

OUTLINES.

Ninety-one men were in the Stewart mine in West Virginia when the fire and explosion occurred on Tuesday and so certain are they all dead that 27 more coffins have been ordered to the mine, in addition to 60 coffins already on hand. Only one more jurymen needs to be selected for the trial of Harry K. Thaw in New York charged with the murder of Stanford White; the State will probably outsize its case to-day. It is believed in London that the resignation of Governor Swettenham, of Jamaica, has been accepted on account of his discourtesy to Admiral Davis, U. S. N. It is announced from Washington that the bid of W. J. Oliver, of Tennessee, for the completion of the canal may be rejected and work carried on by the government; President Roosevelt says the work is progressing satisfactorily. After a conference at the White House last night between the President and the California Congressmen, it was stated that a solution of the Japanese school question had been reached. At a conference in Washington yesterday it was decided that the Senate investigation of the Brownsville riot shall begin next Monday. At Warsaw, Russia, Poland, yesterday, Socialists threw a bag over the head of a man and shot him to death because he went to a bank and demanded \$500, and refused to leave. In the House of Representatives at Washington yesterday Mr. Wadsworth, New York, was heartily applauded when he asked President Roosevelt over the coals for criticizing and reflecting upon the Committee on Agriculture for the meat inspection bill passed at the Summer session of Congress. Five prominent citizens of Baltimore, all relatives, who have been missing for the past 10 days, were given up as drowned. A musical production of Oscar Wilde's play, has been condemned as unfit to be presented at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York. Tuesday night at Smithfield, Va., Harry Howard, claiming that God had instructed him to burn the town, set fire to several buildings and when an attempt was made to arrest him he shot four men, two fatally. New York markets: Money on call easier 2-1/2 to 3 per cent, ruling rate 2-3/4, closing bid 2, closed at 2-1/2; spot cotton steady 19 cents; flour firm, bid 4-1/2; wheat firm, No. 2 red 81-3/4 elevator; corn firm, No. 2 55 1-2 elevator; oats strong, mixed 42; turpentine firm 73-1/2 to 74; rosin firm.

If the salary system should be applied to tax-collectors the decrease in the amounts collected would probably be at least ten per cent.

"The true poet is born," says an old adage. However, that doesn't keep a hungry poet from wishing he hadn't been born.

Governor Swettenham, of Jamaica, has now made the amende honorable to Admiral Davis. This fable teaches that if we do not hand out so many lemons we will not have so many apologies to make.

The sad experience of Governor Swettenham warns us that when we hand out lemons we should be more particular about picking out the map and the occasion for the distribution of citrus favors.

Republicans are now saying that they "will be willing to give the Filipinos self-government when they are prepared for it." By that time we may not have enough ourselves to spare for the Filipinos.

Thaw was tickled when he saw a Louisiana man going into the box as one of the jurymen to try him for putting Stanford White out of business. Evidently he thinks Southerners have made a study of the "unwritten law."

The fall in prices on the New York stock market assumed threatening proportions yesterday. Many stocks were hit hard, a tumble of 7 points in Standard Oil added to the previous decline in that stock, being significant in view of the government's continued attack on the methods of the Standard Oil Company.

Says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: The Virginian who has offered to be scalped by the Indians, at the Jamestown Exposition for \$1,000 is a married man, thoroughly acquainted with the gravity of the operation. The fun, however, will be to observe the chagrin of the Indians when they find out that the Virginian has left his scalp at home.

Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, on Monday, spoke four hours, and again Tuesday addressed the Senate two hours in making an argument for the national control of child labor. The child labor question is one which sooner or later will have to be regulated, but it cannot be done as effectively as constitutionally by the Federal authorities as it can be handled by the States. There is not near so much in Federal this and Federal that as some people seem to think.

RECORDER'S COURT

Extended Hearing Before the Legislative Committee in Raleigh Last Night.

THE MORTON OBJECTION

Some Modifications Agreed Upon That Will Probably Result in Passage—Petition Against the Proposed Measure.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.)
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 30.—The Senate Committee that has in charge the matter of a Recorder's Court for Wilmington and New Hanover county gave a somewhat extended hearing to a delegation from Wilmington tonight on the proposed measure. Mr. Morton, a member of the House from New Hanover, was the principal speaker against the bill, which was introduced several days ago by Senator Bellamy. He said that he would favor the bill provided that the question of the establishment of the court was submitted to a vote of the people at the May election. Marsden Bellamy, Esq., county attorney of New Hanover, was the principal speaker in favor of the bill. In the midst of Mr. Morton's speech against the bill, the delegation informed Mr. Morton that they would accept his proposition to submit the measure to a vote of the people. Morton then said with a few changes he would support the bill. Several sections were agreed to be stricken out and a re-draft of the bill to suit the idea of all was being made tonight. There will be a change in the appointment of the clerk, providing that this official is to be elected by a vote of the people at the polls and subject only to removal on the grounds that present clerks of the Superior Court are removable. The section delegating the power of the Recorder to another in case the Recorder is absent is to be stricken out altogether as it is held that this would not be legal. Another important clause stricken out is that providing that the recorder shall be a licensed attorney. The re-draft will open the race to any competent citizen, regardless of profession or trade. Any elector of the county may also aspire to the position.

Section eight, in regard to appeals from magistrates is also stricken out. Senator Morton, after the meeting tonight suggested to your correspondent the difficulty of electing a Recorder to represent the county and city, too, as there is no election in the county in May, and the country people have quite as much right to pass upon the officer to serve them as the people of Wilmington, inasmuch as both city and county bear the expense. This obstacle, however, is not entirely unsurmountable. This matter was not discussed before the committee at all.

A telegram from Mr. H. C. McQueen and others to Mr. Morton today stated that there was a petition on its way to Raleigh against the proposed court, in the shape of it went forward. Mr. Morton says that he is advised that this petition represents half the taxable property in Wilmington. The petition had not arrived at a late hour tonight. He says that with the changes outlined he will support the bill.

The objections to the bill as originally prepared and sent to Raleigh are set out by Mr. Morton in the following letter, received yesterday by the only member of the Board of Aldermen who is opposed to the measure, Mr. W. H. Yopp. The letter is as follows:

Sate of North Carolina, House of Representatives, January 28th, 1907.
Mr. W. H. Yopp, Wilmington, N. C.
My Dear Mr. Yopp:—I should have answered your esteemed letter long before this time, but I have been quite busy here, and in addition I have had a case of the grippe, and have not been able to do much work or keep up with my letters. I have been getting better for some days now and am trying to catch up with all of my matters, and I hope that you will pardon the delay in replying to your letter.

Personally I am much opposed to the measure to establish a Recorder's Court because it will be a great expense to the city and the county will not be permitted to share in the expense of this court as is provided in the bill sent up to me. The constitution of the State in Article 4 and section 14 provides that the Legislature can establish special courts, for the trial of misdemeanors in cities and towns where the same may be necessary, but under this section of the constitution you will note that the court must be a city court, and that it can only try misdemeanors. This will mean that the entire expense of the Recorder's Court will have to be paid by the city, and the court will practically be the present Mayor's Court under another name, and the Mayor will have nothing to do. The Recorder's Court at Asheville tried to have county jurisdiction when it was established, but that they could not get it on account of the constitution.

The Charlotte Recorder's Court only has city jurisdiction, so that this will be all that our court can have, and no case coming from outside of the city limits can be tried in this court, and in this way will be inferior to a

ITS JANUARY DANCE

L'Agile Cotillon Club Gave Delightful German Last Night in Masonic Temple Ball Room—Large Number of Couples.

L'Agile Cotillon Club last night danced its regular January german, which was declared by those present to have been one of the prettiest yet given this season. There was a large number of visitors and the costumes worn by the ladies blended perfectly with the pretty decorations for the affair. The music was by Kneissel's Academy Orchestra and the figures were led by Mr. Paul L. Cantwell, the regular club leader. A large number of spectators witnessed the dance from the gallery.

Among the couples present and participating in the german were: Miss Peir, of Raleigh; Mr. Julian R. Clements; Miss Crapster, of Baltimore; Mr. Emmet Crow; Miss Ida Evans, of Warrenton; Mr. Norwood Huske; Mr. Ridgeway, of Fort Caswell; Mr. Marion James; Miss Daisy Burbank; Mr. Eugene LeGrand; Miss Eloise Bebee, of Baltimore; Mr. W. L. Smith, Jr.; Miss Jamison, of Maryland; Mr. E. Holmes; Miss Leonora Costwell; Mr. A. S. Stockard; Miss Ella, of New Orleans; Mr. E. F. Pechau; Miss Jane Iredell Green; Mr. Haughton James; Miss Bessie Gore, Mr. W. I. Gore; Miss Alice Davis, Mr. J. Myers; Miss Marguerite Walker, Mr. Markley Crosswell; Miss Minnie Bebee, Mr. B. H. Bridgers; Miss Anderson, Mr. C. McD. Davis; Miss Mary Calder, Mr. Graham Kenan; Miss Madeline Derosset, Mr. H. P. West; Miss Alexander, of Chapel Hill; Mr. Milton Calder; Miss Tallulah DeRosset, Mr. H. B. Peschau; Miss Beaulah Armstrong; Mr. W. C. Crow; Miss Amy Harlow, Lieut. Jones; Miss Margaret Bridgers; Lieut. Crapster; Miss Patteson, of Petersburg, Va.; Mr. E. P. Bailey; Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Cantwell.

Stags—Mr. T. D. Meares, Jr., Lieut. Young, Mr. R. E. Calder.
Chaperones—Mrs. John M. Walker and Mrs. Anne Northrop.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTREL

Noted Aggregation of Black Face Comedians Saturday Matinee

Quite the most pretentious organization of Afro-American performers to be seen in this country has been engaged for the "Dandy Dixie Minstrels," which comes to the Academy of Music Saturday matinee and night headed by James Crosby, the greatest exponent of comedy among colored lyric players to-day. Messrs. Voelkel & Nojha have secured the famous "Cotton Pickers' Band" of solo musicians. The company includes three Spiller Musical Bumpers, The Tonys, Williams & Stevens, Richard Barrett, H. S. Wood, and Robert E. Leach among its principals together with a host of singers and dancers who go to make up the most novel first part ever attempted. An olio of exceptional merit is followed by the latest negro after-piece entitled "A Fowl Affair," in which Charles Williams interprets the leading role of "Judge Yazoo." The matinee will be 25 and 50 cents and the entire lower part of the theatre as well as the balcony will be exclusive for whites. Seats for the night performance will be on sale to-morrow.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Had a Most Successful Year.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was held last night and was marked by a large and enthusiastic attendance. The reports from all departments showed that the past was the most successful year in the history of the church, which has been greatly built up materially and spiritually. Over \$10,000 was raised for all purposes during the year and great improvements have been made to the church property. The latter includes new and modern pews, new carpet and a handsome new pipe organ. The outlook for the coming year is most encouraging.

The Rev. A. D. McClure, the pastor of the church, has every reason to be proud of his congregation and they of him. They have worked together most harmoniously and with splendid effect.

magistrate's court.

What I want is a Superior Court District of our own, and Charlotte, Asheville, Winston and Greensboro also want the same, and they are hard to get, and if our people come up here asking for a Recorder's Court to cure their ills it will defeat my object in getting the Superior Court, and these will go to other cities who are UNITED in asking for a Superior Court. If a Recorder's Court really helped in the way its advocates claim, then Charlotte and Asheville would be satisfied and not be asking for a Superior Court now.

These are my personal views, and I am glad to have received your letter expressing the same sentiments, but of course I must be guided by the wishes of the majority of the people of my county, and if I am in doubt when the papers all come up, then I think the safest way is to submit the question to a vote of the people.

With best regards to you, and hoping to hear from you when I can be of service, I am,

Very Truly Yours,
GEO. L. MORTON.

DOINGS IN ASSEMBLY

Divorce and Corporation Bills Discussed at Length in Both Houses Yesterday.

SUMMONS RAILROAD MEN

Speaker Justice Wants to Catechize Them—Hearing on Reformatory Measure—Other Proceedings in State Legislative Body.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.)
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 30.—Besides clearing the calendars in both the Senate and House today and disposing of a large number of local bills, there were lengthy discussions in the Senate on the House bill making ten years absolute separation a cause for divorce where there are no children as a result of the union, and in the House on Justice's bill for the enlargement of the powers of the Corporation Commission. The divorce bill had passed the House some days ago. The debate today terminated in the passage of the bill in the Senate on the second reading by the close vote of 22 to 20. The third reading and passage went over until tomorrow upon objection of Mr. Buxton, of Forsyth.

The Corporation Commission bill in the House passed its second reading with amendments including the sale features of the bill introduced yesterday at the request of the Commission, and said to embody all that is required by the Commission in the regulation of railroads and public service corporations in the State. The third reading of the bill went over until tomorrow for investigation more fully of some of the amendments.

Fleming, of Pitt, introduced in the Senate, and Jackson in the House, a bill to establish a State Normal and Industrial College in Eastern North Carolina, the exact location to be determined by the State Board of Education. The bill carries with it \$25,000 for the establishment of the college. Other bills in the Senate today were: Fleming, to prevent the theft of cotton.

Greer, to regulate Superior Courts in Columbus county.

A petition was received from the citizens of Bath, Beaufort county, asking to have town limits extended and to vote on the questions of saloons, dispensary or prohibition.

Bills passed to allow New Hanover county to levy special tax and issue bonds for maintenance and improvements of the public schools there; to allow Brunswick county to subscribe to the stock of the Wilmington and Brunswick Railroad Company; a bill to guard against the evils of the traffic in the sale of certain narcotic drugs; a bill to require the Commissioner of Agriculture and members of the Board of Agriculture to be practical farmers. The latter bill came up for its readings and after having been read was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

In the House Davis presented a petition to investigate the conduct of the Shell Fish Commissioner.

MacRae, to amend the charter of the town of Red Springs.

Preston, to prevent discrimination in freight and passenger rates.

Doughton, to provide for maintenance and support of the University of North Carolina in accordance with the recent recommendations of the Board of Trustees. This includes an annual appropriation of \$50,000 for new buildings until the needs of the University have been fully met in this respect.

Bolton, to place insurance companies in competition the same as the people of the State offering things for sale are in competition. Among bills passed was the one to provide for the proper working of the Kenansville and Magnolia sand clay road.

Committee Hearing on Railroads.

The joint committees on railroads and public service corporations in the Senate and House were again in session to-day and say that they will conclude their sessions to-morrow if it takes until midnight. The sensation of the day was when Speaker Justice appeared before the committee and asked that subpoenas be issued instanter for Vice President Andrews, of the Southern; President T. M. Emerson, of the Coast Line, and ex-President J. M. Barr, of the Seaboard Air Line, requiring them to appear and answer certain categorical questions that he desired to propound to them, as a member of the Legislature. The committee postponed action on the speaker's bill and ordered that the hearing proceed.

General Counsel L. H. Watts, of the Seaboard Air Line, was introduced to the committee to-day and spoke for about two hours. He argued that the reduction of freight and passenger rates in the State at this time will be very disastrous. He made a special appeal for a modification of the section of the revisal imposing a penalty on the railroads for delayed shipments of freights. He said this law was the most serious for the railroads that they were now laboring under and were taxed with all sorts of burdensome suits, many times regardless of merit. He said that if there was not a halt in railroad legislation by the States, especially during the last 30 days in North Carolina, Georgia and

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J. W. FLEET COMPANY

New Wilmington Enterprise Chartered Yesterday to Engage in Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Business on Front St.

The Secretary of State in Raleigh yesterday chartered the J. W. Fleet Company, of Wilmington, to engage in a general clothing and gents' furnishing business. The authorized capital stock of the new enterprise is \$25,000 while the paid in capital is \$4,000, all of which has been subscribed by J. W. Fleet, A. A. Dock, James S. Williams and W. H. Dock.

Mr. Fleet is the largest stockholder in the company, and will be in active charge of the business. All the shareholders are popular young Wilmington men who will no doubt succeed remarkably well. While the clothing and gents' furnishing business is specifically named as the object of the corporation, it may deal in all kinds of merchandise and will extend its business from time to time. Mr. Fleet is now with the A. David Company, but will enter business for himself about the first of March. He was for many years with the Fishblate Clothing Company when that was the leading establishment of its kind in the State.

The company will occupy the store on Front street, now occupied by Peterson & Ruffs, the popular shoe dealers, who will move to their handsome new store on the Dickinson lot, adjoining the Murchison National Bank. As before stated the business will begin about the first of March, much of the stock being already purchased.

MRS. Z. E. MURRELL DEAD.

Good Woman Entered into Rest Yesterday Evening—The Funeral.

The sorely bereaved husband and members of the deeply afflicted family have the tenderest sympathy of many friends in the sad death of Mrs. Alice Burton Murrell, beloved wife of Mr. Z. E. Murrell, of this city, which occurred yesterday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Mr. Murrell's brother, Mr. W. W. Murrell, at Farmer's Station, 14 miles below Wilmington, in Columbus county, N. C., whither she had gone four weeks ago with the hope that the change of climate would be beneficial to her health, which had been very poor for some time. Mrs. Murrell suffered from nervous prostration and her death resulted from heart failure following this affliction.

Mr. Murrell was with her when she died, having been summoned by a telegram yesterday at noon stating that there had been a sudden change for the worse in her condition. She was conscious until the last almost and was perfectly resigned when the summons came.

Mrs. Murrell was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stratton Burton, of Onslow county both of whom survive her with three brothers and five children. The brothers are Representative J. W. Burton, of Onslow, now attending the General Assembly in Raleigh; Mr. N. A. Burton, of Jacksonville, N. C.; Mr. Robert L. Burton, with the Ancona Lumber Company, in this city. The children are Misses Ida, Ruth, Marie, Bessie and Cary Murrell, the youngest four and the oldest 17 years of age. The remains will be brought to Wilmington on the afternoon A. C. L. train to-day and the funeral will take place some time Friday, definite arrangements to be made later.

Swallowed False Teeth.

Mr. A. B. Cowan, city circulation agent of the Star, was the victim of a most unusual accident at his home on Brunswick street early yesterday morning. Mr. Cowan had a very sick child and was obliged to sit up with the little sufferer. He went to sleep in a chair and in his sleep swallowed a plate and two false teeth. The obstruction at first lodged in the throat and gave Mr. Cowan much pain. Dr. J. B. Cramer was summoned and was with the patient last night. He says that he doesn't think an operation will be necessary. Mr. Cowan was resting easier at last accounts.

Married Last Night.

At the home of the bride's mother, No. 1110 Dawson street, last night at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor of the Market Street M. E. Church, joined in marriage Miss Lena Turner and Mr. C. E. Goodwin. There were present to witness the ceremony a large number of friends of the bride and groom who extended happiest congratulations and followed the ceremony which followed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin will live at 915 South Twelfth street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. B. Cooper—Mulle's Half Price. Orient Lodge, A. F. & A. M.—Meeting.

Atlantic Coast Line—Proposals Invited.

Eyota Tribe I. O. R. M.—Attention Members.

Academy of Music—Dandy Dixie Minstrels.

Business Locals.

Found—Gentleman's Stud Button.

J. M. Bunting—Carroll Residence.

Young Gentleman—Room and Board Wanted.

A most remarkable sale of shirts, waists and skirts; \$1.00 shirts, waists, 50c; \$1.50 skirts, 98c; Clearing Sale at Heider's.

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NEW HOTEL PROJECT

Enthusiastic Mass Meeting of Citizens Yesterday at Chamber of Commerce.

THE PLAN ENDORSED

Committee Named to Begin Canvass for Subscriptions—Greatest Interest Yet Manifested at Public Meeting.

The largest and most enthusiastic meeting in furtherance of the popular movement for a modern tourist hotel in Wilmington, was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, on Princess street. Mr. W. A. Dick, the moving spirit of the new enterprise, could not be present on account of illness but the plans of the committee which has had the matter under consideration for some time were made known and the project was enthusiastically endorsed, probably hundreds of those in attendance having stood up at the close of the meeting in response to an invitation to signify their willingness to take stock in the hotel company to the extent of their ability.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 4 o'clock by Hon. John D. Bellamy, who was asked to preside upon motion of Mr. Charles N. Evans of the committee. Every available seat in the room was occupied while not a few stood up at the entrance. Among those present were Col. Walker Taylor, Capt. W. H. Northrop, Capt. A. L. DeRosset, Messrs. Hugh MacRae, M. W. Jacob, C. N. Evans, (Thos. H. Wright, J. VanB. Metts, C. L. Dickinson, Isadore Bear, C. H. Fore, L. A. H. Koeth, A. S. Root, I. Shier, Harry Woolcott, H. H. Hanel, J. F. Ruffs, L. H. Peterson, W. M. Cumming, Martin O'Brien, T. W. Wood, P. Pearsall, P. Matthew, William Osler, Matt. J. Hever, Henderson Cole, Clayton Giles, Jr., J. W. Murchison, T. E. Wallace, Louis Goodman, D. R. Foster, R. C. DeRosset and Mr. McCusky, a real estate dealer of New York, who is spending a part of the winter in Wilmington. Mr. Bellamy in assuming the chair, thanked the meeting for the honor and said that he was not informed of the purpose of the meeting except in a general way, but that he was strongly impressed with the tourist hotel proposition and presumed that all the people were likewise in favor of the enterprise. He regarded it as one of the crying needs of the town. North Carolina was now regarded as the Empire State of the South having wrested that honor from Georgia. It was easily the most progressive in the South and figures were quoted to show that the drift was this way. Wilmington should be foremost of the times and be prepared to care for the influx of population that was common now to every State in this part of the country. He asked Mr. Evans to state more specifically the object of the gathering.

Mr. Evans reiterated that Mr. Dick could not be present and he presented clearly and concisely some facts in connection with the enterprise. The meeting, he said, was decidedly the largest yet held in the same interest. He spoke of the Cotter plan for the greater development of Wrightsville Sound and Beach and said that in a few days parties working in that interest had secured more than \$100,000. He quoted Mr. Cotter as to the advantages here. Whether the Cotter proposition sinks or swims, the tourist hotel project should by all means succeed. As a director and one of the originators of the Selwyn Hotel in Charlotte he gave the history of the movement in that particular and said that city not less than 15 per cent, in direct consequence of the building of the hotel there. No sooner had this house been completed than there were bids for its lease from all over the country at a paying lease value. He recited the history of the movement here with what had been done in securing an option on the Moore property at Second and Chestnut streets for \$31,200, which option had expired but the parties had agreed to sell yet for the same figure. It was a most fiscal location, but the committee was wedded to no site and these affairs would be entirely in the hands of the board of directors to be named by the stockholders in the proposed stock company themselves. The committee had been assured of \$12,000 stock by outside parties and \$12,000 additional if the Moore property is purchased. It would require \$100,000 to launch an enterprise of \$250,000, bonds and mortgage to be given for the balance. He read the views of all several practical hotel men from all parts of the country, saying that they believed the proposition would pay handsomely here.

Mr. Calder, of the committee, said he could add nothing to what Mr. Evans had said. The fact that the people were present at the meeting was an indication of the general interest in the subject. As a committee they had made no effort toward securing capital stock to the enterprise, so there had been no failure in this respect. The meeting was the first evidence that the hotel matter was

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