

OUTLINES.

The tidal wave which devastated some of the Dutch East India Islands January 11, caused by earthquakes, resulted in the almost total disappearance of the island of Simalu with 1,500 lives, three hundred perished on the island of Tana. A bank at Green Cove Springs, Fla., was dynamited and robbed yesterday morning, and yesterday a sheriff's posse had a fight with four robbers, shot one fatally and captured the others, with \$4,000.—The British government has expressed deep regret to the United States government for the offense which Governor Swettenham, of Jamaica, gave Admiral Davis at Kingston on Saturday.—The South Carolina Senate yesterday voted unanimously for the re-election of Senator Tillman, and so did the House with the exception that one member refused to vote.—Another shock of earthquake was felt at Kingston, Jamaica, yesterday.—Senator Bailey was yesterday re-elected by the Texas legislature, the vote being 108 to 45.—Hamlet, N. C., had a \$75,000 fire yesterday afternoon.—The Brownsville affair was again threshed over in the Senate yesterday at Washington, and after three substitutes had been offered for Foraker's substitute, the Ohio Senator's substitute was adopted. Senators Tillman and Teller voted with the Republicans, and La Follette, Warren and McCumber with the Democrats, declared that the President had to be satisfied with a compromise to be that does him injustice.—New York markets: Money on call, easy, 2 to 3 1/4 per cent.; ruling rate 2 1/2, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1/2; spot cotton 10 points advance, closing steady at 10.90; flour, firm but quieter; wheat firm, No. 2 red, red, 81 1/2 elevator; corn, firm, No. 54 elevator; oats, firm, mixed 41; turpentine firm; resin, firm, strained; cotton to good, 4.35.

Behold! How little it takes for Senate Republicans "to get together." Good lesson for Democrats.

Scratch the optimist on the back and you'll find out that you have tickled a man that's got things coming his way.

If a woman doesn't look nearly as old as she is she takes all the more pleasure in letting you think she is younger than she is.

A crack shot in London claims that he can kill wasps "on the wing." We are seeking the sportsman who can be satisfied with a compromise to be that does him injustice.

After all that has been said and done, President Roosevelt proposes to handle the Constitution and the rules.—Webster's dictionary to suit himself.

Genuine courtier, model citizen, matchless soldier, Christian gentleman—General Robert E. Lee. Let boys read up on the life of Lee, for a pattern approved of all men.

Republican prosperity seems to have loaded down the railroads with more than they can carry. This fable teaches that where there is not a surplus of cars prosperity is bound to be a burden to somebody.

The tariff question and Senator Smoot are paired on being indifferent as to how long the Brownsville incident and other little things take up the time of the Senate.

Charged with being drunk, a Kansas City man made the excuse to the judge that he was trying to ward off a cold. The judge probably knew enough about a cold to make the man sweat for it, and accordingly sent him to "the jug" to cure him from drinking.

In behalf of the 92 members of Congress who voted against adding \$2,500 more to their salaries, we wish to assure the 133 members who voted for and clinched the increase, that no hard feelings are harbored by the 92 against the 133 for running the hog over them.

With last Friday's issue the Hon. William J. Bryan's "Commoner" entered upon the seventh year of its journalistic career. "Feeling quite chipper, thank you," says Editor Bryan. For a fact, the esteemed "Commoner" is chipper. We know of no publication in this country with more incisive and well rounded editorials as are to be found in the distinguished Nebraskan's paper.

After the House of Representatives voted to increase the Congressmen's salaries fifty per cent., the Congressmen eased back into their seats and entirely neglected to increase the pay of all government employes on exactly the same grounds upon which they increased their own. The element of selfishness in it is too discernible to require the magic lantern artist to call attention to it in the picture.

IN ANNUAL SESSION

Cape Fear Chapter Daughters of Confederacy Have Had Prosperous Year.

MET YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Now the Banner Organization in the State—All Departments Show Splendid Progress—Standing Committees Appointed.

The annual meeting of Cape Fear Chapter No. 2, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the W. L. I. Armory and was marked by a most enthusiastic attendance. Very encouraging reports were heard from all departments of the work and standing committees for the ensuing year were named. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Will Rehder for decorations kindly loaned on memorial day.

The annual report of Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, the recording secretary, gave a most interesting review of the work during the year, being her second term in that office. It showed that the interest in all things pertaining to the cause had steadily increased until now with a membership of 178, the Chapter is the banner one of the State. During the year 23 new members were added, two were dropped, one resigned and one was transferred. Memorial Day last 10th of May was fittingly observed, 250 laurel wreaths having been made and placed on the graves of Confederate soldiers in Oakdale and Bellevue cemeteries. January 19th was most appropriately observed as the centennial birthday of the beloved Lee, as was June 3rd, marking the second of the annual memorial services in the honor of the "Grand Old Man." August 23, the birthday of Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry was set apart as the fourth bestowal of crosses of honor, being observed the past year for the first time. October 19th, very touching memorial services were held in honor of Mrs. Jefferson Davis. All memorial work was carefully attended to and nice addresses were placed during the year to mark the last resting place of the men in Gray who have passed over the river. Nice laurel wreaths were placed on the graves of veterans during the year. All worthy appeals have been responded to, donations having been made to monuments, restoration of cemeteries and memorials, coupled with a generous one to be made to an object of universal interest, the establishment of a reformatory. The amount in bank for the George Davis Memorial is \$685, which amount it is hoped to increase by doubling the Chapter's yearly contribution. The museum is second to none in interest and has been greatly enriched by valued contributions during the year. The treasurer's books show a goodly amount is in bank. George Davis Children's Chapter in fine condition with a membership of 51. In concluding the report Mrs. Martin says:

"I beg leave to state that I have tried faithfully to perform all duties pertaining to my office and otherwise lend a helping hand. I have without exception attended every meeting, both regular and called, and memorial services held during the year, reporting and writing minutes of the same. If I have failed in aught, attribute my failure to other than not having my whole heart in the work."

The standing committees appointed are as follows:

Memorial, Jan. 19—Mrs. Gabriel Holmes, Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mrs. J. O. Rankin, Miss Julia Gore, Mrs. T. O. Bunting.

Membership—Mrs. Junius Davis, Mrs. R. W. Price, Mrs. W. G. Pulliam, Mrs. H. G. Smallbone, Mrs. J. F. Woolvin.

Museum—Mrs. Mrs. L. L. Pritchard, chairman; Mrs. R. S. Collins, Mrs. W. L. Beery, Mrs. John Queleh, Mrs. Arthur Holmes.

History and Relics—Miss Mary Sanders, chairman; Miss Mary Stejles, Miss Lena Avert, Mrs. C. D. Bell, Miss Lydia Yates.

George Davis Memorial—Mrs. W. M. Pareley, chairman; Mrs. Mrs. James Carmichael, Miss Mary Calder.

Entertainment—Mrs. F. L. Huggins, Mrs. A. M. Waddell, Mrs. F. A. Jones, Mrs. E. K. Bryan, Miss Ida Brown.

George Davis Children's Chapter—Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, chairman; Miss Mary Bernard.

Finance Committee—Mrs. M. S. Willard, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, Mrs. R. W. Hicks, Mrs. C. C. Brown and Mrs. W. M. Parsley.

JUDGE O. P. MEARES

Fitting Memorial to Late Distinguished Jurist Passed by Wilmington Bar at Meeting Yesterday During Recess of Court.

During the recess of Superior Court yesterday the bar of the city met and passed unanimously a very fitting memorial to the late Judge Oliver Pendleton Meares, of this city, the same being supplemented by a very touching tribute by Mr. Marsden Bellamy, who was subsequently delegated to transmit the memorial for formal entry as a part of the court proceedings this morning at 10 o'clock. Herbert McClammy, Esq., was called to the chair by Mr. Eugene S. Martin, of the committee appointed to draft the memorial and after its reading it was unanimously adopted, as follows:

"At a meeting of the members of the Wilmington Bar, held on the 6th day of December, 1906, the undersigned were appointed a committee to draft resolutions regarding the late Hon. Oliver Pendleton Meares and to present them at this meeting.

"The committee, therefore, present the following report:

"At his residence in this city on the 21st day of November, 1906, died the Hon. Oliver P. Meares at the time a member of this bar and for many years judge of the criminal court of this and other counties.

"Judge Meares was born in this city in 1828 and resided here during his life. He was admitted to the bar in 1850, and practiced his profession (except during the Confederate War, when he was in active service) until he was elected judge of the criminal court of New Hanover county, established in 1867—in which office he continued until the court was abolished in 1868, when he resumed the practice of law in this city.

"In 1877 the criminal court of New Hanover county was again created and Judge Meares elected judge of that court.

"In the discharge of the duties of that office Judge Meares acquired a high reputation for judicial ability, firmness and impartiality.

"He became a terror to evildoers, and for fear of him crime decreased in this community to such an extent that his fame spread abroad and in 1885 Mecklenburg, by its request, came under the jurisdiction of the criminal court presided over by him. And later a criminal court was created extending Mecklenburg, Robeson, Vance, Edgecombe, Warren, Halifax and Craven, and Judge Meares was appointed judge of that court and resigned thereat until 1897, when he resigned his office, closing a judicial career of twenty-one years, and retired to private life, residing here until his death.

"His honorable character, conduct and ability as a judge merited and received the respect and esteem of the members of the bar and all law abiding citizens here and elsewhere. Independent and bold in the expression of his views, when proper occasion demanded, he possessed great moral courage and grave and courteous in his manners, affectionate in his nature, and pure and honorable in his life, Judge Meares dwelt among us as a Christian gentleman, a just and upright judge, faithful and fearless in the discharge of his duties, a man of high character and sterling integrity, beloved and revered by his family and relations and respected and honored by the community at large.

"The members of the bar of this city, desiring to express their sense of the great loss that has come to the profession, this community, and the State by the death of Judge Meares, do

"Resolve, That they deeply deplore the death of the Hon. Oliver Pendleton Meares by which the profession has lost a distinguished member high in public honor and esteem and a judge devoted to his duties official and private and this city and the State a citizen of pure life and exalted character, who leaves behind him an honorable record of dignified and useful activity.

"That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased by the secretary of this meeting, with the sincere sympathy of the profession.

"That these resolutions be presented to the Superior Court of New Hanover county, at its present term, with the request that they be spread upon the records of said court.

E. S. MARTIN,
MARS DEN BELLAMY,
JUN IUS DAVIS,
Committee.

Congressman Patterson to Wed.

One of the most interesting marriages of the season in North Carolina will be that of Hon. Gilbert B. Patterson, of Maxton, to Mrs. Mattie McNair Evans, of Laurinburg, the ceremony to take place today at the home of the bride's father, Mr. John F. McNair. Mr. Patterson and his bride-elect have a host of friends in this section of the State.

Books From Old Library.

The books from the old Wilmington Library Association were being removed from the Y. M. C. A. yesterday and being consolidated with the new public library in the City Hall building. Some valuable volumes are in the lot and the acquisition is quite a handsome one.

SIMMONS IS ELECTED

Overwhelming in North Carolina General Assembly.

THE SESSIONS YESTERDAY

Number of Important Bills Introduced in Both Houses Yesterday With Passage of Several Others. New Hanover Exempt.

(By Sou. Bell Long Distances Phone.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 22.—At noon today the House and Senate of the North Carolina General Assembly voted separately for United States Senator, electing Hon. F. M. Simmons, by an overwhelming majority to succeed himself. In the upper House of the Assembly Mr. Simmons received 32 and Spencer B. Adams, Republican, 3. In the lower House, Simmons received 83 and Adams 21 with two scattering votes for Britt. These were by Owen, of Sampson, and Rector, of Henderson. The nomination of Mr. Simmons in the Senate was by Jno. C. Drewry, of Raleigh, and in the House by Mr. Douglass, of Wake, Guy Carter, of Surry, placed Adams in nomination in the Senate and Harshaw, of Caldwell, placed him in nomination in the House. It was resolved that the House and Senate would meet in joint assembly Thursday at noon and cast the vote formally for United States Senator, ratifying the vote as cast separately today.

In the Senate today some of the more important bills were: Seawell, to fix a reasonable time limit for the transportation of freights; Buxton, to prevent the sale of certain toy fireworks; Thorne, a memorial from the town council of Rocky Mount in regard to license taxes; Breese, to prevent intoxication by persons traveling on railroads in the State; Bellamy, to enlarge the powers of the Southern Mutual Home Company; Dandl, of Halifax, to lessen the number of jury challenges in civil and criminal cases; Mitchell, to make it unlawful for a tenant to leave a landlord until all debts are paid; Long, to separate prisoners afflicted with tuberculosis; Buxton, to prevent discrimination in freight rates by transportation companies.

Among the bills passed today were: To validate a deed given by the Mayor and Aldermen of Southport; to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in Burke county, making the liquor previously passed by the House; to permit benevolent societies to hold property under the same conditions as churches.

In the House among the more important bills introduced were: Joint resolution to ascertain the value of the State's interest in the North Carolina and A. N. C. Railroad, by Gilbert, of Rutherford; a resolution for the investigation of all insurance companies doing business in the State by a commission to be composed of two members of the Senate and three members of the House, providing a fund for the expense of same and requiring a report to the General Assembly two years hence, the investigation to be along the line of those recently conducted in the North; Gillam, to establish a dispensary in Windsor, Bertie county; Kpichen, to make ten years separation a cause for absolute divorce; Bolton, relative to liability of corporations to employees; Windsor, of Hertford, to allow the State to condemn property for penal and charitable institutions; also to authorize the Corporation Commission to require railroads to establish depots within less than five miles of one another under certain circumstances; to create a State Board of Arbitration for settling cases against counties, cities and towns; McRaoken, to amend act governing payment of special veniremen in courts of Columbus and Onslow counties; John, to amend law against hunting on the lands of another in Robeson; Hawkins, to amend the law defining the place of sale of liquors; Roper; Edgerton, to amend the law as to the assessment of real estate of railroads in Wayne county.

The House today passed the Doughton bill to regulate the sale of stocks in bulk, providing that the seller shall make a certified list of his creditors before any sale and the purchaser to give five days' notice of his intent to purchase to each creditor. The Bickett bill to allow the summoning of jurors from other counties in all other cases was also passed. When engaged in business with the knowledge of husbands responsible for indebtedness contracted. The bill to regulate the running of automobiles and other vehicles in the State was passed with the exception of Rowan, New Hanover, Halifax, Wilson, Cabarrus, Mitchell, Scotland and Brunswick counties. The House also passed today the Senate bill to permit judges to exclude from criminal assault trials all those not directly interested in the cases.

The House made as the special order for next Thursday at 11 o'clock the Justice bill increasing the powers of the Attorney General to prosecute trusts and combinations, and providing that the solicitors be put on salaries and required to assist the Attorney General in cases arising within their jurisdiction.

ELABORATE AFFAIR

Magnificent Success of Tea and Reception of Ministering Circle of King's Daughters for Worthy Hospital Benefit—At The Orton.

The tea and reception given yesterday afternoon and evening in the parlors of The Orton under the auspices of the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters was altogether one of the prettiest and most elaborate affairs of its kind ever undertaken in the city. That it was a success both from an artistic and financial point of view, having been given for a most worthy hospital benefit, it goes without saying. It is estimated that more than five hundred of the leading people of the city attended and were thoroughly charmed with the pretty entertainment. The parlors and hall where dainty refreshments were served, were beautifully decorated in green and brightly lighted from numerous electric shades to carry out the general effect of the tea. Candy and tea tables were arranged in the hall and there was a very large patronage, a goodly sum having been realized from the free will offering at the doors.

Miss Isabel Rountree was chairman of the general committee of arrangements for the delightful affair and she was assisted by the following in charge of departments: Music, Miss Cadner; Decorations, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin; tables, Mrs. E. VanB. Sands; Candy, Mrs. F. H. Young; Sandwiches, Mrs. J. T. James; Ice Cream, Miss Lilly Brown; Tea, Miss Whitaker, Miss Bridgers.

The receiving party consisted of Mrs. George Rountree, Mrs. George W. Kidder, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. Robert Strange, Mrs. L. Blumenthal, Mrs. John A. Arringdale, Mrs. J. M. Solky and Mrs. Jno. D. Bellamy.

The musical programme, both vocal and instrumental, enlisted the talent of some of the favorite musicians of the city and all were especially charmed with this feature.

BRUNSWICK RAILROAD.

Charter Granted by Secretary of State—Military Changes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 22.—The Wilmington, Brunswick and Southern Railroad Co. was chartered in the office of the Secretary of State this morning for the purpose of constructing a road from Navassa, on the Cape Fear river, opposite Wilmington, to Little River just over the South Carolina line or to Southport. The proposed road is about forty miles in length either route. The capital is \$200,000, and the principal incorporators are Z. W. Whitehead, R. F. DeVan, A. J. McKinnon, Geo. H. Bellamy, Jackson Standland and W. H. Chadborn.

Another charter is the Council Company, of Councils, Bladen county, to do a general mercantile business with \$50,000 authorized and \$25,000 paid in capital. The stockholders are Messrs. E. B. Council, A. O. Trust, A. C. Holmes, B. J. Sanderlin and J. L. Nicholson.

An order has been made in the office of Adjutant General T. R. Robertson of the North Carolina Guard in this city, for the transfer of Lieutenant Geo. E. Hood, of Goldsboro, from the quartermaster's department to that of the inspector general with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

MR. ALONZO HEWLETT DEAD.

Highly Respected Citizen of Masonboro Passed Away Yesterday.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Alonzo Hewlett, a highly respected citizen of New Hanover and a brother of ex-Sheriff Hewlett, which occurred early yesterday morning at his home in Masonboro township after a suffering of some months with catarrh of the stomach. He had reached an advanced age and was one of the substantial men of his section of the county. He was a consistent member of the Masonboro Baptist church and of St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of this city. During the war he served the Confederacy well and was always loyal to his country. His death will be regretted by many friends all over the county.

The funeral will be conducted by Rev. J. A. Smith from Masonboro Baptist Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon and the interment will be in the churchyard there. Members of St. John's Lodge of Masons, as far as possible, are requested to attend the obsequies. There will be carriages leaving Davis' stables at 1 o'clock and members of the lodge are at liberty to use them.

Mayor's Court Yesterday.

In the Mayor's Court yesterday Contractor T. R. Threatt was again charged with failure to place a light at night on building material forming an obstruction on South Front street. Mr. Threatt was represented by A. J. Marshall, Esq., who pointed out that Mr. Threatt had given the proper orders to his employes to have the obstruction removed but the employes had failed to do it. The Mayor stated that in matters of the kind, he could accept no excuse and the contractor was fined \$10 and costs for the second offense. Julia Frank, a colored demithee from darktown, arrested by Officer J. S. Lane, for being drunk and disorderly at Eighth and Walnut streets, was fined \$10 and costs.

SEVERAL LONG TERMS

Important Jail Cases Being Cleared From Docket in New Hanover Superior Court.

SEVEN YEARS FOR RIG THIEF

Stole Horse and Buggy From Liveryman—Express Porter Given Five Years for Systematic Robbery. Grand Jury Returns Bills.

The machinery of the Superior Court dragged along rather heavily yesterday in comparison with the phenomenal record with submissions the day before. However, a number of rather important jail cases were disposed of during the day, several long terms were given and the decks are being rapidly cleared for the several capital felonies that are to follow later in the term. True bills were returned in three of these yesterday, the defendant being Kate Fisher, the notorious colored woman who ran away from the county farm and the same night broke into the dwelling of Section Master A. T. Lamb, at Wrightsboro, some weeks ago; Sergeant Smith, the negro who was blind drunk Saturday night a week ago and stumbled into the house of Mr. N. M. Godwin, near Fourth and Swann streets, and Joe Murphy, the young Wilmington negro charged with inflicting injuries with a bar of iron in a fight at the Compress just before the holidays which subsequently caused the death of Ellis Benjamin, colored, at his home at Florence, S. C. The offenses with which these defendants are charged being punishable by death, the grand jury returned the bills in a body.

Court met promptly at 9 o'clock yesterday morning and of the tales jurors summoned for the day A. P. Yopp, J. J. Darby and A. W. Allen were excused. Juror E. Alexander was called and failed. The first case disposed of was that of Jas. Williamson, the negro who stole a horse and buggy from Messrs. Orrell & Alexander some time ago on pretence that it was for Mr. B. F. Keith. The negro pleaded guilty and was given seven years on the roads of the county. Matthew Sanders, colored, charged with larceny of junk, was given 12 months on the roads.

Walter Moore, the kid-glove negro porter charged with systematically robbing the office of the Southern Express Company in this city for two or three years, submitted in nine cases of larceny through his attorney, Hon. John D. Bellamy. He was given five years on the county roads in one of the cases and the others were suspended.

John Bowden, alias George Bowden, was found guilty of the larceny of junk and was given 18 months on the roads.

Mr. W. G. Sale, charged with violation of the city ordinance in allowing a bull dog to run at large, withdrew his appeal from the Mayor, paid the higher court costs and the case was remanded to the original jurisdiction.

Edward Austin, larceny of peanuts, was given 10 months on the roads.

The community will be relieved for at least 18 months of the presence of "Queen Victoria," the notorious darktown belle, who stole \$29.65 from a railroad darkey near Hilton Park before Christmas. It will be recalled that the wad of greenbacks was found in the jaw of the woman by Officer L. F. Harper, after a thorough search of the ground had been made. She was given the term stated on the county farm at the trial yesterday.

Joe Doe, alias Donnelly, forfeited cash bond for his appearance to answer the charge of nuisance. John Hall, charged with shooting Mamie Garfield at a "cafe" at Second and Brunswick streets last Saturday night, was given three months on the roads.

Peter Griffin, the colored youngster, 17 years of age, who broke into the clothing store of Mr. Julius P. Taylor some time ago, leading a hundred citizens a lively chase until he jumped in the river and attempted to burrow under the wharf to make his escape, was represented by Robert Ruark, Esq., who made the plea that his father was a very respectable colored man and desired to have the boy bound out if possible. Sentence was deferred pending some arrangements to this effect. The case was submitted, the boy giggling in the prisoner's dock when his attorney referred to his client's innate desire for a new pair of pants as the only motive for crime.

Frank and Sam Farrow, white, of Masonboro, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended on payment of costs and good behavior. The grand jury failed to find a true bill against Isley Farrow, similarly charged.

Juries were out after the recess of court in cases of Dunstan Henderson, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, and Lizzie Carter, charged with receiving stolen goods from the store of Noble Milton, colored, on MacRae street. Henderson was defensed by B. G. Empe, Esq., and the Carter woman by Herbert McClammy.

At 7 o'clock the jury in the case of

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