

OUTLINES.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Tillman told of his fight for the rate bill and how President Roosevelt flunked on the measure, which otherwise would have been passed; Mr. Lodge defended the President and through the President Roosevelt denounced as a deliberate and unqualified falsehood a statement attributed by Tillman to former Senator Chandler.

Senator Bailey made a bitter attack on the President yesterday for his trimming on the rate bill characterizing him as "a man of clay and very common clay." Senator Carter made a heat reply in defense of Mr. Roosevelt.

Upon the arrival of an ocean liner in New York yesterday Wilhelm Meyer was arrested for killing an aged woman in Germany, packing her body in a trunk and then sailing for America with a woman not his wife.

The Consolidated Traction Companies at Norfolk, yesterday had recorded a mortgage of \$8,000, the clerk's fee for which was \$8,000.—In New York yesterday the funeral of former Secretary of the Interior Alonzo Bell, was held up by striking funeral drivers.

The General Conference, M. E. Church, South, will elect three new bishops.—Gen. Wharton, a Confederate and Mexican Veteran is dead in Virginia.—Smie Hannon, 12 years old, was convicted of manslaughter at Concord, N. C., yesterday.—Another revolution has broken out in Santo Domingo.—The homeless people in San Francisco are to be assembled into two camps.—New York markets: Money on call nominal, no loans, time loans easy; spot cotton quiet 11.90; flour firm and higher but quiet; wheat irregular, No. 2 red 92 nominal elevator; corn steady, No. 2, 56, nominal elevator; oats steady, mixed 38; turpentine firm 67 to 67 1/2; rosin firm, strained common to good 4.10 to 4.15.

The Baltimore Sun asks: "Will the President become a tariff reformer?" He will hardly go back on that "standpat" platform that he go in on.

If the scientists can't tell us any more about earthquakes than they do, some of their theories about religion might be discounted.

In the next campaign the Trusts may know enough to be neutral and let the Republicans and Democrats fight it out among themselves.

We have seen how the Paper Trusts peacefully surrendered to the Government at St. Paul, and now all North Carolina will keep its eyes skinned to see Republican State Chairman Rollins and Marion Butler turn over their machetes to Spencer Blackburn.

The San Francisco fire will cause the insurance companies to raise their rates, the landlords will raise their rents, and the renters will do like the consumers who pay the tariff taxes.

Under the circumstances the Czar of Russia is disposed to "give in" to Russia's new Parliament. He probably lost heart when he saw that President Roosevelt could no longer play short stop against so many rate bill batters in the Senate.

A Michigan judge has decided that a man's wife is entitled to only half of her husband's income. However, they will go right on being in contempt of court when they take a notion that a man's income hasn't got two halves.

Chief Justice Walter Clark wants the Presidential term lengthened from four to six years and that the President shall be ineligible for a second term. A four years term is too long for some men who might be President and six years might be too short for some.

The recent meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching led to a discussion as to whether "the light in woman's eyes should be pursued by all professors." How to keep from doing that is a lesson that professors will not care to learn.

The Washington Post remarks: "A Dayton (Ohio) minister regards the California earthquake as a sure sign that the end of the world is close at hand. The fact that a Republican administration is worrying the trusts is a surer one." Worrying? Oh, yes. The Post knows when to use the word busting.

President Roosevelt and the White House stenographers were at work until a late hour last night and it is believed that the President prepared a statement to answer Senator Tillman. The statement may be made public tomorrow.

FARMER A SUICIDE

A. R. Padrick of Middle Sound, Complaining of Domestic Trouble, Ends His Life

22-RIFLE WAS THE WEAPON

Shut Himself In Room and Fired Bullet Through His Heart—Also Employed as Carpenter on Pembroke Jones Estate.

Because of domestic troubles, real or imaginary, A. R. Padrick, 42 years old, a truck grower on the Black place, on Middle Sound and a carpenter regularly employed at Mr. Pembroke Jones' estate, at Airle, committed suicide at his home early yesterday morning by shooting himself through the heart with a 22-calibre rifle. Mrs. Padrick is said to have gone away on a visit to relatives the day before against the wishes of her husband and he seemed to be brooding over that when he awoke yesterday morning, about 7 o'clock, Mr. Padrick went into a room off the front porch of the old-fashioned residence on the place and a little later members of the household were startled to hear the crack of a rifle. Some one ran in to investigate and found the man prostrate with a bullet hole in his breast, the ball having passed through the heart, causing death almost instantly.

Mr. Padrick had several times before threatened to take his life, but no one believed that he was serious in such talk. This year he had an exceptionally fine crop, was in good circumstances and had regular employment as a carpenter on Mr. Jones' estate. He left no word or writing, indicating his real purpose in ending his existence, and from all reports the man had no justification for the rash deed. Padrick was a tenant on Mr. Shepard's place and Mr. Shepard speaks of him in the highest terms. Son after the suicide, Mr. Shepard came up to the city and notified Dr. Bell, the coroner, at the same time securing a coffin for the burial. Dr. Bell went down to the Sound about noon and gathered the facts of the tragedy about as set forth above.

Mr. Padrick leaves a wife and six children, the youngest being two years of age and the oldest being a grown daughter. He also leaves an aged mother and a sister residing in Kingston. His wife's maiden name was Miss Mary Benton to whom he was married years ago. The funeral will be held to-day and the interment will take place on the Sound.

The ball which caused Padrick's death was a 22-calibre, long, entering just below the left nipple and penetrating the heart.

Troutman Distillery Seizure

The Troutman distillery, which was seized by revenue officers the past week, was placed in the hands of U. S. Marshal Claude Dookery yesterday and Deputy Marshal Thos. A. Watson has been assigned in charge of the same until the further orders of the court. A nominal valuation of \$700 was placed on the property in order to bring the matter in proper shape for advertisement and sale under attachment files his certificate of ownership and bears the prosecution for an illicit distillery in the Federal Court.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- People's Savings Bank—Luck. Hattie's Hatter—Clothing. St. John's Lodge—Attention. Consolidated Co.—Gas Ranges. B. F. Penny & Co.—"The Hub." Sol Bear & Co.—Schultz Beer. C. W. Yates & Co.—New Kodacs. Henry Horne—For Register of Deeds. Southern Electrical Co.—Electrical. J. H. Rehder & Co.—Wrapper Sale. Concord Chapter, E. A. M.—Meeting. W. Munroe & Co.—Some Pretty Girls. Wm. W. Bellamy—Commissioner's Sale.
- Business Locals**
- Wanted—Two Boys. Reward—A. G. Hankins. M. G. Tiencken—Bids Wanted. Wanted—McDonald Roof Paint Co. Mrs. Steljes—Beef Stand for Rent. Wanted—Two Travelling Salesmen. Coyne Bros—Men and Boys Wanted. J. G. Wright & Son—Dwelling for Sale.
- Perical Supply Co.—Agents Wanted. Morris Wholesale House—Manager wanted. J. G. Wright & Son—Beach Property at Bargain. McDonald Roof Paint Co.—To Property Owners.
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THE WEEK'S BERRY RECORD

Crop Will No Doubt Exceed Three Thousand Car Loads—Market Conditions in New York.

With shipments still going forward at the rate of 100 cars and upwards per day, the strawberry crop has already reached about the proportions it was estimated at earlier in the season and the end is not yet. The shipments for the week ended last night were 902 refrigerator cars and express shipments large enough to "run the total up again to more than a thousand cars. The shipments the preceding week were 1,013 cars, according to the official bulletins sent out by Business Agent Bauman so that it is seen that the season's shipments are already well up towards 2,500 cars. Shipments will continue at least a week or longer and a grand total of more than 3,000 cars may be expected as the crop for 1906!

The shipments yesterday, as reported by telegraph from South Rocky Mount last night amounted to an even one hundred refrigerator cars and something like a thousand crates. The official record for the past week is as follows:

Sunday208 cars
Monday12 cars
Tuesday105 cars
Wednesday212 cars
Thursday154 cars
Friday111 cars
Saturday100 cars
Total902 cars

The distribution of shipments yesterday was as follows: New York, 20; Philadelphia, 14; Boston, 12; Pittsburg, 11; Newark, N. J., 6; Springfield, Worcester, Buffalo and Scranton, 3 each; Portland, Elmira, Utica and Montreal, 2 each; Providence, Keene, Hartford, New Haven, Pittsfield, Bradford, Hornellsville, Harrisburg, Cleveland, Syracuse, Toronto, Rochester and Albany, one each.

The New York market report after closing hours Friday was as follows: "Strawberries in larger supply to-day, arrivals including 1,766 crates by Old Dominion steamer and 6,994 crates by Pennsylvania Railroad; prices average lower but quality generally good. Many berries were very green. Norfolk sold generally within ranges quoted, with outside figure full high except for Heflins, which occasionally brought a substantial premium, in instances up to 18@20 and higher. North Carolina nearly all sold within range of 9@10c and Lake City, 8@10c, only scattering sales higher and lower. The few Maryland and Eastern Shore berries received to-day were generally green and seldom exceeding 10@13c."

Fennell Leads the Force.

"The Calendar," the official organ of the Greensboro Life Insurance Company, in its issue of May 1st, prints an excellent half-tone picture of Mr. H. L. Fennell, of this city with an accompanying first-page sketch. Mr. Fennell led, all other agents of the company during April in the amount of business written. He also ranks first in "business applied for" and has been on the "leader's list," three out of four months since he has been engaged by the Greensboro Life. Mr. Fennell is one of the foremost insurance men in the State and may always be depended upon when records are to be made.

Peabody Graded Schools.

The Star acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the closing exercises of the Peabody Graded schools, Rev. J. A. Bonner, principal. The exercises will consist of an entertainment in the Academy of Music Monday night. The pupils will take part and an interesting affair is promised. Wednesday will be visitation day at the school and all friends are invited. Samples of the work done during the year will be exhibited. The hours will be from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.

The Eagles' Minstrels.

The sale of seats for the Eagles' Minstrels, which will be repeated at the Academy next Thursday night as a Sorosis benefit, will commence Wednesday morning. The price of reserved seats will be 75 cents. The general admission will be 50 cents. The proceeds of the show goes entirely for the new public library and a large audience should be present Thursday evening to witness the production.

On the River To-day.

The steamer Wilmington will make two round trips to Carolina Beach to-day and from present indications will carry down large crowds on each. The Fort Caswell band has been engaged to play a concert in the pavilion during the afternoon, and besides this, there will be the usual seaside attractions for the many to say nothing of the delightful ride on the boat. The steamer leaves at 9:30 A. M. and 2:30 P. M. Fare for the round trip only 25 cents.

GENTRY SHOW HERE

Old Favorites of the Animal Kingdom Under Popular Management

RECEPTION THIS AFTERNOON

Menagerie Will Be Thrown Open Free to Everybody at Sixteenth and Market Streets—Special Train Over Seaboard This A. M.

While the city slept last night, the train of sixteen cars, bearing the menagerie and other paraphernalia of Gentry Brothers' Shows was rumbolling its way down from Monroe, N. C., over the Seaboard Air Line and at the time of going to press this morning the big crew of swarthy showmen were busily engaged in unloading and transferring, the big tented enterprise to the vacant lot at Sixteenth and Market streets, where two performances will be given—to-morrow afternoon and night.

The Gentry shows that are now in the city are known as the big eastern company, embracing four of the shows the company had on tour last season. Their eastern shows are said to be the largest ever controlled by this well-known and popular circus firm and is under the personal management of H. B. Gentry, the originator, who accompanies the show to every town, his private car being attached to the second section of the show train.

Some of the principal features of their big eastern shows are 200 highly educated ponies, 150 dog actors, 75 monkeys, baboons and gibbons, two herds of performing elephants, three droves of Siberian camels and various other animals to be found in a Gentry menagerie.

In addition to the excellent trained animal exhibition they have augmented their shows with a number of big and sensational circus features which they claim they are presenting for the first time in this country at enormous salaries. These features were importations, and it is claimed there is a treat in store for the many lovers of the big circus acts.

Owing to the fact that several circuses abandoned the street parade this year, Gentry Brothers are now presenting the finest street pageant ever presented by any circuses; it being almost one mile long, comprising nine complete sections presenting a beautiful spectacle and representing an expenditure of a fortune. The parade will leave the show grounds at 10:30 o'clock sharp to-morrow morning, and will be seen on the principal streets.

Owing to the fact that the shows will spend Sunday in the city the management has arranged a big free reception for this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, when the big menagerie will be thrown open to the public for free inspection as will be the bathing tents where all the animals from the smallest dog and pony to the largest elephant will receive their Sunday baths. It is something out of the ordinary for a circus menagerie to be turned over to the public for two hours, absolutely free, and no doubt thousands will embrace the opportunity to witness the novel and interesting sight.

POLICE COURT YESTERDAY.

Several Cases Before Mayor Pro Tem O'Brien at Noon.

On account of the slight indisposition of Mayor Waddell, Mayor Pro Tem O'Brien presided over the police court yesterday at noon. Nelson Rybne, colored, charged by Officer C. E. Wood with exploding a railroad torpedo at Fourth and Nixon streets, was warned and let go with the costs. He pleaded ignorance of the law. Ida Anderson, colored, plain dress, was given ten days on the farm. She was sent in by Officer L. F. Harper. "Queen Victoria," a denizen dark of the darkest town, was given 30 days on the farm upon a charge of vagrancy preferred by Officer C. E. Wood.

Par O'Connor, a sailor man without a ship, a charge upon the community, was given an opportunity to leave the city. The same disposition was made of a case of plain drunk against Harrie Myers, another seafaring man suffering from too long ashore.

T. P. A.'s At Greensboro.

Mr. T. H. Thompson, of this city, was elected first vice president of the North Carolina Travellers' Protective Association at the annual convention in Greensboro Friday. Mr. Thompson was also elected a delegate to the National Convention and Mr. T. D. Love, of this city, was elected an alternate. High Point was chosen as the next place for the State Convention and delegates to the National Convention were instructed to invite that body to meet in Asheville in 1907.

FRONT STREET REALTY DEAL

Building of I. M. Bear & Co. Purchased By J. Hicks Bunting—Other Property Transfers.

By deed filed for record yesterday Isaac M. Bear transferred to J. Hicks Bunting, for \$1,000 and other considerations, property at southwest corner of Front and Grace streets, 30x100 feet in size. The consideration named is merely nominal. It is understood, however, that \$24,000 was the price paid for the property. The handsome three-story brick building on the site will be occupied by the J. Hicks Bunting Drug Company as soon as the five-story building to be erected by Mr. Jno. H. Brunjes for Messrs. I. M. Bear & Co., on the opposite corner, is ready for occupancy. Other property transfers yesterday were as follows:

George R. Bate and wife to S. Abramowitz, for \$50 and other considerations, property at southwest corner of Twelfth and Market streets, 30x150 feet in size.

The Willard Bag and Mfg. Co. to Elizabeth Vollers, for \$10 and other considerations, property on south side of Wilkinson's alley, between Front and Water and Market and Dock streets.

W. J. Reaves and wife to M. D. Bright and wife, in consideration of the surrender of all the interest of the last named in the W. J. Reaves Mfg. Co., property at northeast corner of Sixth and Wright streets, 66x105 feet in size.

George Peamon and wife, of Philadelphia, to Cameron F. MacRae, for \$200, property on south side of Brunswick, 46 feet east of Third street, 59 1-2x66 feet in size.

HENRY BERRY LOWRIE.

History of Noted Band of Robeson Outlaws Begins To-day.

The first instalment of the history of the Henry Berry Lowrie gang of outlaws, who operated so extensively in Robeson county just after the late Civil War, is printed in the Star to-day and will be continued each Sunday by special permission of the author, Mrs. Mary C. Norment, whose husband was killed by the outlaws. The first instalment deals largely with the introduction to the story and biographical sketches of the chief and his associates. Succeeding chapters will tell something of the mode of warfare, equipment of the band, etc., a geographical and topographical description of "Scuffletown," the haunts of the outlaws, leading up to the series of robberies and outrages which leads the author to exclaim in the closing chapter of the biography: "The wicked live not out half their days, Behold—see! Henry Berry Lowrie and his associates in crime have gone to the criminal bourne 'to answer for the deeds done in the flesh' and may their like never again appear on this world's arena, for they were the veriest cowards—the most arrant poltroons, that ever disgraced the annals of warfare."

HIS ARM BROKEN.

Foreman of Pile Driver Suffered Painful Accident Yesterday.

Mr. Young, a foreman employed by the Diamond Steamboat and Wrecking Company, suffered a painful fracture of the left arm about the elbow, in an accident at the Swift Fertilizer Works, up the river, where he was engaged with the pile driver of the wrecking company yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. A heavy piece of timber being swung into position, tipped and threw him to the ground with such violence that the limb was broken. His fellow workmen placed him in a row boat and started to the city with him, being met by the steamer Marion, hastening the trip. The broken limb was set by Dr. Thos. M. Green at the home of Mr. Young, near Eighth and Chesnut streets.

At the Beach To-day.

To-day will attract the usual large number of people to Wrightsville Beach in general and Lumina in particular. The usual half-hour schedule of suburban cars will be maintained and the Sunday afternoon concert will be given by the Kneissel Orchestra at Lumina. Many improvements are under way at the beach and the trip to-day will be found very interesting.

Federal Prisoners Off.

Deputy Marshals E. W. Fuhr and P. A. Mitchell will leave to-day for Atlanta and Nashville with the prisoners sentenced at the late term of the United States Court to the Federal prisons in those cities. The three male prisoners will be taken first to Atlanta and the deputies will then convey the colored woman, Mag Flowers, to Nashville.

Cars to the Beach every half-hour from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M. **

THE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Important Conference of District Committeemen in New Hanover Held Yesterday

MANY MATTERS DISCUSSED

Consolidation of Districts Suggested and Committee Appointed to Inquire Into Feasibility of Same—Better Attendance, Etc.

A conference of great importance to the rural schools of the county was held in this city yesterday morning at the office of Prof. Catlett, superintendent of public instruction, at the Court House. It was a meeting of all the district committeemen for the purpose of discussing generally the needs of the schools and devising ways and means for their improvement and for the extension of public education in the county. Every one of the fourteen districts in the county were represented except Nos. 5, 7, and 10 and the meeting was pronounced very satisfactory in every respect and very enthusiastic.

Supt. Catlett called the conference to order and made a brief address explaining the object of the meeting. It was regretted that, on account of a pressing business engagement, Chairman Wm. H. Sprunt, of the County Board of Education, could not be present as he had expected. Mr. George Rountree, a member of the Board, was present, however, and made a most excellent, practical talk with his characteristic earnestness and energy in the cause. His address was very encouraging to every one present.

The superintendent read a report of the late census of each district, the enrollment of pupils and the average daily attendance for the year. The question of making an effort to secure a full attendance upon the schools was discussed and the committeemen present went so far as to take the advanced opinion that the Legislature should pass a compulsory school law. To secure better attendance, Supt. Catlett stated that he would, during the summer, visit each district sufficiently interested to call a meeting and address the people at large upon the importance of sending their children to school.

At the suggestion of Mr. Rountree, a committee composed of Messrs. B. B. Humphrey, District No. 13; Addison Hewlett, District No. 4, and George Trask, District No. 12, was appointed to consider the practicability and report later upon the feasibility of a consolidation of districts in the county so that four or more graded schools may be established in the place of the present system. The committee was also asked to inquire into the probable cost of new buildings and the expense incident to conveying children, living at a distance, to the central schools. The committee is expected to report to the County Board of Education.

The superintendent requested the committeemen to attend at once to such small repairs as are needed to the school buildings and prepare a report to the Board of Education as to such permanent repairs needed. The committee of District No. 6, Acorn Branch, presented a petition to be laid before the Board of Education, asking that the present school building be removed to a more central location.

The subject of a supply of pure water for the schools was discussed; also the planting of trees on the school grounds, leading to the instruction of the children, and the people of the neighborhood in the necessity of preserving the forests and beautifying school grounds.

It was the desire of the committeemen that music be taught in the schools as heretofore and this feature will be continued.

A letter was read from State Superintendent Joyner, commending the meeting and expressing his regret at not being able to accept the invitation to be present, saying that he would place the date on his calendar of visits and if a similar meeting is held next year, he would be present. As far as is known New Hanover is the only county in the State that has held such a meeting. It was full of pleasure and profit and another will no doubt be held next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fore Bereaved.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fore will deeply sympathize with them in the death of their infant son, Flitts Henry, aged three years and 11 months, which occurred at the family home, No. 107 North Seventh street, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon after a brief illness. To the child the parents were tenderly devoted and the death is a sad blow to them. The funeral will be conducted from the residence at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.