

OUTLINES.

Yesterday was the third day of the trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White, in New York, the result being that two more jurors were secured, making seven now in the box; the prisoner was brighter and attempted to peep over a newspaper man's shoulder to read a newspaper account of his trial.—Mrs. Charles J. Holman, of Pittsburgh, mother-in-law of Harry K. Thaw, denies that she is going to New York to testify in revenge against Thaw.—The Interstate Commerce Commission began an inquiry at Augusta, Ga., yesterday into charges of discrimination made by cotton mills against the Clyde Steamship Company and the Southern Railway.—A favorable report is to be made on a bill by Mr. Brantley, of Georgia, to prohibit C. O. D. collections where prohibition prevails.—Senator Bacon, of Georgia, yesterday opposed a resolution to prevent lobbying by naval officers to secure legislation in their favor.—Col. Joseph P. Minette, purchasing agent of the Southern Railway, a gallant Confederate officer, died in Washington yesterday.—The Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday made its report concerning its investigation into the coal carrying roads; the Commission found that several roads purchased stock in other roads to control coal traffic over them, and recommends the passage of an act to prohibit such roads from owning stock in competing common carriers, and to prohibit the railroads, their officers or employees from owning interests in coal properties.—Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, yesterday introduced a child labor bill with a view to make State laws on child labor effective.—New York markets: Money on call, steady, 3 1/2 to 4 per cent.; ruling rate, 3 1/2; closing bid 3 1/2; offered at 3 3/4; spot cotton, steady at 11 cents; flour, firm, but slow; wheat, firm, No. 2 red, 82 1/2 elevator; corn, steady, No. 2, 55 elevator; oats, steady, mixed, 41; turpentine and rosin, steady.

If the Hon. Thomas Settle thinks all that about the Republican party in the South, the mourners' bench of the Democratic party hasn't gone anywhere yet.

Some people contend that Harry Thaw killed Stanford White because he was crazy. The evidence in the trial may make it appear that Thaw would have been crazy if he had not done the killing.

Says Col. William J. Bryan's Comment: "The Nebraska legislature has made a great parade of firing out the lobbyists, but up to date the hotel managers have not been heard to complain of decreased patronage." "Anti-lobbyism appears to be about as hard to handle as prohibition.

The Lumberton Robesonian is urging the extension of the town limits. Lumberton has grown so that a considerable portion of the town is outside the corporate limits. Few places in North Carolina have made such progress as Lumberton, which is rapidly developing into a city.

It is announced from Washington that President Roosevelt is determined that Germany shall have tariff concessions in return for her disposition to meet us half way. It is said that if Congress does not act at this session he will call an extra session. While he is at it, he should have all the tariff schedules overhauled, as they are out of date.

The Military Secretary at Washington, figures it out that more than 13,000,000 men in the United States are available for military service. New York State could furnish 1,294,000 soldiers, Ohio 1,085,110, Illinois 1,084,559, and Pennsylvania 1,017,000. Any one of these States, according to these figures, could raise an army larger than that of the Confederate States during the Civil War.

In a few days when the noble women of North Carolina go to Raleigh in behalf of the movement to establish an institution which will offer the open door of hope to the wayward youth of North Carolina, the legislators had better knock right under. The women of the State are about twenty years ahead of the men, and we ought to do our best to catch up with the procession.

Senator Tillman had the whole Senate mad the other day and was terribly hurt when they didn't seem to appreciate his effort to be "funny." He apologized and declared that he would never again try to be funny. The fact is there is an irreconcilable difference between Tillman and the other Senators as to what constitutes real fun. To skin another Senator is fun for Tillman, but not fun for the fellow who has to furnish the skin. The cornfield lawyer's meat ax humor is not considered light and airy paraffine by the butt of the joke.

## THE BILL DEFEATED

### Douglass Soda Fountain Measure Tabled in Lower House of General Assembly.

### THE RAILROAD HEARING

Supt. A. W. Anderson, of Atlantic Coast Line, Before Committee—In Regard to Solicitors' Salary—Morton Introduces Bills.

(By Soc. Bell Long Distance Phone.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 25. The House today tabled the Douglass bill to regulate the soda fountains of the State, the provisions of which are well known. The tabling came after a lively discussion of more than two hours, the vote having been 51 to 39. It came up as the special order under unfavorable report of the committee which stood seven to six against the proposed measure. During the progress of the debate on the bill, Mr. Douglass referred to the soda fountains of the State as the children of the State, and that habits were formed at these places that afterwards made the drunkards and dope fiends. Just before the vote to table the bill, Murphy, of Rowan, threw the House and galleries into convulsions of laughter at an amendment that hereafter it shall be unlawful in North Carolina to feed to horses, mules, cows, and other animals hay unless it is served with mayonnaise dressing. The House passed the bill to incorporate the town of Roper, in Washington county; to empower the commissioners of New Hanover to issue bonds and call for a special tax election for the benefit of public schools; to authorize Jones county to issue bonds to build a bridge over Trent river.

Among bills introduced in the House were: By Morton, to allow the Y. M. C. A. of Wilmington to issue bonds; to improve the efficiency of the James Walker Memorial Hospital of Wilmington; by McNeill, to regulate labor in cotton mills; Royster, to regulate the conduct of keepers, clerks and employees of dispensaries; Dowd of Mecklenburg, to promote comfort on street railways by providing separate seats for women.

In the Senate most of the session was devoted to a discussion of the Justice bill, placing solicitors on salaries and providing for their assistance to the attorney general in the prosecution of trusts. It is proposed to put the solicitors on salaries of \$2,100 per year in lieu of fees providing expense money when they are called to the assistance of the attorney general. The opposition was led by Buxton, of Forsythe, while the champion of the bill was Webb, of Buncombe. There was an amendment to make the salary \$2,500 and if the fees do not amount to that in some districts, the solicitors are to receive only fees. If they amount to over \$2,500 any residue is to be paid into the State treasury. This was by McLean, of Robeson. The vote was finally postponed and the bill made the special order for next Thursday.

Among bills passed was to prohibit the sale and manufacture of wine and cider at Littleton. Among those introduced were by Turner, to increase the salary of the Governor to \$5,000 per year and by Webb to allow commissioners in counties to pay \$2 to jurors instead of \$1.50 as now.

This afternoon the joint committee on railroads gave a further hearing on the representatives of roads on pending railway legislation. The principal speaker this afternoon was General Counsel A. P. Thom, of the Southern, while tonight General Superintendent A. W. Anderson was heard. He quoted a large number of figures to show that a reduction in the rate would not increase the travel and that the roads would be seriously hampered in their efforts to improve the service. He made a decidedly favorable impression on the committee and was heard at great length.

## WORK OF GRAND JURY

### Business of Present Term Completed Yesterday Afternoon—Recorder's Court and Automobile Speed Law Endorsed.

### DOCKET COMPLETED

The establishment of a Recorder's Court in the county and the limiting of the speed of automobiles to 20 miles per hour on the highways of New Hanover were strong endorsements made by the grand jury at the present term of Superior Court, to which report was made yesterday afternoon, after completing the business that came before it. The jury was discharged with the thanks of His Honor, Judge Long, presiding at the present term. The report in full is as follows:

To the Hon. B. F. Long, Presiding Judge, Superior Court, New Hanover County, January, 1907, Term: Sir: We the grand jury, beg to report that we have passed on all papers sent us by the solicitor and have returned 55 true bills, eight not true bills, and made two presentments.

We found the jail clean and the prisoners satisfied, except for the cold, they suffering on account of the heater being in need of repairs. We are told that repairs have been ordered, but that does not prevent the present suffering.

The Court House is in good order, but the yard in the rear and the yard of the jail need attention. The committee appointed to visit the out-of-town property of the county report that at Castle Haynes they found 36 convicts, 11 of whom were sick, 3 very sick with fever and pneumonia, the other eight trivial. The other prisoners were questioned, but had no complaint to make.

Three prisoners have escaped in the last six months, but two were recaptured. We recommend a new fence for the insane department in the County Home. The Home was clean and apparently well kept. We earnestly recommend that one insane inmate, Minnie Reynolds, be either sent to the asylum or some provision be made to better her physical comfort, which is now pitiable. The convict camp near Scotts Hill was found to be in good condition, no sickness among or complaints from the prisoners.

We recommend that the maximum speed of automobiles should not exceed twenty miles an hour on the public roads of this county. It is the sense of this body that our representative in the Legislature be requested to have such a law passed for this county.

We earnestly recommend the enactment of the law now before the Legislature, for the establishment of a Recorder's Court for the county. We believe that it will result in a financial saving and from a humane standpoint, it is almost a necessity.

Respectfully submitted,  
LOUIS H. SKINNER,  
Foreman.

F. A. LORD,  
Secretary.

## DOCKET COMPLETED

### Superior Court Made Remarkable Progress Disposing of All Cases in One Week.

### SNIPES TRIAL POSTPONED

Sentence Passed in Two Other Capital Felonies—Judge Long Left for Home After Recess For Term—Other Proceedings.

The business at the present term of New Hanover Superior Court, which will expire by limitation tonight week, was completed yesterday evening by 6:15 o'clock, and there will be no second week, Judge Long having left last night for his home at Statesville, N. C., after making a formal order that witnesses and jurors summoned for the coming Monday need not attend. During the day sentence was passed in three of the six capital cases for trial at the term, and the others were continued. The aggregate of sentences passed is 79 years, several of the number going to the county roads for long terms and two others going to the State prison. During the week remarkable progress has been made, a fact which is favorably commented upon by all in attendance upon the sessions. Judge Long is a tireless and thorough worker, and is an able second to Solicitor N. Sheriff Cowan during the week has established an enviable reputation, and has added to his considerable amount to the dispatch of business. That Colonel Taylor, the clerk, has the most valuable deputy in Mr. W. H. Harris is strikingly illustrated in the fact that yesterday afternoon when court adjourned at 6:15 o'clock the minutes were at once ready for the signature of Judge Long, who went to his room, packed his suitcase and left on the 6:50 train for his home.

The sentences imposed yesterday were, seven years on the roads for Garfield Pearsall, convicted of breaking into the home of Mrs. Dunn last Summer, while the family was on the beach; five years in the State prison for Kate Fisher, the albino, who broke into the house of Section Master A. T. Lamb, at Wrightsboro; 30 years each in the State prison for William Ashe and Frank James, both colored, charged with murder of colored women, while several minor sentences were passed on defendants S. C. was arraigned and Woodus Kellum, Esq., assigned to his defence. Later it was announced that George L. Peschau, Esq., had been retained for the defence and the assignment of Mr. Kellum was stricken out. The case was continued until the April term.

The case of Lonnie Snipes, the young white man charged with the murder of W. L. Williams, a traveling man, was continued as material to the defence, an affidavit to this effect having been furnished by Messrs. Bellamy & Belamy, Herbert McClammy and Walter P. Gafford, Esqs., counsel for the prisoner. This affidavit as to the facts sought to be proved by the absent witnesses was not made public. The case is set for trial on Wednesday of the first week of the next criminal term.

When court convened yesterday morning the trial of Ralph Windham charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was resumed, the defendant being found guilty and recommended to the mercy of the court. He was fined \$50 and costs in one case and judgment was suspended in the other upon condition that he keep the peace toward John Odum and William Sneed, the prosecuting witnesses and all other citizens for a given period.

The Wilmington Sewerage Company pleaded guilty to two counts of maintaining a nuisance at Eleventh and Market streets and judgment was suspended upon paying the costs; it having appeared to the court that the nuisance has since been abated.

Arthur Bland, colored, sent over for larceny, was defended by C. C. Loughlin, Esq., and was found not guilty by the jury.

Entries in other cases were as follows: Callie Smith, bawdy house, continued on physician's certificate as to defendant's health; Fred Filyaw, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon, continued for witnesses; Donna Roderick and Caledonia Roderick, nuisances, not pros with leave; Ada Robinson, nuisance, not pros with leave; John Montgomery, larceny, caps; Thos. Little, assault with deadly weapon, caps; Walter Guion, larceny, continued for defendant under former bond; Amby Carter, non-support, same bond for April term; Walter Holland, abandonment and non-support, bond to next term; T. L. Ruth, back costs, defendant given time.

A true bill was returned against B. and M. May, junk dealers, near Front and Dock streets. They were charged with receiving stolen goods and each was required to give \$200 justified bond for their appearance at the next term of court.

## THE WASP ARRIVED

### Gunboat of United States Navy at Anchor Here on Recruiting Duty. Handsome Craft Did Signal Service in Cuban Waters.

### GENERAL PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARD STATE CORPORATIONS IS UNREASONABLE.

The United States Gunboat Wasp in command of Chief Boatswain J. L. Croghan, United States Navy, arrived in port early yesterday afternoon and dropped anchor off Queen street. She comes from Beaufort on recruiting duty and her arrival was awaited with pleasure by a number who have become interested in the inducements which the Navy of the country holds out to young men.

The Wasp is the converted yacht "Columbia" which was purchased by the government in 1898 from Mr. Ladd at a cost of \$94,000 and which was used so effectively in the attack on the defenses in Niipe Bay, Cuba. She is a vessel of over 600 tons displacement and carries armament suitable to her size. With other boats of her size the Wasp in Niipe Bay during the late war engaged and destroyed the Spanish Gunboat Jorge Juan. She also rendered splendid service in the attack on Cabanass, Cuba, and again during the blockade of Ponce, Puerto Rico. She has lately covered the upper waters of the Chesapeake on recruiting duty and after visiting the North Carolina sounds on similar service will navigate all the rivers on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

Boats will leave the foot of Market street every odd hour for the accommodation of those desiring to look over the ground prior to enlisting. This boat service will begin at 9:00 A. M. and terminate at 5:00 P. M. The recruiting will be carried on aboard the Wasp when she lies at anchor. Visitors are also being received on the ship.

## TENDENCY DEPLORED

### Reduction of Passenger Fares is Disapproved—Service is What is Wanted—Largely Attended and Representative Meeting.

### THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The tendency of the times, both State and National, toward the general oppression of corporations by drastic legislation, by unnecessary and unreasonable requirements of them as public servants, placing them forever on the defensive with no time to attend to legitimate affairs, received a merited rebuke at a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, called for the purpose of considering pending railway legislation before the North Carolina General Assembly, especially as it appears to the reduction of passenger rates in this State. The attendance was unusually large and representative, and the sentiment as expressed above was signally unanimous. The sense of the meeting was admirably expressed in the following preamble and resolution, drafted by President Taylor, and after a thorough discussion, adopted without a dissenting voice:

"The conditions affecting transportation the country over are such as to demand the most careful consideration on the part of the public, and impose the obligation of moderation and discretion in governmental interference. The maxim that the best government is the government least felt applies alike to persons and to commerce. Both are subject to restraint, but the largest amount of individual liberty consistent with the public good is a condition that produces the most wholesome results, and this is the chief end of government. The congested condition of traffic resulting in marked inadequate service on the part of public carriers has been met with a public protest which threatens to result in the adoption of very drastic measures; so much so that it is an open question if the remedies proposed are not really more detrimental than the evils complained of. The steady and rapid growth in population, accompanied by an acquisition of wealth without a parallel in the world's history, has resulted in an expansion of business of such enormous proportions as to render utterly inadequate physical means of transportation, so that the railroads of the country are confronted with a problem that no amount of human foresight could have adequately provided for. Their resources will be taxed for a number of years for providing physical betterments to meet the demand imposed by present conditions without taking into account the steady and certain growth of these demands. To meet the situation every financial expedient must be employed, and income hypothecated for years in advance. Operating expenses have shown a steady increase, which is a further handicap to physical betterments, while charges for public service have only shown a small increase in one department, and no increase at all in another, viz: freight and passenger service.

"It must be clear from the foregoing that the demand of the country is for better service, and that better service can only come through a substantial enlargement of physical equipment, and that such betterment can be procured only through vast financial expenditures. Obviously, relief cannot be granted if revenues are cut off, and the ability of public service corporations to market their surpluses advantageously in a direct relation to their earning power. Thus, to reduce rates under such conditions would at once curtail current income, and render it impossible to market further issues of securities, except at smaller figures, and perhaps prevent entirely flotations. The situation as here stated applies to the country at large, while the conditions in the South are even more aggravated. The population in this section of the country is relatively sparse, while the volume of business is also smaller than the more populous sections. Therefore, it would be manifestly unjust to expect or demand as low rates for this section of the country as obtain in other sections under substantially dissimilar conditions. That the Pennsylvania railroad has seen fit voluntarily to reduce its passenger fare to 2c per mile in a restricted area is no justification for the same, or approximate rate in this State. The present passenger fare charges in this State we do not believe are excessive under existing conditions, while the passenger service is admittedly inadequate, and in our judgment it will not be possible to give better passenger service if passenger fares are reduced. We know of no popular demand for a reduction in fares, but there is a well defined demand for better service. In view of the foregoing, it is the sense of this Chamber:

"First, That there is no justification for reducing passenger fares in this State, and that in our judgment the public would be better served by

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### RESIGNS AS SECRETARY.

Mr. James H. Taylor, Jr., Succeeded Sheriff Stedman With B. & L.

At a meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Home Building Association yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Sheriff Frank H. Stedman in view of his contemplated removal to Fayetteville in the near future, tendered his resignation as secretary and treasurer of the institution and the same was accepted with expressions of regret. Mr. Stedman having been one of the moving spirits in the organization of the association and having served it with rare fidelity as secretary and treasurer since it began business in 1890. Mr. Jas. H. Taylor, Jr., was unanimously elected to succeed Sheriff Stedman and the office will remain at the Court House. Mr. Taylor has been associated with Sheriff Stedman for six years and is thoroughly conversant with the duties of the office. His election will give eminent satisfaction to the shareholders.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Clerk Superior Court—Notice to Jurors and Witnesses.  
D. L. Gore Co.—P. & M. Powders.  
Business Locals.  
E. Warren & Son—Skimmed Milk for Sale.

### ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

Completion of the Work in Raleigh. Progress of Work.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 25.—The Anti-Saloon League forces are greatly disturbed over the persistent refusal of J. W. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder, to serve any longer as chairman of the league in charge of the campaign work for temperance. During the last hour of the session of the State Temperance Convention last night, great pressure was brought to bear on him to retain the chairmanship, but he refused on the ground that the sentiment of the convention seemed to be for State prohibition, and he was for prohibition by local option only, so he wants a free hand as an editor to advocate his views. The executive committee, at the last minute, was empowered to appoint a chairman.

The league is to undertake at once the raising of \$500 for temperance campaign purposes.

The vice presidents elected by the League to serve with Heriot Clarkson as president, are W. C. Dowd, Charlotte; R. B. White, Franklinton; George P. Bell, Winston-Salem; J. H. Tucker, Asheville; A. M. Scales, Greensboro; J. A. Harniss, Statesville; J. A. Brown, Whiteville; E. B. Hilliard, Scotland Neck; J. J. Rogers, Kinston; W. S. O'B. Robinson, Goldsboro; W. C. Douglass, Raleigh; Geo. W. Watts, Durham; W. I. Everett, of Rockingham; C. W. Mitchell, Aulander.

Of the 97 counties in the State eleven have dispensaries and nineteen have saloons. All the others are under local prohibition, with anti-jug laws applying to forty-seven, prohibiting liquor being shipped from other counties into them.

### FIRE EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING.

The alarm of fire from box 19 at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning was on account of sparks from a fireplace at 709 Handover street, owned by W. H. Moore, colored, and occupied by Nancy Woodcock. The damage was about \$50.

### NAVAHOE WENT AGROUND.

The Clyde steamer Navahoe, while proceeding up to the city from her Georgetown trip early yesterday morning, ran aground near Big Island, down the Cape Fear river. Tugs sent to the assistance of the liner expected to get her off on high water last night.

### WHITE CONVICT SHOT.

Attempted to Escape from County Chaingang at Castle Haynes.

John Casey, a white convict, sentenced a few days ago from the Mayor's Court on a charge of vagrancy, to 30 days, was shot twice in the loin by Foreman Lan Lockey at the county convict camp at Castle Haynes early yesterday morning. Casey turned out to work with the other prisoners yesterday morning, and was at work in the quarry when he made a dash for liberty under cover of the rock crusher on the premises. Foreman Lockey fired at him down a gulley, both balls from his pistol taking effect in the loin. He was at once removed to the hospital in this city, where it is stated that the wounds will not be serious. One of the balls has been located and taken out by Dr. McMillan, the county physician, while the other ranged downward into the hip and will be extracted today. Casey attempted to lead no revolt of the prisoners, as was erroneously reported on the streets here yesterday.

### A MISSION FEATURE.

Interesting Illustrated Lectures at the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Cameron Johnson, a returned missionary of the Southern Presbyterian church, will deliver in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church at 8 P. M. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday a series of interesting and attractively illustrated lectures.

The lectures will relate to the home life of the Chinese, Japanese and Koreans and will be illustrated by pictures taken by Mr. Johnson in his travels among these interesting people. It has cost some thousands of dollars to secure these pictures and the apparatus is the best of its kind. Mr. Johnson is a very interesting speaker, the lectures intensely interesting, and are delivered for the pleasure and information of his hearers. Everyone is most cordially invited to attend.

### CARS TO WINTER PARK.

Daily at 3, 3:30, 4 and 4:30 P. M. Take the children to Winter Park. Iw.

Rehder's Clearance Sale begins Monday. Don't forget to bring your punch cards.