

OUTLINES.

In the Senate yesterday, Stone, of Missouri, stirred up intense feeling by severely condemning President Roosevelt's interference with legislation by his "conferences" with Senators; Doherty, of Iowa, defended the President and retorted that some Senators confer with railroad presidents, a statement which Bailey and Foraker resented. In the House yesterday Moon, of Tennessee, spoke against the Southern Railway mail subsidy, and Towne, of New York, characterized the policy of the Republican party as building up combines that threaten the stability of our social order. President Roosevelt yesterday conferred with Senators Overman and Daniel about the railway rate bill. In the Greene and Gaynor trial at Savannah yesterday, Captain Benjamin D. Greene testified that R. F. Wescott, Captain Carter's father-in-law, was a member of their firm and shared one-third of their profits in river and harbor work, receiving for his share \$500,000. The Democratic Senators are to hold a caucus to agree on a position concerning the railway rate bill. The party of English cotton spinners is visiting New Orleans. Another revolution has broken out in Santo Domingo. The meeting of the General Baptist Convention of America, to have been held at Louisville in May has been called off. The coal miners in New York yesterday proposed arbitration and the operators asked till Monday to consider the matter. New York markets: Money on call strong and higher, highest 30 per cent., ruling rate 10 to 12, closing bid and offered at 30; spot cotton five points higher, closing quiet at 11.70; flour about steady; wheat easy, No. 2 red 87 1-8 elevator; corn firm, No. 2, 55 1-2 elevator; oats firm, mixed 36 to 36 1-2; turpentine firm 68 to 68 1-2.

Zion City is run on a purely Socialist scale, but if it wasn't a success under a Prophet how hardly can the wicked hope to get it out of the hands of the receiver?

A Pittsburg woman left a will devising that her favorite fur be buried with her. She would be awfully surprised if she goes where her fur can be disposed of in the furnace.

Prophet Dowle's followers say they have found out that he is crazy. The old man also has every reason for believing that his followers have been crazy because he put up the game on them so easily.

Mormon Senator Smoot has doubtless been satisfied to rest on his oars while more momentous questions have kept him from having to defend his seat in the Senate—thanks to the railway rate bill, etc.

Now that the Moroccan conference is nearly over, President Castro may as well get his ducks in a row to straighten out his misunderstanding with France.

Senator Spooner, who bullishly ragged Senator Tillman about his "cornfield law," is probably keeping mum while both Republican and Democratic Senators are trying to codify President Roosevelt's rate bill amendment in Volume 1 of the cornfield laws.

The Baltimore Sun says: "Watch the famous Republican hypnotist, Payne, putting the tariff question into a sound and life-like sleep! But will it stay put?" The Roosevelt platform promised to stand pat and that part of it is being carried out with good faith towards the subscribers to the campaign fund.

The Washington Post remarks: "At Algiers the foreign powers got all they went after, and all we get is what we sent there—with a bill for expenses." Where is that glory that the press agent would have us believe that we were to get out of it because our delegates settled the whole thing off hand? Probably we'll get more out of it than the Sultan of Morocco will.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. L. I.—Attention Members. J. W. Murchison & Co.—Hardware. J. T. Bland, R. G. Grady.—Land Sale. Ministering Circle—Sale Postponed. Academy of Music—Depew-Burdette. Co. Thorpe & Applegate—Cement. C. R. L. & P. Co.—Cook With Gas. Business Locals. Nurse—Position Wanted. Lost—White and Tan Terrier. Co-operative B. & L. Assn.—15th St. S. Wilmington Iron Works—Gasoline Engine for Sale.

SENTENCE 20 YEARS

T. A. McCraw, Confessed Murderer of His Mother-in-Law to Penitentiary

TWO-THIRDS OF MAXIMUM

Two-Thirds of Maximum Penalty Imposed By Judge Webb—Defendant Welcomes Change of Life From Jail to Larger Prison.

After hearing a mass of testimony bearing up to the tragedy, the particulars of which are already too familiar to the public, Judge Webb in the Superior Court yesterday morning, sentenced T. A. McCraw, the white man charged with the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Wright, in this city, last October, to twenty years in the State penitentiary. The maximum penalty for murder in the second degree is thirty years and many, including Solicitor Duffy, expected that the full penalty would be imposed, but those who gazed on the wan countenance of the prisoner as he sat and listened to the story of his crime yesterday, became conscious that ere the 20 years came over the life of the man, a higher tribunal will have passed upon his case.

The hearing of the testimony for both the State and defence to guide the court in determining the measure of sentence to be imposed was begun at 11 o'clock. The defence introduced Police Chief Williams, Policeman Truelove, Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, Messrs. R. H. and James H. Cowan and several others tending to show that McCraw had been drinking previous to the tragedy that when sober he was courteous and obliging and that, while there was domestic trouble, he was fond of his children and had been loving to them; that to some witnesses he appeared as if drugged and had stated to some that his memory of the tragedy was a blank. The testimony of these witnesses showed splendid preparation of the case by William J. Bellamy, Esq., counsel for the prisoner, every point in whose favor was clearly and concisely brought out.

The State introduced a son of the murdered woman, ex-Policeman John Meier and Police Sergeants Burnett and Hardee, whose evidence as a whole showed that McCraw when drunk was of violent disposition and had made threats against his mother-in-law, the officers testifying that they had been called to the Wright home to make McCraw, who was drinking and rowdy, leave the house. The wife of the prisoner, who was an eye witness of the tragedy, did not appear. The defence desired her testimony, but Mr. Marshall, appearing with the solicitor, stated that Mrs. McCraw was weak and nervous and she was spared the trying ordeal.

McCraw received his sentence with out a tremor, for a time staring vacantly into space. Afterwards he said he was glad it was over and was glad to be able to get away from the close confinement of the jail to the less crowded penitentiary. He will be taken to Raleigh in a few days.

FRATERNAL MYSTIC CIRCLE.

Annual Meeting Last Night—Death of Dr. Price.

Carolina Ruling No. 345, of the Fraternal Mystic Circle, held an enthusiastic meeting Wednesday night at which officers for the ensuing term were elected and other important business was transacted. Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn was re-elected Worthy Ruler; Mr. Thos. R. Post, vice worthy ruler; Mr. W. L. Smith, past worthy ruler; Mr. Julius Sternberger, chaplain; Mr. F. K. J. Fuchs, marshal; Mr. S. K. DeVaney, warden; Dr. J. H. Dreher, recorder; Mr. W. H. Alderman, collector; Mr. J. B. Mercer, treasurer; Drs. A. H. Harris, J. T. Schonwald, and J. C. Wessell, medical examiners; Mr. R. J. Shepard, guard; Mr. Chas. Kirkland, sentry. Mr. W. E. Perdew was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees. Deputy Supreme Ruler R. George Shackell, of Richmond, was present and made an address upon the benefits of the fraternity.

The death of Dr. Richard J. Price, a valued member of the order who carried a policy of \$3,000 in the insurance organization of the lodge, was feelingly announced and a committee composed of Messrs. J. B. Mercer, W. L. Smith and F. K. J. Fuchs was appointed to meet the remains and pay all proper respect to the memory of the deceased brother in behalf of the lodge.

The Ministering Circle has been obliged to postpone the sale of lingerie and fancy articles from to-day until Saturday, from 11:30 to 2 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Dick, No. 113 Nun street. Announcement to this effect is made elsewhere in today's paper.

THE STRAWBERRY OUTLOOK

Damage By Recent Cold Snap Does Not Exceed Ten Per Cent.—Season, However, Retarded.

Telegraphic advices to The Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, of this city, from Chadbourne, Grists, Whiteville, Tabor, Ashpole and Cerro Gordo, N. C., Loris, Conway, Marion, Mullins, Florence, Lake City and Charleston, S. C., on the Coast Line; Clarkton, Abbottsburg and Lumberton on the Seaboard Air Line road; Currie, Atkinson, Parkersburg and Fayetteville, on the A. & Y. railroad; Rocky Point, Burgaw, Wallace, Teachey's, Rose Hill, Warsaw, Faison Mt. Olive, Goldsboro on the W. & W. railroad; Kinston, LaGrange, Newbern and Dover, on the A. & N. C. railroad, all announce that the frosts of last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights did not damage the strawberry crop as a whole exceeding ten per cent. In many places the damage was so slight as to practically amount to nothing, and at only one or two places was it reported as much as ten per cent. A great majority of points reported the damage at five per cent., many others saying it was so slight as to be hardly considered any damage at all.

The Journal, in giving a resume of its reports from the above sections says:

"This will be welcome news to the growers and shippers all over the district and commission merchants and consumers throughout the country, for North and South Carolina as well as Virginia strawberries are shipped to more than 37 of the 45 States in the Union. The cold snap of this week, however, has set the crop back fully a week, and shipments will barely begin now before about April 20th. But from that time on you will see the greatest movement of strawberries out of this territory ever recorded in the history of the industry. This information we get from every part of the producing territory, and it comes from men who know whereof they speak and who are familiar with the situation in detail. Commission merchants and dealers may therefore hold themselves in line and readiness for the 'bumper' crop when shipments do begin. The fruit will be something fine from all appearances, as the vines never looked more vigorous and healthy."

PARAGRAPHS OF THE PORT

Swedish Barque at Anchor at Southport—Pleasure Yacht Arrives—Schooners to Sail.

A Swedish barque, name indistinctly reported from Southport as the Aralan, arrived at anchor yesterday and will probably proceed up to Wilmington to-day.

The schooner Jesse Barlow, Capt. Foxwell, which has been discharging cargo of shell lime at the Navassa guano factory, cleared, light, yesterday for Georgetown, S. C.

The steamer Frostburg, Capt. Robinson, cleared from Baltimore Wednesday for Wilmington and Georgetown. She is expected here this morning.

The pretty pleasure yacht Inia, Capt. Haskell, bound from Florida waters North, arrived in port yesterday for coal and supplies and reported to Capt. C. D. Maffitt, of the Rudder Station, at this port. The yacht has sail and steam auxiliary and is owned by Mr. J. A. Rutherford, of the New York Yacht Club. The yacht proceeded yesterday afternoon.

The schooner Herbert D. Maxwell, Capt. Quillin, having completed discharging cargo of fertilizers for the Armour Works, at the Seaboard Air Line, cleared yesterday, light, for Savannah, Ga. The vessel will tow down to Southport this morning. Miss Flossie Quillin, a daughter of the captain, and her guest, Miss Elsie Moore, of Philadelphia, who have been shown marked attention during their visit to the port, will accompany Capt. Quillin on board to Savannah.

LETTUCE MARKET LOW.

Truckers Discouraged at Continued Depression in Principal Crop.

Lettuce growers are very much discouraged at an unexpected break in the market this week. Good stock yesterday brought only \$1 in Philadelphia and there were sales in New York as low as 90 cents per basket. Heavy receipts of Florida shipments is generally regarded as the cause of the depression. Radishes are bringing only a fair price. But it is lettuce that is the money crop with the truckers in this immediate territory and they are feeling the effect of the continued low prices.

The Jones House, Atkinson, N. C., is now open for the accommodation of the public. Special attention to commercial travellers. Good board at reasonable prices. apr-5-31**

CRIMINAL TERM ENDS

Docket in Superior Court Completed Yesterday. Judge Leaves For Home

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY

Herbert Blake Gets Four Years in Penitentiary For Larceny—Witnesses in McCraw Case Will Be Paid—Odds and Ends.

The work of the criminal term of New Hanover Superior Court was completed yesterday shortly after noon and an adjournment was taken sine die. Judge Webb, who presided during the week, left on the afternoon train for his home at Shelby and will not return for the two weeks' civil term beginning next Monday, having exchanged terms with Judge W. R. Allen, who will hold the court here. Save the McCraw case, which is told of elsewhere in to-day's paper, the proceedings yesterday were of no special interest.

Court met at 9 A. M. as usual and the sheriff returned as talesman for the day: John R. Hanby, T. C. Ramsey and James Sprunt, all of whom were excused by the court.

In the case of James Pearsall, colored, charged with larceny, E. M. Greer came into court and confessed judgment for \$27.80 for balance of fine and costs to be paid by the next term in July.

In the case of Charles Robinson and Tyson Brower, charged with the larceny of timber, the case having been tried the day before, Robinson was sentenced to eight months on the roads or farm and Brower was required to give bond of \$100 for his appearance at next term.

Herbert T. Blake, the young white man who submitted to four counts of larceny earlier in the week, was sentenced in one case to four years in the penitentiary. Judgment was suspended in the other cases. Young Blake was charged with breaking into a boat house of Mr. Louis H. Skinner and committing a number of other thefts.

Johnnie Washington, the colored lad charged with robbery of the store of M. Roseman & Son, where he was employed as an errand boy, was sentenced to 12 months in jail with leave to the commissioners to hire him out; costs to be paid at this term.

Judge Webb ordered that all the witnesses in the McCraw case, both for the State and defence, be paid the usual fees.

The grand jury having completed its labors came into court, made the following report and was discharged with the thanks of His Honor: To His Honor, Judge James L. Webb, presiding, April Term, 1906, Superior Court, New Hanover County.

Sir: The following is the report of the grand jury for this term of court: Bills acted on, 34 true bills, 9 continued on account of absence of witnesses, and 1 presentment.

In handling these bills considerable trouble was experienced in obtaining the witnesses necessary for the prompt dispatch of business.

On inspection of the jail we found the interior of the same in as good condition as the circumstances would permit; we would respectfully recommend the following, viz: That some means be provided for the washing of the hammocks, blankets and the like; also to insure against vermin that means be provided and the inmates be required to bathe at the discretion of the jailer, the necessary help being given the jailer on these occasions to insure safety to himself and to the county; also that the jail, particularly the cage, is too small to accommodate the usual number of prisoners therein, and recommend that the jail be enlarged.

We found that on account of the storage of curbing, old fencing and the like, the property of the city, against the division fence or wall on the east side of the jail yard that the same has been completely, or nearly demolished, and we recommend that a solid brick wall be built from street to the division line on the south, the cost of the same to be divided equally by the city and the county.

The county court house, after thorough inspection, was found to be clean and in good condition. We would recommend that some kind of floor covering be laid in the aisles of the court room; also that the entire floor inside the bar be covered, this being essential to preserve perfect quiet during a session.

Upon visiting the county home we found the home in perfect condition and the inmates satisfied and well cared for. We cheerfully recommend the present management and advocate a continuance of the present system.

At a visit to the convict camp at Castle Haynes we found six whites and 48 colored, a total of 54; very little sickness, 1 white and 2 colored.

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ODD FELLOWS ARE PLANNING

Eighty-Seventh Anniversary Celebration and Grand Lodge Sessions in Goldsboro Very Soon.

At their meetings this week the four Odd Fellow lodges of the city have under consideration two important events that are soon to take place in the life of the order. One is the celebration of the 87th anniversary of the establishment of the I. O. O. F., in this country, which celebration will take place on the evening of April 26th, and the other is the matter of the election of representatives to the Grand Lodge, which meets this year at Goldsboro on May 8th.

The joint committee to arrange for the 87th anniversary celebration has already been named by the several lodges and last night an organization of that committee was perfected by the election of B. F. King chairman and John E. Wood secretary. The committee will at once get to work on a programme for the occasion which will likely be observed in the Academy of Music with an address by some prominent member of the order. However, these details are yet to be arranged, but an elaborate and altogether proper celebration may be expected.

The Grand Lodge meeting this year will have a two-fold significance inasmuch as upon that occasion the corner stone will be laid for the home for the aged and infirm members of the order, which the Odd-Fellows of the State will establish and maintain in connection with the Orphans' Home at Goldsboro. The ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone will be imposing and will mark an important era in Odd Fellowship in North Carolina. Three of the four Wilmington lodges have elected representatives at their meetings this week as follows:

Cape Fear—H. S. McGirt, representative, and D. K. LeGwin, alternate.

Orion—C. D. Morrill, representative; J. M. Branch, alternate.

Wilmington—J. T. King, representative; E. Y. Davis, alternate.

Hanover Lodge will elect its representatives at its meeting to-night.

Further announcement will be made in due time as to the arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary.

TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE

Storage Battery Plant to Be Installed at Western Union Here Superceding Old Gravity System.

Executive officials of the Western Union Telegraph Company have approved an appropriation of several thousand dollars which will be expended in the installation of a first-class storage battery plant in the local offices of the company in this city. Notice of the approval of the appropriation was received yesterday and the work of installation will be undertaken during the present Summer. The new storage plant will take the place of the gravity system of some 1,800 or 2,000 cells heretofore in use and will be a decided improvement in every way, current being furnished by the Consolidated Company and stored according to the latest system employed in all of the larger cities of the country.

The matter of this needed improvement was called to the attention of the General Superintendent, Chief Electrician and other officials of the company, who were recently here on an inspection trip, by Manager Sale. The matter was referred to the proper department of the service and yesterday came news of the approval of the appropriation, which will no doubt, as is usually the case, be followed by still other improvements, placing Wilmington on a basis with all the first-class offices of the country. The only storage battery plant now in operation in the State is one recently installed at Charlotte. The growth of the Western Union business in Wilmington warranted the better and more up-to-date equipment, and is but another evidence of the material progress and prosperity of the city.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE.

Burning of the Standard Oil Plant in Raleigh.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., April 5.—A jury in the Superior Court here has been out since 6 o'clock considering the evidence charging Frank Moore and Bunch Burch with burning the plant of the Standard Oil Company here and murdering Night Watchman Strickland in this city about eighteen months ago. At their request Judge Council gave further instruction at 10 o'clock to-night. However, being unable to reach a verdict, the jury retired for the night at 11 o'clock.

Let The

Gas Company do the work—Cook with Gas.

DEMOCRATIC HOSTS

Greensboro The Place and July Third Date For Next State Convention

THE COMMITTEE IN RALEIGH

Asheville Came Near Capturing Big Meeting—Chairman Simmons Urges Payment of Poll Tax on the Party—Other Notes.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 5.—The State Democratic Executive Committee in session here to-night decided to hold the State Convention at Greensboro on July 3rd. Before the matter of place was taken up, J. H. Pou, for Raleigh, gave notice that the State capital would not urge the selection of Raleigh this year, but would two years hence have the largest auditorium in the State and would be in the contest with a determination to win.

The invitation from Greensboro was presented by G. W. Bradshaw and was seconded by A. M. Scales. Col. Sol. Gallert, of Rutherfordton, extended an invitation from Asheville, reading telegrams from city authorities and the Board of Trade; also, pledging hotel rates of \$1 to \$2.50. M. L. Shipman seconded Asheville in a strong plea for a unanimous vote for the famous mountain resort. The vote was Greensboro, 31; Asheville, 29. There was a great diversity of opinion as to the best date for the convention, June 28th, July 11th, June 26th, and July 3rd, being urged by the various committees. Finally, the vote was three-cornered for June 27th, July 3rd and July 25th. There were 26 votes for July 3rd, 22 for June 27th, and two for July 25th.

After the time and place for the convention had been decided Senator F. M. Simmons, called J. W. Thompson, of Wake, to the chair in his stead, and addressed the committee on the urgent necessity for steps to be taken to get all Democrats to pay poll tax so a full vote may be cast. He declared in the last election the Democratic majority was eight or ten thousand less than would have been if this matter had been more closely attended to. He said he had already written Democratic officials in every county to look well to this matter, but felt that members of the State Committee could do much in this direction, and what is done must be done quickly. He said reports received by him showed in some counties that poll tax was very generally paid, but in many, the showing is very bad and Democrats would suffer badly if something is not done. The only officers to be nominated this year are one member of the Corporation Commission and sixteen Superior Court judges, the latter to be selected first by Judicial conventions.

DOG AND PONY SHOW.

Prof. Gentry's Attraction May Come Here—Prohibitive Taxation.

The little folks and many of the grown-ups, too, will be delighted to know that there is a likelihood of the appearance here this Spring of Gentry's Famous dog and pony show. Many of the children have the brightest spot in their memory marked on the date of the last appearance of this show in Wilmington several years ago and they will be interested now to know that since it was last here, it has been generally enlarged and greatly improved, so that it now ranks, while losing none of its individuality, with some of the big tented enterprises of the circus class.

Mr. D. S. Newman, a representative of the Gentry shows, arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest at The Orton. He came to see what arrangements could be made for the appearance of his show here but met with much discouragement at the prohibitive tax imposed by the city and county. He is not yet certain that he will bring the show, but it is hoped that he will. The attraction has no objectionable features and is an education within itself. If in some way a part of the prohibitive tax could be evaded of side-stepped nine-tenths of the people of Wilmington would be glad of it.

Conductors Are Here.

Capt. W. A. Wells, of Charleston; Capt. W. M. Lewis, of Montgomery; Capt. Thos. H. Harlee, Jr., of Florence; Capt. W. R. Burt, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Capt. J. O. Lewis, of Thomasville, Ga.; Capt. W. B. Williams, of Savannah, and Capt. O. M. Eaton, of Lakeland, Fla., composed the advance guard of a committee from the Order of Railway Conductors, which arrived yesterday for a conference with the Atlantic Coast Line officials relative to certain adjustments that are wanted in the rules and regulations governing their department of the service. The conductors will probably be here several days.

A house well advertised is half sold.