

OUTLINES.

The counsel for Harry Thaw, on trial in New York for the murder of Stanford White, are in doubt what course is to be adopted in the defense when court meets to-morrow; under District Attorney Jerome's objection and Judge Fitzgerald's ruling, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw cannot continue the story of her eventful young life until some evidence of Thaw's insanity is presented; probably his bunglesome and dazed will is to be introduced to show that he was mentally unbalanced the statement being made that the will contains \$50,000 for the punishment of all parties who would kill him.

STATE PROHIBITION A FINE PRODUCTION FOR BETTER STREETS IN LOCAL POLITICS FROM SEVERE CRUISE

McDowell Senator Proposes It as a Spite Measure For Local Interference.

In the General Assembly New County Bill Passed—Petition From Wilmington Firemen—Large Number of Other Local Measures—Fish Fight.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 9.—The question of State prohibition came near being squarely before the State Senate at one time today. The Senate was considering the bill to apply prohibition to McDowell county with a special view to eliminating the distillery and saloons in Marion. It was a lengthy and spirited discussion. Just as the previous question was about to be called for vote on the second reading Senator Breece sent forward an amendment that "McDowell county" be stricken out and "North Carolina" substituted, thereby providing State prohibition. The amendment was withdrawn for the time because there was no time for Senator Breece to speak on his amendment at that reading. The bill passed by a good majority to apply to McDowell, and Senator Breece gave notice that when it comes up next week for the third reading he will again offer and insist on the amendment to apply to the whole State.

The Senate passed on final reading today the bill to create the new county of Lee, out of portions of Moore and Chatham counties. It was sent to the House with engrossment. The House passed a great number of local bills, many of them roll calls on readings only. Graham introduced a bill to prescribe where tax on bank stock must be paid. Among the bills passed were, to extend the corporate limits of Newbern; appoint cotton weigher at Faison, Duplin county. In the House Morton presented a petition from firemen of Wilmington relative to the State firemen's fund, Wells, to repeal section of the acts of 1903, relative to the special road tax of Bargaw, Township, Pender county, with petitions. Dowd, a bill to secure evidence to enforce the law against the sale of cigarettes to minors. Among bills passed the House were: To amend the charter of the Carolina Trust Company, of Wilmington; to permit the commissioners of New Haven to work convicts beyond the county line. Just before adjournment, Mr. Laughinghouse introduced a bill to regulate insurance companies so they will be responsible for total amounts received by agents as premiums. The House Committee on Fish and Fisheries was announced to have settled the big fight as to nets by agreeing that none smaller than one and one-half inch mesh be used in Pamlico river and sounds, but this evening a meeting resulted in a general disagreement again, the committee turning down the compromise bill seven to six.

Aldermen and Audit and Finance Board Will Reconsider the Prepared Bill.

Measure as Agreed Upon Friday Night Does Not Meet General Favor With Two Bodies and Another May Be Drafted. Not satisfied themselves with the general tenor of the street bill as passed in conference by the Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance Friday night, the Mayor, Chairman McQueen and other influential members of the conference which recommended the bill for passage by the Legislature, on yesterday sent on foot a movement for another conference of the two boards to reconsider the whole matter and pass upon it anew. There are some features of the bill upon which members of the two bodies are not unanimous, and fearing that some objection which developed during the day among the citizens, might endanger the success of the bond issue at the polls, it has been thought best to hold another meeting at which a bill will be agreed upon that will more nearly satisfy not only the members of the conference, but the public to whom the city authorities must look for support in this effort for a comprehensive system of street improvement. The Mayor, after an interview with Chairman McQueen yesterday afternoon, said that the conference for reconsideration would most probably be held the first of the present week, certainly some time before next Saturday. The matter of street improvement upon a large scale to keep pace with other leading cities and towns of the State, is regarded as of first importance, and the people seem a unit in wanting some sort of a provision by which the matter can be entered upon in a comprehensive way. There was, however, some objection toward making property owners pay a pro rata share of the cost of macadam, which heretofore has been laid on streets in the discretion of the Board of Aldermen without charge to abutting property owners, and at the conference to be held this week some plan will be devised by which this will probably be eliminated. It is pointed out that the city now spends something like \$40,000 on its streets, and this amount annually in the future would pay the interest and provide a sinking fund for the final liquidation of a very large amount of bonds, which could be used entirely by the city without any cost at all to property owners, the city looking at increased valuations for taxes to reimburse it for the money so spent. The difficulty which seems to beset this proposition is that there is an entirely new assessment next June and not another for four years. By next June it would be impossible to get much of the street work under way, and there would be comparative little increase of tax values before another four years as the re-assessments each year are only where there has been some construction work on the property. It is suggested, however, that a special act could be secured from the Legislature authorizing the city to make a new assessment of property each year, and in that way the increased values would yield a taxable revenue to the city as the work progresses. There is also a sentiment in favor of having the work of permanent street improvement undertaken by a commission, drawn from politics and not subject to change of administrations. In this way as the money was being expended the members of the commission would be getting better acquainted with the best methods instead of being changed just when their usefulness was at its best. It is also suggested that a fair basis for requiring property owners to pay a pro rata share of the more permanent improvement such as brick or stone, would be to assess them the difference in cost between macadam and the better grade of material used. It is recognized now that it is very hard to tell the value of macadam per block, because of the lack of uniformity of the blocks, but if the macadam was let out by contract on a uniform basis it would be very easy for the city to know what the macadam was costing them. The matter of street improvement in general is being widely discussed and out of all the discussion it is expected that some plan will be evolved by which the improvement may be had on a just and equitable basis for both the city and property owners. In the meantime there are few days to be lost as the General Assembly is nearing the end of its session, and any arrangements for submitting the matter to a vote of the people will have to be made quickly.

Revenue Cutter Back After Valuable Assistance to Shipping During Recent Storm.

No Trace of Ill-fated Schooner or Crew—M. V. B. Chase is Safe—Arrivals and Departures Yesterday—Need of Wireless Telegraph. The United States Revenue Cutter Seminole, Capt. J. H. Quinan, arrived in port yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from one of the severest cruises since its station at this port, which is possibly the most difficult on the South Atlantic Coast. The cutter left Wilmington for a cruise down as far south as Charleston and had reached Southport yesterday a week ago, when she received advices of the steamer Sheppy a lion being ashore on Cape Lookout. The ship immediately proceeded to the assistance of the vessel and floated her Sunday morning without apparent damage. There she got in touch with the Hatteras life saving station and hurried to the assistance of the unknown schooner which went ashore and was lost with all hands in the severe weather and freeze of the past week, a full account of which has appeared in the Associated Press dispatches to this paper. The cutter twice visited the scene of the wreck, but was unable to learn anything of the fate of the schooner or the men on board. From Hatteras the cutter returned to Wilmington for coal supply, but expects to get out again Tuesday morning or sooner. Captain Anderson, of the brig Alcaea, which arrived late Friday night, reported to Capt. C. D. Maffitt, the vessel's agent here yesterday that the schooner which went ashore on Diamond Shoals was not the M. V. B. Chase, bound to Wilmington from New York with cargo of salt, as first supposed. Captain Anderson reports having passed the Chase anchored 15 miles southwest of Cape Fear bar, with loss of mainsail. It is expected that she will be in port at once. The Chase had a very trying experience, but reports seem to indicate that it was another vessel which broke to pieces on Hatteras. The cutter reports having spoken only a few days from Hatteras the schooner Annie C. Grace, Captain Bonzell, from Wilmington to New York to the northeast of Cape Lookout; the schooner Eliza A. Scribner, Captain Dodd, from Georgetown to New York; the schooner R. T. Rundlett, Georgetown to Baltimore; the schooner William Manning, bound north, also another fourmaster anchored in Lookout light on account of stress of weather. The schooner Edith H. Wilmington, Captain Styles, always a welcome visitor in port, arrived yesterday evening with cargo of acid phosphate from Baltimore on the Swift Fertilizer Works. The schooner Margaret M. Ford, Captain Webster, cleared yesterday, light, for Georgetown, S. C. for cargo. The Ford carries the boiler of the steamer Atlantic, which was lately sunk in collision with the Clyde Liner Navahoe at the mouth of the Cape Fear river. From Georgetown the schooner goes to New York. The schooner Methebesek, Captain Outhouse, cleared yesterday also. She goes to New York with cargo from the Cape Fear Lumber mill.

Diamond Shoals Wreck

ELITE MINSTRELS TOMORROW. Big Production at Academy Under Auspices of Knights of Columbus. When you hear the band tomorrow just after noon, you are admonished that the big minstrel parade of the Elite Entertainers is on its way and if you miss it, the loss will all be yours. The parade will start from the Academy of Music at 12:30 o'clock and will proceed up Third to Red Cross street, thence along by the C. L. General Offices, where an operatic concert will be given, and on down to the Orton, where the public will again be permitted to see the company on dress parade and hear the music by the band. From Front street the parade will pass up Princess Street to the theatre. Rehearsals for the production are well complete, and it is the unbiased opinion of experts on the art of burnt cork that the show will be second to none of its kind given in Wilmington in years. The opening chorus will introduce the funny men on the ends, Messrs. Johnnie Meier, Ernest Campbell, Jimmie Rafferty, Pat Gerken, Julius Taylor and W. Cornell. The soloists will be Messrs. E. C. Banks, F. Banks, Edward ("Fox") Reilly and Willie McGirt. The olio will include a monologue by Pat Gerken; illustrated songs by Reilly and McGirt; Wilson and Daniels, in buck and wing dancing, and Johnnie Meier in a song and dance breakdown, bringing in the entire company. Seats are now on sale at Plummer's. Speak at Y. M. C. A. Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will speak to men at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Dr. Wells, himself a young man, is an especially interesting speaker, and he will, no doubt, be heard by a large audience. There will be special music. Greatest White Sale this week at Redder's.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- Peoples' Savings Bank. A. D. Brown—Sedex Silks. W. W. King—For Alderman. W. B. Cooper—Seed Potatoes. Geo. O. Gaylord—Good News. W. P. Gafford—For Alderman. J. H. Sweeney—For Alderman. Jack—Gowan's Pneumonia Cure. Carolina Yacht Club—Annual Meeting. W. E. Yopp, Chairman—Mule for Sale. J. W. H. Fuchs—One More Opportunity. Stonewall Lodge—Attention Members. Keeley Institute—Remarkable Evidence. Vulcan Engine and Mach. Co.—New Shops. C. W. Polvogt Co.—White Goods Feast. Wilmington Furniture Co.—Some Specialties. Academy of Music—Shepard's Moving Pictures. Cape Fear Lodge, I. O. O. F.—Notice to Members. Business Locals. Lost—Fox Terrier Pup. For Sale—Graphophone. John H. Whiteman—Wood. C. P. B. Mohler—For Rent. Geo. G. Clows—Traveller Wanted. Mrs. C. S. Denney—Room For Rent. Wanted—Lady Sample Distributors. P. O. Box 909—Mailing Clerk Wanted. P. O. Box 442—Stenographer Wanted. Wanted—Promoter or Active Investor. Belmont Mfg. Co.—Salesman Wanted. B. F. Keith—Simpkin's Prolific Cotton Seed. P. O. Box 442—Young Lady Clerk Wanted. P. O. Box 819—Male Stenographer Wanted. International Lumber—Income for the Family. E. Mackey—Cultured Man or Woman Wanted. Mrs. Knapp—Oil, Water Color and China Painting. California Cider & Extract Co.—Salesman Wanted. Red Cross Vinegar Co.—Two Travelling Salesmen Wanted. Chairman Walter E. Yopp, of the City Sanitary Committee, will sell at auction next Saturday at noon at the City Hall, a mule in the street cleaning department. The hour of the sale is noon and the terms of the sale are cash. Wanted, two girls experienced in feeding job presses and work in book bindery. Apply at the Star Office. fe 10-31**

HAVE YOU SAW JACK?

Office Mascot of Morning Star Has Gone Astray—Information Wanted. "Jack," the fox terrier mascot of the Star office, a kindly, affectionate little fellow, who would make friends with most anybody, has been out of place for three days now and the office force is feeling some anxiety for his safety. His bed in the "basket of rejected manuscripts," under "The Old Man's" desk will be draped in mourning unless some tidings of his whereabouts are received. He has been accustomed to making brief excursions about the city for a day or two at the time, but not until this last disappearance has his absence for a longer period been known. Moreover, he has never been missing before on a pay day. All these matters are unexplainable and Star office attaches refuse to be comforted. Any information leading to the recovery of the renegade will be thankfully received at the office. "Jack" should see this notice he would return of his own accord, but in the event of its escaping his notice, if a third party will inform the office he will be brought to time. SHEPARD'S MOVING PICTURES. Return of Par-Excellent Attraction in Its Line. The Archie L. Shepard high art pictures in motion photography will offer a bill of extraordinary excellence at the Academy Tuesday, matinee and night. A great variety of fine subjects will be offered, including the best in comedy, the most beautiful in art, the most weird in magic, the most marvelous in science, the most powerful in drama, and the most fantastic in fairy love and pantomime, with the best in vaudeville. One of the feature surprises of more than ordinary merit is the "Train Wreckers," which proved to be one of the great successes that the world of motion pictures has ever seen. It is a picture replete with astounding feats and, while thrilling at times, is full of sensation, and mystery that is always the best in comedy. The prices have been reduced for the engagement here. FIRE THIS MORNING. Blaze Badly Damaged Residence of Mr. A. W. Anderson Today. A telephone alarm of fire at 3 o'clock this morning called the department to the two-story residence of Mr. A. W. Anderson, on Front, between Ann and Nun streets. Fire from an unknown source had started in the rear of the house and was not discovered until it had gained considerable headway. The rear of the house was burned quite badly before the department arrived, and the damage will be several hundred dollars. Further particulars could not be learned at the early hour this morning. Invest in lots at growing Waycross, Ga. See advertisement.

WAYCROSS PROPERTY.

Investment Field That is Attracting Wide Attention to the South. Railroad men from the South are bringing fabulous stories of the activity that is now in progress in real estate in Waycross, Ga. This has been lately accentuated by the near approach of the completion of the big Atlantic Coast Line shops in that city and the announcement from headquarters in Wilmington that in a few weeks a force of machinists will be sent there to begin work. A clipping elsewhere in today's Star tells of this decision on the part of the Coast Line. A well known young man connected with the Coast Line and who has kept a close watch on the situation at Waycross is said to have already cleaned up a snug fortune on his investments there, and that he is already increasing his holdings of property in that city. There is said to be an actual famine in homes there, and that new suburbs are springing up as if by magic to take care of the families that are now beginning to move there for the new shops and yards. One of the most popular of these suburbs is Riverside Park, owned by Mr. W. H. Toomer, and which is designed to fill the demand in part of the 1,000 homes needed there at once. The lots are 50x100 feet in size, and are being sold to small investors on easy terms. Wilmington people have been investing so largely in this property that the owner has sent a special agent to Wilmington to look after the business here. Mr. J. S. Elkins is the special agent in charge of the Wilmington interest, and he has rooms at the Purcell, or may be addressed to P. O. Box 636. Mr. Elkins has an attractive offering for investors, and is doing a good business. Wanted, boy to feed job presses and handle forms. Must be experienced in the work. Apply at the Star Office. fe 10-31** You can make money building houses in the live city of Waycross, Ga. See advertisement. Go to Redder's Big White Sale this week.