

OUTLINES.

The remaining juror to try Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White in New York, last June, was selected yesterday and court took a recess till Monday morning; other members of the jury, which contains 11 married men and one bachelor, may be dismissed, otherwise the trial will proceed. A double-header freight train on the Seaboard Air Line yesterday went through the bridge near Norlina, two men being killed and the train and bridge wrecked. Secretary Root denies reports of statements alleged in newspaper dispatches sent out from Washington, to have been made by him to the effect that war with Japan was imminent, and that the Japanese government had delivered an ultimatum to the United States concerning the San Francisco school incident. Harrisburg, Pa., had a \$250,000 fire yesterday morning. In the Senate yesterday, both Republicans and Democrats criticized the late Senator Gorman, of Maryland, Senator Frye, of Maine, declaring that it was Mr. Gorman who elected President Cleveland over James G. Blaine. The sub-committee of the Military Affairs Committee yesterday by a strict party vote tabled the resolution of Representative Simmons, of Tennessee, commending the President for his action in the Brownsville affair, the Republicans refusing to commend the President. The members of Congress yesterday signed up for the increase of their salaries from \$417 per month to \$625. R. G. Run & Co.'s weekly review of trade shows that while 60 of the most active railway securities fell to the lowest level since 1904, there is unprecedented commercial activity, the cotton industry being especially prosperous. By unanimous vote yesterday the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce reported favorably a resolution to investigate the methods and changes of all cotton exchanges in this country. New York markets: Money on call easy 2 1/2 to 3, ruling rate 2 3/4, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1/2; spot cotton steady 11 cents; flour steady, but quiet; wheat irregular; corn steady, No. 2 56 1/4 elevator; oats steady, mixed 42; turpentine firm 7 1/2 to 7 3/4, rosin firm strained common to good 4.40 to 4.45.

"Hints for Young Men," is what a writer writes. Hints, nothing. Examples are what they need.

Are you quite sure that the North Carolina Legislature is composed wholly of Democrats and Republicans?

Says an old adage: "Honesty is the best policy." Sure. It insures an individual against exposure, trial, imprisonment and service in the chain or the penitentiary.

The Pittsburg physician of the Thaw family was in court in New York the other day and says he is willing to be a witness for Harry K. Thaw. We infer that the doctor knows where Harry is weak.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, blames his troubles on William Randolph Hearst, and his opinion of the man who owns the "string of papers" is that he is "a moral leper," a political degenerate and a physical coward. Bailey wants us to "consider the source."

Remarks the Richmond Times-Dispatch: In blocking the passage of the forest reserves bill, Speaker Cannon is said to have snubbed 11 Governors at once. This must be well nigh the world's championship snub. The railroad ought to note the success of your Uncle Joe's block system.

The human frame is shrinking in size at the rate of a foot in every 200,000 years, the scientists are credited, as averring. After reading Senator Rayner's speech on Thursday, President Roosevelt will conclude that the scientists made a mistake about the rate of his shrinkage.

Standard Oil stock was again hit hard on the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. The price tumbled 15 points, dropping to 565 from 580 on Wednesday. The bears are making the most of the "big stick" which President Roosevelt is still holding over the oil octopus.

Please, let's don't call the river and harbor appropriation "the pork barrel." It befits the scientific projects for the improvement of our waterways and harbors in these days, when the increasing demand for transportation and the need of competition emphasizes the great importance of navigation to all parts of our country.

George W. Deffenbaugh, a wealthy citizen of Kokomo, Ind., after liberally providing for his family, left \$50,000 to the church of his faith on condition his spirit be elected a member of the board of trustees of the church and be permitted to attend its meetings. If the church takes the money and the Deffenbaugh shade should happen to drop into a meeting of the trustees the quorum would get cold feet.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Past Month First of New Spring Term Has Been Most Successful on Record.

STANDARD OF SCHOLARSHIP

Recognized by University as an "Accredited Institution"—Class Distinctions For Two and Four Months—Freshman Leads.

The past month at the Wilmington High School, the first of the new year, and of the Spring term, was one of the most successful, both from the standpoint of attendance and scholarship that the institution has ever known. The average attendance for the past two months has been a little above 98 per cent. All told 235 pupils have been enrolled and good work is being done. Authorities of the University of North Carolina have just notified Mr. J. B. Huff, the principal, that the school has been made an "accredited school," that is, pupils from the Wilmington High School will not be required to stand examinations for entrance, placing it in the same rank with Oak Ridge, Bingham School at Asheville and a few others.

The honors at the High School for the past two months and in some of the classes for the past four months have been read out and show a fine scholarship. Miss Etta Sallings, of Freshman Class No. 1, for the second time, leads her class, and the school with an average of 92.4. Miss Madge Brand, Nicholas Post and Robert Strange, Jr., tie for the leadership of the Sophomore Class with 93.2. Miss Virginia Anderson leads the Junior Class with 98.72, and Miss Fannie Mitchell leads the Freshman No. 2 Class with 98.4, this for two months. The honor roll for the several classes is as follows:

Senior Class—First Honor: Miss Ella Rountree, Harold Whitlock and Harry Solomon. Second Honor: Miss Helen Solomon and Ferdinand Duls. For the term of four months.

Junior Class—First Honor: Misses Virginia Anderson, Duralde, Borden, Agnes Chaiken, Bessie Craig, Mary Crosswell, Anna Grant, Bessie Ruth Lathrop, Alice Noble, Annie Reilly, Della Seawell, Lily Taylor, George Mitchell and Charles Parmele. Second Honor: Miss Louise Corinth, Alice Alderman and Henry Mercer. For the term of two months.

Sophomore—First Honor: Misses Madge Brand, Eugie Woodruff, Mary Riley, Irene King, Carrie Toomer, Lucile King, Lucile Riley, Maude Glasgow, Hazel Dushan, Jeannie Woodruff, Annabel Campbell, Nick Post, Robert Strange, Jr., Canova Peterson, Paul Luo, Williams Harris. Second Honor: Misses Lucile Cavanaugh, Lauriston Hardin, George Carmichael. For the term of two months.

Freshman No. 1—First Honor: Misses Etta Sallings, Hazel Black/Rebecca Johnson, Ethel Solomon, Emily Williams, Gertrude Woodard, Lawrence Orr. Second Honor: Miss Gladys Woodard, William Lord.

Freshman No. 2—First Honor: Misses Ruth Duffy, Lotie Frink, Fannie Mitchell, Leona Turley, Roger Kingsbury and Louis Pleasants. Second Honor: Misses Emma, Hazel King, Mae Willson and John Niestler. For term of two months.

REVENUE CUTTER SENTENCE.

Colord Boy Gets Six Months in Jail for Desertion from Seminole. James Capot, 20 years old, a ward room boy on the United States Revenue Cutter Seminole, was committed to the county jail yesterday to begin a sentence of six months for desertion from the Service. Capot was recently tried by a court martial of the officers of the cutter, composed of First Lieutenant Charles Satterlee, First Assistant Engineer, R. B. Adams and Third Lieutenant, E. D. Jones, with Second Assistant Engineer F. H. Young as prosecutor. The findings of the court martial were forwarded to the Treasury Department, as required under the new law, and the judgment was affirmed. Upon completion of his sentence, it is adjudged that Capot be dishonorably discharged from the service, forfeiting all pay. Capot is a Wilmington negro, and was enlisted here. He has done time on the county roads.

Catherine Kennedy Home.

The addition to the Catherine Kennedy Home, at Ninth and Princess streets, which has been in course of construction for the past two months, is about completed, and will be formally delivered to the Ladies' Benevolent Society, which organization owns the Home. The addition, which embraces eight large rooms, now gives the Home a total number of twenty rooms, as there are twelve in the main body of the house. The contract price for the addition was \$2,436, which sum has been raised by the ladies during the past year or two.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Stone & Co.—Fish Scap. D. L. Goro Co.—Mulleets and Roe. Palace Market—Special Chicken Sale. Business Local. Wanted—White Janitor. East Wilmington—An. Entertain. ment.

COMMITTEE HEARING IN THE LEGISLATURE

No Agreement on Street Car Bill—Representative and Newspaper Man in Fight—Insurance Men Again: Trust Measure.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 1.—The Public Service Corporation Committee of the House to-day gave a hearing to Mr. Skelding, of Wilmington, and other prominent street railway men of the State on the Morton bill to provide for the separation of the races on street cars. Mr. Morton was present in advocacy of his bill and failed to reach an agreement with the car people about the main provisions. The street railway men contended that the law should not apply to them in cases of abnormal congestion when a separation of the races would be impossible. The street car men also argued that it should be made a misdemeanor for a passenger to occupy a seat in a part of the car except that assigned to his race, placing all the responsibility of the separation on the patrons instead of the company. Mr. Morton refused to accept any compromise on his bill and the committee adjourned. Whether there will be another hearing or not your correspondent did not learn, but it is probable that some agreement will be reached and that a bill favorable to both sides will be adopted.

The joint committee on judiciary from the House and Senate to-day gave a hearing on the Aycock bill against pools and combinations and the bill of Hoyt to define trusts and punish them and their officers. There were present in protest to the bill several members of legitimate interests that it is claimed would be affected by the passage of the bill. These included representatives of insurance companies, the North Carolina Case Workers' Association and other organizations of manufacturers, W. S. Primrose, of Raleigh; Walker Taylor, of Wilmington, and F. N. Take, of the Case Workers' Association, were the principal speakers before the committee. Col. Taylor spoke in special for the Southeastern Tariff Association, composed of the leading fire insurance companies doing business in the State, which, it is said, would be seriously affected by either or both of the bills. Speaker Justice spoke in favor of a bill which he said should not disturb the "good" trusts, but which would destroy the "bad." He said this might be accomplished by a more adroit definition of the term "trust." No action was taken, the hearing being continued.

The Liquor Fight Resumed.

The Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns to-day gave a hearing to parties interested in Mr. Kitchen's bill placing the town of Scotland Neck under the Ward and Watts acts so that they may vote on the question of whether or not they shall have saloons, dispensary or prohibition. The town is now prohibited by legislation at the last term of the Assembly. The committee decided to report unfavorably the bill and the town of Scotland Neck will continue under prohibition by the grace of the Legislature.

After the hearing Mr. Kitchen, champion of the bill, approached Edward E. Britton, city editor of the News and Observer, and stated that he reported correctly, intimating that such treatment was not accorded him in the morning paper represented by Mr. Britton. He stated to Britton that he had done an injustice in the report and asked that it be not repeated. Britton took exception to the language of Kitchen and struck him. A fight ensued until members of the Legislature interfered and Britton left the State House. Later the two men met in the lobby of the Yarrowhouse and Britton remarked that he had not had a square deal in the fight at the Capitol. Mr. Kitchen informed him that he would get a square deal then if he desired and another fistfight ensued until the men were pulled apart by friends. Neither of them received serious injury. The affair is much talked of here to-night as being the one sensational affair of the session, both men being prominent.

The Wilmington Recorder's Court bill was finally passed upon by the Judiciary Committee of the Senate to-day and it will come up in the Senate from the calendar which is very overcrowded at present. The vote on the establishment of the court will be in May and the officers elected at the same time to begin their duties in June. The present jurisdiction of magistrates in the county is not impaired, the Recorder's Court having exclusive jurisdiction only over matters below the grade of a felony, which the magistrates do not have now. Appeals from the magistrates' courts as now will be to the Superior Courts except in certain cases where a saving will result to the county. It was stated that it was the purpose of the bill not to interfere in the least with the jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

Social Affair at Grace Church.

Although the weather was far from inviting, a goodly number of people attended the very delightful entertainment at Grace Church last night under the auspices of the "Bright Jewels" and "Golden Links," missionary societies of the church. Music, songs and recitations were delightful features of the evening, while in the annex refreshments were served in the different classrooms where were represented all the countries in which the Methodist Episcopal Church has missionaries.

RECEIPTS OF COTTON

Record of Last Year Already Beaten—Figures of Last Season and Present Year Make Interesting Comparison—Naval Store Operation.

MANY LOCAL MEASURES

Dispensary People Can't Accept Gifts—Reformatory Bill Embodying Ideas of the Governor—New Street Car Bill.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 1.—The Senate to-day passed the Webb bill on second reading to put sollicitors on salary with an amendment by McLean, of Robeson, that the salary shall be \$2,500 per year if the fees of the solicitor amount to that and all in excess to be paid into the State treasury for the benefit of education, no solicitor to receive more salary than the amount of his fees. There is also an amendment to the bill by Aycock, of Wayne, providing that the bill shall not go into effect until the year 1909. Still another amendment was by Redwine to require sollicitors to visit scenes of wrecks and crimes and accidents. The bill upon objection, went over until to-morrow for third reading. The amendment of Mr. McLean is the same as the salary feature of the Justice bill enlarging the powers of the Attorney General, and making sollicitors his assistants in certain cases. The latter has already passed the House.

Another matter of interest in the Senate was the introduction of a bill by Mr. Mason, carrying out the suggestions of Gov. Glenn in his message regarding the appointment of a commission to investigate the practicability of establishing a State reformatory which is expected to be about all the legislation that will be undertaken at this session on this point. Mr. Mason's bill provides for the report of the Commission so appointed in December, 1906 and \$1,000 is provided for the expenses of the members of the investigating board. Among bills introduced to-day were:

Turner, to amend the revised law in regard to carrying freight.

Wilson, to authorize the town of Selma to issue bonds for a system of electric lights.

Graban, to allow the Governor to employ counsel to appear before the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Blair, providing appropriation for schools for the blind.

Among the bills passed were: To make it larceny to remove automobiles or electric cars from any place where they are left by the owners or agents. To amend the revised law so that the iron safe clause in insurance policies shall not be operative in the settlement of losses. To extend the time for commuting and settling the State debt. Prohibiting dispensary managers, employes and laborers from receiving gifts of value from anyone interested directly or indirectly in the sale of products to dispensaries. The Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

In the House the Justice bill to enlarge the powers of the Corporation Commission, embodying all the powers it wants for the successful procedure against railroads and corporations, came up and was finally passed with an amendment by Manning to the effect that the penalties on railroads for failure to remove freight promptly shall be \$25 for each first day and \$1 per day for each succeeding day, including \$25 for each day thereafter as originally included in the bill. Bills also passed to establish dispensary at Creedmoor, Granville county. Dowd introduced out of order, a second bill to separate racons on the street cars of the State, both city and suburban.

Other bills introduced were:

Douglas, a joint resolution relative to the Jamestown Exposition.

Jones, to establish dispensary at Bethel, Pitt county.

Morton, to amend the revised law in regard to tolls for ferries.

Galloway, of Greene, to make indictable certain violations of contract between landlord and tenant.

Among the bills passed were to incorporate the town of Garland, Sampson county; an amendment to the Drowsy bill passed yesterday, providing against political contributions by insurance companies, the violation empowering the Insurance Commissioner to revoke the license.

In the House today a bill was introduced to allow Elizabeth City to issue bonds and levy a tax for street improvement; also to issue bonds and levy a tax to cover floating indebtedness. Among the bills that passed final reading were to incorporate the town of Clarendon, Columbus county; authorize town of Plymouth to issue bonds and levy special tax.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Buxton introduced a resolution of sympathy to Senator John W. Burton, of Onslow, who had been called away on account of the death of his sister, Mrs. Z. E. Murrell, of Wilmington. The resolution was adopted and the same ordered to be engrossed and sent to the member.

FOR CITY BOND ISSUE

Probable on Wednesday

Bill For Submission to Legislature Will Be Agreed Upon By Both Branches of City Government—The Election in May.

Arrangements are being made for a joint conference of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance Wednesday evening of the coming week to consider the bills to be presented to the present session of the General Assembly, authorizing the city to issue bonds for street improvement and for the municipal ownership of a water works and sewerage system, provided the people vote at the polls for these public utilities. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held Monday night, but its session will be so taken up with the regular business and as the Board of Audit and Finance would have to pass on anything that would be done, anyway, it has been decided to have the joint conference.

City Attorney Bellamy, by instruction of both boards, has been at work on bills covering these projects for some time and has had two conferences with the legislative committee of the Board of Aldermen with reference thereto. The draft of the bills as agreed upon in committee will be submitted to the conference for such changes and amendments that it may be deemed advisable to make and the measures will then be forwarded to Raleigh for passage by the Legislature. The idea seems to be to issue bonds in the sum of \$200,000 for street improvement and should it be decided for the city to own its water and sewerage systems by a vote of the people at the polls, the General Assembly will be asked to authorize \$400,000 in bonds for the purpose.

The street bill is generally regarded as most important and in it will be the machinery for carrying into execution a systematic plan for improvement. Whether a provision will be made in the bill for the abutting property owners to pay a part of the cost of the improvement or not, is still under advisement. Another question about which there is also some difference is that of whether the money should be expended under a street commission or the improvement should be undertaken through the regular channels as now. These matters will all be discussed at the conference, and some agreement will be reached so that the bills will go to the Legislature without friction.

It is proposed to have these elections at the municipal election in May. At the same time the "anxious voters" will pass upon the question of whether or not they will have a recorder; if so, who that recorder shall be and also who shall be the clerk of the court in case the court is voted by the people.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

B.g Production at Academy of Music Matinee and Night.

With the same big company of clever colored performers who entertained New York audiences on the New York Theatre Roof Garden for three months last summer, the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, headed by James Crosby and the famous Cotton Pickers' Band will be seen at the Academy to-day matinee and night.

Nothing quite so stupendous in minstrelsy has ever been attempted by a colored aggregation before. Besides James Crosby whose inimitable monologue has won for him the sobriquet of "The Tall Talker," the Cotton Pickers' Band is a specially organized coterie of solo musicians, who either on parade in concert before the performances, or on the stage, have won the proud distinction of being the only colored band to have played in New York for three successive months.

The performance begins with a magnificent first part, the scene being an elaborate setting in the Royal Palm Grotto. The solo features numbering ten big acts include, besides Crosby and the band the Oklahoma Octette, the Dixie College Rangers in a series of "Varsity Class Songs" and old sweet songs of the South; the three Spiller Musical Bumpers in a Ragtime Comedy Musical Act; Mac Toney Trio, the dare-devil acrobats; Williams & Stevens, comic impersonators; Benny Jones, the Texas teaser; together with a buck dance contest which is open to all comers and for which a valuable prize is awarded. This concluding with a furiously funny farce entitled "A Fowl Deed" in which Charles Williams as "Judge Yazoo" has the leading part. The matinee will be for whites and the prices are 25c and 50c.

RAILROAD PENALTY SUITS.

Two Disposed of Yesterday—Motion to Consolidate Cases.

Two more of the big batch of suits against the Atlantic Coast Line for penalties, brought by the Hannah Box Shook Company, were tried before Justice George Harris yesterday and judgment was given in favor of the plaintiffs. The amounts were \$135 and \$30, respectively. A case from each of the points of shipment has now been tried, and it is understood that Herbert McClammy, Esq., counsel for the box shook company, will make a motion upon the resumption of the hearing Tuesday, for a consolidation of the cases, inasmuch as it is stated that the same points are involved in all. The penalties are asked for delayed freight shipments from the mills of W. T. Sears & Company at three or four points in Eastern North Carolina, lumber being shipped from these to the box factory in the city.

Thomas W. Davis, Esq., appears as counsel for the railroad, and insists that each case shall be heard separately and on its merits. As something like \$30,000 is involved in all the cases, the litigation is being fought with vigor on both sides. The hearing adjourned yesterday afternoon until Tuesday morning.

Granville county where liquor could be sold. The Creedmoor people were much annoyed by liquor being shipped in from outside the State. The petition for the dispensary, both from Creedmoor and outside in the county nearby, largely outnumbered those against it. A committee amendment provided that the matter be left to a vote of the people.

The bill passed by a vote of 54 to 16.

CONFERENCE OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND BOARD OF AUDIT AND FINANCE.

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ARRIVED IN THEIR YACHT.

Mr. Chelso D. Peruchi and Wife Here. To Organize Company.

Mr. Chelso D. Peruchi and wife (Miss Mabel Gypzene), owners of the Peruchi-Gypzene Company, which enjoys the unique distinction of being the only theatrical company en tour in their private yacht, arrived in the city early last night, having been at Southport a day, awaiting fuel supply. Mr. Peruchi recently disbanded his company in Georgetown, S. C., for the season, and intended to accompany Mrs. Peruchi on a cruise down along the Florida coast, but when he reached the city yesterday to look after the fuel supply for his yacht, he received a very attractive offering to fill some theatrical dates, and closed a deal by which he will organize a new company and rehearse in this city, the boat remaining here in the meantime. Mr. Peruchi has wired for members of the company, which he will put out for the remainder of the season and rehearsals will begin at an early date. The initial production of the reorganized company will be at the Academy of Music in this city, and the yacht will remain here as headquarters while the company is out.

The yacht is a very attractive craft, and tied up last night at the steamer Wilmington's wharf. Captain Pinner was coast pilot for the boat around, and will probably remain in charge while she is in port. Handsome living apartments have been fitted up aboard by Mr. Peruchi and wife and they have a most excellent home there. Both are popular in Wilmington, and their friends will enjoy having them here as residents.

Entertained Last Night.

A delightful social affair was given last evening by the young people of Brooklyn Baptist Church at the home of Mr. S. L. Smith, on North Fifth street. A number of pleasing features were introduced and all the guests had a delightful time.

10c Black Worsted for skirts, one half wool, 5c yard at Rehder's. Last day of Clearing Sale.

10c Chambrays 7 1/2c to-day at Gaylord's. Visit his silk department to-day.