

OUTLINES.

In the trial of Harry K. Thaw, in New York yesterday for the murder of Dr. J. P. White, three more jurors were dismissed by Judge Fitzgerald, one being discharged on account of bad health and no reason being divulged as to the dismissal of the other two; three other jurors were added, but it still lacked one of being complete when court took a recess for the day.—A grand jury in New York yesterday indicted the Theatrical Trust charging conspiracy and restraint of trade in controlling over 500 theatres in the United States and preventing companies from playing except under the terms of the trust.—Senator Rayner, of Maryland, yesterday made a remarkable speech in the Senate, charging President Roosevelt with being a dictator and usurper and naming the acts which he said the people would not tolerate.—The California delegation in Congress expresses confidence that the conference with the President concerning the Japanese school incident will be satisfactory to the people of California and will be a solution of the Japanese question.—The rural guard is to be increased by this government from 6,000 to 10,000 men.—The Rivers and Harbors bill was up in the House at Washington yesterday and was generally discussed.—At Toledo yesterday an alleged minister, Albert Holden, was sentenced to the penitentiary for six years for having 13 wives, the defendant pleading that he had a spinal affection which compelled him to marry women.—New York markets: Money on call steady 2 1/2 to 3 1/2, ruling rate 3 3/4, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1/2; spot cotton steady at 11 cents; flour firm but dull; wheat firm, No. 2 red \$2 1/4 elevator; corn firm, No. 2 56 1/4 elevator; oats strong, mid 42; turpentine firm; rosin steady.

Many people would like to organize a syndicate to finance a plan to rebuild their wasted fortunes.

The extreme difficulty of constructing the Gatun dam, on the Panama canal, is probably why Chairman Shonts threw up his job. That dam obstacle is the most serious that the canal builders have to tackle.

At Spartanburg, S. C., a preacher dramatically burned in the pulpit a letter which he had received. Preacher must have been a single man, else why is it that his wife let the letter stay in his pocket long enough for him to reach the pulpit with it?

Somebody writes a New York paper that scientists have discovered the cause of earthquakes, and will disclose it for a reward of \$50,000. We don't care to take that much stock in the cause, but we'll put up our money for the route book and dates for the quakes to follow.

The lawyers of Charlotte have taken steps to erect a \$50,000 building adjoining the court house. It will be used exclusively for law offices and the law library of the local bar. The legal fraternity of Charlotte exhibit a splendid spirit of unity, although they strive mightily at the bar.

King Charles, of Roumania, has decorated an American woman, having conferred the Jubilee Decoration upon Mrs. Montgomery Schuyler, American Consul General to Roumania and Serbia. The average American woman doesn't care to bother anybody to decorate her. All she asks is plenty of money and the "open door" to the millinery emporiums and the chick dry-goods establishments. Thus she will decorate herself to the queen's taste.

Says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "The North Carolina Anti-Saloon League proposes to have the possession of a gallon of liquor in prohibition territory made prima facie evidence of illicit selling. To what end? 'Would only furnish regular recipients of gallon demijohns with additional incentive to broach them immediately upon arrival.' It's not everybody with a gallon of a scarce article in 'prohibition territory,' that would care to part with a drop of it. If a fellow has a whole gallon of liquor at one time it would be evidence that he hadn't sold any of it, and hadn't touched a drop himself. He might be convicted of hoarding it.

One of the evil effects of lynchings is seen in the acquittal at Statesville on Wednesday of three of the negroes charged with the murder of the Lyle family in Rowan county. There is little doubt that one, if not all three were guilty of that heinous crime, but in their haste to avenge the shocking murder the mob lynched the other murderers whose testimony was depended upon to complete the chain of evidence against all the brutes. As it stands, the lynching has enabled some of the red-handed devils to go unwhipped of justice. Consequently, the murder is not as completely avenged as if the law had been allowed to take its course.

RAILROAD HEARING

Public Sitzings of Joint Committees of General Assembly Concluded Last Night.

THE STREET RAILWAY BILL

General Manager Skeiding, of Wilmington, and Other Prominent Men Present—Mr. G. B. Elliott Before the Committees.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.)
Raleigh, N. C., Jan 31.—The joint committees on public service corporations in the House and in the Senate in the Senate concluded its hearings to-night and will now set to work on some of the legislation with all the information it has been possible to gather. The committee heard this afternoon George B. Elliott, assistant general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line and General Manager F. S. Gannon, of the Norfolk & Southern. Both made a capital argument against the hysteria of radical railway legislation. Mr. Elliott stated that a great amount of the legislation proposed was disastrous to the railroads and the committee should not lose sight of the fact that they were entitled to the consideration of the State as much as were individuals. He referred especially to the existing laws as to penalties, declaring that it was the duty of the Legislature to grant some modifications in this respect.

The committee has decided to have no more public hearings and has decided not to subpoena certain railroad officials whom Justice asked for yesterday. The House Committee through Acting Chairman Young, gave out a statement to-night that they would proceed at once with what may be termed an omnibus railway legislation bill, embodying all the meritorious features of the several bills that have been introduced and that they will be ready in a short time.

Senator Graham, chairman of the Senate Committee, said to-night that it would be a week or more before their committee takes action. It is generally understood here that the committees of the House and Senate have not worked together harmoniously. The House Committee is disposed to be radical in its views and will report more stringent regulations than may be expected from the Senate Committee which is more conservative and deliberative. The House Committee is disposed to push into matters more than the Senate. It is hard to forecast what will be the outcome of the deliberations.

RAILROAD PENALTY SUITS.

Judgment in Part For Plaintiff in One Case Yesterday—Hearing.

The three hundred and more penalty suits brought by the Hannah Box Shook Company against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company were taken up again yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, the cases having been transferred to Justice George Harris by Justice Furlong. Justice Newman having declined to hear them because of his having a suit against the same defendants. Thomas W. Davis, Esq., counsel for the railroad, insisted upon a hearing of each case separately and distinctly.

Although the hearing yesterday lasted from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the afternoon with a recess for dinner, only one of the suits was disposed of. In this judgment was given for the claimant in the sum of \$30 and costs, \$35 having been sued for originally. At the present rate of the hearing, it will require about a year to complete the batch of 300. Herbert McClammy, Esq., has signified his purpose to hear all as desired by the railroad's attorney if it requires from now until the year 2,000.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Peoples Savings Bank—Special. Clyde Steamship Co.—Schedule. Pa'ace Market—Dressed Chickens. Atlantic Trust and Banking Company—Statement. Sarah A. Lindquist—Executrix Notice. J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.—Dandelion. Wilmington Savings & Trust Company—Condition. Business Locals. Wanted—A Janitor. Board—For Married Couple. Ministering Circle—Charity Ball. J. G. Wright & Son—Lot and House. Go to Gaylord's China Silk Sale to-day; 19-inch, all colors 29c.

THEATRE OFFERINGS

Dandy Dixie Minarets Saturday Matinee and Night—Coming of Parsifal Most Noteworthy Attraction, Perhaps, of Season.

Some of the specially engaged features in the olio with the Dandy Dixie Minarets which come to the Academy at matinee and night tomorrow include The Cotton Pickers' Band, of matchless musicians; James Crosby in his monologue and parodies; Williams & Stevens, comic impersonators; Toney Trio, dare-devil acrobats; Benny Jones, The Texas Tease; Richard Barrett, the greatest colored baritone; H. S. Wooten, an Indian Territory tenor, and the Oklahoma Octette of unrivalled vocalists. The performance begins with a big spectacular first part in the "Royal Palm Grotto" and concludes with a screamingly funny farce, "A Fowl Deed," in which Charles Williams interprets the leading role. Among the delightful features of this merry and magnificent minstrel is the song features, which abound throughout the programme, all the popular songs of the day, such as "Bill Simmonds," "All Wise Chickens Follow Me," "Waltz Me Again, Nellie," "Der Ain't Going to Be No Rine," "The Songs My Mother Used to Sing," "Moving Day," the sweet old-time class songs of Yale, Columbia, Harvard, Cornell, Williams, Princeton, Georgetown and University of Virginia.

The matinee will be for whites, and the prices will be 25 and 50 cents. Seats for the night are now on sale.

One of the most striking scenes to be witnessed in the many presented in the forthcoming production of "Parsifal," is the transformation of the magician, Klingsor's castle to the magnificent Flower Garden vision of beauty and enchantment. Kundry has been summoned by Klingsor to appear in his magic castle, but hesitates to comply with his commands, being fearful of his power and designs. By use of his necromantic acts and his compact with the Evil One, Kundry is compelled to bend to his will and appears in his wizard-like den in a volume of blue vapor. He sets her the task of encompassing the destruction of Parsifal through her seductive methods, and, as she may be against the odious task, she is constrained to obey his behests. With a shriek of despair and horror, Kundry disappears as she came, Klingsor, gloating over his prospective victim, continues in his weird and uncanny incantations. Of a sudden, the scene vanishes, and in its place is brought to view the wondrously beautiful Flower Garden with its tropical and variegated foliage and flowers, and its denizens of surpassing loveliness, the Flower Maidens. The whole magical change, so deftly arranged in reality that it seems quite in keeping with the apparent occult powers of the arch wizard Klingsor.

Owing to the unusual length of the performance, the curtain will rise on the first act promptly at 7:45 P. M. There are four acts, each one of which requires about forty minutes for its enactment. The intermissions are comparatively short and the final curtain falls at 11 o'clock. It is one of the rules of the performance, and the management gives the assurance that the rule be strictly enforced, that everyone must be seated before the theatre is darkened, which means before the music begins. Late comers will not be shown their seats until the conclusion of the act. Warning of the approach for time of commencement will be given by trumpeters in the lobby entrance.

Capt. J. H. Williams Resigned.

Capt. J. H. Williams, for the past six years master of the tug Navassa, has resigned his position effective to-day. Captain Williams leaves the service of the Navassa entirely of his own volition and takes with him a strong testimonial from Mr. Malloy, president of the company, who bears testimony to Captain Williams' ability to assume charge of any steamer that he may undertake. No stronger endorsement could be made than the words used by Mr. Malloy, "he has performed every duty faithfully and conscientiously without having made a mistake." Captain Williams will be succeeded on the Navassa by Capt. P. T. Dicksey, of the government steamer H. G. Wright, which has been used on the upper Cape Fear river improvement, but which is now laid up for a time on account of no further appropriation for the up-river work.

Government Boats Laid Up.

With the General H. G. Wright, stump puller in the Cape Fear river above Wilmington, the dredge Ajax and tug Cynthia, of the government work on the lower Cape Fear are laid up at the yard in this city temporarily for repairs. The Ajax is awaiting a new boiler, which has been ordered some time and the Cynthia is up for repairs. The crews are laid off in the meantime.

36-inch China Silks, all colors, 75c kind 55c to-day at Gaylord's; 27-inch China Silks 65c kind 45c.

Great bargain in millinery this week at Rehder's Clearing Sale.

AS TO A RECORDER

Bill Finally Agreed Upon and Will Probably Be Reported To-Day.

MR. MORTON ON THE LAW

Will be Submitted Only to Voters of City—Salary of Clerk to be \$900 Per Year—Wilmington Delegation Returning Home.

The all-absorbing topic of discussion in municipal circles yesterday was the question of the establishment of a Recorder's Court in Wilmington. While opinions differ as to the advisability of this measure, it may be stated as a fact that there was rejoicing in the ranks of the opposition at Mr. Morton's emanulation of the proposed bill. Those who favored the bill apparently had nothing to fear from a submission of the question to a vote of the people, and were only disappointed in the fact that it was not thought best to have one versed in the law to preside over the court. It was freely stated on the street that if Mr. Morton was so much in favor of a vote of the people on all questions, he should be equally as favorable to the election of members of the board of Audit and Finance in the same manner, a movement for which was started during the day, not that there was objection to the present personnel of this body, but that if the people's rights were to be respected in one instance, it should be in another. But all this was recognized as foreign to the subject, while being discussed quite generally.

A long distance interview with Mr. Morton over the telephone last night elicited the information from him that the bill as amended would probably be reported favorably by the Senate committee today, and would most probably come up today, though the calendar in that branch of the General Assembly is rather crowded at present. The bill as now amended is a compromise measure and will provide for the question of the establishment of the court to be submitted to a vote of the people at the same time voters being asked to pass upon the question of the establishment of the court.

The county will not be asked to pass on the question at all, as there is no election in the county at the time of the municipal election in the city. The Wilmington delegation in Raleigh stated to Mr. Morton, he said, that they were willing to accept the probability of the bill's being thrown out on the ground that it provided taxation without representation in that the county will have to bear half the expense regardless of whether or not they pass on the question of who will preside over the court.

The salary of the clerk of the proposed court will be \$900 per year and the official will be elective by the people. Mr. Morton said if there was no curtailment of the jurisdiction of the magistrates, which was illegal according to the constitution, he would support the bill as amended. In that event, it is expected that the act will have smooth sailing. Senator Bellamy is heartily in favor of it, as representing what he believes to be the sentiment of nine-tenths of the people of New Hanover.

An effort was made to see the Wilmington delegation or rather to talk with them over the long distance telephone last night, but it was stated that they had left the Yarrowburgh House and are presumably on their way home and will probably reach here today.

Mr. Morton stated that his objections to the bill as originally drafted were fully set forth in his letter to Alderman Yopp and published in yesterday morning's Star. He has now withdrawn all objection and would support the bill in its present form.

PLANS BY MR. COOPER.

Southern Life Insurance Company to Build in Fayetteville.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer has the following of interest here: "A beautiful drawing is on exhibition in the window of the McDuffie Drug Store of an imposing structure which would credit not only to Fayetteville and Cumberland county, but to North Carolina as well. The architect, Mr. Carl B. Cooper, who did this work, has submitted the plans and drawings for the consideration of the Southern Life. The company has already secured one of the most desirable locations in the city, just across the street from the site selected by the government for the new public building.

"The drawing shows a five-story modern building. The first story will be used for stores, the second will be used by the Southern Life, and the others will be fitted up for offices with every modern convenience."

The Aman Bankruptcy.

Deputy Marshal C. O. Knox returned yesterday from Clinton where he served the bankruptcy notices on A. W. Aman, general merchant, of that town, who recently made an assignment to F. R. Cooper, Esq. The first hearing of the case is set for next Wednesday.

China Silk Sale to-day at Gaylord's. 36-inch 75c silk for 55c; 27-inch 65c Silk 45c per yard.

AGENT OF SEABOARD

Mr. J. W. Connel Leaves To-day Returning to New York—Mr. J. A. Fetter of Petersburg, His Successor at Wilmington.

Mr. J. A. Fetter, of Petersburg, Va., has been appointed agent of the Seaboard Air Line in this city to succeed Mr. J. W. Connel, who recently resigned to take a more important position in New York. Mr. Fetter has been with the Seaboard some time, and is said to be a most competent railroad man. Although he has had no experience in the large maritime interests of the Seaboard, which will be an important part of his duties at Wilmington, it is expected that he will soon become acquainted with this branch of the service.

Mr. Connel leaves the Seaboard to handle the exporting and importing interests of Martin & Co., a large firm in New York. He has made a host of friends in Wilmington personally, and for his road, leaving the affairs of the Wilmington agency in excellent shape. He was popular with the shippers of the system, which he represented, and the business community feels a real loss in his departure from the city. Mr. Connel has been with the Seaboard and allied interests for many years, and came to Wilmington something over a year ago from the Old Dominion Steamship Company in New York, holding the position of agent at Wilmington at some sacrifice to his own interests, simply because of that trait in his character which spurs a man on to resolving a difficult problem. He is a man of ability and character, and not only the Seaboard Air Line, but the city is a loser by his decision to leave. Mr. Connel will take his departure from the city today. Mr. Fetter is expected to arrive at once to succeed Mr. Connel.

BORNEMANN A CANDIDATE.

Will Offer Himself for Recorder if the Bill Passes.

"I will be in the race, if the bill passes with the lawyer part struck out," said Justice Bornemann yesterday in high elation over the emanulation of the Recorder's Court bill by Representative Morton.

"People thought I was a fool when I asked Mr. Bellamy why make the recorder a lawyer at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen," continued the "Squire with a knowing smile," "but when they pick up Bornemann for a fool, they are likely to get their fingers burned."

"George Morton is a very wise man," said the judge, "and when the votes are counted in May, if they don't mind Bornemann will be leading the ticket again."

The judge makes no bones to declare his candidacy out and out—open and above board, so to speak.

A CHARMING ENTERTAINMENT.

Delightful Affair by Young People at Grace Church To-night.

"The Golden Links" and "Bright Jewels," missionary organizations of Grace M. E. Church, will give a delightful entertainment this evening. The "Bright Jewels" will first entertain in the main auditorium of the church with songs and recitations by the smaller children and a little later this will give way to the entertainment of the "Golden Links," composed of other young people in the annex. All the countries where the Methodist Episcopal Church has missionaries will be represented in the different class rooms and refreshments will be served. Then, too, the visitors will receive souvenirs of these countries by the young people in charge.

The entertainment has been most ingeniously conceived and nothing short of a delightful success will crown the effort of those in charge. There will be no admission and everybody is most cordially invited.

BIG SALE AT FUCHS'.

Remodelling Sale is Attracting Large Crowds at Big Stores.

The big remodelling sale at the popular gent's furnishings establishment of J. W. Fuchs, on South Front street, is attracting great crowds, and some rare bargains are going in a hurry. Of special interest is the half-hour sale held each day in which there are special offerings in some particular line. Over \$28,000 worth of high grade merchandise is being sold off regardless of cost and the visitors to the store are reaping the benefit. A visit to the store at any hour will pay the buyer. Everything is marked in plain figures and the customer knows just what he or she is getting.

Sneak Thief Entered Residence.

A sneak thief entered the residence of Mr. H. H. McKee, 314 Orange street, night before last and stole from one of the rooms upstairs a small safe containing about \$5 in change with several other small articles. Mr. McKee was conversing with some friends downstairs when the thief sneaked upstairs and committed the larceny. Mr. McKee heard the noise, but thought it was some one in the residence adjoining. The police have been notified of the burglary but there is no clue to the thief.

One linen collar and one linen handkerchief for 5c at Fuchs'.

Get in the push. Go to Rehder's for everything. Clearing Sale now on.

BILLS BECOME LAWS

Ten Years Separation For Divorce and New Hanover School Acts Passed.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Large Number of Local Measures in Both Houses Yesterday—Hearing Before Several Committees—Liquor Question in Acute Form.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.)
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 31.—The Senate this afternoon discussed for more than an hour the Webb bill to put solicitors on a salary instead of fees, as now, the amount of the salary to be \$2,100. Senator McLean, of Robeson, and others, contended that the scale should be \$2,500 in districts where the fees amounted to that and over, the residue to be paid into the State treasury, and where the fees are less than that figure then the solicitors are to receive only the amount of the fees. This is a provision incorporated in the Justice bill already passed in the House, enlarging the powers of the Attorney General, giving that official power to prosecute and destroy trusts and illegitimate combinations and making the solicitors his assistants in such cases. The discussion on the bill continued until 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, and the Senate adjourned with the understanding that the bill would be taken up again tomorrow morning as unfinished business.

The Senate passed the Kitchen divorce bill, after a lengthy discussion, by a vote of 23 to 21. A little later Carter (Republican) came in and asked that his vote be recorded in the negative, making the vote by which the bill becomes a law, 23 to 22. The bill provides 10 years absolute separation grounds for divorce where there is no issue as the result of the marriage. It has been enrolled and ratified, thereby becoming the law of the State.

In the Senate other bills that are ratified and become law are: Providing against the evils of the traffic in narcotic drugs. Amending the charter of the Winston-Salem-Southbound Railroad Company. Authorizing the Commissioners of New Hanover to levy a special tax for maintenance of public schools and to issue bonds for public school buildings.

Among bills introduced were: Holt, to authorize and require every county in the State to levy a special to support one or more public high schools.

McLean, relating to Croatian Normal Schools in Robeson and providing for the maintenance of same.

McLean, to amend the charter of East Lumberton.

Buxton, to provide for the immigration of trained farmers and laborers from Saxony to North Carolina.

The Senate passed the Ormond bill providing that Superior Court jurors shall not be required until Tuesday of the first week of the terms. A number of Senators asked to have their counties exempted, but later it was shown that the measure was one of economy, as few cases are usually disposed of the first day of court, except in the matter of submissions, where no jury is required, and quite all the exceptions were withdrawn.

Bills passed: To regulate the pay of jurors in Union, Onslow and Rowan counties; to provide for the pay of special veniremen in Columbus and Onslow counties; to repeal Chapter 22, Public Laws of 1905, relative to Sampson county.

In the House the bill to enlarge the powers of the Corporation Commission embodying the ideas of the Commission as to its jurisdiction, was made a special order for tomorrow at noon. It passed second reading in the House Tuesday.

Judge Winborne, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported adversely on the Moore claims as to the State's liability for \$175,000 bonds of the Cape Fear and Deep River Transportation and Navigation Company. They could find no evidence of the State's having assumed the liability for the bonds. The report of the committee was adopted, and the matter is closed so far as the Legislature is concerned.

Blount, for the further support of the A. & M. College.

Blount, to provide for the establishment of four public high schools in counties where the commissioners will give an amount equal to the State and citizens will vote special tax.

Harris, to amend the revisal relative to registration of conditional sale of railroad equipment.

McNeill, to prevent the escape of criminals.

Morton, to authorize the Commissioners of New Hanover to call an election for the continuance of road and bridge improvement.

Morton, to authorize Commissioners of New Hanover to employ a duly licensed auditor for an accounting of the books of all county officers at stated intervals.

McBacon, to amend the revisal relative to the tender and receipt of freight shipments.

Parsons, to change the jurisdiction of the April term of Richmond Superior Court; to exempt Rockingham

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