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OUTLINES.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the chorus girl wife of Harry Kendall Thaw, was the main witness in his trial yesterday in New York for the murder of Stanford White; choking with emotion, she told a pitiful story of her former relations with White and testified about the fatal night at Madison Square Garden when he paid the forfeit with his life. ——The unknown schooner supposed to be bound for Wilmington, which was ashore at Cape Hatteras, was swallowed up by the waves on Wednesday night; the crew clinging to her masts, were probably frozen to death before the ocean claimed them. ——Yesterday during the investigation of the Brownsville affair before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, Senator Foraker called a witness by the name of "Winter Washington." Senator Overman asked if he said Booker Washington, whereupon the Ohio Senator replied that "Booker Washington is too busy attending to his Senatorial duties to come here."——In New York yesterday John D. Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil Company, made the most enormous gift ever donated to the cause of education; the amount being $32,000,000 for the work of the General Education Board; it swells Mr. Rockefeller's gifts to $43,000,000 to New York.——President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft will take a fortnight to consider W. J. Oliver's bid to complete the Panama canal, the President is disposed to accept the Oliver bid, but Chief Engineer Stevens is determined to resign if the government does not continue the construction work on its own responsibility.——Prices were bettered on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday on a rumor from Washington that President Roosevelt would relax his hostility to railroads, and also upon a proposition to increase freight rates.——New York markets: Money on call, easy 2 1-4 to 3 per cent.; ruling rate 2 3-4; closing bid, 2 1-4; offered at 2 1-2; spot cotton 5 points higher, closing steady at 11.05; flour, dull, but firm; wheat, strong; No. 2 red, 83 1-4 elevator; oats strong; mixed, 46 1-2; turpentine and rosin firm.

A successful lobbyist these times would be the fellow who could play his game in a way that would make him look like an innocent and disinterested citizen, wholly and totally unsuspected.

It seems that Charley Banks and George Harriman sold President Roosevelt a gold brick but the President came back and threw it at them. Still Uncle Sam has to pay Hanks and Harriman for their hot air.

After the Bickett bill to provide $500,000 for the State's humane institutions shall have been read the third time in either house of the General Assembly, it should require only ten minutes to pass it.

It looks curious to see members of Congress and delegations of Governors honey-fuggling around Speaker Cannon to induce him to permit consideration of measures by the Congressmen elected by the people to do what Uncle Joe doesn't let them do.

Daniel W. Field, wealthy shoe manufacturer and stockbroker, of Brockton, Mass., recently paid $8,000 for a Holstein-Friesian cow. People may think that is a whopping big price, but Mr. Field has already sold $4,000 of bovine futures. He has sold her next calf for that price.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot ups and says: "The legislatures of five States are considering bills for the taxation of bachelors. Not lawful under the Fourteenth Amendment. Discrimination of the worst sort." Some men are bound to think that it is interfering with their right of self defense.

The Martha Washington Hotel, a New York hostelrie for women only, has not had the patronage that was expected at $1 a day for a comfortable room and meals. The manager probably neglected to have bargain days with the price market down to 99 cents and trading stamps on the side.

The Hotel Selwyn, Charlotte's magnificent hostelrie, opens for business today. We have seen that house and it is a daisy. The building is one of the prettiest south of the Penobscot. Charlotte has every reason to point to it with pride. If other cities were not erecting such hotels as the Selwyn, Wilmington might rest on her oars, but as other cities refuse to stay in the old ruts Wilmington will have to join the procession.

President Roosevelt talked like he would appoint a negro to the fat office of Surveyor of Customs of Cincinnati, but he hasn't. He, however, stirred up Senators Foraker and Dick and the whole Ohio Congressional delegation. President Roosevelt knows better than Tillman how to be funny. He followed the plan of the fellow who poked at the monkeys in the cage. The fellow who can laugh best at Roosevelt's Ohio fun is Senator Tillman.

HOSPITAL ALL RIGHT

Public Support Given the Institution Wisely and Judiciously Spent by Management

CHARITIES RECEIVE SHARE

Auditing Committee of Board of County Commissioners Examined Annual Report at Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

The Auditing Committee of the Board of County Commissioners after a careful analysis of the annual report of the James Walker Memorial Hospital at the regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon expressed full satisfaction with the manner of disposal of the public fund, contributed to the support of the institution, and gave the opinion that the affairs of the hospital are wisely and judiciously managed.

The annual report of the hospital had been referred to the committee from the regular meeting of the full Board Monday afternoon with the request that the financial statement be carefully analyzed to see if the $7,200 per year appropriated to the institution annually, was used in reasonable proportion for the treatment of charity patients. On the face of the statement, it did not appear to be explicit enough and did not seem to be in detail that was required by law. The committee was instructed, if necessary, to call for a more detailed report or to have the surgeon in charge of the institution requested to come before the committee and give any further information desired.

This was found unnecessary yesterday afternoon, the committee having very thoroughly analyzed the figures as originally presented and having satisfied the members that the funds were being judiciously expended and that the pay patients in the hospital were receiving no more than they were entitled to. The committee will so report to the full meeting of the Board at its next regular meeting

Present yesterday were Chairman McEachern and Commissioners William F. Robertson and H. L. Volters. Aside from auditing and approving the January report of the treasurer, the only other matter attended to at the meeting was the burning of four Court House bonds of $100 each, two of the number being due in 1912 and two in 1917. These are of recent issue called in and paid from the proceeds of the sale of the Old Court House. Of the number called in there are now only eight outstanding. These are of the $500 denomination and the books show that they are held by Mrs. P. M. McCrary. It is said that these have been lost.

The report of the treasurer shows receipts and disbursements of the public funds during January as follows:

Receipts—Balance general fund January 1, $41,819.50; special fund, $3,224.50; road fund, $34,192.79; road sinking fund $11,616.01; interest, $103.03 jury tax $6; liquor tax $2,992.50; general county tax, $509 29; special county tax $285.00; road sinking fund tax $1,140,06; jail fees $64 20; cash from County Home, $9.10; marriage licenses $38. Total, $95,999.98.

Disbursements—Road sinking fund $2,165.81; special county fund $595.87; road fund $2,305.83; County Home $179.27; outdoor poor, $330.03; roads and bridges $93.99; Superior Court $589.20; United Charities, $139.50; public buildings $341.92; hospital $600; jail $227.95, military $300; refunded tax 72c; election $33; miscellaneous $179.92; printing and stationery $162.15; commissioners $174; Register of Deeds $21; Superintendent of Health $100; Coroner $40; clerk $60; janitor $50; Treasurer's commissions $90 51. Total $8,780.67.

The balance to February account is $87,219.31 as follows: general county fund $41,725.43; special county fund, $2,973 63; road fund $31,989.99; road sinking fund $10,590.26.

Conference This Evening.

The joint conference of the Board of Audit and Finance and Board of Aldermen will be held tonight for the purpose of examining and approving the bills drawn by City Attorney Bellamy authorizing the city to vote upon bond issues for street improvement, water works and sewerage. It is important that there be a full attendance as the matter of the improvement of the streets upon a large scale is regarded as especially important and the people of the city are looking to the authorities to provide them with a means of going on record on this question.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. S. Elkins—Waycross Lots For Sale.

J. H. Bohnet—Lectures at Academy of Music.

Atlantic Trust and Banking Co.—Remember.

Business Locals.

For Sale—Restaurant.

Wanted—Lady Cashier.

Wanted—Man to Work in Office.

Baggett Bros.—Grocery Bargain Prices.

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FINE OF $50 IMPOSED

Former Special Policeman C. T. Croom Received Extreme Penalty From Mayor Yesterday For Disorderly Conduct—Appeal Higher Court.

Former Special Policeman C. T. Croom was fined $50 and costs by the Mayor yesterday for disorderly conduct in entering the house of Henrietta Hill, colored, near Fifth and Harnett streets, night before last, as he alleged, in search of a criminal. From this judgment, Thomas D. Meares, Jr., Esq., counsel for Mr. Croom, took an appeal to the Superior Court. Another white man, F. Hannerford, who accompanied Mr. Croom on the night he is said to have made the unfortunate dash after the criminal, was served with a warrant after court, also charging him with disorderly conduct, but according to his statement, he had absolutely nothing to do with the proceedings. Mr. Meares became bondsman for his client. The point is made by Mr. Meares that the fine is excessive in that $50 is the maximum which the Mayor can impose for disorderly conduct under the city ordinances and further that Mr. Croom was acting as any citizen would have had a right to have done under similar circumstances.

On the other hand the Mayor held that Mr. Croom, not being an officer, had no right to enter the house, and according to the prosecuting witness, even had be been an officer, his conduct on that occasion would not have reflected credit upon the law. The point as to the excessive fine was fully argued, but the Mayor declined to change the judgment. The case will come up at the April term of court and will be one of the most interesting of the term.

AUTOMOBILE AND CAR CRASH.

Mr. Russell Foster Had Narrow Escape From Injury Yesterday.

The automobile of Mr. D. Russell Foster, the well known real estate agent, was wrecked early yesterday afternoon near Fourth and Harnett streets as the result of a collision with a street car. Mr. Foster was driving his machine in a northerly direction and the car was but a short distance behind him. The top of the auto was up and Mr. Foster either misjudged the near approach of the car or the motorman misjudged his course. As the driver of the machine started to wheel it across the track, the car was upon him before he knew it, the bow, or front end of it being smashed in and the fender of the car bent up right badly. Mr. Foster escaped by jumping, though his escape was narrow. The machine was damaged to the extent of about $150 according to Mr. Foster.

The street car was in charge of Motorman Marslander and his run was 13, the automobile number being 23. With such a combination of figures the casual observers of the wreck remarked that it was no wonder the accident occurred.

THE ELITE MINSTRELS

Big Show of Burnt Cork at Academy Monday Night

Nightly rehearsals are rapidly wearing the rough edges off the cast of the Elite Entertainers, which on next Monday night will present the "biggest and brightest" minstrel show at the Academy of Music for the benefit of the Knights of Columbus. No expense is being spared in the embellishments of the production which will be with all new costumes and elaborate stage settings. Farce comedy and musical veins will tend to lighten the production and something new and refreshing may be expected.

The first part will be a fulll dress affair introducing the best local talent. There will be eight end men and their jokes will all be new and of a local bearing. The quartette work will be looked after by the Acme singers. Then the K. of C. will appear in black face with five musical numbers in the olio. Pat Gerken will have a monologue stunt; there will be illustrated songs; Wilson and Daniels will be seen in a buck and wing dance skit and Johnny Meier will close the show with a song and dance. The ends will be Messrs. Johnny Meier, Ernest Campbell, Will Daniels, Jimmy Rafferty, Pat Gerken, Julius Taylor, Everett Wilson and H. Cornell. The K. of C. Band will be directed by Prof. H. Womersley. Mr. Jere Carewe will be seen as interlocutor.

RECITAL AT ARMORY

Miss Sarah Peck Hines Will Entertain on Monday Evening.

Miss Sarah Peck Hines, who will give a reading Monday night at 8:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Boys' Brigade Armory under the auspices of that organization, is a graduate of the Boston School of Expression and for the past two years has been director of the School of Expression at Columbia College. Her methods and her interpretation of literature endeavor to bring her audience in close touch with nature, which after all is the real art. Miss Hines has been heard by a Wilmington audience before and those who have attended her readings have been delighted. The programme will be varied and there will be something to interest and entertain all.

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MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

March Thirteenth Decided Upon As Date By the City Executive Committee.

ELECTION OFFICERS NAMED

Candidates Now Being Groomed For the Race—Expenses to be Borne By Those Who Run—Woodus Kellum, Esq. Chairman.

"Groom your candidates for Mayor and Aldermen!"

Such was the import of the action of the Democratic City Executive Committee at its called meeting yesterday at noon. Wednesday, March 13th, was decided upon as the date for the primaries for the nomination of candidates for the respective offices at the general election for municipall officers on Tuesday, May 7th. It was decided to have an entirely new registration for the primary and at the meeting yesterday the registrars and judges of election for the primaries were appointed and all other business was transacted so that there will not be need for another meeting of the committee before the last of the month. The primary had to be called within 60 days of the general election under the Boney law so there was little difference of opinion on the time It is expected now that the primary has been called that the municipal campaign will begin in dead earnest though it is known that at least two of the candidates for the Mayoralty have been keeping a close eye on their fences for some weeks. The question of the establishment of a Recorder's Court and the election of a judge of the same and a clerk will not come up until the general election in May.

All members of the Executive Committee were present yesterday except Captain J. VanB. Metts, of the Second Ward. In spite of his absence, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the committee and Woodus Kellum, Esq., was elected chairman, which showed that some attention had been given to organization even before the meeting. Both the candidates for the Mayoralty, however, expressed themselves as pleased with the organization and the representation received in the primary officers and registrars. In the absence of Captain Metts, the records of the meeting yesterday were kept by Mr. L. B. Rogers. Members of the committee were:

First Ward—S. L. P. Anderson and W. G. Brinkley.

Second Ward—G. W. Chesnutt.

Third Ward—H. G. Fennell and H. T. Bauman.

Fourth Ward—L. B. Rogers and C. W. Worth.

Fifth Ward—K. W. Jewell and Woodus Kellum.

The various registrars and election officers for the primary were named as follows, it being understood that the polling places will be the same as in the last general election, so far as the arrangements can be made, viz:

First Ward—Registrar, J. M. Woolard; judges, Captain John Barry and Frank P. Lamb.

Second Ward—Registrar, T. W. Wood; judges, John F. Garrell and F. S. Shepard.

Third Ward—Registrar, A. G. Hankins; judges, J. D. Kelly and J. D. Powers.

Fourth Ward—Registrar, W. P. Oldham; judges, J. S. Williams and E. P. H. Strunck.

Fifth Ward—Registrar, T. G. Landen; judges, P. D. Jenkins and Jordan Branch.

Profiting by the experience of the last city primary when many of the election officers had to go without their pay, the committee decided to make the candidates pay the expenses of the election and each will be assessed according to the dignity of the office to which they aspire. The city, of course, pays for the general election in May and appoints the registrars and election officers for the same. The amount required for holding the primary will be later determined and assessed against the candidates. It was decided to have an entirely new regisration for the primary and the arrangement of these details was left with the chairman and secretary.

Wreck on the Yards.

A shifting engine on the railroad yards here yesterday morning jumped the track and sidewiped two freight cars on parallel tracks. Both the cars were smashed in and the cab of the shifter was partially demolished. Engineer B. C. King was painfully, but not seriously wounded. He was attended by Dr. D. W. Bulluck, A. C. L. surgeon, and sent to his home. The tracks were cleared very soon after the wreck.

Sunday Services in Academy.

The public is cordially invited to hear two discourses in the Academy of Music Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and Sunday evening at 8 o'clock by Mr. J. H. Bohnet, of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Allegheny, Pa. The subject in the afternoon will be "The Great Pyramid in Egypt" and in the evening "The Wise and Foolish Virgins." All will be welcome and there will be no collection, whatever.

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PARSIFAL PLEASED

Magnificent Production of Richard Wagner's Great Masterpiece Greeted By Largest Audience of the Season—Fine Scenery.

The largest audience of the present theatrical season witnessed the magnificent spectacle of Richard Wagner's "Parsifal" at the Academy of Music last night. It was not the class of play to win great applause, and there was little of it. It was all too solemn, too weird, to cause one to burst into demonstrations of pleasure or displeasure. It prompted conflicting emotions in the human breast; it was awe inspiring and pointed to a high moral lesson, the teaching of which was performed strikingly, vividly. The lines were not sung, as one might infer from the fact that it is a Wagnerian production, but the incidental music was of the Wagnerian school, and the two combined to make a wonderful presentation of the piece.

Mr. Connor as "Parsifal" was thought by many to have been the cleverest of the cast, though the other leads were also favorites, especially so as regards Miss Kealing as "Kundry." The part of "Klingsor" was also exceptionally well taken. The female members of the company are not much for looks, excepting "Kundry," possibly, but they handled their characters fairly well, unless beauty be regarded a prime requisite.

The staging of the piece was magnificent and the lighting effects have scarcely been excelled on the local stage. The scenery was very realistic, and the difficult situations were handled splendidly with these accessories.

It is gratifying to know that the house was a splendid one and that the management was well satisfied. The night engagement here is said to have equalled both the matinee and night performances in Charlotte, which sets great stakes by its prowess as a theatre town.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Thermometer Yesterday Went to 21 Degrees—Snow For Today.

Yesterday morning was perhaps the coldest of the Winter really. The thermometer may have gone lower on one other occasion, but a sharp, cutting wind from the North made it decidedly the most disagreeable. The thermometer was down to 21 at 8 o'clock in the morning while the mean for the day was 30. The maximum was 39. Last night about 10:30 o'clock the first sleet of the Winter fell. It was for a short time only, however, and soon gave way to a rain which continued during a greater part of the remainder of the night. The forecast of the weather man for today is snow with fresh, possibly brisk northwest winds.

THE CHARITY BALL.

Elaborate Affair for Worthy Benefit Tonight in Masonic Temple.

Social interest is centered in the charity ball to be given tonight in the Masonic Temple, under the auspices of the Ministering Circle. It promises to be the most pronounced social functions of the pre-Lenten period. Not only have a very large number of tickets been disposed of, but those who will attend will be abong the leaders of Wilmington society. An elegant course supper will be served as one of the features of the ball. The Grand March opening the affair will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles.

At the request of the committee on arrangements for the ball, the Consolidated Company has kindly consented to keep a car in waiting at the Temple until the dance is over, then making a tour of the belt, so as all may return home at a minimum of expense and inconvenience.

ON THE GOLF LINKS.

Handicap Match Saturday Afternoon—Team Going to Charleston.

An 18-hole handicap golf tournament will be played Saturday afternoon on the links of the Cape Fear Country Club. It will be for men, and a special car will leave Front and Princess streets, for the players, at 2:30 P. M. An interesting match is assured.

Next Saturday the Wilmington Club will send a team to Charleston, S. C., to play a match with the Country Club of that city. The invitation was accepted by the Wilmington players several days ago. Later the Cherleston Club will return the engagement with a match on the local links.

Establish Fish Hatchery.

Washington correspondence Raleigh News and Observer: "The committee ond Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House reported favorably to-day the bill for the establishment of 20 additional fish hatcheries to cost $20,000 each. Provision is made for the location of one of these hatcheries in North Carolina. Representative G. B. Patterson, who is a member of the committee, was successful in having North Carolina included among the States in which the new hatcheries are to be located in reason of Mr. Patterson's interest in the matter of the new hatchery will be located in his district, probably on the Cape Fear. There is already a large Federal station at Edenton."

Young man experienced in feeding job presses and handling forms may obtain employment by making immediate application at The Star Office. fe 43t **

IN THE LEGISLATURE

House Taken up With London Bill to Codify Laws as to Mental Anguish.

BILLS OF A LOCAL NATURE

Morton Introduced Two For New Hanover—Many Measures are Ratified—Bickett Bill Calling For Bond Issue to Committee.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 7.—Nearly the entire day in the House of Representatives was devoted to-day to a discussion of the London bill to codify the law in regard to negligence by telegraph companies in mental anguish cases for failure to deliver messages promptly, where matters of life and death are involved. The bill passed second reading by a vote 66 to 32.

The final reading went over until to-morrow Briefly stated, the bill provides that telegraph companies shall be liable in damages for mental anguish and suffering even in the absence of bodily injury for negligence in receiving, transmitting and delivering telegrams; nothing in the act shall abridge the rights or remedies now provided by the law against telegraph companies; that in suits under this act the jury may award such damages as they conclude resulted from negligence of telegraph companies, the court retaining the right to set aside the verdict. The bill was sent to the Senate.

In the House McRae introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs.

Morton, to authorize New Hanover and Pender counties to construct a highway and erect a bridge between the counties near Castle Haynes.

Morton, to provide additional revenue and enhance the value of State and county bonds.

Morton, to incorporate the Tidewater Power Company.

Gordon, to amend the revisal relative to A. & M. College, creating a board of trustees for the college and relieving the Board of Agriculture from that duty.

Among the bills ratified to-day and now are laws are: To amend the charter of Red Springs; to increase the number of commissioners of Wilson county.

To enable the Y. M. C. A. of Wilmington to issue bonds. To punish temporary use or larceny of automobiles. To improve the efficiency of James Walker Memorial Hospital. To change dividing line between Lee and Whiteville township, Columbus county. To regulate pay of jurors in Onslow county.

Among the bills that passed final readings in the Senate were, to authorize Selma to issue bonds for electric lights. To incorporate Cove City, Craven county. To incorporate Clarendon, Columbus county. To incorporate Kingsdale, Robeson county. To amend the charter of East Lumberton and extend the town. To authorize bond issue for Maxton.

The Senate discussed at length the bill to require the Commissioner of Agriculture and members of the Board of Agriculture to be practical farmers, but took no action.

Then Senate declined to make the Bickett bill for mental defectives special order for next Wednesday and referred it to the appropriation committ-

The caucus of Democratic members of the General Assembly decided tonight not to have any legislation at this session relative to the extension of the time limit of the grandfather's clause of the constitutional amendment. The matter was discussed for three hours, with this result.

The Senate was opened with prayer today by Dr. Moment at 10:30 o'clock. Among bills introduced were: Thorne, for the relief of W. M. Warren, sheriff of Nash county; preventing the sale of liquor around Maple Hill Church, in Nash county.

Petitions were presented from councils of the Jr. O. U. A. M. asking for a compulsory education law.

Among the bills passed was the House Bill incorporating the town of Garland, Sampson county; also incorporating Dell's School in Sampson county, and amending the charter of Grove Academy, in Duplin.

The House was opened at 10:30 with prayer by Dr. Marshall. Ex-Senator A. M. Scales, of Guilford, and Ex-Governor Jarvis were introduced and given the courtesy of the floor. The most of the day was taken up with the London telegraph bill and a large number of local measures.

JOKE ON THE JAILER

Prisoners Calmly Shoved Him in Corner and Walked Out.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 7.—Two of the jail birds of Tyrrell county, at Columbia, N. C., are enjoying their liberty, gained in a most unusual way. When the jailer brought their dinner and entered the cell with it, Calston and Rhodes, who were confined pending trial at the next term of court, shoved him into a corner, stepped outside the cell, locked the door and calmly walked away without attracting attention. They are still at liberty.

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