

### OUTLINES.

Another wreck horror occurred early yesterday morning near Volland, Kas., 34 lives being lost in a head-on collision between passenger trains; the wreck caught fire and the bodies of 30 Mexicans were incinerated; other passengers were powerless to save the unfortunates from their doom.—The Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday decided against the railroad the first case under the new railroad rate bill.—One of the persons who held up the passengers on a Seaboard Air Line train near Richmond Sunday night was captured in Virginia yesterday.—Congressman Livingston, of Georgia and President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association of the South Postoffice Department have filed with the Postoffice Department charges of fraud against the New York Cotton Exchange and ask that the Exchange be barred from using the mails to carry on its fraudulent business to the detriment of the legitimate cotton trade; the Exchange denies the charge and will fight change denials.—The Interstate Commerce Commission finds that the coal shortage and consequent coal shortage in the Northwest is due to the fact that there was not abundance of westbound freight; the Commission also finds that the coal dealers combined to put up prices and agreed to boycott dealers who refused to put up prices.—There seems to be no doubt that the Senate today will pass Foraker's resolution calling for an investigation of President Roosevelt's dismissal of three companies of negro troops from the army.—New York markets: Money on call strong 5 to 20 per cent. ruling rate 14, closing bid and offered at 5; spot cotton steady; wheat easy, No. 2 red 79 nominal; elevator; corn steady, No. 2 52 1/2; turpentine and rosin steady.

A married man would oppose woman suffrage because his wife would hold him up at the polls to see that he votes the way she wants him to.

In a few months your New Year's resolutions may not be observed any more than a political party's platform is carried out.

Speaking of more pay for Congress, why not pay more to some for what they do and not so much to others for what they don't do?

The denatured alcohol law went into effect January 1. Everybody can now get a still and make alcohol until the alcohol trust is organized.

At East St. Louis, Ill., on Tuesday night Charles Smith killed D. F. Myers with his fist, having biffed him for flirting with Mrs. Smith. This is a case where the masher was easily finished.

At Raleigh on Tuesday the penitentiary board submitted its annual report to Gov. Glenn, showing a net balance of \$280,000. A report like that makes a big contrast with the condition of the penitentiary operations in Fusion days.

Trains are to be equipped with wireless telephones by which one can talk from a train moving at the rate of 60 miles an hour. This will be another triumph for the married ladies who want to talk back at the old man who is left at home.

An improved English peer is compelled to sell "Gassberry," one of the most beautiful estates in England. You may not be able now to make a bid on the Castle, but if you commence patronizing the savings banks of Wilmington there is no telling what you can do in the future.

The Republican administration boasts of the marvelous increase of our export trade with Panama. A statement by the Bureau of Statistics shows that the exports the past year were more than \$14,000,000 compared with \$2,500,000 two years ago. We are actually boasting of selling stuff to ourselves for the construction of the Canal.

Our Associated Press cablegram from Rome on Tuesday indicates that President Roosevelt's butting in for the appointment of Archbishop Ireland as Cardinal will not cut much ice with the Pope. It is announced that if the American prelate is invested with the Reg Hat, he will get it on his merits. This means that Presidential recommendations will be pigeon-holed without prejudice.

Several months ago the paper trust out West was "busted" and the several mills comprising it dissolved their combination by reason of government prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust law. It is now announced that the same paper mills will continue under a plan which gets around the Sherman act. This fable teaches that William J. Bryan was shouting when he declared that the best way to bust a trust is to put the trust men in jail instead of fining the inanimate corporations.

## A BUILDING RECORD ITS NEW YEAR BALL

### More Than a Million Expended in Construction Work During Past Year.

### WILMINGTON AND VICINITY

Interest in compilation of Statistics by City Inspector Bonitz—What was done in 1906 and years previous.

The building record in Wilmington for the past year, as it appears from the compilation from official sources by the office of City Building Inspector Bonitz, is quite interesting. The record shows that during the past year there has been a considerable amount of construction work done in this city and its vicinity. The total amount of money expended in building work during the past year was over a million dollars. This is a very large sum, and it shows that the city is growing rapidly. The most important part of the record is the fact that the value of the buildings erected during the past year was over \$1,300,000. This is a very large sum, and it shows that the city is growing rapidly. The most important part of the record is the fact that the value of the buildings erected during the past year was over \$1,300,000. This is a very large sum, and it shows that the city is growing rapidly.

### Annual Reception of Howard Relief Company a Delightful Affair Last Night in Handsome New Club Building—Those Present.

The annual New Year's ball of the Howard Relief Company was given last night in the handsome club building of the organization on South Front street and was a most delightful affair in every respect. There was a large attendance and the committee had prepared well for the entertainment of each and every one of the guests. The ball room was prettily decorated and brilliantly lighted, the effect with the large number of dancers on the floor, having been very pretty indeed. Excellent music was furnished by Kneissel's Orchestra and it was the wee sma' hours of this morning before the last of the guests had taken their departure after a night of much enjoyment and the exchange of happy New Year greetings with friends. An elegant supper was served at midnight by Mrs. Fick, whose reputation as a caterer at the club's annual functions are too well known to need favorable comment. All departments of the handsome club building were thrown open for the occasion and a more elaborate or a more pleasant reception for the New Year cannot be imagined.

The ball was, of course, the first and chief feature of attraction for the young people and for that matter, the older guests, who on these annual occasions throw conventionalities aside and join all in the merry festivities. Mr. J. D. Doscher, Jr., served most acceptably as floor manager and every variety of the "light fantastic" was introduced to the delight of those participating. The couples numbered about 50 and the costumes of the ladies and the general holiday environment lent a picturesqueness to the scene that was pretty for a large number of spectators.

Among those present, most of whom participated in the dance, were Mr. W. A. Mahler, president of the club, and Miss Marie Brunjes; Mr. F. K. J. Fuchs, Miss Katie Behrens, Mr. J. D. Doscher, Jr., Miss Katie Fick, Mr. Martin Van Oesen, Miss Adalia Brunjes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schimben; Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Rehder; Mr. and Mrs. E. Schulken; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Duls; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Duls; Mr. and Mrs. George Tienken; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Volkers; Mr. and Mrs. W. Bank, Miss Louise Vollers, Mr. E. Eberhart; Mr. F. W. Ortmann, Jr., Miss Carrie Ortmann, Miss Annie Tienken, Mr. Fred Mohr; Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen and Mrs. Gieschen; Miss Bertie Hanson, Mr. H. Gieschen; Miss Meta Schuur, Mr. H. Wrede, Miss Josie Schulke, Mr. M. H. Schulken, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bopch, Miss Carlotta Muegge, Mr. George Haar, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fick, Miss Mollie Smith, Mr. Carl Fick, Miss Miss Lucile Bank, Mr. Willie Dula, Fannie Holden, Mr. Von Kampen, John Olden, Messrs. L. Wessell, Willie Bank, W. H. Coleman, Mr. C. H. Dock, Ben. Misses Rathjen, Martin Rathjen, Jr., W. F. Stotler, Mr. Charles Richter, Mrs. Louise Richter, William Tienken, W. B. Schulcr, Martin Brunjes and Mr. and Mrs. George Schimben.

The ball was in every way a success and reflected great credit upon the committee of arrangements which was composed of: Mr. W. A. Mahler, officers as follows: Mr. W. A. Mahler, president; Mr. F. K. J. Fuchs, vice president; Mr. J. D. Doscher, Jr., secretary and treasurer; Mr. William Tienken, marshal; Mr. George Schnitbren, first assistant; Mr. Martin Van Oesen, second assistant; Mr. Martin Brunjes, guard.

### RESIDENCE ENTERED.

Nothing and \$35 in Money Stolen From Home of Mr. Gus Sykes.

While members of the household were away from home early last night a burglar secured the front door key of the residence of Mr. Gus Sykes, No. 217 South Second street, and entered the house, ransacking a wardrobe in the house and breaking into a small trunk from which \$35 in money was taken. Mr. Sykes and his son discovered the burglary when they returned home and the police are investigating. The key had been secured under a mat on the front porch and this leads to the suspicion that the theft was by someone acquainted with the premises. No arrests have been made.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- Murchison National Bank—Greeting.
- D. L. Gore Co.—Groceries Wholesale.
- C. C. Brown—Orient Lodge. A. F. & A. M.
- Atlantic Coast Line—Dividend Notice.
- Baltimore and Carolina S. S. Co.—Sailings.
- A. S. Holden—St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.
- Business Locals.
- Lady Stenographer—Position Wanted.
- Wanted—Seven or Eight Room House.
- W. M. Cumming—New Series B. & L. Stock.
- A boy to feed a rulling machine is wanted in the Star Book Bindery.

### Governor Glenn Confers With Greensboro Solicitor About His Proposed Indictment

### TO SUBMIT TO GRAND JURY

Extract From Famous Letter—State Convention Of Cotton Farmers—Progress of Education in Sampson—Other Raleigh News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—Gov. Glenn had a long distance telephone conversation with Solicitor A. L. Brooks, of Guilford Superior Court, this morning with reference to the prosecution the Governor has resolved to institute against Congressman Spencer Blackburn for the charge made in his contest of the election of R. N. Hackett over him to the Sixtieth Congress. The Governor told Solicitor Brooks that he wants a bill drawn and sent to the Guilford grand jury at the next session of the court. He told the Solicitor that if he (the Governor) is guilty of the charges made by Blackburn he should be impeached and if the charges were false then Blackburn should be punished the law provides for malicious slanders. The Governor also told the solicitor that he would come up to Greensboro within the next few days to go over the situation with him.

The gist of the charges by Blackburn which bring about the prosecution on the part of the Governor is contained in the following extract from Blackburn's letter to the press notifying Hackett of the contest for the seat in Congress: "I claim, and shall prove that prior to the election an unlawful and corrupt agreement was made and entered into by and between yourself, Gov. Glenn, of North Carolina, and the American Book Company, by which it was agreed that Gov. Glenn was to recommend to the State Board of Education the books of the American Book Company in return for which services you were to use all your influence, particularly in the Eighth district, for the election of Gov. Glenn to the United States Senate. I claim and shall prove that in conformity with the terms of that agreement Gov. Glenn did recommend to the State Board and force the adoption of the school books of the American Book Company, and this in spite of the fact that a large majority of the teachers of North Carolina had repeatedly protested against the use of the books of this company. That in carrying out the terms of this corrupt agreement Gov. Glenn was to and did throw the weight of his influence in favor of your (Hackett's) candidacy for Congress and the American Book Company did contribute large sums of money as a corruption fund to bribe voters of the Eighth Congressional district."

(By Associated Press.)  
Raleigh, Jan. 2.—Gov. Glenn announced today that he would leave for Greensboro to-night to appear before the grand jury which will be asked to indict Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn on a charge of criminal libel. "I have not been able to hear from the solicitor of the district," said the Governor.

This action follows charges made in a letter from Blackburn sent out from Washington on Saturday last, in which he stated to Congressman-elect R. N. Hackett, the Democrat elected in the Eighth District, his grounds for contesting the election, alleging a conspiracy in which Gov. Glenn used his influence to secure Hackett's election and as a member of the State Text Book Commission, voted to put Text Book of the American Book Company on the State list of public school books, in return for which the American Book Company contributed large sums of money to corrupt the voters of the Eighth Congressional district, while in return Hackett was to use his influence to have Gov. Glenn elected United States Senator over the present Senator from North Carolina, Lee S. Overman.

In a card published to-day Hackett denies Blackburn's charges.

"I shall prosecute Blackburn to the fullest extent of the law," Gov. Glenn said to the Associated Press. One of two things must be done. I must be impeached or Blackburn must be sent to jail."

This afternoon Congressman Blackburn gave out the following statement to Solicitor Brooks: "The statement in last Sunday morning's papers concerning the notice of my contest upon Gov. Glenn, is without my authorization. My notice to him should by myself will be sufficient for public scrutiny. Thus far any signature appearing in the papers purporting to be mine, is a forgery. In the notice of my contest which I have issued there will be found no suggestion of corruption on the part of Gov. Glenn. The notice will speak for its foundation.

(Signed) E. SPENCER BLACKBURN.  
(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—The situation here to-night in the Blackburn Glenn imbroglio is that the Governor is advised that Blackburn has repudiated the letter sent out from Washington in which he cast aspersions

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### Meeting of Joint Committee to Arrange for the One Hundredth Anniversary of Birth of Great Chief—Observance at Noon.

An enthusiastic meeting of the joint committee from the Daughters of the Confederacy, Veterans and Sons of Veterans to arrange for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary celebration of the birth of General Robert E. Lee on the 19th of January was held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the office of the chairman, Capt. T. D. Meares, at the City Hall. Those present were Capt. Meares, Captain R. W. Price, Dr. W. D. McMillan, Mrs. T. O. Bunting, Mrs. L. Pritchard, Mrs. R. W. Price and Capt. J. Van B. Metts. It was decided to hold the celebration in the Academy of Music at noon instead of the afternoon, as suggested by Gen. Carr in the General Order to Veterans, but the usual features of the celebration in Wilmington, the military parade, annual address and luncheon to the veterans, will be preserved. Capt. Jas. I. Metts was chosen as chief marshal of the occasion and Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., chaplain. The orator of the occasion will be announced later as soon as an acceptance is received. The usual presentation of the Crosses of Honor to Veterans, the reading of Gen. Lee's proclamation, etc., will form a part of the exercises in the Academy. Every arrangement is being made for a fitting and appropriate celebration.

### TROUBLE WITH SAILORS.

### Three of Crew of Brig Alcaez Locked Up by Captain's Order.

Growing out of the trouble on board the brig Alcaez at the upper campus, on New Year's night, three white sailors from aboard the ship were locked up at the police station yesterday for a hearing before the Mayor at noon today on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by Capt. Chas. Anderson. It will be remembered that the men went aboard New Year's night and a row with the colored steward resulted in which one of the men had to go to the hospital. Capt. Anderson said that the men had been generally mutinous in their conduct and had threatened the life of both himself and his steward. The men said that they were only going to the cabin on the ship the night of a happy New Year when they were set upon by the colored steward and that later other members of the crew set upon them. The men made complaint to the U. S. Commissioner here, but their story appeared too thin to admit of any action.

### BRICK WORKS PURCHASED.

### Mr. George W. Kidder and Mr. F. H. Smith Buy Plant and Machinery.

By a deed filed for record yesterday the Hydraulic White Brick Company, of Wilmington, sells to Mr. George W. Kidder and Mrs. F. Hoppinson Smith, \$20,000, the plant of the company and the real estate holdings of the same at Front and Harnett streets. The property begins 66 feet west of Seaport property and is 396x264 feet in size. The sale of the plant was authorized at a meeting of the Directors on December 29th, the president, Mr. Thos. H. Northrop, being authorized to make the sale. It is understood that the plant will be continued in operation on a much larger scale than ever before.

### "Oil of Happiness."

The Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, through their advertising agents, Lord & Thomas, of Chicago, have adopted the custom of sending out annually to proprietors of newspapers that carry their advertising regularly a case containing divers and sundry bottles such as "Tonic or Health." These are seductive terms, and the horse editor of the Morning Star allows that he will make a chemical analysis of the contents of the aforesaid bottles—a case of which has been deposited at his domicile—and hand in his official report as soon as the bottles are relegated to the degradation of "empties." Here's hoping!

### Funeral of Young Man Suicide.

Funeral services over the remains of William J. Merritt, the young man who ended his life by his own hand at his home on North Third street Tuesday morning, were conducted at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from the home of his sister, Mrs. Tyndall, on Taylor street, Rev. J. A. McLaughan, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church, officiating. The remains were interred in Bellevue cemetery, the pallbearers having been Messrs. J. L. Batts, F. M. Brown, Louis Tyndall, J. L. Sallings, J. A. Brown and T. J. Pope.

### Another Death From Alcoholism.

It seems that a fourth sudden death in Wilmington as the result of alcoholism is to be added to the list of similar deaths here during the holidays. On New Year's night Henry Ferguson, a well known colored baker, known as "Cy," died suddenly at his home in Mills' alley about 11 o'clock. Heart failure was the immediate cause but the contributing cause was alcoholism. Ferguson was about 50 years old and was once employed at Parris' bakery.

### Invitations Extended Yesterday to Admiral Dewey and Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans

### A LETTER FROM COL. LAMB

Commander of Confederate Forces Writes Enthusiastically of the Gathering—Interesting Collection of Photographs and Views.

At the suggestion of Colonel William Lamb, of Norfolk, who was in command of the Confederate forces during the memorable engagement and from whom a very cordial letter of greeting was received yesterday, pressing invitations were mailed last night from the Fort Fisher Survivors Association to Admiral George Dewey and Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, United States Navy, requesting the honor of their presence at the annual reunion of the Blue and Gray on the grounds of the famous battle January 15th, for which elaborate arrangements are now being made. As Rear Admiral Evans was wounded in the great onslaught of the Federalists upon the fort and as he is now in command of the Atlantic Fleet, United States Navy, the committee does not think it too much to expect that either or both the distinguished naval commanders will be present and the hope is cherished that Rear Admiral Evans may appear off the coast during the reunion with two or more ships of his command, as was intimated in the letter from Col. Lamb.

The invitations to the Admirals were forwarded by mail last night and were signed by Rev. J. A. Smith, first vice president, and Capt. R. W. Price, secretary of the Survivors' Association. A pleasing reference having been made in a communication to Rear Admiral Evans of the meeting of the Blue and Gray in '65 and the meeting that would be theirs should he decide to accept the invitation to come to Fisher on this occasion. An answer is expected within the next week.

Col. Lamb in his letter yesterday writes: "I am more than pleased with what you have done. I only wish I knew if you have invited representatives of the officers and men of the great armada that Fort Fisher defeated on Christmas 42 years ago when which gave the Federalists the opportunity on the following 15th of January to overwhelm the survivors of the Blue and Gray. Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans should by all means be invited. I will be there, Deo Volente, even if I have to be accompanied by a trained nurse."

"General N. Martin Curtis must be specially urged to come; he is a devoted friend of mine, has paid our garison the highest praise for courage and endurance and caused me, when visiting Ogdenburg, Lawrence county, New York, to receive a public reception which could not be surpassed in genuine whole-souled hospitality by veterans, their wives, daughters and sons."

"Admiral George Dewey should be addressed. Office of the Admiral of the Navy, Mills Building, Washington, D. C." Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans should be addressed "Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet, Flagship Maine, care Navy Department, Washington, D. C., Immediate." The Department will forward to Admiral Evans as not published orders for the 14th and 15th, it would be like him to appear off the Cape Fear on those days, with two or more vessels of his fleet.

"Col. John W. Vrooman has written that he would like to attend the reunion. Send him an invitation to 'The Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, 346 Broadway, New York.'"

"Hoping to see you soon and with kindest regards, 'WILLIAM LAMB.'"

The instructions as to the addresses were carried out perfectly in the invitations and a reply from the distinguished men will be awaited with interest.

Arrangements for the reunion are going on apace and a large attendance of the survivors of the memorable conflict on both sides are expected. At least 100 are expected while others will come from all parts of the country. Both Gen. Curtis and Col. Lamb will be here.

Rev. Mr. Smith, who is at the head of the general arrangements for the reunion, has received from Maj. S. B. Daboll, of St. John's Michigan, a very interesting collection of photographs, copies of original photographs taken just after the fall of Fort Fisher by M. B. Brady and Alex. Gardner, authorized government photographers. Scenes about the fort are perfectly familiar to many veterans in Wilmington and the collection of views is greatly prized. Rev. Mr. Smith will present them at the proper time to the museum which the Survivors' Association proposes to establish in the near future.

By deed filed for record yesterday the American Suburban Corporation for \$550, transferred to Mrs. Henrietta Watson, lots 5 and 6 in block 17, according to the official plan of Carolina Place, the lots each fronting 33 feet on Creecy avenue, north side and running back to an alleyway 113 feet.