

OUTLINES.

General of President Spencer
Southern Railway will take
Washington tomorrow after
at a given time, all traffic
entire system, including run-
trains, will be stopped for
as a mark of respect to
; the officials are investi-
wreck in which President
lost his life on Thursday
Ten of the most desperate
in Queen's county, N. Y., jail
yesterday morning. The
making preparations for the
and display at the James
Senator Warren,
denies connection with
coal land frauds. Gov-
of California, has par-
two ballot-box stuffers from
in order that they
Major Schmitz
Reuf, charged with cor-
in San Francisco
Climchport, southwestern
yesterday five men were kill-
blasting in a cut on the
Western Railroad. Scores
have been received by
Roosevelt endorsing his
dismissing three negro com-
from the Army. Dun & Co.'s
reports all departments
cultural, industrial and mer-
activity during the year com-
close as the greatest in the
of the country. Conscience
at the loss of some of his
by the failure of the Aetna
Butte, Montana, Millionaire
Heinz has contributed \$1,000,
the failed bank's assets. Sen-
McCarren, Brooklyn's
boss, has employed counsel
from being read out of the
party because he bolted
last election. New York
Money on call strong and
to 7 per cent, ruling rate 10,
and offered at 20; spot
closed quiet at 11:40 cents;
wheat easy, No. 2, 12 7/8-3/4
corn steady, No. 2, 54 cts
cents steady, mixed 39; tur-
Randolph Hearst says he
with politics. We take this as
that he is tired having his leg
for nothing.
said that a New Jersey man
an animal with the head of
the body of a cat and the tail
of a dog. Is he sure that he's got
them?
Shaw declares that "Wall
is not the United States." Wall
retort might be that if
it isn't the fault of the Re-
party.
advertisers that he has found
new in coffee." When
anything in coffee it is not
blow it around.
you gotten over your Thanks-
you enter an office don't leave
open when you find that peo-
inside had it shut to keep
cold. Everybody ought to
that but they don't act like
ought to choose his wife
would a fine horse," says
Clinker, of Chicago. Men
in doing that is that they
are liable to get "kicked" as
was fooling around buying a
Republicans in New York put
that their campaign fund
but it turns out that it
\$100,000 to elect Hughes. The
warner may have been shorter
but the party's friends had
de Castellane didn't ex-
the goose that laid the
but when he struck his
he dropped his dough. For
was not in a position to
something Saturday night,
ligger fool than the man who
the limb he was sitting on.
Cannon has arrived in
and on Thanksgiving Day
President Roosevelt had a
and talked over what Con-
and ought not to do."
Washington dispatch. Those
to be considering what an
Congress would be pret-
think is its own business.
colored Silks, 69c at Reh-
der's

WRECK ON SOUTHERN

Cause of Great Catastrophe in Virginia being Investigated By the Officials.

MR. SPENCER'S FUNERAL

Every Piece of Machinery on Vast System Will Stop For a Brief Period—Prominent Railway Men From All Over Country.

(By Associated Press.)
Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 30.—The cause of the awful wreck near Lawyer's Depot, 10 miles south of this city, yesterday morning, in which President Samuel Spencer and his party of prominent New York and Baltimore men lost their lives, is laid at the door of C. D. Mattox, the operator who was in charge of the block telegraph station at Rangoon, Mattox, who disappeared after being relieved less than an hour after the accident, has not been found, despite the fact that railway detectives have scoured the country around the wreck and his home at Sandy Level, in Pittsylvania county, some 40 miles from the scene of the accident on a branch of the Southern.

An official of the Southern Railway late to-day stated that the company was desirous of apprehending Mattox in order to secure a statement from him that might throw some light on what it was led him to allow two trains in the same block at the same time. This official was not prepared to state to-day whether or not the company would take steps to prosecute the missing operator and he did not know if he could be prosecuted under the laws of Virginia.

An examination of the telegraph sheets kept at the Rangoon and Lawyer's block offices discloses the fact that Mattox allowed train No. 33, the Jacksonville Express in the block, the train passing his station getting a clear block from him at 6:05 o'clock. The operator at Lawyer's, the next station ahead claimed that Mattox did not ask him for a "clear track" for No. 33 and he therefore, did not know this train had passed Rangoon. The block sheet shows that the operator at Rangoon asked the operator at Lawyer's for a clear track for No. 37, the vestibuled limited, and the Lawyer's operator, not knowing that No. 33 was in the block, gave No. 37 the right of way at 6:14 and No. 37 passed Rangoon at that time. Simmered down, if Mattox at Rangoon had reported train No. 33, on the block to Lawyer's, then there would have been no accident and the operator at Lawyer's would have held No. 37 at Rangoon until the Jacksonville train had cleared the block at Lawyer's.

Superintendent W. S. Andrews, of the Danville division, to-day explained that the report that the engine of the forward train had gone some distance ahead of its train when it became detached, was erroneous, the fact being that the engine did not leave the train more than 20 feet, the air brakes applying immediately on the engine as well as on the train. The trouble was the breaking of a knuckle of the drawhead on the front of the forward car. The trainmen were repairing it when the collision occurred.

WRECK ON SOUTHERN TWO..TWO..

Assistant General Superintendent E. H. Coopman states there is not the slightest doubt but that the flagman made every possible effort to protect the rear of the train, but he could not get around a sharp curve in time to prevent the collision. As soon as Engineer Kenney saw the signal he applied the emergency brakes and stayed at his post to the last.

Superintendent Andrews of the Dan-

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. M. Solky & Co.—Raincoats.
C. W. Polvogt Company—Toy Oper-
ing.
Academy of Music—The Four Pick-
erts.
Business Locals.
Wanted—Salesman.
Lost—Fur Neck Piece.
Wanted—Position by Young Man.
J. A. Dennis & Co.—Notice of Appli-
cation.
Wm. E. Worth & Co.—Apples, Or-
anges, Lemons, etc.
85c. colored Silks, 69c. at Reh-
der's.
Last day of Silk and Ribbon Sale.
25 and 35c. Ribbon, 15c. at Reh-
der's

THE PAYSEUR CASE

Home Paper's Account of Sensational Affair in Catawba County Involving Former Wilmington Pastor—Deposed Him From—Deposed Him.

The shooting of a farmer near Newton, N. C., by Rev. J. J. Payseur, formerly of this city and principal of a school at Atkinson, N. C., near there, has caused widespread interest among many people who knew Mr. Payseur in this section. From this week's issue of the Newton Enterprise, published in the county in which the shooting occurred, the Star takes the following account of the affair:

"On Friday night reports were flying to the effect that Rev. J. J. Payseur had been hunting on the lands of Mr. Ezell Burke that day and on Mr. Burke's ordering him off high words ensued and Payseur fired at Burke hitting him in the face. Payseur was arrested and released on a cash bond of \$100. We have since talked with several of Maiden's prominent citizens and find that while there are witnesses to swear on both sides the prevailing opinion seems to be that Payseur shot Burke on very little provocation. Dr. Klutz was called and dressed Mr. Burke's wounds which is a cut about four inches long and which had to be sewed up with four stitches. Men who were doing some carpentering within hearing distance say that all that saved Burke's head from being blown off was the fact that he had turned slightly just as the gun was fired, thus causing the shot to glance. Dr. J. H. Yount was summoned by Payseur to examine Burke's wounds and he thinks it the result of a blow. Payseur claims Burke hit or shot him, but the only injury on him is a small abrasion on his forehead, which is scarcely visible. Monday when the time for the trial came the attorneys on both sides waived examination, as each party swore the other made the assault with a deadly weapon. Both parties were bound to court.

"Mr. Burke is a well to do farmer, a man of quiet disposition, who attends to his own affairs. He stands very high in the estimation of all who know him. He is married and has several children.

"Mr. Payseur came to Maiden as pastor of the Baptist Church and president of South Fork Institute. About two months ago the trustees of the Institute found it necessary to remove Mr. Payseur from the control of the school owing to some not very creditable reports and about two weeks ago at a meeting of the South Fork Association his license to preach was taken from him.

Mr. Payseur has a wife and four small children. We understand that he has been disposing of his property as rapidly as possible, and making preparations to leave Maiden, prior to this trouble."

BELIEVED HE WAS ENLISTED.

Russian Finn's Escape From Govern-ment Dredge Ajax—Not Drowned.

A sailor all his life and believing that he had signed aboard the boat for a certain term of service, an idea which was probably encouraged by his fellow laborers in a spirit of jocularity at the foreigner's expense, James Mattson, a Russian Finn, ran away from the government dredge Ajax at work on the "Rocks" near the mouth of the Cape Fear river Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock, escaping by jumping from the boat and swimming to a marsh in the neighborhood. The crew of the boat heard the man cry out and seeing no more of him, believed for several days that he had been drowned. Such was not the case, however, for after a trying experience in the marsh and buffeting about on the rocks during which he received painful bruises, he was picked up by a passing boat and taken to Southport. He concealed his whereabouts, believing that he was a deserter, but the fact leaked out yesterday that he was all safe and an effort will be made to see that he is given good attention. His trunk and some goods were left on the Ajax. He was hired as an ordinary laborer in Wilmington last Monday and was privileged to leave the boat at any time he desired, but his general knowledge of the government led him to believe that he was a regularly enlisted man.

Nine men out of ten that save money patronize some reliable institution such as the People's Building and Loan Association. New stock can be had today; 25 cents a share. 206 Princess street.

69c. colored Silks at 39c. at Reh-der's.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Formal Transfer to City By the Sorosis at Public Reception Last Night.

A DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

President of Society Made Presentation and Speech of Acceptance in Behalf of City by Mayor Waddell—Music and Refreshments.

The excellent public library, which has been possible for Wilmington only through the tireless energies and the self-sacrificing efforts of the ladies of the North Carolina Sorosis, was formally presented to the city and thrown open to the public at an informal but very elaborate reception last evening in the handsome new library rooms on the second floor of the City Hall building. With bright, new furnishings in every department, the interior beautifully finished in light green with trimming of white, the books neatly catalogued, brilliantly lighted, the rooms crowded with admiring guests of Sorosis upon the realization of a hope cherished for years, the library presented a most attractive appearance, the exercises constituting a most auspicious opening for the great public institution.

The formal presentation of the library was by Miss Margaret Gibson, president of the Sorosis and through whose efforts largely the public library was possible. She was exceedingly graceful in her presentation and was heard with delight in the happy little discourse which meant so much for the culture and education of the people of her native city. The response was by Mayor A. M. Waddell, always at his best upon an occasion of the kind. He referred to efforts for a public library in the past, the difficulties that beset the efforts and the great triumph that had been reserved all these years for Sorosis, whom he highly commended for their munificence and in behalf of the people of the entire city thanked for their noble gift. The incident of the presentation and acceptance was easily the feature of greatest interest among the many that marked an evening of supreme delight for all in attendance.

Following the more imposing part of the ceremonies, the reception gave way to the more informal part of the exercises, during the evening a number of very charmingly rendered musical selections having been given. The selections were by Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Mrs. J. M. Coin, Mrs. R. G. Grady and Miss Fannie Hines Johnson, of Raleigh, who favored the guests with an admirably played violin solo, which was heartily encored. During the evening light refreshments were daintily served by a bevy of charming young ladies costumed to represent some of the most popular books in the splendid collection in the library. These were:

- Miss Julia Worth—"Lavender and Old Lace."
- Miss Jane Iredell Green—"The Princess."
- Miss Helen Clark—"Old-fashioned Girl."
- Miss Louise Beery—"Rose in Bloom."
- Miss Theo. Cantwell—"Lilac Sunbonnet."
- Miss Alice Davis—"Hearts and Masks."
- Miss Isabel Williams—"Queen of Hearts."
- Miss Nannie Holladay—"First Violin."
- Miss Margaret Pleasants—"Fair Margaret."
- Miss Helen Pleasants—"The Gambler."
- Miss Ella Jacobs—"Cherry Blossoms From Tokio."
- Miss Florie Grant—"Violette."
- Miss Bessie Loder—"Blue Flower."
- Miss Jessie Hopkins, of Atlanta, who is instructing Miss Waddell the regular librarian, in the methods that obtain in the best regulated libraries of the country, and Miss Waddell were most gracious in their reception of guests and were at pains to explain the minutiae of the library proper. The library will be open from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m. daily except Sundays and holidays and the use of the room is free to all, residents and non-residents alike. Readers have access to the books on the shelves, but they are requested to leave them on the tables and not to attempt to return them to their places. Any resident is at liberty to draw books from the library by signing the proper application and agreement. Children under 14 years of age, however, must have their applications signed by parents or guardian. Non-residents may draw books on payment of \$3 per year in advance.

CAR BREAKER TRIED

Negro Arrested on Coast Line Yard Charged Both With Vagrancy and Larceny—Session of the Police Court.

The after-Thanksgiving session of the police court yesterday was anything but a tame affair. A dozen cases of more or less interest engaged the attention of the Mayor and the road improvement association of evil doers received several new members. Chief among these was William Simpson, who was charged with vagrancy and also breaking into a car of the Atlantic Coast Line on the yards out at the "Y". For his anti-path for work, he was given a sentence of 30 days on the chain gang and for breaking into the railroad car, he was bound over to the higher court under bond of \$100. He will about complete his sentence on the roads in time to come and be tried on the charge of car breaking at the January term of criminal court.

Simpson was arrested Thanksgiving night by Night Watchman J. D. McClammy, who discovered the negro in the car, ostensibly stealing some eggs from a crate. The Coast Line has been much annoyed for some time by thefts from cars on the yard and Watchman McClammy made an effort to get a confession from Simpson as to others implicated. The negro gave the name of James Williams, an employe on the yards, but admitted in court yesterday that he had lied on Williams and he was discharged. Simpson said that he had implicated Williams under fear of violence from the officer.

Mary Byrd, a negress, was given 30 days on the farm for being drunk and disorderly. Luther Wheeler, colored, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and using vile and abusive language toward the pastor of the negro Baptist church where a service was in progress at Fifth and Campbell streets Thanksgiving night. He was severely reprimanded for his conduct and was fined \$10 and costs. Estelle Davis and Annie Johnson, colored, were charged with an affray. The Davis woman was given 30 days on the farm and the other one was discharged.

BIG POSTOFFICE GAINS

Over 27 Per Cent. Increase in Receipts for Month of November.

Last year when phenomenal increases each month were being shown in the receipts at the Wilmington postoffice, it was suggested that the records were so favorable then that it would be hard to show any improvement the succeeding year. The town and its business were growing then at a rapid pace and people could not believe that it would keep up. The record at the postoffice, however—and that's the very best indication—show that not only does the business of the city keep expanding but that the ratio of increase is even greater than at this time last year.

According to the official report of Postmaster Wallace at the close of business for November last night, the receipts at the Wilmington postoffice show an increase of business over last year by twenty-seven and three-fourths per cent! Last November the receipts were \$6,809.02 for the month while this November they have been \$8,700.15, an increase in dollars been \$8,700.15, an increase in dollars exceedingly gratifying.

Hanover Lodge Officers.

Hanover Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F., at its regular meeting last night elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Noble Grand, James W. Orrell; Vice Grand, Samuel G. Hall; Recording Secretary, John E. Wood; Financial Secretary, E. S. Hancock; Treasurer, W. H. Howell; Trustees, S. G. Hall, S. E. Rogers and J. A. Jordan. The above with the appointive officers will be installed by Lodge Deputy J. A. Jordan the first meeting in January. Mr. S. G. Hall at the meeting last night gave much pleasure to those present by delivering a short but eloquent exposition of the beauties of the second degree.

The library is now open and the splendid advantages it affords are open to the people of Wilmington. All honor is due Sorosis for their splendid munificence and for the elegant manner in which they prepared and executed the formal opening last night.

Start the month right by taking stock to-day in the progressive and reliable People's Building and Loan Association, 206 Princess street.

Last day of Silk and Ribbon Sale. 25 and 35c. Ribbon, 15c. at Reh-der's.

THE OFFICIAL VOTE

State Board of Canvassers at Work on Returns From The Election.

CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES

Special Term of Court to Try Cases in Alamance County—Raleigh Boy Injured in Thanksgiving Accident.—Company Surrenders Charter.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone)
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 30.—The State Board of Canvassers has just gotten under way the work of canvassing the vote for State officers and Congressmen in the recent election and a rough cast of the figures indicates that the Democratic vote in the State was 123,000 and the Republican vote 77,000. The canvass cannot be completed and the exact figures given out before Monday or possibly Tuesday, owing to the defective returns from several counties.

The vote for Corporation Commissioner, however, was completed to-day, with the exception of Catawba county, the returns from which have been sent back for correction. Hon. Franklin McNeill receives 121,497 and Hon. R. M. Douglass 75,457. The vote for Congress has been officially declared as follows, with the exceptions noted: First district, Small 13,901; Atwood 3,610. Second district Claude Kitchen 10,057; J. R. Gaskill 1,816. Third district, Thomas 10,382; W. R. Dixon, 5,280. Fourth district E. W. Pou, 12,161; Godwin, Republican 5,270; Fifth district W. W. Kitchen 16,503; Reynolds 11,089; Sixth district H. L. Godwin 9,729; J. B. Schulken 4,646; Seventh district Page 11,780; Reynolds 9,008; Eighth and Ninth districts not completed; Tenth district Crawford 13,069; Britt 12,260; E. R. Israel 49.

Raleigh, Nov. 30.—Gov. Glenn received a delegation of citizens from Alamance county this morning asking that a special term of Alamance County Court be called for the trial of the two negro women, Fannie McCain and Annie Turner, implicated by the confession of Henry Walker, in the attempted assassination of Col. L. Banks Holt recently in his home at Graham. It was practically settled during the conference that the Governor will order a court to convene December 17, and the hanging of Walker will be deferred until after this trial. The present date for the hanging is December 6.

Master Joseph Brandon Bruner, son of T. K. Bruner, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, was painfully shot yesterday evening while out hunting with his father and brothers by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his brother, Steven. The shot was at close range and the load of bird shot entered the boy's leg just below the knee. Physicians do not anticipate any serious results.

The Red Cross Kenedy Medicine Co. of Wilmington surrenders its franchise to the Secretary of State, the company never having organized for business. Another surrender of franchise is by the A. M. Shrago Co., of Goldsboro, which dissolves by mutual consent of stockholders.

President Spencer's Successor.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 30.—This announcement is made here after-noon by parties close to A. B. Andrews, first vice president of the Southern, that he will not accept the presidency of the road to succeed the late Mr. Spencer. The acceptance by Col. Andrews, should the position be offered to him, would entail his removal to New York and he has expressed an attachment for North Carolina that it is said would prevent him from leaving for any honor. William Wilson Finley, second vice president of the system is spoken of for the place and

To Begin a New Series.

A new series of stock in the People's Building and Loan Association will begin to-day and subscribers may apply at the office of the secretary, No. 206 Princess street, and secure any amount of this desirable investment that they may desire. The People's is one of Wilmington's newest but most progressive building and loan associations and its management may well be described as ideal. It is already popular and has a large amount of stock in force. It will have very much more as the days and months come and go.

Today! Today!! Today!!! New series, progressive and reliable. The time to begin saving. People's Building and Loan Association, 206 Princess street.