

OUTLINES.

Four boys were burned to death, and probably five others lost their lives, in a \$500,000 fire yesterday in Mill No. 1, of the Cochecho Manufacturing Co., at Dover, N. H.—There are continued rumors of differences between Harry Thaw's mother and sister on one side, and Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, on the other, because the latter is making a companion of Mae McKenzie, the former chorus girl, and has her with her during the Thaw trial in New York; a new motive for the killing of Stanford White is that Thaw intercepted a note from the architect to Evelyn; a rumor that Thaw and his chorus girl wife will be divorced is denied.—The programme for the opening of the Jamestown Exposition April 26, includes an opening prayer by Bishop Randolph, and an address by President Roosevelt, who will touch the button starting the exposition machinery in motion.—Dr. Charles W. Townsend, one of New York's best known physicians, was mortally shot early yesterday morning, but he declines to name his assailant.—In the House yesterday Representative Sims, of Tennessee, introduced a joint resolution commending President Roosevelt's action in dismissing the negro troops for the Brownsville affair. It will be up to the Republicans to endorse the President or defeat the resolution, as it will also go over to the Senate for action.—President Roosevelt yesterday issued an order by which he hopes to put an end to frauds in entering public lands.—Georgia is to establish a steamship line to bring immigrants direct to Savannah.—Representatives Livingston, of Georgia, and Burleson, of Texas, introduced a resolution yesterday providing for investigation of the New York Cotton Exchange.—New York markets: Money on call, nominal; time loans, dull but firmer; spot cotton, steady at 11 cents; flour, firm but dull; wheat, firm, No. 2 red, 82 1/2 elevator; corn, firm, No. 2, 55 1/2 elevator; oats, steady, mixed, 41; turpentine and resin steady.

The Indiana Legislature is considering a bill to tax bachelors. This seems to be one more blow at liberty.

A Milwaukee man wants to sell his wife at auction. Men who have one too many already will fight shy of that sale.

Probably Sweetenham was justified on the ground that he didn't know we had already more islands than we know how to handle.

Col. Bryan still grieves that President Roosevelt "stole his clothes." Well, leave Roosevelt to himself and he may finally have more remorse than clothes.

The North Carolina Legislature is anti-caffein but not anti-canine. It not only neglects to pass a dog tax law but is taking off the tax on some class of dogs on which tax had to be paid or be dodged.

Governor Sweetenham, of Jamaica, should be allowed to rise and explain whether he was trying to be funny or not, before he is too severely condemned. He ought to have the same chance that was allowed to Senator Tillman.

President Roosevelt appears to be the past master of Federalism. He urges an insurance law for the District of Columbia and would like to see a Federal statute regulating insurance in all the States, if such a law could stand the test. What did Secretary Root tell you?

During the campaign Roosevelt wanted a Republican Congress elected so it could "stand by" him. Congress is Republican all right but the country has rather gotten the impression that, if the Democrats had not been watching, it would have sat down on the President in the Brownsville affair.

Links with the past continue to drop out. The latest one is Miss Mary Ann Casey who died at St. Louis on Thursday. She often told of how she declined a proposal of marriage with James Buchanan, afterward President of the United States. President Buchanan died a bachelor and Miss Casey never married. Her father was Samuel Casey, of Caseyville, Ky., who was Secretary of the Treasury at Washington during three administrations.

The Indiana Legislature is also after the railroads. Several bills to reduce passenger fare to 2 cents per mile are now pending in that body. Samuel Moody, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad lines, appeared before the Indiana Senate Committee on Railroads on Thursday and made an argument on the different bills. He did not oppose 2 cents fare but argued that there should be a difference in the rate for ticket bought at a ticket office and a cash fare paid to a conductor on a train.

AN ELECTRIC PLANT

Independent Light and Power Company Being Organized By Wilmington Men.

TO APPLY FOR CHARTER

Formal Notice Given Yesterday—Trolley Line to Fort Fisher One of Objects in View—Consumers Being Interested in Stock.

Formal notice as required by law was made yesterday that Wilmington parties will apply to the present session of the North Carolina General Assembly for a charter for an independent electric lighting plant in this city. The name of the new corporation will be the Peoples Electric Light and Supply Company, for which Hon. John D. Bellamy appears as counsel, and which is said to be backed by unlimited capital outside this city. An effort, however, will be made to interest as many Wilmington people as possible in the enterprise so that the company will start in the beginning with a sufficient guarantee of patronage to warrant its success.

The company will be capitalized at \$100,000 with privilege to begin business on a smaller amount, should it be deemed advisable. The company will furnish light and power to the public, and the promoters say that there will be a great reduction in present charges for the service.

The committee from among the number of gentlemen promoting the enterprise will begin this or next week a canvass for stock among the consumers of Wilmington. A limited amount of the stock will be disposed of to the largest consumers in the city. It is understood that a large block of stock has been taken North. While the charter will specify that the company is to engage in a general electric lighting and power business, it will also be given power to operate street and suburban railway lines, one of the ideas of the promoters being to ultimately extend a trolley line to Fort Fisher.

One of the promoters of the new company recently visited the North and secured estimates and prices on about the style of power plant desired, and the company expects to place an order for the machinery within 30 days. A number of voluntary subscriptions to the stock were received yesterday. Options have been secured on two or more suitable sites and it is expected that a deal for one of these will be closed in the near future.

NAVAHOE STILL AGROUND.

Revenue Cutter Seminole Went to Her Assistance Yesterday Afternoon.

Up to 1 o'clock this morning all the efforts to get the Clyde Liner Navahoe afloat had been fruitless. The big freight steamer is still hard and fast in the mud off Big Island, on the east side of the channel. The Revenue Cutter Seminole went to her assistance yesterday afternoon and with the tug Marion and Blanche have pulled on her with very little success. She was inward bound from Georgetown, S. C., and there is a bare possibility that it will be necessary to lighten her part cargo from the South Carolina port.

Visitors at Artesia Colony.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Key have been entertaining friends from the North in their new home at Artesia, near Lake Waccamaw. The visitors were Miss Emma C. Low, of Brooklyn, N. Y., sister of Mr. Seth Low, ex-Mayor of New York city, and Mrs. Ellis Peterson, of Boston, Mass. These ladies are the president and secretary of the Woman's National Alliance, an organization which includes over 15,000 of the leading women of the country. So interested did the visitors become in the growth and extraordinary activity of the thriving English colony that they are to donate a public library for the free use of the colonists and their friends.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- Solomon's Shoe Store—Artgum.
- John-Gowan's Pneumonia Cure.
- J. W. H. Fuchs—Remodeling Sale.
- H. Rehder & Co.—Clearance Sale.
- F. E. Hashagen Co.—Fox River Butte.
- Concord Chapter, R. A. M.—Meeting.
- Wanted—Position by Job Composer.
- C. W. Polvogt Co.—Bankrupt Stock Sale.
- A. D. Brown—Special Reduction Sale.
- C. W. Polvogt Co.—Specials This Week.
- Consolidated Company—Electric Signs.
- Business Locals.
- Found—Lady's Fur.
- Lost—Crescent Pin.
- For Sale—Stylish Rig.
- J. B. Mercer—Mercer Hats.
- To Let—Large, Airy Room.
- Wanted—Situation by Bar Tender.
- Belmont Mfg. Co.—Salesman Wanted.
- Mrs. Maggie Whiteman Steward—Shampooing and Massage.
- 40-inch white 15c and 20c. Lawn. Monday 12 1/2c. yard at Gaylord's.

COMMERCE CHAMBER

Important Meeting of Business Men Yesterday—Sale of Merchandise Stocks in Bulk and Immigration Among Questions.

The special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon to consider several matters of pending legislation that could not be considered at the meeting the day before because the call set forth specifically that the matter of passenger rates would be handled, was well attended. President J. A. Taylor presided with Mr. James Kyle present as secretary.

The bill before the present session of the General Assembly providing against the sale of merchandise stocks in bulk except upon proper notice to all creditors was presented by Mr. L. B. Rogers, who explained its provisions. It was regarded as meritorious and upon motion the same was unanimously endorsed. New Hanover's representatives in the lower house and in the Senate were requested to support the bill and secure its passage if possible. Mr. Rogers made an effort to have the Chamber endorse the Chicago movement for a National reciprocal demurrage law, but an endorsement of this project was deemed inadvisable just at present. It was stated that North Carolina now has virtually what is sought in the movement of shippers, emanating from Chicago.

Mr. Hugh MacRae presented to the Chamber the matter of immigration, explaining the good effect of the South Carolina law in this respect. A similar bill had been introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly he said, but the immigration was restricted to the Anglo-Saxon race. Mr. MacRae explained why desirable day laborers were required for the development of Eastern North Carolina and told why these from other countries of Anglo-Saxon people would be employers of labor rather than laborers themselves. The residents of Northern Italy were regarded as the most desirable class of immigrants for this section and under the bill now pending these would be restricted. A resolution asking the General Assembly to eliminate Clause 5 of the bill restricting the immigration was unanimously passed. The bill comes up for a hearing in Raleigh on Tuesday of this week and Mr. Lucas, of the Carolina Trucking Development Company, will be present to present the recommendations of the Wilmington business men in this regard.

REMODELING SALE.

Week of Bargains at Popular Clothing and Furnishing Store.

On account of certain changes that are to be made and the remodeling of the store in order to meet the increasing demands of his growing business Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs, the popular South Front street merchant, announces a giant sale of high grade merchandise beginning Wednesday of this week. The stock includes clothing, notions, shoes, trunks, suit cases and the like, prices for which have been marked down to unheard of prices. During the sale double Southern trading stamps will be given and a fine opportunity will be offered to fill out books. During this sale there will be extra hour sales in which the offerings will be well worth the attention of everybody. A \$28,000 stock is to be sacrificed during the next ten days and Mr. Fuchs asks his customers and the public generally to come early and get the benefit of what is going. In a large paid advertisement elsewhere in today's paper facts and figures are given that cannot afford to be overlooked.

A. C. L. WRECK AT BLACK CREEK.

Conductor Chauncey G. Southerland Severely Hurt—Equipment Damage.

Mr. Chauncey G. Southerland, a well known young conductor on the A. C. L., was brought home yesterday morning suffering with a badly mashed foot and leg, the result of a wreck before day yesterday morning at Black Creek near Wilson, N. C. A slight freight wreck, caused by the spreading of the rails under a freight train at Kenly the night before had necessitated the sending of trains around by Black Creek. While Mr. Southerland's train was at Black Creek unloading freight, the fast train which had been derailed that way, and which the freight crew was not expecting, dashed around a curve at the rate of 25 miles an hour and into the caboose of the freight. Mr. Southerland was in the caboose with one or two others of the train crew, and how they escaped death is a miracle, as the caboose was splintered. A car of lumber and two other cars ahead were badly smashed up.

"Our New Minister" Extremely Good.

"Our New Minister," as presented at the Academy of Music yesterday at matinee and night, gave eminent satisfaction to two audiences which would have been much larger but for the threatening weather. It is a companion piece in many respects to the "County Chairman," and promises to equal that production in popularity. "Our New Minister," plays a return engagement here later in the season, and the theatre-going public would do well to note the fact.

Ten yards White Homespun for 30c; ten yards 10c. Outing for 60c. This week at Rehder's Clearing Sale. Sale begins tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mass Meeting of Committeemen From All Districts in the County is Called.

MEET ON TUESDAY MORNING

Question of Revenue Will be Discussed—Enthusiastic Meeting of Teachers' Association Held Yesterday.

By direction of the County Board of Education, County Superintendent Washington Catlett last night issued a call for a mass meeting of all the city and rural school committeemen in New Hanover county to be held in the Court House Tuesday of this week at 1 o'clock. The call states that the Board of Education desires to have a conference with the committeemen upon matters of vital importance, especially with reference to the revenues for the various institutions, and for that reason a full attendance is urged. All other friends of education will also be welcomed.

The specific purpose of the meeting is not stated but it is learned unofficially that the bill of Mr. Morton in the General Assembly authorizing the County Commissioners to issue bonds for public schools and to levy a special tax for the same will be submitted for endorsement. The bill of Mr. Morton is especially designed to provide for a fund for larger accommodations in the way of buildings for the schools and thus far seems to have met with no opposition.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Hanover County Teachers' Association was held yesterday morning in the Cape Fear Academy building, just south of the Court House. In spite of the unfavorable weather conditions there was a large attendance every teacher in the county school having been present with the exception of two who were too far distant to reach the city in time for a morning session. The meeting, Prof. Catlett says, was one of the best ever held in the county. The programme consisted of a fine paper on the use of the library in the school and community by Miss Reba J. Myers, of District No. 15; an address by Prof. J. B. Huff, principal of the Wilmington High School, on how to use stories in enlisting the interest of pupils in the schools, and a talk by Prof. Catlett on the best methods of teaching grammar. The discussion of the various educational topics was generally entered into by the teachers and much good resulted from the meeting.

FAYETTEVILLE NEWS NOTES.

Machinery for Big Cotton Mill—Another Purchased—Railroad.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 20.—The first car load of machinery for the Victory Mills has arrived and there are twenty more on the road. There will be about one hundred carloads of machinery for this great mill.

Mr. W. C. Robeson, of Cameron, has purchased through I. A. Murchison, Esq., one of the principal owners, the old Manchester Cotton Mill, which has been idle. He will not use the rooms as he will make only yarn. Mr. Robeson is a native of Scotland, and before coming to this country had charge of one of the departments of the big Garkes Spool Cotton Mills.

Capt. Jerry Bessap, who is engaged in constructing the Virginia and Carolina Railroad, which is to run for the present from Lumberton to Hop Mills, or Parkton, is spending a day or two at home. He is enthusiastic over the prospects of the new road, and especially over the character of the country through which it runs.

PENALTY SUITS POSTPONED.

Absence of Witness for Plaintiff in Justice Furlong's Court.

On account of the absence of Mr. W. T. Sears, one of the principal witnesses for the plaintiff, the three hundred and more penalty suits brought against the Atlantic Coast Line by the Hannah Box Shook Co., alleging an unreasonable delay of freights, were postponed in Justice Furlong's court yesterday morning until Monday at the same hour. Since the original batch of suits was brought 39 others have been added, making 351 in all. The penalties asked for aggregate something over \$25,000 and are largely on lumber consignment from Eastern North Carolina mills to the box factory in this city. Herbert McClammy, Esq., appears for the Hannah Box Shook Co., and Messrs. Davis & Davis for the railroad. The suits are the largest ever brought in the State for freight penalties under the new provision of the Code.

Of interest to every lady in the city. During this week's Clearing Sale J. H. Rehder & Co. will place on their counters 3,000 yards of all the newest patterns of French Figured Organdies sold elsewhere in the city at 12 1/2c. and 15c. yard for 9c. yard. On account of the low price they will sell only one dress pattern to a customer. The styles are beautiful. A fine chance to buy your dresses for next Summer.

10c. Chaylors, 7 1/2c. yard Monday at Gaylord's.

THE WEEK IN COURT

Thirty-Odd Prisoners Received Sentence Aggregating More Than a Hundred Years—Three for State Prison at Raleigh.

Thirty-odd prisoners sentenced at last week's term of the Superior Court to terms aggregating something like 110 years on the county roads and in the State prison will begin their terms this week. The commitments are now being made up and it is safe to say that never before at one time has such an aggregation of evil doers gone out from the doors of the county jail. Three of the number for the State prison will be taken to Raleigh Monday by Deputy Sheriff W. Harvey Cox, assisted by Special Deputy C. T. Snaw. They are Kate Fisher, burglary, five years; Frank James and William Ashe, murder in second degree, 30 years each. The convicts for the county roads will be sent out later in the week.

There are several long term prisoners among those for the roads, including Walter Moore, the Express porter thief; Garfield Pearsall, charged with the burglary of the house of Mrs. Dunn, and Sergeant Smith, convicted of burglary in the second degree. Moore gets five years, Pearsall seven and Smith six. The sentence of Smith was originally seven years but Judge Long at last consented to take one year off the term. Others for the roads are as follows:

- Robert Allen, forgery, 12 months;
- Walter Banks, retailing and carrying concealed weapon, 12 months;
- John Bowden, larceny, 18 months;
- Mark Campbell, assault with deadly weapon, two months;
- Eli Davis, assault with deadly weapon, six months;
- George Davis, assault with deadly weapon, two months;
- Chas. Jennings, 4 months;
- Estella Gause, receiving stolen goods, 2 years;
- Richard Hayward, gambling, 12 months;
- Fred Hall, larceny, 3 months;
- Geo. Herring, store breaking, 12 months;
- LeRoy Jackson, 12 months;
- Walter Moore, larceny, 5 years;
- Edward Austin, larceny, 10 months;
- Abell Stallings, assault with deadly weapon, 12 months;
- Matthew Sanders, larceny, 12 months;
- Sergeant Smith, burglary, six years;
- Mary Murphy, assault with deadly weapon, six months;
- Queen Victoria, larceny, 18 months;
- James Williams, larceny, seven years;
- Willie Lucas, larceny, six months;
- Tom Williams, gambling, four months;
- Henry Davis, assault with deadly weapon, five months;
- John Hall, assault with deadly weapon, four months;
- Chas. Jones, larceny, four months;
- Garfield Pearsall, burglary, seven years.

A RAILROAD FIGHT.

Rough Sledding for New Line from Lumberton.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Jan. 20.—An interesting state of affairs developed here today in railroad circles. The new railroad, the Virginia and Carolina Southern, which began work grading a few days ago, and which had laid some cross-ties, started to lay some rails soon this morning. The rails came in on the Seaboard last night. This morning orders came from the higher officials of the Seaboard to their agents here not to deliver the rails, but take them off somewhere. We understand they were taken to Allenton. The Seaboard claims that the new railroad is being built on its property, and the idea was to stop them. When this action was taken by the Seaboard the new railroad crowd placed guards over the track, to guard it until the rails could be secured. This was the state of affairs when night came. The new road has secured rails and is tonight laying them over the disputed part of the road.

Men's Meeting This Afternoon.

Dr. Morris M. Caldwell will be the speaker at the men's meeting at the Boys' Brigade armory this afternoon at 5 o'clock. His subject will be "Thought and Habit." All men are invited to the meeting. The music for the afternoon will include a solo by Miss Gertrude Lewis.

Other bills were: Stickley, to prevent throwing acids and other deleterious substances in the streams of the State; Winborne, to punish pools and trusts and conspiracies inimical to the people; Winborne, to create a Fish Commission.

Educational Affairs.

The North Carolina Association of City School Superintendents today elected W. S. Snipes, of Winston, president; J. C. Griffin, of Salisbury, vice president; and C. W. Wilson, of Scotland Neck, secretary. A resolution was adopted protesting against the increase of salaries of State officers, except upon condition that the salary of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is to equal that of any bejov the grade of Governor.

There was a conference today of the legislative committees of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly and of the City School Superintendents' Association and the Farmers' Alliance, at which the Legislature was memorialized to provide for four rural high schools in the counties where the four months term now obtains, provided half the cost of the maintenance of such schools is borne by the counties and citizens where located.

\$1,000 worth Tips and Plumes half price. 75c. and \$1. Hats, 26c. \$2 Hats, 98c. This week at Rehder's.

DECLINES A PENSION

Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson Asks Bill Introduced in Her Favor Be Withdrawn.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Much Time Given Yesterday to Bill Putting Solicitors on a Salary—Multitude of Others—Educational Affairs Discussed.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 20.—The Senate of North Carolina received today a letter from Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson, declining to accept a pension of \$100 anonth, provided under a resolution introduced a few days ago.

"I most welcomingly appreciate this patriotic and loyal tribute to the name of my hero husband," she says, "but I do not feel that I would be justified in accepting it. I am informed that the laws of North Carolina limit all pensions to those who have not \$500 worth of personal property, and as I do not come under this law, I respectfully request that the bill be withdrawn."

Mrs. Jackson suggests that the money proposed in her behalf be appropriated to the relief of destitute widows of Confederate veterans. In accordance with the desire of Mrs. Jackson, the bill calling for the pension was withdrawn from the calendar.

Proceedings in Detail.

(By Sou. Bell Long Distance Phone.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 20.—There was a spirited debate this afternoon in the House over the solicitors' salary clause in Speaker Justice's bill to enlarge the powers of the attorney general to control corporations and investigate combinations in restraint of competition, solicitors to assist him in such inquiries. The result of the discussion was the passage of the bill with an amendment that where the fees of solicitors do not amount to \$2,500 they shall receive only the fees, but where there is an excess in the fees over \$2,500, they shall receive only the salary and any residue is payable into the State treasury. The bill is a very sweeping one, and provides that the attorney general may investigate any and all corporations to see that there is no stifling of competition and monopolies for the control of prices.

The Senate also had a lively discussion of the question of putting solicitors on salaries. It came up on a joint resolution calling for a statement from solicitors as to their fees during 1906, previous to action on a bill which Mr. Webb, of Buncombe, introduced in this matter. It is set for a vote next Thursday, and it is hoped to have a reply from all solicitors by that time. The resolution calling for a statement from the solicitors was finally passed.

Among bills introduced in the Senate today were:

Burton, to validate marriages in the State performed by ministers of the gospel not authorized to perform marriage ceremonies.

Klutz, to amend the revival relative to fire insurance and notice of fire losses.

Drewry, to enlarge the capital building and providing for a fire-proof hall of records at a cost of \$500,000.

Webb, to extend the time for obtaining grants for entry of land.

McLean, a resolution to increase the State's appropriation to the town Exposition. This was subsequently passed.

Graham, to allow cities and towns owning their electric plants to furnish light and power to individuals.

Among the bills passed was one to amend the charter of the Southbound and Western Railroad, permitting it to condemn rights of way of other roads not now in use.

A bill to require Superior Court judges to open terms promptly on the first Monday was tabled in the Senate after a lengthy discussion. The bill to require water companies in the State to furnish a pure and adequate supply was passed, with others as follows:

To reimburse father of Thomas Nall, hospital insane patient, who died while making his escape from the Central Hospital, for funeral expenses.

Among the bills in the House were: Mull, to apply State revenue from the liquor traffic to the public school fund; MacRae, to allow the town of Maxton to issue bonds; McRae, to incorporate the town of Clarendon, in Columbus county; Parsons, to put the State and defendant on an equal footing in the number of jury challenges in trials; Parsons, to amend the law as to open season hunting deer in Richmond county; to regulate the laws of labor in cotton factories, providing that there shall be no child labor at night; Dowd, to provide for the instruction of public school children as to the effect of alcohol and narcotics on the system; Peele, for the relief of ex-Sheriff T. S. Wright, of Richmond county; Brewer, to divide the net proceeds of the dispensary at Vanceboro.

Wells, of Pender, introduced a bill of considerable interest. It is an act to appropriate to and reimburse the Moore's Creek Battle Ground Association, and provides for the collection from the State of \$241, heretofore inaccessible, and for an appropriation of \$500 dollars annually for the pres-