

OUTLINES.

Alarming reports come from Jamaica that since the earthquake calamity on Monday the island is slowly sinking into the sea; the property loss is from ten to twenty-five million and the dead is estimated at from 500 to 1,000, including many prominent Englishmen and Americans; famine and pestilence threaten and the United States and England are hurrying forward relief expeditions; it is dangerous for ships to approach Jamaica because the bottom of the sea has heaved up.—The Foraker resolution for the investigation of the shooting up of Brownsville has the Republicans in the Senate between the devil and the deep blue sea; they fear to support Foraker's compromise lest it reflect on President Roosevelt, yet at the same time, they look on every Democratic amendment as loaded; they will caucus about what to do.—Dr. Jas. Woodrow, whose evolution theory for so many years distracted the Presbyterian church, died in Columbia, S. C. yesterday.—At Columbia, S. C. yesterday Mrs. M. C. Blair, formerly Miss Ethel Barentine, of Greensboro, shot and killed her husband, the cause being his accusation of infidelity against her.—The Florida railroad commission yesterday fined the Atlantic Coast Line \$5,000 and the Seaboard Air Line \$2,000 for violation of the State railroad law.—New York markets: Money on call easy 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per cent, ruling rate 3, closing bid and offered at 3 1/2; spot cotton, 10 points higher, closing steady at 19.50; flour dull but firm; wheat firmer, No. 2 red, 79 1/2 elevator; corn strong, No. 2 53 1/2 elevator; oats, strong, mixed 40; turpentine firm 72 1/2 to 73; rosin firm.

The Salisbury Post looks good to us. Every town in North Carolina has the best people.

The General Assembly hastens early to take up the whiskey question. It is a cold day when the legislators are not downing whiskey.

"We should make war on shams," declares a reformer. Under his own advice somebody will be apt to begin chasing the reformer.

"A girl should look before she leaps," says an old saw. In spite of this advice girls go right on leaping, under the conviction that the girl who hesitates is lost.

Senator Foraker's compromise resolution calling for an investigation of the Brownsville affair looks like running up the white flag. He may yet leave his ally, Senator Tillman, in the field by himself.

High Point is claiming that she has the only art glass factory in North Carolina. Wilmington has had one for about 15 years or more, conducted by Mr. E. V. Richards. He has done a good business in North Carolina and other States.

A scientist predicts that the internal fires of the earth will eventually make the world dry in 1,000 years. In the meantime some North Carolina legislators are not disposed to wait so long. They want to make the State "dry."

At Greensboro on Wednesday night Governor Glenn delivered an address at the Sabbath observance meeting. The North Carolina Governor speaks on about as many subjects as President Roosevelt, except that of irrigation. The Governor is against "irrigation."

The Republicans of the Senate are in a condition of great perturbation over the Foraker resolution to investigate the negro troops' behavior. They do not want to back up Foraker for fear that they will thus be going back on President Roosevelt, but at the same time whenever a Democratic Senator offers an amendment they are afraid that it is the twin brother of a Trojan horse.

Says the Raleigh News and Observer: "The Nashville American is badly off. It says that Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia are the three leading peanut States. As a matter of fact where North Carolina sits is the head of the peanut table. The peanut crop is not to be sneered at, for the United States census valued it at \$7,270,000 last year. But this does not mean that North Carolina grows peanut politicians." However, it must be admitted that the circumstantial evidence against them will be pretty strong if they do not satisfy the unanimous demand for a reformatory for the wayward youth of North Carolina.

The Saturday Evening Post ascribes Mr. Cortelyou's rapid rise in the world to his infinite capacity for silence. How about his chief's ungovernable loquacity? It's a funny rule that works the same results from the dumbness of an oyster and the constant chatter of a Jay bird.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

THE CRIMINAL COURT

First Term After Holiday Will Convene in New Hanover Monday Morning.

109 CASES ARE DOCKETED

Four Charges of Murder Will be Presented—Large Number for Trivial Charges—Strong Argument in Favor of New City Court.

New Hanover Superior Court for the trial of criminal causes only, the first term after the holidays, will convene Monday and remain in session two weeks, Judge Long presiding. There are 109 cases on the docket, four of the defendants being charged with murder and every minute of the term will doubtless be taken up in disposing of the calendar. The defendants in these capital cases are young Lonnie Snipes, white, charged with killing W. L. Williams, in a MacRae street house a few months ago; William Ashe, the "guinea" negro charged with killing his paramour in Brooklyn last summer; Joe Murphy, charged with inflicting the wounds which caused the death of a negro named Benjamin, who died in Florence, S. C. after leaving the hospital here, and Frank James, the negro convict, charged with the brutal murder of a colored woman by cutting her throat at Eleventh and Market streets just before the holidays.

An examination of the docket is the strongest imaginable argument in favor of the proposed Recorder's Court, according to the view of the advocates of that measure. Twenty-two of the 109 cases are for assault and battery with a deadly weapon in which no serious injury was inflicted; 15 are for the common offense of carrying concealed weapons; nine are for retailing without license and on Sunday; 3 are for back costs; 5 are for nuisances; 4 for murder; 2 for store breaking; 2 for highway robbery; 2 for burglary; 2 for receiving stolen goods; 2 for doing business without license; 2 for forcible entry; and 1 each for keeping a bawdy house, allowing bull dog to run at large, affray, failure to work the roads and car breaking, while there are one or two capases and the like. Many of the defendants on these charges have been or are still in jail and it is pointed out by the advocates of the Recorder's Court that if the bill was now in effect the large majority of these cases would be already off the docket and the defendants themselves would already have paid the penalty of their misdeeds with a minimum expense to the city and county. It is argued that this docket at the present term is a striking example of the work that there would be for a Recorder's Court without the large expense of one of the regular higher courts and the ends of justice would be just as fully met with satisfaction to all concerned.

Solicitor Duffy was here yesterday and took a look over the docket preparatory to taking up his duties on Monday morning. He was returning to his home at Catherine Lake, Onslow county, and will probably return to the city tomorrow.

CLUB ENTERTAINED

McKanna Organization Assisted by Ladies Gave Delightful Affair Last Night at First Baptist Church—Music and Readings.

Wilmington has seldom seen a greater rally of the friends of temperance under similar circumstances than that afforded last night in the public reception by the McKanna Club, assisted by the ladies of the congregation, in the lecture room of the First Baptist church. The room was tastefully decorated according to a color-scheme of green and white and it is conservatively estimated that as many as five hundred were present during the evening. The McKanna Club never does things by halves and with the assistance of the ladies of the church, they scored a magnificent triumph in their first public affair.

The musical part of a very delightful programme of exercises during the evening was directed by Mrs. Chasten and among the favorite local vocalists who contributed selections were Mrs. J. D. Edwards, Mrs. F. A. Muse, Miss Maude Bullock, Mr. Gilbert Ford and members of the Grace Church Quartette composed of Messrs. Charles Dushan, H. E. O'Keef, C. E. Vale and A. M. Bowden. Miss Irene Peterson was in charge of the literary part of the programme and among the features of this was a reading by Mrs. North, pronounced perfect by all who heard it, and recitations by Master Fred Hale, Jr., and Master Guy LeMoine.

Quite all the numbers were enthusiastically enjoyed and all gracefully responded to. The Academy Orchestra furnished a number of instrumental selections.

The ladies of the church had charge of a very elegant spread of refreshments that contributed no little bit to the pleasures of those present and guests of the evening. The McKanna Club members were present and extended a cordial greeting to many of their friends.

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The recommendations of State Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young, sent to Governor Glenn and the General Assembly this afternoon include the enactment of some law regulating the placing of fire escapes on large buildings, also a law requiring fire insurance companies to provide what is known as a safety fund to guard against great fire losses, that some portion of the taxes received from fire insurance companies be set aside for the benefit of disabled firemen and their families instead of adding additional tax on the insurance companies for this purpose.

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He asks that all companies be required to carry present value of all deferred dividends as a liability, keep individual accounts of accumulations in each policy to be furnished on demand and provide for withdrawal of dividends at certain periods.

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The Wasp is a gunboat, 254 feet long and carries a crew of about forty men. While in port visitors will be admitted aboard and the coming of the little "man of war" is being looked forward to with pleasure by those interested in Uncle Sam's sea-fighting equipment. The examination of applicants for the service will take place aboard the boat daily between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M.

CARD OF THANKS

Survivors' Committee Grateful for Assistance With Recent Reunion.

Editor Star:—It is said that just after the fall of Fort Fisher a citizen from the North approached General Terry and accosted him as "the hero of Fort Fisher," but he, pointing to the dead and wounded men wearing the blue and the gray, said, "yonder are the heroes of Fisher." The heroes of the reunion are those who contributed liberally of their means and extended such a splendid hospitality to the men who were our guests and thus made the reunion a grand success. We desire to sincerely thank the citizens of Wilmington and all the gentlemen on the various committees for standing around us in this great undertaking, and express our gratitude and return our sincere thanks to Capt. John W. Harper, of the steamer Wilmington, and Capt. M. T. Craig, of the steamer Atlantic, for the splendid manner in which they carried us to and from the fort. Gentlemen, one and all, you are entitled to as much glory and honor as either of us, for without you we could have done nothing. We also thank sincerely all the boys and girls, who under the leadership of Prof. Womersley, and the Acme Male Quartette, enchanted the large audience with their sweet singing. We also thank the special band beneath the footlights for the excellent instrumental music they furnished; the railroads for their consideration; and last but not least, we thank the Star, the Messenger and the Dispatch for the powerful influence of their pens.

JAMES A. SMITH,
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For the Committee.

—R. K. Bryan, Esq., of Scott's Hill, spent yesterday in the city on professional business.

Wanted, a young man of thorough English education, who is a resident of Wilmington, to assist in clerical work and local reporting in the Star office. Best references required. **

Outing at Winter Park. Take the children to Winter Park Cars to Winter Park at 3, 3:30, 4 and 4:30 P. M. 1w

NEGRO FORGED CHECK.

Presented Paper and Received Cash From Southern National.

Robert Allen, colored, was arrested yesterday at Second and Market streets by Officer T. G. Evans on a warrant sworn out by Mr. W. B. Drake, Jr., assistant cashier, charging him with the forgery of a check for \$3 on the Southern National Bank. It is alleged that Allen, who is a negro of above the average of intelligence, forged the name of John S. Hughes on the check, presented it for payment and received the money. He will have a hearing before the Mayor today at noon, having been arrested just after the session of police court yesterday.

500 REWARD!

A reward of \$500 is offered for the apprehension and evidence sufficient to convict the party or parties who last night, between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock, took from in front of the First Presbyterian Church, without authority, Automobile No. 22.

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The boys and the girls from the High School who contributed so much to the success of the reception to the Blue and the Gray at the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening are requested to attend in the singing. They will occupy seats reserved for them in the dress circle on the right hand side as far back as their numbers will require.

The members of the various committees of the Daughters of Confederacy, who have the celebration in charge, are urged to be in attendance at the armory on Friday and Saturday mornings to assist with the work that is to be done.

The following general order to the Daughters of Confederacy is issued: "To The Daughters:—On January 19th the Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., shall be constituted a committee of the day and it shall be the duty as well as the pleasure of each member to assist in the necessary preparations; also to participate in the ceremonies of the day.

MRS. M. S. WILLARD, Secretary.

All visiting Daughters are requested to join Cape Fear Chapter in their observance.

RECRUITS FOR THE NAVY.

Training Ship Wasp Will Reach Wilmington Monday—Men Wanted.

The United States Training Ship Wasp, Captain Groghan, is expected here Monday from Norfolk, Va., via Beaufort, N. C., and will remain in port for a week, the object of the visit being the securing of recruits for the United States Navy. Master at Arms P. J. Cheevey, of the ship, arrived in Wilmington yesterday for the purpose of advertising the coming of the ship and giving all necessary information to inquirers concerning enlistment. He will remain in the city until the Wasp arrives. A few days will be spent at Beaufort in an effort to secure recruits there and then the ship will proceed to Wilmington.

The Wasp is a gunboat, 254 feet long and carries a crew of about forty men. While in port visitors will be admitted aboard and the coming of the little "man of war" is being looked forward to with pleasure by those interested in Uncle Sam's sea-fighting equipment. The examination of applicants for the service will take place aboard the boat daily between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M.

CARD OF THANKS

Survivors' Committee Grateful for Assistance With Recent Reunion.

Editor Star:—It is said that just after the fall of Fort Fisher a citizen from the North approached General Terry and accosted him as "the hero of Fort Fisher," but he, pointing to the dead and wounded men wearing the blue and the gray, said, "yonder are the heroes of Fisher." The heroes of the reunion are those who contributed liberally of their means and extended such a splendid hospitality to the men who were our guests and thus made the reunion a grand success. We desire to sincerely thank the citizens of Wilmington and all the gentlemen on the various committees for standing around us in this great undertaking, and express our gratitude and return our sincere thanks to Capt. John W. Harper, of the steamer Wilmington, and Capt. M. T. Craig, of the steamer Atlantic, for the splendid manner in which they carried us to and from the fort. Gentlemen, one and all, you are entitled to as much glory and honor as either of us, for without you we could have done nothing. We also thank sincerely all the boys and girls, who under the leadership of Prof. Womersley, and the Acme Male Quartette, enchanted the large audience with their sweet singing. We also thank the special band beneath the footlights for the excellent instrumental music they furnished; the railroads for their consideration; and last but not least, we thank the Star, the Messenger and the Dispatch for the powerful influence of their pens.

JAMES A. SMITH,
R. W. PRICE,
For the Committee.

—R. K. Bryan, Esq., of Scott's Hill, spent yesterday in the city on professional business.

Wanted, a young man of thorough English education, who is a resident of Wilmington, to assist in clerical work and local reporting in the Star office. Best references required. **

Outing at Winter Park. Take the children to Winter Park Cars to Winter Park at 3, 3:30, 4 and 4:30 P. M. 1w

NEGRO FORGED CHECK.

Presented Paper and Received Cash From Southern National.

Robert Allen, colored, was arrested yesterday at Second and Market streets by Officer T. G. Evans on a warrant sworn out by Mr. W. B. Drake, Jr., assistant cashier, charging him with the forgery of a check for \$3 on the Southern National Bank. It is alleged that Allen, who is a negro of above the average of intelligence, forged the name of John S. Hughes on the check, presented it for payment and received the money. He will have a hearing before the Mayor today at noon, having been arrested just after the session of police court yesterday.

500 REWARD!

A reward of \$500 is offered for the apprehension and evidence sufficient to convict the party or parties who last night, between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock, took from in front of the First Presbyterian Church, without authority, Automobile No. 22.

D. RUSSELL FOSTER.

SELMA CONNECTION

Corporation Commission Gets Mandamus Against Southern—Hospital Attendants Acquitted in Nall Case—Other Notes.

PROHIBITION IN BURKE

Avery Fulfill's Campaign Pledge to Country Vote in Measure Passed Yesterday—More Railroad and Corporation Laws.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 17.—In the House today the Avery bill making Burke county and the city of Morganton prohibition by legislative enactment was passed after a prolonged debate. The vote was 102 to 2. The city of Morganton has repeatedly voted for saloons but Representative Avery was elected largely by the people of the county on a prohibition issue and he now delivers the goods. The bill makes the whole county dry, the vote from the rural districts more than offsetting the vote for saloons in the town of Morganton. The bill now goes to the Senate and it is said that it will pass there also, though a fight is expected to develop.

In the House also today Preston of Mecklenburg, introduced by unanimous consent a bill to establish a reformatory and training school for wayward, depraved and criminal children of the State.

Another bill of interest was by Peele, of Scotland county, to prevent and punish negligence of railroad employees. It provides that for carelessness and negligence in causing wrecks, the employe guilty shall be punishable for a misdemeanor by a fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the trial judge in the Superior Court. Further, that where persons are killed or death results from injuries received within a period of 12 months, the employe responsible for the wreck shall be imprisoned for from three to 20 years in the penitentiary and if only injuries are caused by the carelessness or negligence in causing a wreck and there is no death, the punishment shall be from two months to five years.

Faithful to his pledges in the Wilmington campaign, Morton, of New Hanover today introduced and will urge the passage of a bill separating the white and colored races on the street car lines and inter-urban systems of the State. The bill was referred to committee.

Koonce, of Onslow, introduced a bill which is regarded as important by many members. It creates a State Insurance Commission to regulate life insurance in the State and is to consist of the Governor, Commissioner of Insurance and other State officers who compose the council of State. Other bills introduced in the House today were:

By Manning, of Durham, to authorize the Corporation Commission to require railroads to operate extra passenger trains when necessary and to require specific connection