

The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

M. DeCasse, French Minister for Foreign Affairs has caused a sensation by suddenly resigning; it is said that his Morocco policy has been severely criticised but most likely his leaning towards Russia, threatening rupture with Japan, has met with such opposition that he no longer cares to retain his portfolio. The Japanese Government has asserted positively that Admiral Rojestvensky has his ships well up in French waters and has been allowed to violate French neutrality; France assures Japan that she will maintain neutrality and will use force if necessary; serious complications are threatened because the Russian fleet is allowed to remain in Kamranh Bay; Great Britain has not yet protested against France's treatment of her ally, Japan; and the Washington Government keeps mum, even refusing to make public Japan's official statement filed at Washington yesterday.

It is rumored that Rojestvensky's fleet has sailed from Kamranh Bay on its way to Vladivostok. Trouble has broken out in Santo Domingo and Haiti. Warships are being sent to those islands by the United States. The United States have presented a protest to Mexico because a Cruiser Tacoma has been hurled to the scene. At a fire in a Canadian convent yesterday 14 lives were lost in Hampton Roads yesterday the British steamer Tampica ranned and sank the American schooner Ida B. Gibson. The United States have presented a protest to Mexico because William A. Stevens, of Arkansas, is kept in a dungeon for shooting a Mexican while attempting to murder him.

Bradstreet's review of trade the week ending yesterday shows that there is a good export demand for cotton manufactures and that the mill men have orders ahead—General Blackmar, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic is visiting Atlantic and Confederate veterans are dividing honors in entertaining him—Russian Minister Lessar at Pekin died yesterday as the result of the recent amputation of his foot—On account of Good Friday there were no market reports yesterday.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Weather Bureau,
Wilmington, N. C., April 21, 1905.
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. yesterday:
Temperature at A. M., 67 degrees; 2 P. M., 70 degrees; Maximum, 76 degrees; Minimum, 60 degrees; Mean, 68 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .09; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2.22.
Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. yesterday (Thursday) 13.04 feet.

PORT ADVERTISEMENTS—April 22.
Sun Rises 5:18 A. M.
Sun Sets 6:40 P. M.
High Water at Southport, 10:09 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington, 11:39 P. M.

Weather Forecast.
For North Carolina—Rain and cold; Saturday; Sunday fair except showers along the coast; fresh West to North winds.

Storm-Warning.
The following message was received last evening: E. C., April 21, 1905. Southwest storm warning 2:30 P. M. Wilmington, Morehead, Washington, Columbia, Norfolk, Newport News, Fort Monroe, Baltimore, New York. West winds will shift tonight to northerly on Middle Atlantic Coast.

CARRIOT.
Some people in Missouri object to christening the new cruiser St. Louis with a bottle of beer. Some people are so little—as if one bottle of beer could not be spared in this land of plenty.

Off Halifax a few days ago an ocean liner had her plates stove in by an iceberg. A search should be made to ascertain if Vice President Fairbanks has gone afloat.

A woman suffragist says: "Woman can never secure justice until women can sit on the jury." Gee, these women don't seem to know what a soft snap they have in being in a position where they can't get justice.

Statistics will show that Wilmington hasn't got a girl who has the heart to refuse to pay for a bunch of photographs taken by the genial artist who tells her he will do his best but can never hope to improve on the original.

Dr. Osler evoked the anathemas of the bald-heads by suggesting that they be chloroformed and now he is eliciting the plaudits of the young men by proposing to levy an export tax on rich girls whom many foreigners induce to leave this country for another.

Mrs. Conquest, a Boston woman, took her dog to New York last week and paid a good wad of money to a veterinary surgeon to clean its teeth. The reader will be struck with the novelty of a woman's going a long way and going to considerable expense to have a dog's teeth cleaned, but considering that name of hers, we would like to ask her old man if there is any thing in a name.

When you have hard luck, contemplate with resignation what a Jonah Jonah was. After the whale kept him three days and three nights in the submerged water, he cast him up on land where prohibition prohibited, for we are told that it was a dry land.

An Atlantic City girl has won a verdict of \$10,000 from a bandmaster for breach of promise. Hereafter he will get cold feet when he goes to blow the notes for "O, Promise Me!"

THEIR SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rathjen Most Auspiciously Celebrated Last Night a Happy Event.

Hundreds of friends last night through the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rathjen, corner of Sixth and Swann streets, the occasion having been the 25th anniversary of their silver wedding, which was most auspiciously celebrated. The handsome residence was most attractively decorated with plants and flowers and the scene was a beautiful one and most appropriate to the happy event which it honored. Floral tributes, deftly interwoven with the names of Mr. and Mrs. Rathjen and the year of their marriage with a neat arrangement of silver wedding bells were distinctive features of the decorations.

Early in the evening the guests began arriving and it was after the midnight hour when the last of them bade the clever host and gracious hostess good-night. Mr. and Mrs. Rathjen were the recipients of hearty congratulations unnumbered and they also received quite a number of presents and congratulatory letters and telegrams. One of the latter in words most happily chosen was from the Rev. F. W. E. Peschua, formerly pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, now of Mansfield, Ohio. To all these expressions of congratulation and best wishes Mr. and Mrs. Rathjen responded most beautifully.

A string band furnished the music for the occasion and during the evening an elegant supper was served. Numerous toasts were proposed and drank heartily to the good health of the popular couple in whose honor so many had assembled. White and pink carnations were presented to the guests as souvenirs.

Mr. Rathjen is one of Wilmington's most valued citizens. He is an Alderman-elect from his ward and is held in the highest esteem by the people of the city at large. He was married on April 21st, 1880, in Paul's Lutheran church, of this city, to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Heins, the Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D., officiating, and they have lived most happily together since that time. Their home has been blessed with two sons, both of whom have now reached young manhood—Messrs. Martin Rathjen, Jr., and Bernard F. Rathjen, both of whom are held in the highest esteem in the community.

The celebration last night was a happy one and the Star joins Mr. and Mrs. Rathjen's numerous friends in the sincere wish that they may live to celebrate their golden anniversary.

LOCAL DOTS.

The large display windows at The Sissara are handsomely decorated for the Easter season. A complete line of Armour's and Swift's goods are shown.

No local or telegraph market quotations are printed in the Star today on account of the Good Friday observance by all the leading exchanges yesterday.

By deed filed for record yesterday, Furney J. Gooding and wife transferred to Marsden Bellamy, Jr., for \$100, property at northeast corner of Love and Bladen street, 75x181 feet in size.

The Star was shown yesterday some very fine heads of lettuce grown by the pupils of the Williston Graded School, colored, of this city. Prof. J. A. Holt, principal of the school, is taking great interest in the agricultural training of the students at Williston and his efforts and bringing forth practical results.

Gough's big carnival excursion is due to arrive here from Hamlet, N. C., and intermediate points on the Seaboard Air Line at 10:45 o'clock this morning. Separate cars for the races will be provided and a very large crowd is expected. In honor of the visitors, this will be known as "Excursionists' Day" at the Haymakers' Carnival, which will close at midnight. The excursion will return tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The State Building and Loan Association League, organized at Wrightsville Beach two years ago, will meet in annual session this year at Charlotte June 13th and 14th, the date having been postponed this week on account of the meeting of the State Bankers' Association at Winston-Salem on the 17th, 18th and 19th. The Charlotte Associations are making elaborate arrangements to entertain representatives of the sister organizations upon this occasion.

JAMES SPRUNT INSTITUTE.

Commencement Exercises Begin Tomorrow—Sermon and Address. (Special Star Correspondence.)
Kensawville, N. C., April 21.—The year's work of the James Sprunt Institute will close here tomorrow and the commencement exercises will begin. A big time is expected and an interesting programme has been arranged in brief as follows:
Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M. the annual sermon will be preached on the Grove Presbyterian church by Rev. M. McShields, of Goldsboro.
On Monday evening at 8 o'clock exercises and public reception by the young ladies of the school.
Tuesday at 10:30 A. M. annual address by Iredell Meares, Esq., of Wilmington, and the delivery of diplomas and certificates.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

At Farris—Ice Cream Delivered.
E. Warren—Ice Cream and Cakes.
Bernice C. Moore—Drugs and Candies.
Platt & Haas—Everything for Easter.
W. E. Springer & Co.—Seasonable Hardware.
Business Locals.
At Farris—Yellow Bananas.
At Farris—Strawberry Ice Cream.

BISHOP WATSON DEAD

Beloved Officer of East Carolina Diocese Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon.

THE END CAME PEACEFULLY

His Life Full of Good Works and His Death is Mourned by Church and State—Tentative Funeral Arrangements.

The Right Reverend Alfred Augustin Watson, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Diocese of East Carolina, breathed his last at his home in this city, No. 510 Orange street, at twenty-five minutes after three o'clock yesterday afternoon. The death of the beloved Bishop was not unexpected for his life had hung in the balance for several weeks. The announcement nevertheless cast a shadow of gloom over the entire community and as the news passed from one to another expressions of the most profound regret were heard. There were at the bedside of the sick man, all members of the family and a number of very dear friends, who had watched tenderly every change in the patient's condition for several weeks. Bishop Watson suffered a stroke of paralysis early in the year 1903 and still another a few months ago, rendering him practically helpless but in possession of all his strong mental faculties until the end. He was a man of wonderful vitality as demonstrated by his last illness and he met death with a smile upon his face, evidently perfectly resigned to the dispensation of an all-wise Providence.

Bishop Watson was three times married, his second wife having been Miss Fannie Livingston, of New York, now of sainted memory, and his last wife, who was tenderly devoted to him, being Mrs. Mary Catherine Lord, who survives him. Bishop Watson also leaves of his immediate family to mourn their loss a sister, Miss Elizabeth Watson, of Wilmington, and two half-sisters, Miss Mary Wendell, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Palfry, of New Orleans. Mrs. Palfry spent several months here during the Bishop's early illness, but on the 21st of first named month with their brother when he died, being members of his household.

PRODUCE TRAVELLERS TO-DAY.

Annual Meeting Outing and Banquet In This City.
Governor Glenn regrets that it will be impossible for him to attend the meeting of produce travelling men to be held in Wilmington to-day. He was invited to speak at the banquet at the Orton tonight; but previous engagements keep him away, much to his regret, as he says he would like to have met these industrial workers of the country.

The annual meeting and banquet will take place as previously announced and a large gathering is expected. The first named meeting will be held in the parlors of the Orton at 10:30 o'clock this morning. At this session the annual election of officers will take place.

BURGLARY LAST NIGHT.

Watch and Jewelry Stolen From Residence of Mrs. Stejles
While members of the household were at church and the house was unoccupied, the residence of Mrs. Mary Stejles, corner of Fifth and Nun streets, was entered early last night and ransacked by an unknown burglar or burglars. A gold watch and a considerable amount of jewelry, valued at several hundred dollars, were stolen. Entrance was gained by breaking through a lattice door at the rear, presumably between 8 and 9 o'clock. There is no clue to the identity of the plunderers.

Carnival's Last Day.

The Haymakers' Carnival after a week of unbounded success will close at midnight to-day. A large number of excursionists will be here and the largest crowds of the week are expected. However, notwithstanding the fact that it will be Saturday night, the best of order will be maintained and ladies and children may attend with impunity. The crowds were not so large last night on account of the threatening weather but all the attractions were liberally patronized.

Mayor's Court Yesterday.

No cases of importance were tried in the police court yesterday. W. H. Jones, a negro vagrant found by Mr. T. G. Morell loitering around Second and Orange streets, was given 30 days on the roads. Nettie Harris and Mattie Smith, white women living in the vicinity of Seventh and Nun streets, were charged with the larceny of money from J. J. Norton, white, but they were found not guilty and discharged. Gus Brindall, charged with being drunk was fined \$5, and required to pay up back costs.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor; Sabbath Services at 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.; Sabbath School at 2:30 P. M.; W. C. E. Society at 7:25 P. M.; Prayer Meeting and Lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited; seats free.

Religious services will be conducted at the Seaman's Bethel to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. N. M. Watson. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited; all are welcome.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects to preach at Castle Hayne and the Convict Camp to-morrow afternoon.

TERM NEARING END

Three Weeks of New Hanover Superior Court Completed This Afternoon.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

Large Numbers of Cases on Motion and Summons Docket Cleared Off Several Compromises—Many Continuances.

Yesterday's sessions of the Superior Court were largely devoted to calling over the summons and motion dockets and making entries thereon, a large number of cases of long standing having been disposed of. Court met at 10 A. M. as usual and the sheriff returned the taken summons for the day. However, none of the cases set for trial during the day were ready and work was begun on cases on the motion docket. The case of Lyman S. Catlin against The Palmetto Company and Wm. Kroft was referred to Brooke G. Empe, Esq., referee, to find the facts and report to the court at the next term. An appeal to the Supreme Court was taken in the case of R. W. Hicks against Mary H. Kennan, Ex. The appeal was upon the refusal by the court of a motion for a new trial by defendant's counsel, Messrs. Rountree & Carr and Iredell Meares.

The usual order of things was reversed when a jury was empanelled and the evidence was heard in a case in which Hattie S. Hooper, colored, asked a divorce from her husband, Benjamin J. Hooper, colored, on the grounds of abandonment. Usually such cases are railroaded through court in a few minutes, but yesterday in the Hooper case the abandonment was not clearly shown and the divorce was not granted. The case was dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

In the case of The State of North Carolina against The Standard Oil Company, which was an action to enforce the collection of certain taxes, a judgment was given against defendant for costs, it appearing that the company had paid the tax.

In the case of W. B. Thorpe against the Coal Cement and Supply Co., which was a receivership matter, it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that all disbursements by Receiver M. J. Corbett were necessary and that the same were fair and proper, it was ordered that the report of the receiver be approved and that he pay to creditors a dividend of 20 per cent. on claims outstanding. A further allowance of \$150 was ordered paid to Davis & Davis, attorneys, for their services.

The various cases of northern creditors against Joe Simon, et al. were compromised on a basis of 50c. on the dollar and the goods attached were returned to defendants.

Other cases were disposed of during the day as follows:
J. H. Satchwell vs. J. D. Maulsbey; City of Wilmington vs. Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association; off. J. W. Harper vs. D. McEachern, et al.; off.
J. H. Temple vs. Sneed Co.; non suit; plaintiff to pay costs.
Grand Rapids Show Case Co. vs. I. Shrier; off.
S. L. E. R. Co. vs. Eccleston Lumber Co.; order of reference.
Ida E. Sneed, et al. vs. Sneed Co.; judgment.
A. S. Williams vs. A. B. Baxter & Co.; non suit; plaintiff to pay costs.
Wilmington Iron Works vs. W. A. Whitehead & Son; settled.
S. L. E. R. Co. vs. Standard Pole & Tie Co.; settled; plaintiff to pay costs.
W. R. Taylor vs. C. R. L. & P. Co.; case dismissed at plaintiff's costs, on account of failure to file complaint.
Murchison National Bank vs. South Dunn Manufacturing Co.; non suit.
Hall & Pearsall vs. Hall Tie and Lumber Co.; off at plaintiff's costs.
Willard & Giles vs. Hall Tie and Lumber Co.; judgment for the debt.
S. H. Fibulate vs. Fidelity and Casualty Co.; of New York; motion for judgment; motion continued.
The Corbett Co. vs. Western Union Telegraph Co.; non suit; plaintiff to pay costs.
Fred Balliere, et al. vs. Atlantic Cooperative Works; continued until May term.

Atlantic National Bank vs. D. C. Love, Adm. of H. P. West; judgment for plaintiff.
J. D. Bellamy and other vs. Henry Green and others; motion to supply lost records.
J. C. McClure vs. Mamie Poisson; 60 cents for costs.
A. H. Slocumb vs. C. C. R. Co.; judgment for plaintiff.
State of North Carolina vs. Standard Oil Co.; judgment against defendant for costs.

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