

The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

News of a battle on Wednesday between the Russian and Japanese fleets south of Formosa is credited at St. Petersburg, where it is believed that Admiral Rojestvensky was a thousand miles away steaming for Vladivostok; Russians say Togo will have to fight if the Russians have to bombard a Japanese city in order to make him join the battle.—The proceedings of the Southern Industrial Parliament at Washington were spirited and personal yesterday; ill feeling was displayed over several matters; Mr. W. A. Irwin, of Durham, N. C. depends on President Roosevelt to boost the cotton mill industry, and the parliament shouted for the flag and an appropriation.—Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson and Miss Grizelda Houston Hill, of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., were married yesterday.—There is no trace of Seigfried Roehling, the fourteen year old boy who ran away from Asheville, the New York boy who tried to take the runaway boy's grandfathers out of \$50 has been held in \$1,000 for hearing.—Wednesday night near his home in Edgefield county, S. C., Senator Tillman was badly hurt being driven in a carriage over a fifteen foot embankment.—The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly, at Fort Worth yesterday, could not see its way clear to undertake to establish a greater church university in Atlanta.—The disorder in Jewish quarter of Warsaw continued to last night, the mob visiting disreputable houses smashing the furniture, pianos and jewelry and killing eight people.—New York markets yesterday: Money on call easy, 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent, closing bid 2, offered 2 1/4; cotton, spot quiet, 5.50; flour slow but strong; wheat firm, No. 2 red, 110 1/2; corn firm, No. 2, 69 1/2; oats steady, mixed 35 to 36; turpentine firm 73 to 73 1/2; rosin firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., May 25, 1905. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. yesterday. Temperature at 8 A. M., 68 degrees; 8 P. M., 70 degrees; Maximum, 76 degrees; Minimum, 56 degrees; Mean, 66 degrees. Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 4.82. Stage of water at Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. yesterday (Wednesday) 6.6 feet. PORT ALMANAC—May 26. Sun Rises 4:47 A. M. Sun Sets 7:06 P. M. Day's Length 14 h. 19 m. High Water at Southport, 2:40 P. M. High Water at Wilmington, 5:10 P. M. Weather Forecast. For North Carolina.—Showers Friday and Saturday; fresh southeast to south winds.

Johann Hoch denies that he is guilty of murdering his wife but is perfectly willing to be hung. Johann knows that a man who is fool enough to get roped in by 40 wives is better off under the ground where no more trouble of that kind is coming to him.

Even the rumored defeat of the Japanese fleet by Admiral Rojestvensky caused the price of cotton to drop some points in Liverpool and New York yesterday. A Russian victory on the sea simply means a prolongation of the war, and possible complications among other powers in consequence of it.

A certain class of people wouldn't let Noah's weather predictions come in their house and laughed at him for building an ark to weather a shower of rain that lasted 40 days and 40 nights. Noah knew his business and proved that most of the people of the world didn't have sense enough to get in out of the wet.

Col. William J. Bryan will soon leave for Europe to study the question of municipal and government owned and operated utilities and industries. Until American municipal and State officials learn how to give us governments that are worth the name, it will be a shame to burden them with matters of real business.

It is stated that the Dutch government will give a subsidy of \$290,000 towards the construction of the Palace of Peace for the court of international arbitration at The Hague. Ever since the Dutch captured Holland they have been for peace and they show it now by going down into their pockets for a laudable purpose.

Says the Washington Post: "In a couple of weeks from now we will have to pretend to be excited over the finish of that ocean yacht race without really remembering the names of the starters or what it is all about." The greatest interest in the race is that its progress is being reported by the Marconi wireless telegraph. First time such a thing has been done in the history of the world.

Mrs. Katherine Peillon, who is, of course, "a woman of rare beauty," is suing multi-millionaire William Gould Brokaw for \$250,000 for breach of promise. That is a small amount to want to squeeze out of a fellow who is worth many millions but probably she already had stacked the cards for several months in an effort to make it possible for Willie to "die poor."

GIANT POLICE RAID

Park Surrounded by Officers and Twenty-Three Arrested for Vagrancy.

Only One Escaped But He Did So at Risk of His Life—Some of the Excuses—Moral Effect Will Be Good. Perhaps the largest haul ever made by the local police, numerically speaking, was made yesterday afternoon between 2 and 4 o'clock as a climax to a vigorous war against vagrancy instituted by the new administration immediately upon assuming the reins of the city government two weeks ago. At one fell swoop, a band of eighteen men, headed by Chief Williams, moved upon Hilton Park and there, under the moss-covered oaks and the inviting umbrage of river-side foliage, bagged no less than 23 young negroes, ranging in age from 13 to 28 years, and professing every occupation from "shoeshine" to stovering. The police had been so vigorous in their work that it is likely that the "gentlemen of leisure" had high themselves to the woods during the day, returning to town at night and commingling with the labor classes so familiarly as to elude the police.

The clever covey of the idlers was soon discovered by the police, and the raid on Hilton was planned in consequence thereof. Eighteen of the "night shift" were ordered to report for special duty at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and they responded as follows: Chief Williams, Sergeants C. W. Woodard and J. R. Hardee, Privates C. E. Wood, W. C. Moore, J. J. Moore, G. R. Holt, E. Skipper, W. R. Appleberry, J. R. Minshew, M. C. Gray, W. J. Howard, W. M. Harris, Alex. Wells, E. R. Chadwick, John Moler, E. L. Truelove, M. A. Jones and M. P. Newton. All with the exception of Officer Wood were in citizen's clothing and with clubs concealed. One squad went down the railroad track on the north side of the Park; another came in from the east; another from the south, while the river shut off escape on the west. At a given signal the men closed in and pandemonium reigned among the loungers. Those on the river bank pretended they were fishing; those inside the fence enclosure claimed they were assembled for a baseball game, while others excused themselves on the ground they were only "passing through." However, the police accepted no excuses and the motley throng was ordered to form and march to the station house, which they did in Corey arm style, the officers forming a hollow square around them to prevent escape.

Only one of the number in the park escaped the raiders. He was one of three who ran out on a raft closely pursued by Sergeant Woodard and others. He tumbled in the river a time or two, recovered his footing each time, and finally made his way to the Hilton Lumber Co.'s yard, where he sprang to the wharf and hid himself in the lumber piles. When the 23 were searched at the police station the aggregate sum of \$2.37 in money was found on the lot and more than half of that amount was possessed by one individual. Arriving at the police station, three were able to give bond and three furnished satisfactory evidence of having employment. The remainder of them were locked up for trial before the Mayor at noon to-day upon the charge of vagrancy. Whether all are convicted or not, the raid will have a good moral effect and many idlers will probably "get busy."

MAY LIQUOR TAX.

Practically All Dealers Have Paid—Test Case Next Week. The test case against Mr. Thos. J. Gore to decide the validity of the May increase in liquor license by the former Board of Aldermen was not called in the Mayor's court yesterday. Mr. Gore having previously paid the \$50 license under protest. Brooke G. Emple, Esq., representing the contestants in the license matter, said yesterday that the matter would probably be settled on an agreed case which he and City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr., would submit to Judge Allen in the Superior Court next week. If the ordinance is declared null and void on account of irregularity, he thought there was no doubt but that the city would refund the excess paid by the dealers and that on the other hand, if the increase is declared legal, the city will have nothing to lose as practically all of the dealers have now paid anyway. At the Treasurer's office yesterday afternoon it was stated that all except four or five of the 60-odd dealers had paid and that satisfactory evidence had been made and assurances given in the cases of those who are still delinquent.

He Found the Gas Leak. One of the employees of the Consolidated Company was in the basement of Mrs. Phillip Christ's residence on Second, between Market and Dock streets Wednesday morning about 10:30 o'clock, looking for a gas leak. He struck a match to make his search more thorough and the Fire Department had to be called out to extinguish the flames, which rewarded the gas man's search. The damage was only about \$10.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. W. Sanders—At The Siwasa. Business Locals. S. F. Craig—Groceries. Empire—Sample Distributors. M. C. Darby & Co.—Real Estate.

LOCAL DOGS.

Other local on fourth page. The Gun Club will have its regular weekly shoot at the lodge this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All participants are requested to report promptly.

The Register of Deeds is making a transcript of the names of freeholders on the tax books from which the County Commissioners will make their biennial revision of the jury list on the first Monday in June as required by law.

A little daughter of ex-Alderman Z. E. Murrell came near being killed by being run over by a buggy Wednesday afternoon on Fourth street beyond the bridge. She was knocked down and painfully bruised, as well as badly frightened.

Col. A. S. Wadson has engagements to deliver a commencement address at Newberry College, S. C., in June, and to be the orator of the day at the unveiling of the Nash and Davidson monuments on Guilford Battle Ground, July 4th.

Duplin Journal: "Right Rev. Bishop Robert Strange will preach at the Episcopal church at Faison on the 3rd Sunday in June. Bishop Strange is an eloquent and learned minister and a treat is in store for all who will go out and hear him."

The police by threes are now enjoying their annual Summer vacations of a week each. Last week Officers C. E. Wood, A. D. Smith and J. B. Farrow enjoyed a well-earned rest; this week, Officers A. D. Woodard, J. F. Smith and W. M. Harris are not answering roll-call.

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club there will be an interesting event, perhaps the last of the season, when a golf approaching tournament will be given on the links. There will be a cup for ladies and one for gentlemen offered by a lady member of the club.

Pender county veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy will appropriately celebrate the birthday of Jefferson Davis on June 3rd. In the morning General Julian S. Carr will make an address in the Court House there, and at noon there will be a banquet spread to which all veterans are invited.

Burgaw Chronicle: "Another green affair occurred here last Friday when Mr. Tom Moore, in a most impressive manner, united in the bonds of matrimony, Mr. Fred. J. H. Steeles and Miss Katie Dennis, both of Wilmington. They left for Wilmington on the afternoon train to receive congratulations and parental blessings. We wish them a merry wedded life."

Friends out of the city have received invitations which announce the forthcoming marriage of Miss Katharine Lamar Moffitt, daughter of Mrs. Eugene Anderson Moffitt, to Mr. Harry Woolcott, on Wednesday afternoon, 5:30 o'clock, June 7th, in Saint James' Episcopal church, this city. The bride and groom elect are among the most popular young people in Wilmington, and the announcement of the marriage is received with much interest.

Mr. T. S. McManus, local manager of the Bell Telephone exchange here, is in Charlotte attending a conference with District Superintendent M. B. Spier of all the managers of the large offices of the company in the third district, embracing all of this State and the Piedmont section of South Carolina. At the meeting the various phases of work are discussed in full, with especial attention given to the methods by which the efficiency of the service may be increased.

Duplin Journal: "The sad accident to Miss Annie Kenan which took place near Wilmington last week, has touched the hearts of many persons in all the walks of life. It is hard to realize such a terrible happening to her, and with all the feelings of awe that naturally came when the sad news was heard. We still have hope for her to recover as much strength and health as can possibly be regained under the circumstances and that many years yet will be spared her to enjoy the presence of her friends, and for her to bestow upon them deeds of kindness which has always been her characteristic through life."

ORPHANS COME TO-DAY.

Concert by Children in the Academy of Music—River Trip. The Singing Class from the Oxford Orphanage will arrive to-day, and while in the city will be entertained as follows: Maud Harris and Mary Holden with Capt. W. P. Oldham, Mary Powell and Dallas Templeton with Mr. R. H. Pickett. Kathleen Black and Lydia Abee with Mr. H. G. Smallbones. Elsie Williams and Lucille Pike with Mr. O. M. Fillyaw. Grace Ramson and Kathleen Bright with Mr. H. W. Collins. James Swarsengen and Jasper Black with Capt. W. P. Monroe. William Curlee and Edgar Powell with Mr. W. A. French, Jr. Miss White, teacher, and Mr. J. H. Highsmith, manager, will be entertained at Mrs. Gilbert's on Princess street.

The concert will take place at the Academy of Music at 8:30 o'clock. The children gave a concert last night at Whiteville and came from there here. Those who are to care for the children at the station. That big-hearted gentleman, Captain J. W. Harper, of the steamer Wilmington, has offered his boat to take the orphans down the river this afternoon in order that the little ones may see something of the lower Cape Fear and enjoy the sea breeze at Carolina Beach.

Real Estate Transfers.

From deeds filed yesterday the following real estate transfers appear: W. M. Cumming and wife to W. M. Dixon, for \$550, property on south side of Church, 108 feet west of Sixth street, 29x90 feet in size. Susan E. Moore to W. M. Cumming and wife, for \$500, property described above.

SCHOOLS WANT PART

Board of Education Asks One-Third of City Liquor License Revenue.

AS TO THE COMMITTEE. Special Meeting Yesterday Morning at Which Two Important Resolutions were Adopted—Before Aldermen at Next Meeting. The County Board of Education at a special meeting held yesterday morning decided to institute at once a vigorous effort to secure for the maintenance and further equipment of the city schools, a part of the revenue derived from the municipality from the sale of liquor licenses, the rate for which has recently been increased, but to be exact, advanced from \$22 to \$50 per month. Heretofore the city has contributed nothing to the city schools, the appropriations for their maintenance coming exclusively from the county. Lately the increased demand for funds to maintain the schools has become so very pressing that the Board of Education has decided to turn to the city for relief. It is not known with what measure of favor the proposition will be received at the hands of the newly elected Board of Aldermen, but any lukewarmness will in no wise deter the county board, which has decided upon a vigorous fight for the members' dues proper and imperative. It is one-third of the total revenue received from liquor licenses that the Board now asks and the request upon the city authorities is embodied in the following resolution passed at the meeting yesterday morning:

Resolved, That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington be earnestly requested to appropriate a copy of this resolution forthwith to His Honor, the Mayor, with the request that he lay it before the Board of Aldermen at his earliest convenient meeting.

The resolution was transmitted to Mayor Waddell immediately after the meeting yesterday morning, and it is presumed that the matter will come up before the Aldermen at their regular monthly meeting Monday night week.

At the meeting yesterday the following preamble and resolution were also adopted, the law referred to having been overlooked in the past and the committees in the city school districts, having held over without formal notice of the county.

Whereas, the Public School Law of the State of North Carolina requires the Board of Education of each county to elect school committees for all school districts in the county, including those in the cities and towns, on the first Monday in July, 1905, for the purpose of managing and controlling all public schools of the county for the next two years.

Resolved, That at the next regular meeting of this Board a full list of the names of gentlemen, who are friends of the public schools and qualified to serve as committeemen be prepared and laid before the Board in order to aid it in the election of committeemen for all school districts, both in the city and county.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Second Days' Sessions of Interesting Convention Now Being Held at Grace M. E. Church, This City. The second day's sessions of the Home Missions Society of the North Carolina Conference at Grace church, this city, yesterday, were largely devoted to routine business, the hearing of reports, etc., all of which were very interesting and indicated a most satisfactory year's work.

The business session continued from 10 o'clock until noon yesterday morning and at the latter hour, a special Bible study was conducted by Rev. N. M. Watson, pastor of Grace M. E. church, where the sessions are being held. The lecture was on the "Historical Books" of the Old Testament. The period covered was 4,000 years, and the lecturer made use of the blackboard in explaining the various places of the history of those early times and the beginnings of Jewish history. Similar services will be conducted daily at the noon hour during the conference.

Last night the church was filled for one of the prettiest features of the conference in the form of special exercises by the Florine McEachern Brigade, of Grace church. Mrs. W. H. Shaw had general charge of the entertainment and the little folks acquitted themselves most creditably. Members of the Missionary Conference occupied front seats, reserved for them in the centre aisle of the pretty church, which was specially decorated for the occasion last night. The several departments of the Florine McEachern Brigade were in the charge of Mrs. L. A. Blue, Mrs. F. M. Brown, Mrs. M. F. Allen and Miss Lura Wheeler, Mrs. M. L. Stover, third vice-president of the local Home Mission Society, of the congregation received the contributions of the little folks.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. L. B. Sasser left yesterday morning to visit relatives in Moore county. Mr. Chas. C. Loughlin, a popular young Wilmingtonian, is at home from the University to spend the holidays. Col. Walker Taylor and Capt. J. VanB. Motts are attending a meeting of the Southeastern Tariff Association in Virginia.

Dr. George G. Thomas, of this city, is in Greensboro, attending the annual meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society. Mr. L. Walker, of Town Creek, and Mr. Archie Toon, of Whiteville, were pleasant callers at the Star office yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Russell returned to the city yesterday evening. Dr. Russell has been attending the State Medical Society in Greensboro. Miss Margaret Guiley, who has been on an extended visit to the family of Dr. M. H. P. Clark, in this city, has returned to her home at Wake Forest, N. C.

Dr. J. M. Dunlap, of Ansonville, N. C., is in the city to be with Mrs. Dunlap, who underwent an operation at the James Walker Memorial Hospital yesterday.

Mrs. A. P. Tyer, formerly of Wilmington, has arrived from Elizabeth City to attend the Home Mission Conference and is the guest of Mrs. W. E. Perdue, No. 310 North Seventh street.

Mrs. R. H. Grant, Mrs. Haywood Clark, Misses Daisy Burbank and Alice LeGrand, of Wilmington, are attending St. Mary's commencement in Raleigh this week. Miss Florence Lawton Grant, of Wilmington, is one of the St. Mary's graduates this year.

Mr. B. H. J. Ahrens, one of Wilmington's foremost German citizens, has engaged passage through Mr. A. D. Wessell, of the North German Lloyd Line, on the steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm, and will leave Saturday for New York to take the steamer for a trip through Europe.

Messrs. M. J. Corbett and R. R. Stone, who are largely interested in the new fishery plant to be established at Little River, S. C., left for that place yesterday to attend the organization meeting of the company. The steamer "Sanders" has been purchased by the new fishery company.

Mr. Graham McKinnon, of Rowland, N. C., arrived yesterday to accompany home Mrs. McKinnon, who has been in the hospital here for the past six weeks. While here, Mrs. McKinnon underwent an operation, from which she is now fully recovered and her health is much improved.

Dr. J. A. Stone, who recently graduated in medicine from the University of Maryland, in Baltimore, and still more recently stood a fine examination for license before the State Board at Greensboro, arrived Wednesday afternoon on his way to his home in Brunswick. Dr. Stone has not yet decided where he will locate.

Miss Katharine Margaret Gieschen has returned home from Elizabeth College, Charlotte, where she was a student the past session. At the commencement this week Miss Gieschen received a certificate of proficiency in the German language; she also won distinction in piano music with an average of 92.3. Miss Gieschen was accompanied home by Miss Bertie Hanson, who attended Elizabeth commencement.

COUNTY TAX RATE

Estimate of Expenses for New Hanover for Fiscal Year Ending June 1st.

THE MAGISTRATES TO MEET. Pass Upon Levy as Recommended by Commissioners—Purchase Road Material in Columbia, S. C. The Board of Magistrates of New Hanover will be called within the next day or two to meet on the first Monday in June for the purpose of passing upon the tax levy of the county for the ensuing fiscal year as recommended by the Board of Commissioners. The meeting will be of more than the usual interest this year because of the fact that two days later, on June 7th, there will be submitted to the voters of the county the question of the issuance of another \$50,000 in bonds for the continuance and maintenance of the permanent road improvement, and upon the probable result of that election will depend largely whether the tax rate will be reduced or will have to be slightly increased. The Commissioners give it out that if the bond issue carries, they will make a recommendation of a two cents reduction in the rate, but that otherwise a slight increase in the rate will have to be made to raise the tax directly. The following circular letter showing the estimated expenses to be provided for by the levy June, 1905, with remarks thereon, is being sent out to the magistrates of the county:

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