stranger in Scaltz House Died in Asylum.

Mr. W. D. Siler, an attorney of the Chatham county bar, is in the city looking after the estate of Robert F. Trask, who died in the insane hospital at Morganton four or five months ago. Mr. Siler is accompanied by Mrs. Lizzie Andrews, of Mount Vernon Springs, N. Y., who is administrator of the estate of the late Mr. Trask. It will be remembered that eight or ten years ago Trask, while a guest at the Bonitz House, in this city, became violently insane, and coming through the lobby to the street, shot and instantly killed the first man whom he met, a travelling man for a crayon portrait house and an entire stranger to the man who shot him. Trask was placed on trial for his life here, but the plea of insanity saved him from the gallows and he was sent to the State asylum, where he remained until his death a short time ago. Trask inherited an interest in a house on Grace street and it is for the purpose of disposing of that which brings Mr. Siler and his client to Wilmington now.

—Mr. and Mrs. James F. Sears have returned from their bridal tour to Florida.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mrs. T. J. Gore is visiting in Charlotte.

—Mr. C. B. Wright, of Raleigh, arrived yesterday.

— Mrs. Chas. Whedbee, of Hertford, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Cuthbert Martin.

—Miss Nora Angel left yesterday morning for Washington, N. C. to visit her sister, Mrs. Blount.

— Mayor A. E. White, of Lumberton, accompanied by Mrs. White, is in the city on a brief visit. He was a welcome visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

— Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, spent yesterday in the city. He said so far as he could learn the strawberry crop had suffered little from the continued cold weather.

— Mr Wm. B. Streeter, State superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home at Greensboro, N.C., is in the city in the interest of that most praiseworthy institution.

— Mr. J. G. Thompson, representing Brown & McMahon, of Philadelphia, is in the city looking after strawberry and vegetable shipments. He is an ex-president of the American Fruit and Produce Travellers' Association, and will attend the annual meeting here to-morrow.

— Southport *Standard*: "Miss Annie Z. Newton returned Saturday from Wilmington, where she has been visiting for the past week. —— Miss Mary B. Legge, a charming young lady of Wilmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in Southport."

ARMOUR TAX SUIT DECISION.

Important Points Involved in the Controversy—Must Pay.

The purport of the decision recently recently rendered by the Supreme Court in the case of the State of North Carolina and the Commissioners of New Hanover county against the Armour Packing Company, which went up from Wilmington, is as follows:

The Revenue Act of 1901, Section 95, provides for a license or franchise tax to be paid in proportion to the amount of capital stock by a corporation "organized under the laws of this State or doing business in this State." The tax for a corporation of $1,000,000 and over, would be $500 for the county and $500 for the State for each year.

A suit was brought against each the Armour Packing Company, the Standard Oil Company and Swift & Company to recover these taxes for the years 1901 and 1902, amounting in all to $6,000. The case of the Armour Packing Company was taken to the Supreme Court as a test case. In this case the defendant resisted the payment of the tax:

1. On the ground that section 95 of the Revenue Act was not passed in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, which provides that such an Act should be read three several times in each House, and the ayes and nays entered upon the Journals upon the second and third readings;

2. That the act could not apply to a non-resident Corporation, and,

9. That even if the State could collect the tax, the County could not, because it is a franchise tax and not a license tax for doing business in the County.

The Court had formerly decided in another case that a material amendment to an act of this nature would have to pass each House according to the requirements of the Constitution, and the defendant insists that Section 95 had not been passed in this way and introduced the original bill in evidence as amended by the Legislature to show that this was so. The court on this point holds that the original is not competent evidence to prove this, because the Journals of the Legislature constitute the Record, and the Constitution requires that the fact should appear not from the original bill, but from the Journal, and that the Journal shows in this case the *bill* was read and the entry of the ayes and nays was properly made.

The Court further holds that the Act applies to non-resident corporations, and that the tax is a privilege tax and can be collected by the State and county.

The plaintiffs were represented by Rountree & Carr and the defendants by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy. The decision is of considerable importance as it sustains the collection of $6,000.00 of contested taxes.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

Cape Fear Interests Looked After—Some of the Appropriations.

[*Special to News & Observer.*]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The River and Harbor Bill, as it passed, contained only one item for North Carolina, that being the continuation of the work on the Cape Fear below Wilmington. As reported to the Senate by the Committee on Commerce the bill makes provision for two preliminary surveys in addition to the work on the Cape Fear. They are:

Shallotte river, from the bar at the mouth of said river to the town of Shallotte, with a view of dredging, cleaning out and widening the channel.

Northeast River from Wilmington to Hallsville, with a view to removing snags, stumps and logs and overhanging trees and maintaining the natural channel of the river, removing sand bars and securing the depth in said river from Wilmington to Hallsville of four and one half feet at low water at all times in the year.

Spring Season for Menhaden.

The recent cold weather is interfering seriously with the catch of menhaden off this coast, though both the Cape Fear and Atlantic fisheries at Old Brunswick, down the river, are now in full operation, nearly 300 men being employed. Five steamers are already here and others are expected as soon as the weather clears up and the fish begin to come up in schools toward the surface where they can be caught.

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apr 16 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

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108 Princess Street.
J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.
apr 22 tf

RIDGEWAY CONCERT COMPANY.

Sale of Seats Will Open This Morning at DeRosset's—Asheville Criticism.

The Asheville Daily *Gazette* has the following criticism of the Katharine Rideway Concert Company, which comes to the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night in the Star Course:

"Miss Ridgeway as an elocutionist has a maner peculiarly her own. There is something so original about her that comparison with other artists of the same profession would fail to do her justice. She was never more affected than last evening, which is her third appearance here in Asheville. The Star Course would be incomplete without Miss Ridgeway's appearance. The other members of the company are equally as fine in their respective talents."

The box sheet opens at DeRosset's this morning. Reserved seats on sale for the patrons of the Star Course.

Present for Two Schools.

Some time ago Mr. Gustav Maeglin, a wealthy cotton merchant of Ghent, Belgium, was in Wilmington on a business visit to Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, and while here was taken by Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt, chairman of the County Board of Education, for a visit to the colored school at Acorn Branch, and later to a public debate at the East Wilmington school. Mr. Maeglin was much impressed with the American schools, and lately, upon his return to Ghent, he enclosed Mr. Sprunt a check for $13 with which to buy a present for each of the schools which he visited, the same to be presented upon the occasion of their commencement exercises. Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of the schools, will select the presents and give them to the schools designated.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.
COMPANIONS—There will be a special convocation this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock to confer the Past Master's degree.
By order of the High Priest.
W. A. MARTIN.
ap 22 1t Secretary.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.
There will be a special meeting at 8 o'clock P. M., on Friday the 22nd inst. Business of importance relative to the Old St. John Building, on Market street, to be considered. Every member should be present.
By order of the W. M.
R. C. MERRITT.
ap 22 1t Secretary.

For Register of Deeds
Grateful for the support heretofore received, again I solicit the votes of the Democratic citizens of New Hanover county for the office of Register of Deeds, subject to the decision of the primary.
W. H. BIDDLE.
apr 17 14t.

Announcement.
The friends of Brooke G. Empie, Esq., hereby tender his name to the Democratic voters of New Hanover county to be voted on at the coming primary for nomination as Senator to represent the counties of Brunswick and New Hanover:

J. H. Watters,	John Hsar,
C. E. Taylor, Jr.,	W. F. Robertson,
W. J. Bellamy,	L. Stein,
Louis H. Skinner,	C. W. Yates,
J. Alves Walker,	W. F. Alexander,
N. N. Davis,	J. H. Sweeney,
F. E. Hashagen,	S. W. Sanders,
T. S. McManus.	John H. Brown.

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A substitute for genuine Gum Camphor—unequalled as a preventive and destroyer of Moths and Insects; 35c pound; 3 pounds for $1. Very much cheaper than Camphor. For sale at
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One of the finest Flours on the market. We can sell you the genuine article in barrels, halves, quarters and eighths, as well as in any smaller quantity at the very lowest price.
Wilmington Grocery Co.,
apr 22 tf Jno. L. Boatwright, Manager.

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We have them.
Leggett's Apple Butter.
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Can fill all orders, as I get fresh cream every day.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.
mar 16 tf

NOTICE.

To the Democrats of New Hanover Co.:
I take this method of announcing myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the primary election to be held May 3rd, 1904.
Very respectfully,
apr 16 1w H. McL. GREEN.