

OUTLINES.

Up to the adjournment of the court trying the Thaw-Stanford White murder case, in New York, last evening, five jurors had been accepted.

Sure! We just know that lots of trusts have been busted for they are making us pay for their busts.

In Washington Congressman Spencer Blackburn doesn't seem to be leading the simple life that makes men happy beneath the shadows of the mountains of his old home county of Wilkes.

Says the New York Mail: "Every Congressman will sit up nights now, watching his private seismograph to see whether that \$7,500 salary shakes up the home district."

Col. William J. Bryan's Commoner remarks: "The republic of Panama may be pardoned for complaining that the 'big stick' used in its case was the possessor of more knobs and protruberances than the one brandished in the direction of Japan."

The Greenville (N. C.) Reflector observes: "Speaker Cannon expresses no pride in being a native of North Carolina. Same way down here."

Monsieur Philippe Bunau-Varilla, the Frenchman who figured in the revolution in Panama and was the chief thimble-rigger in shifting the Panama canal deal on us, lectured to a large audience of engineers and scientists in London on Wednesday evening.

THE RAILWAY BILLS

Many Oppicals In Raleigh at Hearings Before General Assembly Committees.

PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY

Bill to Extend Grandfather Clause of Constitutional Amendment—Another Thrust at Combinations. Local Measures Passed.

(By Sou. Bill Long Distance Phone.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—Officials and attorneys of the railway lines entering and operated in the State are here for the joint hearings of the several bills before the Senate Railroad Committee and Public Service Corporation Committee in the lower house of the General Assembly.

The sessions of the House and Senate today were not especially important. In the House Winborne, of Hertford, introduced a bill to amend the constitution so that the provisions of the grand father clause as to voting may be extended from 1908 to 1918.

The House discussed at considerable length a bill by Speaker Justice to enlarge the powers of the Attorney General in permitting him to prosecute trusts and illegal combinations and providing that solicitors be made his assistants in some cases and that they receive salaries instead of fees as now.

In the House a bill of some importance was offered by Murphy, of Rowan. It gives railroad conductors power to arrest persons for violation of law on railroad trains.

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In the Senate Odell introduced a bill to limit poll tax in the State. Thorne presented a petition from the Fire Department of Rocky Mount relative to needed legislation.

The bill of Mr. Justice to enlarge the powers of the Attorney General and to provide that solicitors shall assist him in civil and criminal ac-

TIME NOT YET RIPE

Anti-Saloon Convention Will Not Call For State Prohibition This Year. Governor Advises That, But Proffers His Service.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—The State Temperance Convention was called to order today at noon with 126 delegates in attendance. A. M. Seales, of Greensboro, was made temporary chairman. He made a short talk urging the temperance forces to keep up the fight.

The convention was in session until nearly midnight today. After a lengthy discussion a platform and resolutions were adopted, declaring in favor of State prohibition, but agreeing that for the present the Legislature shall be asked only to strengthen and extend the present laws; pass a more stringent anti-liquor law for dry counties and making the possession of Federal license prima facie evidence of retelling.

Former State Senators J. A. Brown, of Columbus, and H. A. London, of Pittsboro, were present at the morning session of the convention today and were invited to seats on the platform. Mr. Clark, for president, was nominated by Josephus Daniels, and he was elected by acclamation.

CENTENNIAL OF LEE.

Very Fitting Exercises Observed Saturday at Red Springs.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Red Springs, N. C., Jan. 24.—The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee was observed here in a very pretty manner. The veterans were met at the station by the cadets of the North Carolina Military Academy, under command of Capt. C. B. Cornell, and escorted to the college auditorium.

It was taken up in the House today as the special order. Mr. Justice briefly explained the bill and said he had communicated with most of the solicitors and they were favorable to it. In enlarging the powers of the Attorney General Mr. Morton feared that the constitution was being wandered away from.

Gen. O. Gaylord's Nine Day Sale now on. Cloaks at Gaylord's greatly reduced. Nine Day Sale.

THE SUPERIOR COURT

Two Submissions and True Bill From Grand Jury in Capital Felonies Yesterday.

ATTORNEYS ARE ASSIGNED

Defence of William Ashe and Frank James for Murder—Nothing Yet in Lonnie Snipes' Case—Other Proceedings Yesterday.

The submission of two prisoners in the lesser degree than that charged in the bill of indictment, the assignment of counsel to two others and the return of a true bill against Joe Murphy, the sixth of the defendants charged with capital felonies at the present term of New Hanover Superior Court, was about the extent of the progress made on the disposition of these cases yesterday.

The court assigned Messrs. Kenan & Herring to the defence of William Ashe, the rice field negro who shot and killed C. Loughlin and Preston Cumming, Jr., Esqs., to the defence of Frank James, the negro who slew Bertie Johnson, colored, with a knife at Eleventh and Market streets some weeks ago.

As yet nothing has been agreed upon as to when the case of Lonnie Snipes will be taken up. Solicitor Duffy has manifested a desire to get this one off the docket first but whether an arrangement to this effect can be made with the attorneys for the defence or not is not known.

The grand jury came into court in a body yesterday and returned a true bill against Joe Murphy, the negro charged with inflicting wounds which caused the death of Ellis Benjamin at his home in South Carolina shortly before the holidays. He has not yet been arraigned.

The case of most interest during the day was that of Walter Banks, the South Dakota negro charged in several cases with highway robbery, larceny and retelling when he was here with Pawnee Bill's Shows last Fall. He was given twelve months for retaining and 6 months for carrying a concealed weapon.

Just before court adjourned for the day at 6:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the trial of Ra'ph Windham, a young white man, of the southern part of the city, charged with an assault with deadly weapon, and carrying a concealed weapon, was taken up. The defendant is represented by A. J. Marshall and W. P. Gafford, Esqs., while the interests of the State were being looked after yesterday afternoon by Herbert McClammy, Esq., in the absence of Solicitor Duffy, who was conferring with some of the witnesses in the several capital cases that will come up later.

Schooner Arrived Last Night. The schooner, Methesebeck, 318 tons, Captain Outhouse, arrived in port last night from Philadelphia to C. D. Maffitt. She has a cargo of fertilizer which she will discharge at the upper compass. Another schooner was reported off the bar last night. She will tow up today.

AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH

At Work on Revenue and Machinery Act—State Geological Board in Session—White and Colored Baptists in Conference.

"OUR NEW MINISTER."

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—The Legislative Committees, Senate and House, began joint sessions this morning for their work of revising the Revenue and Machinery acts and while plans are not by any means materialized as to the changes, it is believed that there will be very many of them.

The Academy tomorrow offers "Our New Minister," which comes proclaimed a "great show." It will be seen at matinee and night and seats for both performances will go on sale today. Of the attraction the Durham Herald Wednesday said: "Our New Minister," at the Academy last night made good and those who keep up with things theatrical were expecting something clever.

BUY \$4,500,000 OF BONDS.

Brown Bros., Get First Coast Line Car Trust Stock.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company has sold to Brown Bros., of New York, \$4,500,000 of car trust equipment 4 per cent bonds. These are the first car trust bonds issued by this corporation, and for this reason the sale has attracted some interest in local financial circles.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- Palace Market—Dressed Turkeys, Etc. City Engineer—Proposals for Paving Front Street. C. P. Bolles & Co.—Stocks and Bonds. J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.—Dandelion. Business Locals. Found—Lady's Fur. Case To Winter Park. Daily at 3:30, 4 and 4:30 P. M. Take the children to Winter Park. Iv

FOR A UNION DEPOT

Hearing Here Yesterday by North Carolina Corporation Commission From Raleigh.

BUSINESS MEN AND OFFICIALS

Findings Will Be Made Up Later—and Certified Here—Loud Complaints at Conditions as Now Exist, Especially on Seaboard.

Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line railways and business men of Wilmington were given a hearing yesterday morning before the North Carolina Corporation Commission in the United States court room here, upon the question of requiring the transportation companies mentioned to provide a union depot in Wilmington adequate to the passenger travel on the five lines of road entering this city.

There were present for the hearing Chairman Franklin McNeill, Messrs. E. C. Beddingfield, Samuel L. Rogers and Clerk H. C. Brown, of the commission; General Manager W. N. Royall and Division Counsel Junius Davis, of the Atlantic Coast Line; Division Superintendent W. J. Jenks, Chief Engineer W. L. Seddon and Hon. John D. Bellamy, local counsel for the Seaboard Air Line; President J. A. Taylor, of the Chamber of Commerce; President L. B. Rogers, of the Merchants' Association; Messrs. B. F. Hall, William Calder, B. F. Keith, J. S. Funchess and other prominent local business men.

It soon developed from the hearing that the railroad men had pooled their issues, the Coast Line contending that its present facilities are amply sufficient and the Seaboard contending that while its present facilities are not what they should be, the company has already had plans for a passenger station drawn to be built on the present location of the passenger shed at a cost of between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

President Taylor, of the Chamber of Commerce, was the first "witness" for the business men. He made some severe strictures upon the Seaboard service in general, especially between Wilmington and Hamlet. The union necessity and the duties of the Commission were clearly prescribed. He said that the depots of both roads should be more centrally located, about Sixth street being suggested as a location.

Mr. J. C. Stevenson thought the A. C. L. depot was the proper place for a union station, but thought the facilities there entirely inadequate; the Seaboard's facilities were a hundred times worse. He scathingly rebuked the Seaboard for promises made, and never fulfilled, Mr. Seddon having taken exceptions to one of his remarks in this particular and replying rather hotly as to his personal feelings in the matter.

Collector of Customs Keith said he was satisfied that the Seaboard's Wilmington patronage both as to freight and passengers would fully justify an order requiring them to enter into the union passenger station agreement. The Coast Line facilities he

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