

OUTLINES.

The Senate yesterday completed section two of the rate bill, restoring the imprisonment penalty for granting rebates and providing heavy penalty for any shipper who accepts a rebate in any shape or form.

Dear A. & Y., why don't you try to get here once on time? Oh! do be spry, dear A. & Y., and let us end our rhyme.

Senator Allison sat around and listened to 500 tons of speeches on the rate bill and found out that 20 words added to the Hepburn bill was all they wanted.

A Canada paper boasts that 12,000 lobsters were caught in Canada last year. American women never weigh the lobsters they catch but they are satisfied that Canada is not in it.

After Maxim Gorky got out of Russia the government gave it out that it was going to prosecute him for fomenting rebellion. That is a mean trick in Russia to try to make Maxim stay over here.

The Buffalo Courier, the only Democratic paper in the great city of Buffalo, is advocating William Randolph Hearst for Governor. If Mr. Hearst should carry New York he would get dangerous—to Col. Bryan.

A great many people are now justifying their support of William Randolph Hearst because he isn't any more radical than Col. Roosevelt. The President can now see the penalty of being an extremist.

Says the Eastern Carolina News, of Kernansville: "The News will soon give the readers interesting illustrated papers on good roads. This paper will continue the battle for better roads for farmers."

Dr. Day, chancellor of the University of Syracuse, jumped all over President Roosevelt because he is going up against the Standard Oil Company. He alludes to the President's "amazing blunder," and talks about "anarchism in the White House."

The Merchants' Journal published at Raleigh, has purchased a mercantile paper known as Commerce, heretofore published in Atlanta, and hereafter the two will appear in consolidated form as the Merchants Journal and Commerce.

GRAND LODGE I.O.O.F.

Sixty-third Annual Session Concluded in Goldsboro Yesterday Afternoon.

AT ELIZABETH CITY NEXT

Officers Elected for Enslaying Year—Home For Aged and Infirm Dedicated—Wilmington Representatives Have Returned.

Grand Treasurer Richard J. Jones, Past Grand Master M. W. Jacobi, Grand Trustee N. Jacobi and Messrs. A. Silverman, E. N. Penny, H. S. McGirt, J. T. King, C. R. Spooner, R. J. Shepard, C. D. Morrill, W. L. Smith and other prominent Odd Fellows of Wilmington who have been attending the sixty-third annual session of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., in Goldsboro, this week, returned last night and report a delightful meeting.

There are in the neighborhood of 180 lodges in the State, and nearly every one was represented. There was a large crowd in attendance at the exercises by the children of the Home Wednesday, which were very much enjoyed.

The lodge then adjourned until 4 P. M., when the Grand Lodge formed a procession in front of the opera house and proceeded to the home, in charge of Grand Marshal T. P. Allred.

Dr. A. M. Benton Dead. Well Known Young Physician of Columbus—Funeral Wednesday.

Friends in this city have learned with sorrow of the death of Dr. A. M. Benton, of Evergreen, Columbus county, N. C., which occurred Tuesday at 4 A. M. at the home of his father, Mr. A. M. Benton, after a lingering illness with consumption.

Mr. and Mrs. Seitter Bereaved. William Love, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Seitter, passed away at ten minutes after 2 o'clock this morning at the family home, No. 16 Princess street, after an illness of more than a week.

New Advertisements. Platt & Haar—Big Mill Purchase. Consolidated Co.—Gas for Cooking. Warren's Steam Bakery—Driver Wanted.

Business Locals. W. J. Moore—Hotel Tarrymoors.

THE STRAWBERRY SEASON

Over 150 Cars Again Yesterday in Spite of Weather and Price—Market Conditions.

Shipments of strawberries through South Rocky Mount yesterday, according to the official report sent out by telegraph by Business Agent Bauman last night, amounted to 154 solid refrigerator cars, keeping up well the record of last week in spite of the depression in prices and the continued cool weather.

The New York market report Wednesday was as follows: "Strawberries in much lighter supply to-day, arrivals including by Pennsylvania Railroad 3,564 crates and by Old Dominion steamer 615 crates, together with light receipts by express.

Other markets were quoted as follows: Newark, N. J., 6 to 9; Philadelphia, 7 to 12; Washington, D. C., 7 to 12; Boston, 8 to 12; Pittsburg, 8 to 10 cents.

MASONS OF HIGH DEGREE

Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter Sessions Concluded in Charlotte—Election of Officers.

Charlotte, N. C., May 10.—The annual convention of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar closed with this morning's session at which the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, resulting as follows: Mr. A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh, Grand Commander; Mr. T. S. Franklin, of Charlotte, Deputy Grand Commander.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, closed with the session yesterday morning. The afternoon was taken up with the annual meeting of the Grand Council, Royal Select Masters, a Masonic degree. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: E. D. Neave, of Salisbury, Grand Master.

Honored Their Dead. While the military were at Oakdale cemetery yesterday afternoon, in attendance upon the memorial exercises, each of the companies took occasion to honor their comrades who passed away during the past year and whose remains are resting in that beautiful "City of the Dead."

CONFEDERATE DEAD

Annual Memorial Day Exercises Here Yesterday Very Pretty and Appropriate.

OBSERVANCE AT OAKDALE

Address By Brooke G. Empe and Other Exercises Attracted Very Large Crowd—General Suspension of Business in the City.

Confederate Memorial Day was most appropriately observed in Wilmington yesterday. County and city offices and many places of business were closed during at least a part of the day and the people of the city joined reverently in the spirit of the occasion.

As early as 3 o'clock the Veterans of Cape Fear Camp, Daughters of Confederacy, Sons of Veterans, Children of the Confederacy and distinguished guests, including the orator of the occasion, Brooke G. Empe, Esq., the chaplain, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church; Superintendent Donlan, of the Oakdale Cemetery Company, and others assembled at the cemetery lodge.

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LOW TEMPERATURE RECORD

Light Frosts Yesterday Morning, With Minimum Degrees for So Late in May—Very Little Damage.

Light frosts in the Wilmington district were reported by the Weather Bureau yesterday, the temperature having gone lower than ever before so late in the month according to the records covering a period of something over thirty years.

Through the kindness of Mr. R. A. Dyke, the clever assistant observer in the office of the Weather Bureau at Wilmington, the following table of minimum temperatures recorded in May is given:

1875—43 degrees on 18th. 1876—38 degrees on 1st. 1877—42 degrees on 2nd. 1891—41 degrees on 7th. 1898—44 degrees on 9th. 1906—42 degrees on 10th.

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TO CONCLUDE TO-DAY

Case of Parker Against Water Works Company in United States Court

ALL THE TESTIMONY IS IN

Argument by Counsel to Jury Begins This Morning—Several Witnesses and Much Documentary Evidence Yesterday.

All the testimony in the case of Clarence L. Parker against the Clarendon Water Works Company was in when the United States Circuit Court took a recess late yesterday afternoon until 9:30 o'clock this morning.

Upon the assembling of court yesterday morning testimony for the water works company was resumed. Mr. W. O. Stevens, of Shinglehouse, Pa., took the stand for the defence.

The conclusion of the case, now in hearing will likely wind up the docket of civil cases for the present term as most of the other cases have been temporarily disposed of by order of reference or dismissal.

SEVENTH JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

Called to Meet in Fayetteville June 6th—Committee Here.

Pursuant to call of Chairman D. T. Oates, of Cumberland, the Executive Committee of the Seventh Judicial District, met at The Orion in this city last night for the purpose of calling the convention for the nomination of a judge and solicitor for that district.

It was decided to call the convention at Fayetteville on Wednesday, June 6th, upon the arrival of the trains there in the early afternoon, which will be about 2 o'clock.

Among the favored candidates for solicitor in the Seventh District are N. A. Sinclair and A. S. Hall, Esqs., of Cumberland. George L. Peschua, Esq., of Brunswick, is also spoken of in this connection.

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There was a blaze on the carnival grounds at Fifth and Castle streets last night about 9 o'clock. It was not a blaze of glory this time, either, but a blazing tent and the "Electric Theatre" at that!

The "Electric Theatre" is a moving picture attraction owned by the Pierce Amusement Company and the origin of the fire was contact of some of the celluloid films with the electric burner in the machine.

The Department reached the grounds in response to an alarm from box 49, the tent and the machine had been pretty badly damaged.

The property was in the name of Mrs. A. L. Pierce. The attraction is temporarily out of commission, but it will be replaced as early as practicable.