

OUTLINES.

A leading newspaper at Rome makes an interview with a prominent English prelate in which it is stated that it is not likely that Archibald Cameron will be made a Cardinal through President Roosevelt has expressed a wish for his appointment through an American prelate who approached the Pope on the subject. Gov. Hughes, of New York, was inaugurated yesterday. The Interstate Commerce Commission on Friday began an investigation of the Ohio system of the Baltimore & Ohio Southern Railways. The food laws the denatured alcohol and the anti-free pass laws went into effect yesterday. In the fight Topoah, Nev., yesterday Joe Gans Baltimore darkey, knocked out Herman, the Chicago Hebrew. The latter getting a hook on the eighth round. The New Year reception at the White House yesterday was a brilliant function and was attended by about 8,500 persons, including foreign ambassadors and their wives and distinguished personages, fewer in number than usual were present. Following a similar decision by a Federal judge at Louisville on Monday, Judge McCall, of the Federal court at Memphis, yesterday held that the LaFollette employer's liability act of Congress is unconstitutional. The Washington Monument Association will ask Congress for an appropriation to pave the driveway around the monument at Washington and to place the portrait of Washington and other in the monument lodge. The new attorney general of New York State, set January 10th for hearing arguments on a petition from William Randolph Hearst to test the title of George B. McClellan to the majority of New York. In New York yesterday Mrs. Elizabeth Richter choked herself to death by buckling a leather belt around her neck. In the Republican Legislative caucus in Dover, Del., yesterday the candidate of the Higgins faction won the Speakership. A big balloon, inflated by 35,000 cubic feet of gas ascended at St. Louis last evening.

If you want to be happy and make others happy this year, "Quit your meanness."—Speaking after the manner of Sam Jones.

The old year was a year of horrors. Let's welcome the new one with the hope that we may not have so many occurrences to shock and distress mankind.

A man in New York is astonished because a court decreed that he should pay his wife \$25 a week after he had told the court that his salary was only that. A decision like that calculated to make him stay at home.

"Workers, jerkers and shirkers" what Carrie Nation says the W. C. U. is composed of. Carrie's long suit is that of a knocker and she does to perfection with her mouth as well as her hatchet.

Says the Raleigh Times: "In two days the Raleigh dispensary sold \$7,800 worth of liquor, which was selling some." It seems that a good many people in the neighborhood of the capital went into liquidation during the holidays.

While there is a general impression that the President is impulsive, the Binghamton (N. Y.) Republican says "President Roosevelt always weighs his words." If he does he must be like going on a strike for having to work overtime to get his words all weighed.

The railroads of Great Britain, seeing as how the abolition of rebating helps the railroads of the United States, have agreed among themselves to discontinue the practice. Their agreement went into effect yesterday. Rebating was a cut-throat business that hurt the railroads and placed one shipper at a disadvantage with another.

Says the Norfolk Landmark: "While we are taking in a million immigrants a year, chiefly of a doubtful sort, we are losing annually about 100,000 of our own citizens, who emigrate to Canada and these emigrants are nearly all industrious and law-abiding. This process makes the United States act as a filter for Canada's immigration." The curious part of it is that they do not filter down South. Probably we need a press agent.

As usual the Republicans will elect another "frenzied financier" and corporationist to the United States Senate. Simon Guggenheim who was chosen by the Republican caucus at Denver, Col., on Monday, which is equivalent to an election, is a member of the executive committee of the American Smelting and Refining Co., one of the biggest corporations in the country. The people rule—like thunder!

GOVERNOR IS ANGRY

Upon Return From West Gives His Attention to the Hon. E. Spencer.

AN ALLEGED AGREEMENT

Letter With Reference to Hackett Contests Defamatory—Question of Temperance in State Again To the Fore.

(By Sou. Bell Long Distance Phone.) Raleigh, Jan. 1.—Governor Glenn returned yesterday from the western part of the State and gave out a statement declaring that there is not the least bit of truth in the charge by Blackburn in his letter concerning his contest of Mr. Hackett's seat in the Eighth District, that he (the governor), Congressman-elect Hackett, and the American Book Company entered into an agreement regarding school book adoption or as to the Congressional fight in the Eighth. He is indignant that any such statement should be sent out to the world and declares it slanderous in the extreme and wholly without foundation. It was even reported here tonight that the Governor would proceed against Blackburn in the courts, one report having been that he had sent in instructions to his attorney in Greensboro to proceed against Blackburn.

Traveling Passenger Agent C. H. Gattis, of the Seaboard Air Line, announces a change of schedule effective Sunday January 6th, affecting trains 39 and 40 between Wilmington and Charlotte in that they will be discontinued between Hamlet and Monroe. Nos. 41 and 38, main line trains, will do local work between those points. No. 38 running on its present schedule and No. 41 leaving Hamlet at 8 P. M. as now. Other trains designated as 39 and 40 will operate as usual between Monroe and Hamlet.

J. W. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder, as chairman of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, calls a convention of the friends of temperance in the State to convene in Raleigh January 24th and 25th. He says the convention will mark a crisis in the temperance cause as a number of important matters will be discussed, including that of State prohibition. He appeals for a substantial and thoroughly representative convention. The temperance forces seem to be moving quite generally for an effort to have the approaching Legislature provide for a State election on prohibition. However, it would seem that the leaders of the Democratic party will not look on such a move with special favor. Only a few days ago in an interview here United States Senator Simmons put special emphasis on the fact that the platform of the party as adopted in the last convention for the last campaign particularly endorsed and adopts the Watts and Ward acts which embrace temperance legislation for the State as being the party's position on the question. The party said that he had this clause dropping the acts rather than the principles inserted in the platform forestall any movement to make any fight one way or the other such as is undertaken at the session of the assembly two years ago.

THEY FOUGHT ON VESSEL

More Jumped on Steward and One Went to Hospital. Monday about midnight three sailors from the brig Alcega, lying at the pier, went aboard in a drunken condition and picked a fuss with the steward about some trivial matter. The cook was up to his ears in the party. He gave his name as Walter Thompson at the James Walker Memorial Hospital to which he was sent to have a rather bad cut on the leg dressed. No arrests have yet been made in connection with the affray on the ship and the particulars given in at the police station were very meagre.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS.

Large Audiences Well Pleased With Productions Yesterday. Black Patti, the famous colored prima donna, and her troubadours, declared to be bigger and brighter than ever this season, appeared at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and night. The matinee the two lower floors of the house were reserved exclusively for the whites and the audience numbered many ladies among the theatre-goers of the city. There had been a report that Black Patti had died at her home in Philadelphia, but those who saw the famous singer at either of the engagements yesterday testified that she was much alive and was as great a favorite as ever.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. H. Fuchs—Great Soldiers.
Business Locals.
H. W. König—House and Lot For Sale.

RURAL MAIL SERVICE

Eastern Carolina Association of Carriers in Session Here Yesterday—Sick Benefits Proposed for Members—State Meeting.

The Rural Free Delivery Carriers Association of North Carolina, embracing a number of counties in this section of the State, held an interesting and most profitable session in this city yesterday, the visitors having availed themselves of the National holiday to gather and discuss means and measures of promoting the service. The session was held in the Elks' Temple and there was a goodly attendance. Mr. R. F. Gore, of Wilmington, the president, was in the chair, and Mr. E. D. Pearsall, of Rocky Point, was present as secretary.

One of the principal matters discussed at the meeting was the matter of sick benefits for members. It was pointed out that a safe and sure method of providing members against misfortune as to their health could be provided by a nominal assessment upon members, and that it would be a great help in time of need. This could be operated by the Eastern Carolina Association as a branch of the relief department of the State organization. Members present yesterday decided to urge this at the State meeting which will be held on the fourth of July. The life of a carrier in all sorts of weather and under most trying circumstances is not conducive to good health and the sick benefits would be a great relief to the men in gray.

An interesting letter was read from Carrier J. M. Mallard, of Currie, who was unable to be present. The letter was an interesting address to the carriers and was heard with much interest by them. The benefits of the organization for the betterment of the service was strongly urged and former Postmaster General Cortelyou was quoted to show that the government sanctioned and approved of the formation of societies and associations for the fraternal and social advantages to the men. Mr. Mallard asked each one present to use his influence for a larger membership in Eastern Carolina.

The Association decided to hold its next meeting in Wilmington on National Memorial Day, May 30th, at which time it is hoped to have an increased attendance. At this meeting delegates will be sent to the State meeting and other important matters will be considered.

Before adjourning in the early afternoon the Association gave a vote of thanks to Wilmington Lodge of Elks for kindly placing the hall at the disposal of the visitors. Most of those who attended the meeting from out of the city returned to their posts of duty on the afternoon and evening trains.

THE A. & Y. DIVISION.

Important Announcement From Corporation Commission as to Train.

The Fayetteville Observer of Monday afternoon has the following which will be read with interest here: "Mr. F. R. Rose, secretary of the chamber of commerce, advised some weeks ago directed the attention of the Corporation Commission to the almost daily long delay on the arrival of the Mount Airy train at Fayetteville, today received the following letter which promises no further trouble in the matter: Mr. F. R. Rose, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Fayetteville, N. C. Dear Sir:—Referring to your letter of some time since in reference to the failure of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company to put its train into Fayetteville on time, from Mt. Airy, I am directed by the commission to enclose you herewith a copy of letter received from the Southern Railway Company, in which they state that they will not wait for the connection at Greensboro, but will put the train at Sanford on time; and, this being done there should be no delay in reaching Fayetteville.

Very respectfully,
H. C. BROWN,
Clerk Corp. Com.

Lee Birthday Celebration.

The joint committee from Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Cape Fear Camp, U. C. W. and George Davis Camp, Sons of Veterans, will meet this morning at 11 o'clock at the City Hall for the purpose of taking steps toward the arrangement for the Lee Birthday celebration in this city on January 19th. Coming four days after the reunion of the Fort Fisher veterans, it is feared that the interest will be divided, but the committees are at work on an interesting programme and it is expected that the observance will be fully up to the high standard of the past.

Public Schools to Open.

All the public schools of this city will resume their session at the usual hours to-day after a suspension for the holidays. Mr. John J. Blair, the superintendent, and a number of the city who went away from the city for the holidays, returned yesterday and last evening and are prepared to take up their duties with renewed energy.

Audit and Finance Board.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance was not held last night on account of the holiday and the lack of a quorum. Only Capt. Meares, the clerk, and Mr. Brady were present and it was decided to have the postponed meeting next Tuesday night at the usual hour.

THE SECOND SUICIDE

Young William J. Merritt Out of Work Shot Himself to Death at His Home.

HAD BEEN DRINKING SOME

Lay on Bed and Sent Bullet Crashing Through His Brain—Leaves Wife and Several Children—Funeral This Afternoon.

Despondent because he was out of work, the responsibilities of a wife and several little children upon him, his mind inflamed after a protracted and excessive drinking for several days, William J. Merritt, 36 years old, lately employed on the yards of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city, committed suicide at his home, No. 915 North Third street, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by sending a 38-caliber bullet from a Smith & Wesson pistol through his brain. Death was instantaneous, adding another to the suicide of Monday morning and making two within 48 hours of the New Year.

According to all accounts the suicide of Merritt was perfectly deliberate and had been carefully planned. Several days ago he was discharged for some cause from his position at the railroad and the matter seemed to weigh heavily upon his mind. He started to drinking to some extent and frequently spoke of his misfortune to those with whom he came in contact. For several years he had been a car inspector on the lower yards of the company and was generally liked. Yesterday morning the young man seemed more despondent than ever and left his home, going to a saloon on North Fourth street and drinking again. He remarked to some one about the saloon that life was not worth living and he would as soon end his existence as not. He walked back to his home after a while and went into the dining room where his wife was busy about her household duties. He told her that he would never drink any more and that he would dispose of his pistol. Whether his incoherent talk in this respect was intended as an intimation that he was going to commit suicide or whether in his abject despair he wanted to encourage his wife is not known. At any rate he went from the dining room into a bedroom in the house and from the position of his body was found in later, it seems that he had carefully planned his rash act. He stretched himself out on the foot of the bed, placing his feet on a chair. A cap on his head was a little to one side as if he had turned it so to make the path of the bullet free from the pistol more certain. The bullet hit the upper chest, was just behind the right ear. The bed had been carefully made up and the clothing was swathed in blood in a few minutes. The ball entered the brain, portions of it exuding through the wound. The pistol with which the unfortunate man had ended his existence was clutched in his right hand where it had fallen the minute it was fired.

Mr. Merritt heard the pistol shot first and suspected the worst had happened. She was afraid to go in the room at first and summoned Mr. H. L. Stephens, who lives next door. Mr. Stephens immediately burst into the room but the man was beyond all human aid, death having ensued instantly.

Very soon large crowds collected at the saddened home and the coroner was summoned. It was a clear case of suicide and no inquest was deemed necessary. The remains were at once turned over to Funeral Director Walter E. Yopp and taken to his establishment on Princess street, the agonized wife and the little children being attracted with grief at the gruesome sight in the house. When it had been prepared at the undertaker's for burial, it was taken yesterday evening to the home of a sister, Mrs. M. A. Tyndall, on Taylor, between Third and Fourth streets, from whence the funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock and the interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

Mr. Merritt was a son of Mr. Jeff Merritt, a foreman of the Streets and Wharves Department of the city, and a most excellent citizen. He was born in Sampson county, and was 36 years old on Christmas eve just passed. He married Miss Kate Rogers, of Brunswick county, about eight years ago, and she with four little children, the oldest not over seven years, being left to mourn their loss. The young man is also survived by his father, and the following sisters: Mrs. M. A. Tyndall, Mrs. Kate Brown, Mrs. Etta Sellings, Miss Sarah C. Merritt, of this city and Mrs. Emma Pope, of Magnolia.

The father of the suicide is greatly distressed over his son's rash act, and said that he had done all in his power to buoy him up in spirits since he lost his position at the railroad. He once held the position on the street force with his father, and only the day before he killed himself he applied for work again. Mr. Merritt told his son that he would give him work just as soon as there was a vacancy and he hoped to do this before very long. But the depression of the man and he ended his life in the horrible manner described. The greatest sympathy is expressed for the young wife and the four little children for whom she must take care of themselves.

Golf Match Yesterday.

The golf meet on the links of the Cape Fear Country Club yesterday attracted a large number of followers of the game and quite an interesting tournament was held. All the cards had not been handed in yesterday after the close of play, therefore there can be no announcement of the winners.

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PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Miss Naomi Ward Bride of Mr. Fred Connell—Marriage Reception.

A pretty home wedding of much interest to a large number of friends in Wilmington and elsewhere was that of Miss Naomi Ward, the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Ward of this city, and Mr. Fred Connell, formerly of London, England, but now of this city and employed as a clerk in the merchant tailoring establishment of Mr. M. H. Curran. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a number of friends and relatives last evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents on Queen street. Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church officiating and it is described as having been a very pretty affair indeed.

The bride was becomingly gowned in white China silk and was attended by her friend, Miss Allie Skinner, a maid of honor. Miss Skinner wore lavender silk, figured. The groom was attended as best man by Mr. H. Ward, brother of the bride. The ceremony was short, but pretty and very impressive.

Following the ceremony a reception was given at which Mr. and Mrs. Connell received the happiest congratulations of their many friends. Refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Connell will make their home in this city at the residence of Mrs. Yopp on Princess street.

INSURANCE CLAIMS ADJUSTED.

Late Mr. John F. Garrell Carried Over \$55,000 on His Life. A committee from Cornelius Harnett Council Royal Arcanum, yesterday approved and forwarded the claim of \$3,000, the amount of life insurance carried in the order by the late John F. Garrell, the amount being payable to the executor.

The claims of all the insurance carried on the life of Mr. Garrell are said to aggregate \$55,500, the policies for which are being forwarded by the agents for settlement. It is understood that the largest amount carried in any one company was \$22,500 in the Mutual Benefit, of New York, which is represented by John C. Drewry, of Raleigh, State agent, and Mr. Alex. S. Holden, of Wilmington, special agent. Much of the insurance carried by Mr. Garrell was taken as early as 1897.

Annual Report of Harbor Master For Twelve Months Just Ended.

The annual holiday entertainment of the Sunday School of Brooklyn Baptist church was given last night and was heartily enjoyed by everyone present, including a large number of the young people. Mrs. Francis Garrison was in general charge of the arrangements and the programme as arranged was carried out perfectly and with great success. Fruits and candies were distributed to the children after the formal exercises and the little folks had a most happy reminder of the season. A very substantial collection was received during the evening for the Thomasville Orphanage.

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The foreign shipping consisted of 42 steamers of 74,690 tons; five barques, 3,973 tons, and six schooners, 1,207 tons. The total number of vessels was 53 with a combined tonnage of 78,970. The grand total number of vessels was 289 or an entry of an ocean-going vessel for almost every business day in the year, the grand total of tonnage being 289,186. It is expected that the New Year will see a great improvement even in this record. There is an increasing number of vessels engaged in freighting fertilizer constituents here and there are various other enterprises just established that contemplate doing an exporting and importing business. At any rate the record for 1906 is very gratifying and if the record of 1907 does no more than equal it, the conditions will be perfectly satisfactory.

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EMPLOYEES ENTERTAINED.

New Year's Reception Given By Proprietors of "Little Store."

The salesladies and salesmen of the enterprising and popular firm of Messrs. Platt & Haer, proprietors of the Little Store were delightfully entertained at a New Year's reception last evening at the home of Mr. G. Henry Haer on South Fifth street. There were 25 present, including Mr. R. C. Platt, the senior, member of the firm and the young men and young ladies employed in the store, with the following special guests, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Snyder and Lieut. and Mrs. W. P. Platt, of Fortunes, Monroe, Va., who are spending the holidays in Wilmington with relatives and friends.

An elegant supper was served and the affair was marked by unrestrained hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Haer, who made the evening one of extreme delight for their guests. After supper games and other social diversions were enjoyed until time came to say good-night.

REPORTED ON THE CARNIVAL.

Eagles Received a Neat Little Sum From Recent Street Show.

At the regular meeting of Carolina Aerle, Fraternal Order of Eagles, last night, the installation of officers elected at the December meeting took place with the beautiful ceremonies of the order and following this a business session of the lodge was held at which the general committee on the recent carnival made report. Of this committee Capt. John J. Furlong was chairman and William J. Bellamy, Esq., was treasurer. The reports of these officers being of special importance. While the details of the statement was not given out for publication because of the fact that a number of bills are yet outstanding, it was stated that the Eagles realized several hundred dollars from the carnival, the net amount being cut down by the heavy expenses to which the committee was put. From the statement it was shown that the carnival was the most expensive given in the city in several years, and having asked for nothing that they were not willing to pay. It is gratifying to know that the ledger of the carnival shows up a balance on the right side and that the Eagles will have quite a nice little sum to carry on its charity work during the year.

The forfeit of \$100 placed with the city for the proper restoration of the streets, was released, the street having been inspected by the committee from the Board of Aldermen and found to be in every way satisfactory.

Chadwick-Galloway.

A marriage of much interest to a great many friends is that of Miss Ethel Bellamy Chadwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Chadwick, of this city, and Mr. Walter C. Galloway, Jr., a popular young Wilmingtonian, and a son of Dr. W. C. Galloway, who lately removed from this city to Hearts-case, in Edgecombe county.

—Mr. T. B. Cotter, of Pine Hurst, who is behind the movement for the giant development at Wrightsville Sound and Beach, arrived in the city yesterday from Lee North and is a guest at The Orton.