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OUTLINES.

In the trial of Harry K. Thaw, in New York yesterday the result of the proceedings was not favorable to the murderer of Stanford White; the defense made a poor effort at showing that there was hereditary insanity in the collateral branches of the Thaw family; that Harry Thaw was insane when he killed White; District Attorney Jerome was relentless in breaking down the testimony of a Pittsburg physician who was a witness. The Japanese government yesterday issued an official statement saying that the American rumors of Japan's warlike intentions create no excitement there, that the Japanese press ignores it, and that nothing will shake Japan's confidence in President Roosevelt. The Southern Railway yesterday agreed to increase the pay of conductors, trainmen and yardmen, the increase amounting to \$300,000 to \$400,000 to the pay roll. State Treasurer Frank O. Briggs was yesterday elected United States to succeed Senator Dryden, of New Jersey. In the Senate committee's investigation yesterday into the Brownsville affray, Senator Overman, of North Carolina, wrung from a negro sergeant who was a witness, that he received no ill treatment from the whites at Brownsville. Commissioner of Corporations Garfield is to conduct the investigation of the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges under a resolution of Congress. The naval stores combine embracing the S. P. Shotton Company and the Patterson-Downing Company is being investigated by the Federal Court at Savannah. Near Lexington, Ky., yesterday two freight trains collided head on, one locomotive instantly exploded and three men were killed and others injured. The United States Senate yesterday, Senator Hayburn presented a resolution which has as its object the amendment of the charter of the Northern Pacific Railroad charter. New York markets: Money on call easy 2 1/2 to 3 per cent, ruling rate 2-4, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1/2; spot cotton firm at 11 cents; flour firm, but quiet; wheat firm, No. 2 red \$2.18 elevator; corn firm, No. 2 5/8 elevator; oats strong, mixed 44; turpentine firm; rosin firm; drained common to good 4.45.

If people have to come to it, they are willing to give reference if anybody wants to do the cooking.

The Japanese war scare ought to have had better luck. It had to take its chances with the Thaw trial.

Senator Money, of Mississippi, says that he is the poorest member of Congress. Like as not it is because Money is always blowing himself.

Senator Tillman's last stunt in the Senate attracted attention in Europe as well as at home. It pays sometimes to be "funny," even if we gain unenviable notoriety.

It is said that Chairman Shonts excuses his throwing up the canal job on the plea that the "really creative work has been completed." That leaves Shonts in a position to claim credit for the whole thing when it is completed. Shonts makes a good press agent for himself.

The railroads out West have refused to transport government troops at a reduced rate. The law-abiding roads are getting too conscientious to think of again violating the Federal, even if it would be a discrimination in favor of the Federal government representing 70,000,000 of people who can pay the freight easier than the lone ticket buyer.

The Savannah Morning News observes: "The Washington correspondents have about decided not to revise the tariff until after the next Presidential election. 'Uncle Joe' Cannon seems to have reached that conclusion some time ago. With the correspondents and the Speaker agreed, the thing is settled." Uncle Joe just simply took the correspondents into his confidence.

Harper & Brothers, New York, publishers, will in a few days issue Mark Twain's book on Christian Science. He disputes Mother Eddy's authorship of the book, "Science and Health," and the great humorist's book, it is said, will create a sensation among the followers of that remarkable woman. Verily, in his latter days, Mark Twain is hunting for trouble instead of fun.

The Thaw trial may be unsavory, but it will be many a day till any city will have such an infamous case as that of the Hartje divorce trial at Pittsburg. It has developed that the millionaire husband blackened his wife's name in order to secure a divorce, but it is likely that he and his co-conspirators will have to suffer. The alleged love letters of Mrs. Hartje to the negro coachman were forgeries and the parties connected with them, including Hartje's two lawyers, have been arrested for the crime.

AS TO CORPORATIONS

Joint Railroad Committee of General Assembly Recommends 2 Cent Passenger Rate.

MASON'S NOTE OF WARNING

Radical Railway Legislation is Deplored by Gaston's Senator—Care for Insane in Hospitals—Other Proceedings Yesterday.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 5.—The joint legislative committee on Hospitals for the Insane, decided to-night to report favorably the Bickett bill for the care of mental defectives with some amendments. The bill provides for the creation of a Hospital Commission in charge of the State Hospitals for the Insane. It is empowered to purchase additional lands for and enlarge the present hospitals at Raleigh, Morganton and Goldsboro, to meet the needs of the State for 20 years and locate and establish "colonies" for the treatment of epileptics and other patients for whom such treatment is desirable, one for white and one for colored patients. The bill carries a bond issue of \$500,000, if that amount is not to be issued if money is available from other sources in the State Treasury, also that not more than \$250,000 in bonds can be issued during any year.

The joint committee on railroads and public service corporations voted this evening to recommend to the Legislature the adoption of a two-cent flat passenger rate and the addition of a second class fare. It is learned that Chairman Graham, of the Senate Committee, was the only member of the committee who voted for a second class fare. It was an executive session of the committee.

The most important feature of the General Assembly to-day was a discussion in the Senate of the bill amending the law as to penalties against railroads for failure to move freight promptly by prescribing that penalties shall not exceed the value of the goods in the event the articles are lost. While no action was taken on the bill was referred to the Railroad Commission. Its former favorable report was from the Judiciary Committee. The discussion brought out some significant declarations on the part of the more conservative members of the Senate. Senator Mason, of Gaston, is advocating the bill which is in line with pleas made recently by railroad officials before the Legislative Committee on Railroads, mentioned one case in which \$80 was recently collected from a railroad company for a crate of soda water valued at only \$1.25. Referring to radical legislation generally which is pending in this Assembly, Mr. Mason declared that the whole attention of the country was being attracted to this North Carolina Legislature on account of printed reports in the newspapers North and East of antagonistic legislation contemplated against railroads and other corporations. Capital, he declared, is becoming alarmed, being already timid and it will be easy to scare investors so that they will not seek investments in North Carolina for years to come.

He believed in fairness and justice to all classes alike without prejudice and he appealed that all members of the Assembly so attune their hearts and minds that in no official act will anything be done to stop or impede the industrial progress of the State. Burton's jure food and liquor bill went over.

Senator Barleton introduced a bill limiting fares on Pullman cars; also regulating long-distance telephone charges. Breece introduced a bill to allow wives of insane husbands to sell the property of the lunatic.

Subscriptions for Hotel.
The committee on subscriptions to the capital stock of the new tourist hotel began its canvass yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and last night members of the committee expressed themselves as very much encouraged with the further outlook. A large number of those asked for smaller subscriptions were seen during the day and some of the larger investors will be waited upon today and throughout the week.

The Charity Ball.
Arrangements are progressing satisfactorily for the Charity Ball to be given in the Masonic Temple Friday night. The decorations will be a feature, and these are already being arranged. Tickets are on sale at DeRossets and Yates' at \$2 each. The cause is a most worthy one, and it is expected that many of the tickets will be sold to persons who will not attend but will delegate that pleasure to some one else, at the same time assisting with the work of the circle under the auspices of which the affair will be given.

FRIENDS OF SEAMEN

Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of Society Yesterday Afternoon—Hearing of Reports, Etc., and Election of Officers.

The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Seamen's Friend Society of the port of Wilmington was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the parlors of the Home. Gen. James I. Metts, the president, presided and Mr. J. H. Wood was secretary. The chaplain, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., opened the proceedings with prayer. Various reports from different committees were submitted and upon motion, were placed on file. The president's report was as follows: "Your president at this 54th annual meeting of this society congratulates you on the many improvements that have been made to the home and on the progressive spirit displayed by those who have given their time to the welfare of the men coming to our shores.

There have been many interesting features in the work this season, which will be called to your attention by the various committees, and it is contemplated that still further improvements will be made in every direction during the present year. There has been no backward movement, but a disposition to push forward and make the society second to none along the coast. I desire to thank the officers and the committeemen for their faithful discharge of duty, and our thanks are due to the various papers for the kindly interest manifested. Wishing the society continued success, I am sincerely yours,

JAMES I. METTS, President.
Col. W. J. Woodward, chairman of the Religious Exercises Committee, reported that services had been held regularly each Sabbath, except during the month of August, the attendance having been very good. The chaplain worked incessantly in the cause, as have Miss Anna Sprunt, the organist, and Miss Carrie White, the soprano, who are each thanked kindly for their services. The hope is expressed that in the near future the old Bethel may be renovated and repaired.

The secretary and treasurer reported \$4,097.71 balance on hand February 5, 1906, with receipts of \$2,542.19 during the year, making a total of \$6,639.90. The disbursements for the year were \$3,350.32, leaving a balance of \$3,289.58 on hand at the close of the fiscal year.

Messrs. Jas. Price, chairman; Jas. Sprunt and E. D. Williams made a full report of the conduct of the reading room of which they are the committee in charge. The attendance was a fair average of former years except for a short time when it was necessarily closed on account of change of superintendents. The building was entirely renovated and refurbished at a cost of \$2,212.84. At present there are accommodations for about 120 sailors. A number of added accommodations and amusements for the sailors at the Home are recommended. Members of the Society are urged to send pictorial magazines and literature for the reading room.

The following were elected trustees until the next annual meeting: Mr. James Sprunt, Gen. James I. Metts, Col. W. J. Woodward, Rev. R. W. Hogie, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., Mr. E. Sprunt, Rev. K. D. Holmes, Rev. J. H. Boatwright, N. Jacobs, James Price, Capt. E. D. Williams, Capt. W. G. MacRae, Messrs. Swift Emple, J. H. Wood, G. R. French, Rev. N. M. Watson.

There being no further business the Society adjourned and a meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Dr. McClure with Mr. J. H. Wood as secretary. Mr. James Sprunt made president, with Mr. G. R. French vice president and Mr. J. H. Wood secretary and treasurer. Col. W. J. Woodward, Mr. James Price and Gen. Metts were elected to constitute the executive committee, with president, vice president and secretary. Rev. Dr. McClure was elected chaplain; Miss Anna Sprunt was elected organist with Miss Carrie White soprano. The following committees were appointed:

Reading Room—W. J. Woodward, James I. Metts, T. E. Sprunt.
Public Worship—Col. W. J. Woodward, J. I. Metts, J. H. Wood.
Reading Room Seamen's Home—James Sprunt, James Price, G. R. French.
Auditing Committee—N. Jacobs, G. R. French.
Building Committee—The Executive Committee.

Railroad Penalty Suits.
Justice George Harriss yesterday morning disposed of seven more of the large number of penalty suits brought by the Hannan Box Shook Company against the Atlantic Coast Line. Judgment was given for the plaintiffs but the exact amounts were not agreed upon. The hearing will be resumed to-day when there will probably be a motion for a consolidation of the remainder of the cases.

Delightful Church Reception.
Mrs. D. G. Worth most delightfully entertained members of the Ladies' Home Mission Society of the First Presbyterian Church, at her home, No. 411 North Front street, from 4 to 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The decorations were cut flowers and potted plants in a most tasty arrangement. Worth's guests were delighted with the splendid entertainment.

TO TRANSMIT POWER

New Electric Company, Subsidiary to Big Development Enterprise Near Rockingham

TO BRING CURRENT HERE

Cheaper Lights Boon Promised in Formation of New Company of Large Capital—The Announcement Made Yesterday.

Following close upon the heels of the announcement that a second electric lighting company was in process of formation in Wilmington, comes the announcement of a third and still greater enterprise. It was officially announced from the offices of Hugh MacRae & Company yesterday that application has been made to the present session of the General Assembly to incorporate The Tidewater Power Company, with a capital stock of \$750,000 with the privilege of increasing the same at any time, and having for its purpose the transmission of light and power from the giant plant of the Rockingham Power Company at Blewett Falls, in Richmond county. The incorporators named in the application are Messrs. M. J. Heyer, Donald MacRae, M. F. H. Gouverneur, T. W. Davis, Hugh MacRae and Maj. E. W. Van Court Lucas. It is said the company will be a subsidiary organization of the Rockingham Power Company and will do a general electric lighting business here, the company having a tentative contract with the Rockingham Power Company for that purpose.

The Rockingham Power Company has a capital of \$4,800,000 subscribed and \$3,000,000 authorized. Under the contract with the subsidiary concern the parent enterprise obligates to sell for a term of 40 years 10,000 electrical horsepower for use in this city, which is about 20 times the amount used here at present. It is believed by those interested in the company that under this contract that lights can be furnished in competition with kerosene oil and at a very much lower rate than now. What effect the new enterprise will have on the Consolidated interests here is not known, but it is natural to suppose that the two movements are not antagonistic. The rates for lights by the Consolidated were recently reduced and it is understood that other decreases from time to time are contemplated. It is stated that with the advent of the new and cheaper power, the Consolidated Company may turn over its lighting interests to the Tidewater Company, confining its operation solely to the operation of the city and suburban traction lines, which are being improved and enlarged, and to the manufacture of gas for fuel and lighting purposes.

The directors of the Rockingham Power Company are Messrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur, of Wilmington; E. A. Smith and F. Z. Mitchell, of New York; R. L. Warner and S. N. Bond, of Boston, and H. A. Pressey, of Washington, D. C.

During the past few days a party of prominent New England bankers have been to Wilmington looking over the city in the interests of the Tide Water Company and from here went to Rockingham for the purpose of ascertaining the progress being made in the construction of the great power plant at that place. It may be of general interest to state that the dam under construction near Rockingham is 1,650 feet long on the crest, or as long as from Market street to the Atlantic Coast Line depot. It is 50 feet high, which is higher than the average store on Front street. Certainly nothing can contribute more to the rapid growth of Wilmington than the bringing in of this amount of cheap power and it looks as if this desired result would be attained in the near future.

THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Report of Treasurer for Month of January Just Ended.

Receipts—St. James' Episcopal Church, \$137.05; County of New Hanover, \$125; First Presbyterian Church, \$40.60; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, \$27.32; Grace Church, \$21.89; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, \$10.18; Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, \$9.18; Market Street Church, \$2.25; St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, \$2; Mrs. M. E. Bridgers, \$25; Mr. W. B. Cooper, \$10; Mrs. H. G. Smallbones, \$1; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, \$1; A Friend, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. William Latimer, \$5; Cash, \$1; Miss Lilly Brown, \$1; Mrs. A. A. Watson, \$1.

Disbursements—Secretary's Salary, \$25; Catherine Kennedy Home, \$12.50; groceries, \$109.75; rent for those in need, \$16; cash help, \$9.80; wood, \$76.50; railroad fare, \$1.65; telephone, \$3; postage, 60c.

Monument to Col. Evans.
Mr. Harry E. Rupprecht, expert monument designer, of Washington, D. C., is in the city and on yesterday superintended the erection in Oakdale cemetery of a sarcophagus memorial to the memory of the late Col. Thomas S. Evans, the former well known marine lawyer of Wilmington, and one of the city's prominent citizens. It is a handsome granite design, five feet in height.

THE CHURCH DIVIDED

Sensational Hearing Involving Colored Congregation of Rev. John Henry Rhoe—Worshippers on Trial for Disturbing Exercises.

The rent in the fabric of the congregation of the First Baptist Church, colored, in this city, was fully examined before Justice G. W. Bornemann, sitting as a trial judge in the county court room from 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon until 9:15 o'clock last night. The cases were removed from Justice John J. Furlong upon affidavit of George L. Peschau and Walter P. Gafford, Esqs., counsel for the 14 defendants each charged with committing a nuisance and disturbing religious worship. Justice Furlong at noon started into the hearing of one of the cases, but upon his refusal to admit a book of rules governing the colored Baptist churches in this section of the country, the attorneys peremptorily stopped proceedings by waiving examination and allowing the one defendant, Deacon Jos. Cogbill, to be bound over to the Superior Court under bond of \$50 in each of the cases, and making the affidavit of removal as to the other cases. Justice Furlong transferred the cases to Justice Bornemann and the hearing was set for 4 o'clock in the county court room. At that hour the court room was filled with members of the two factions in the leading colored Baptist congregation of the city. There were men, women and children and the troubles dating back to the indictment of the pastor, Rev. John Henry Rhoe, for criminal intimacy with a member of his flock, was gone into. Ecclesiastical and civil law from the year one was searched and invoked to prove this or that claim as to the church. Rev. Rhoe claiming to be legally at the head of the church and Deacon Cogbill and his board asserting that they held on by church as well as State law. The case was gone into fully, Rev. Rhoe and his followers being represented by Herbert McClammy and Brooke G. Empe, Esqs. The hearing continued straight through from 4 in the afternoon until after 8 at night, none of those engaged being allowed to go home for supper until at least one of the cases was disposed of. The case of only L. W. Wheeler was gone into at the hearing, and the conclusion of argument by counsel, Justice Bornemann reserved his decision until 11 o'clock this morning, when others of the cases will be taken up.

There were many amusing scenes during the progress of the trial, and but for the dignity of the court, the whole matter would, doubtless, resolve itself into a laughing match. Rev. Rhoe is the chief centre of attraction. It is upon him that the church is divided, one faction claiming to have deposed him as pastor and the other claiming that he has not been deposed legally according to church or State law. The anti-Rhoe element got in possession of the church Sunday morning and held services continuously from before 11 A. M. until Monday morning, when Constable Savage marched the belligerents down to the justice's court. The anti-Rhoe services were being led by Deacon Cogbill, a very substantial colored man, who was one of the chief witnesses yesterday. He told of being in the church and devoutly trying to worship his Maker in celebration of the victory over Rhoe and his cohorts. As he was singing an alien and different tune assailed his ears, and having failed to note the arrival of Rhoe, he looked up in the pulpit and found that personage leading a few of his followers in an entirely different tune. Subsequent proceedings with the undoing of Rev. Rhoe in the lung contest have been given. Rev. Rhoe and J. W. Yarborough, the well known barber, were the leading witnesses for the prosecution yesterday. They set up a claim of their faction being the church, while the other faction or "faction" as some of the deacons expressed it, claimed to be the legal body. The church law was frequently invoked to bear out this or that conclusion, and occasionally, as one of the attorneys or witnesses would shoot a bolt into the other "faction," the "sister and brethren" in the audience would grunt or give expression to some such exclamation as "ain't it so," "preach it to 'em," "that's the gospel," and the like. Much feeling was shown by both sides, one faction occupying one tier of seats in the court room and the other the opposite side.

Just before the trial one or the other side was seen to take up a collection, ostensibly for attorneys' fees. The church in question is situated at Fifth and Campbell streets and is a large brick structure, valued at several thousand dollars. Years ago the congregation deposed or attempted to depose their pastor, a fact brought out by counsel for Rhoe yesterday afternoon.

The hearing will be resumed this morning at 11 o'clock. An effort will be made to consolidate the cases, as Justice Bornemann remarked last night that at the present rate, it would require a month to try all the defendants, 14 in number.

Engine Off the Track.

An engine off the track near Smith's Creek bridge, said to have been caused by a defective switch, delayed the incoming passenger train from the north several hours yesterday morning. Some of the passengers walked in the city, while others waited until the track was cleared in the early afternoon.

TO BRIDGE THE RIVER

Joint Conference of Commissioners of New Hanover and Pender Yesterday.

THE MEETING SATISFACTORY

Attorneys Authorized to Draw Bill for Presentation to General Assembly—Committee Will Call for Bids—Proportionate Cost.

The joint conference of the boards of commissioners of New Hanover and Pender counties in this city yesterday was satisfactory in every respect, much having been accomplished toward providing a cheap and easy means of communication between two large areas of prosperous country. The proportionate part that each county is to share in the expense of the construction of the bridge was agreed upon, the same to be based upon the poll tax of the respective counties, each to build its own approaches to the structure, and arrangements were made to get the necessary legislative authority for providing this much needed public utility.

The Pender commissioners arrived on the morning train from Burgaw and the meeting, which was held in the Court House, was called to order at 1:30 o'clock. There were present Chairman D. McEachern and Commissioners Robertson, Alexander, Divine and Vollers, of New Hanover. Chairman K. F. Powers and Commissioners George Moore and F. P. Flynn, of Pender. Hon. John D. Bellamy appeared at attorney for the county, the regular attorney being the regularly employed counsel of the Blossom interests, and Attorney J. T. Bland, of the Pender Board. Commissioner Moore, of the Pender Board, presided at the meeting and a number of interested property owners were present, notably Mr. Miller, near whose place one of the proposed sites for the bridge is located, and Maj. Lucas, of the Carolina Trucking and Development Company, which has large holdings in both counties. Messrs. Bellamy and Bland were first heard as to the interests claimed by Mr. Samuel Blossom, owner of the toll ferry now at Castle Haynes, under a charter of more than a hundred years. Both Messrs. Bland and Bellamy gave their opinion that the counties could establish the ferries by legislative authority though it might be deemed expedient to purchase the site of Mr. Blossom's ferry at the most valuable. That was for the commissioners to decide. The owners of the Blossom ferry in years past had sought to restrain the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company from building a railroad bridge over the North East river there, but the matter would not hold before the Supreme Court where it was finally fought out. The Commissioners would have a right under the law to proceed under condemnation to secure control of the Blossom ferry for the public good. Mr. Bland read the report that he had made to his Board and his views coincided with those of Mr. Bellamy.

Upon motion Messrs. Bland and Bellamy were requested to draw a bill to be presented to the Legislature at the present session, authorizing the two counties to establish a free bridge over the river and the county's representatives in the House and Senate were requested to vote for the bill when forwarded. Capt. Walter G. MacRae, who made the survey for the two counties, presented a survey of the proposed Blossom and Miller sites. Maps of the Carolina Trucking Development Company were also presented in this connection. Capt. MacRae thought that the site near the Miller place was the most available and Pender Commissioners were inclined to that view also as the acceptance of the Blossom site would involve the building of a long causeway forming an approach on the Pender side. After further discussion of the most available site, a motion prevailed at the suggestion of Mr. Divine, that bids be called for steel bridges to be built at both places and when these were in the commissioners' hands they could decide which was the best to accept. This was also to include the cost of the approaches to the bridge.

Chairman McEachern made a motion that the poll tax paid by the two counties be the basis upon which the counties would pay their pro rata share of the cost of the improvement. The motion was finally adopted, notwithstanding the fact that it was shown that New Hanover's poll list is something over 4,000 and that of Pender is only a little over 2,000. It was stated that New Hanover should and would bear a larger part of the expense and it would be more largely benefited. The motion of Mr. McEachern was carried.

With these matters decided upon, the same special committee from the two boards was continued, viz. Messrs. McEachern, Robertson, Powers and Flynn. The meeting then adjourned, subject to call of the committee.

Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, who has been a prime mover in the enterprise, was present at the meeting and spoke strongly in favor of the proposed structure and the beneficial results that would accrue to both counties.

License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Wade Hampton Bykes and Miss Brancy Hannah Corbett, both of Wilmington.