

OUTLINES.

In the Thaw trial in New York yesterday an expert on insanity, answering a hypothetical question, declared that Thaw was irresponsible when he shot and killed Stanford White; a Pittsburg banker testified that Thaw's will, with its interlineations, in his own handwriting, was the same as he had on deposit in the bank, and that no changes or alterations had been made in it since it was deposited; District Attorney Jerome yesterday blocked every effort at a continuance of Mrs. Thaw's life story.—The government loan of \$1,000,000 to the Jamestown Exposition Company, has become immediately available and will be spent at once to put the Exposition in readiness for the opening in April.—Hermans & Co., German bankers, doing business at Port au Prince, Haiti, have refused to the German government a quarrel and law suit which the firm has had with Haiti, the latter government claiming that the bankers conspired with a former minister of finance attempted to defraud Haiti.—President Roosevelt has instructed Postmaster General Cortelyou, if possible, to bar from the mails all newspapers publishing the disgusting details of the Thaw trial in New York.—An earthquake of considerable violence occurred at Charlottesville, Va., at 8:23 o'clock yesterday morning.—The President of Nicaragua has his army ready to invade Honduras, and declares that if the United States intervenes he will resist.—At Savannah yesterday indictments were returned in the United States Court against the naval stores combine, and other dealers in naval stores, including the S. P. Shotter Company, the Peterson-Downing Company and in several members of the firms.—The President and the San Francisco delegation have not yet come to an agreement concerning the Japanese school controversy.—New York markets: Money on call firm 4 to 5-1/4, ruling rate 5, closing bid and offered at 4-1/2; spot cotton 5 points decline, closing steady at 11:05; flour firm, but quiet; wheat firm, No. 2 red 53-58 elevator; oats firm, mixed 46-12; turpentine steady 74 to 74-1/2; rosin steady.

A mouse created a panic in a Vienna theatre. If it was an audience of women it was unanimous.

"Might doesn't make right," but there is as little use to kick against it as to kick against the pricks.

"The bad place is full of people who smoke tobacco," says a New Jersey minister. He seems to think Old Nick will make them smoke for it.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland will deliver the principal address in Chicago on Washington's Birthday. Some of his phrasing will make President Roosevelt's simplified spelling look like 30 cents.

Probably one of the factors militating against 12-cent cotton is the cotton crop of India, which is said to be a record-breaker—5,105,000 bales. The acreage, it is said, was nearly 1,000,000 larger than the previous year.

It is stated that a Mr. Gong, of Leavenworth, Kan., was married a few days ago. As the Spring millinery opening will soon be here Gong may as well prepare to be struck for an Easter hat.

The State of Delaware proposes to double the railroad tax, but wants it understood it is not because of anti-railroad feeling, but because the State needs the money. It might be added that it is also easier to jump on the railroads at this time.

Remarks the Norfolk-Virginian Pilot: "Miss Harriett Saxe is certain that 'the working girl has come to stay.' She doesn't at our house." She could prove an alibi all along the line, especially if she's colored.

No wonder District Attorney Jerome is making a strenuous fight against the admission of the will of Harry K. Thaw as evidence. A description of the will seems to indicate that he was certainly "flighty" when he wrote the document and added so many interlineations.

Says the Washington Post: The Senate is beginning to suspect that in the matter of eligibility to office the President's college chums rank even higher than the Rough Riders." In that respect the President is exceedingly human. He seems to think friendship is worth something, and so it is.

The Charlotte News notes the gratifying success of the Piedmont Fire Insurance Company, of Charlotte, one of the pioneer underwriting companies of the State. The company is well established and as an evidence of its thrift the stockholders a few days ago declared a dividend of eight per cent. The Carolina Insurance Company, of Wilmington, has long ago demonstrated its success and we hear good reports of the other companies of the State. Hurrah!

## SECOND CONFERENCE IN THE LEGISLATURE

### Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance Will Meet To-Night.

### THE PROPOSED STREET BILL

Matter Will Be Gone Into Anew By Two Boards and Something Definite Will Be Agreed Upon—Matter Discussed.

Mayor Waddell stated yesterday afternoon after an interview with Chairman McQueen, of the Board of Audit and Finance that he was calling another conference of the two boards of the city government for tonight to consider de novo the proposed street ordinance.

The matter is regarded of much importance not only by the Mayor, Aldermen and members of the Board of Audit and Finance but by the people at large, who are very desirous of seeing an equitable bill framed and the bond issue carried at the polls. Ways and means of providing for a comprehensive plan of permanent street improvement by bond issue with no hardship on the people and at the same time fair to the city are now being devised by City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr., and others of the two boards and it is proposed at the conference tonight to decide upon some plan that will engender least opposition at the polls and will result in the so much desired improvement at the earliest possible moment. The idea of having the work undertaken by a non-political street commission seems to have taken deep root among the people and this plan will be strongly advocated at the conference.

While Wilmington now has the second largest property valuation of any city in the State, she is sixth in the amount of her bonded indebtedness and could very well afford a bond issue of large proportions for streets without an additional tax levy, as the amount now expended annually for permanent improvement would well take care of a bond issue and sinking fund for an issue of at least \$500,000. Whether it will be decided at the conference to go that far or not, will depend upon the plan adopted as to the pro rata share of the cost of the improvement, if any, to be borne by the property owners. There is a strong sentiment to exact nothing from abutting property owners except that which will naturally accrue in the way of added tax valuations, which seems after all, to be the way to make the burden fall least heavy on the taxpayers as street and sidewalks are enjoyed quite as much by the general public as they are by the property owners who happen to have abutting real estate on the thoroughfares to be improved. The matter is being very generally discussed on the streets and out of the mass of opinions it is expected that the conference will be able to take wise and definite action at the conference tonight.

The conference affords an excellent opportunity for all citizens interested in civic improvement to be present and give the members of the conference the benefit of any suggestions they may have to offer.

### MRS. R. W. PRICE DEAD

Good Woman Entered Into Rest After Brief Illness—Funeral Today.

Friends were shocked yesterday to learn of the death of Mrs. Duralde Stockton Price, wife of Alderman R. W. Price and one of the most highly esteemed women of this city. Mrs. Price was stricken with an attack of heart failure Saturday morning from which she never rallied, her condition becoming critical Sunday morning and her death ensuing the same night at 10:30 o'clock in spite of the most careful nursing and the exercise of all known to medical science to prolong her life. The news of Mrs. Price's critical illness reached many friends during Sunday and there were many callers at the home, Fifth and Orange streets, to inquire as to her condition and to be of some comfort to those who were so anxiously watching at her bedside. Equally as many called yesterday to tender their condolences to the bereaved ones and to express their sorrow at the death of one so useful in the church and the several organizations of ladies to which she belonged.

Mrs. Price before marriage was Miss Duralde Stockton, of Statesville, N. C., a daughter of the late John W. and Margaret Stockton. Besides her devoted husband, she is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. E. Borden, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Harrell, of Statesville. A brother Mr. Frank Stockton, of Memphis, Tenn., preceded her to the grave by several years. Mrs. Price was a most estimable woman and had devoted much of her life to the church and charitable and patriotic causes. For 25 years she was a teacher in the Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church and took an active and leading part in all the work making for the social and moral uplifting of the young people especially of that congregation. She was also a leading member of the North Carolina Sorosis and of the Daughters of the Confederacy. She was ever ready to lend a helping hand in what ever served to the furtherance of any good cause espoused by the church or society organizations to which she belonged. A consecrated Christian woman, her presence and influence in the church and the community will be sadly missed for years to come.

The funeral of Mrs. Price will be conducted at 11 o'clock this morning from the First Presbyterian Church and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery. Out of respect to Alderman Price, who is chairman of the committee, acting for the Mayor, the Public Library will be closed today from 11 to 12 o'clock. This is doubly appropriate, for not only has Alderman Price been quite active in support of the library, but Mrs. Price was a leading member of Sorosis, which made it possible for the city to have a public library at all.

### LIVELY STREET FIGHT.

Young White Men Settle Their Differences in Front of a Saloon.

In consequence of words which they had inside Starkey's saloon, Messrs. C. T. Croom and William Motte, well known young white men of the city, engaged in a lively personal encounter last night about 10 o'clock in front of the saloon. Motte got decidedly the worst of the affray, suffering several bruises and a slight cut in the cheek. Croom, who claims that Motte preceded him out of the saloon, says that he was acting in self-defense and used no deadly weapon, that he waited in the saloon a while for Motte to go on after he left the place, but that as soon as he (Croom) came out of the door, Motte accosted him, and there was nothing to do but show the white feather or fight. He preferred the latter. Motte was sent to the hospital by the police and was later charged with engaging in an affray, at the station house. Croom went to Justice John J. Furlong and gave himself up to the trial being set for Wednesday at 12 o'clock. Motte is not at all seriously hurt, and Croom has only a slight abrasion on the lip. The shouts in the street attracted a very large crowd, and there was some excitement for the time, many believing that Motte was seriously hurt.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- W. E. Springer—For Mayor.
- Hamme—Merchant Tailoring.
- W. H. Coleman—For Alderman.
- C. H. Borneman—For Alderman.
- D. Russell Foster—For Alderman.
- J. M. Solky & Co.—Cothes to Measure.
- Druggists—Gowan's Pneumonia Cure.
- St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.—Meeting.
- Business Locals.
- Wanted—Expert Groceryman.
- For Sale—Veneering and Basket Machinery.
- J. H. Rehder & Co. are showing some beautiful white goods this week. Special sale; be sure to attend.

### Bill Passed Requiring Adjutant General to Live in Raleigh—Justice To Eliminate Solicitor's Salary Feature From His Measure.

(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 11.—There was much gratification hereabouts at the passage by the Senate of the bill to require the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard to reside in Raleigh during his term of office, the salary being increased to \$1,600 per year. Adjutant General T. R. Robertson moved here from Charlotte several months ago under instructions from Gov. Glenn, confident that a bill requiring the change to be permanent would be passed by the Assembly. It was held up a week or two, but there is every assurance the House will concur in the action of the Senate and make the bill a law.

Speaker Justice, of the House, has asked the Judiciary Committee of the Senate to allow him to strike out all the sections of his bill enlarging the powers of the Attorney General, which has passed the House, except those particularly conferring on the Attorney General the right and power to investigate public service corporations, institute actions against them and send for persons and papers. He wants especially to eliminate the feature as to solicitors, making them assistants to the Attorney General and putting them on salaries, as the Senate has already passed a bill as to solicitor's salaries. The committee has consented to the curtailment of the bill, but has not yet decided on the vital question of "favorable" or "unfavorable" report. It is suspected that a very strong following in the Senate does not look with high favor on the bill which certainly gives an Attorney General of the State very sweeping powers, susceptible of a dangerous abuse if that official was inclined to "make trouble" for these companies, whether they were really abuses or not.

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### TWO RESIDENCE FIRES

Home of Mr. A. W. Anderson Badly Damaged—Another Sunday.

The damage to the residence and contents at the home of Mr. A. W. Anderson, General Superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line, Sunday morning is estimated at \$6,500. The building is owned by the estate of Mrs. M. L. Holladay and it was insured with J. H. Boatwright & Son and others for \$7,000 while Mr. Anderson carried \$2,000 on household furnishings with the agency of Captain J. VanB. Metts. The residence was practically gutted by fire. The origin of the fire is still unknown but there is a suspicion that it was of incendiary origin though there is no clue. The fire was first discovered by Mr. E. B. Moss, proprietor of The Oasis, as he was returning to his home in the vicinity after closing his place of business for the night. Mr. Moss saw only a slight blaze at first and thinking that he saw some one moving around the rear of the house, he went on home at the same time keeping a look out in the direction he had seen the light. Later when it showed signs of increasing in brilliancy, he sent in a telephone alarm and hurried back to wake up the occupants of the house in the meantime others had been aroused and were assisting members of the family out of the then rapidly burning house.

The alarm of fire at 9:10 o'clock Sunday night from box 53 was on account of a blaze in one of the new houses recently built by Captain R. M. McIntyre, No. 3 North Ninth street, and occupied by Mr. W. E. Farmer. The blaze seemed to have started under the building and swept clear through from rear to front. The damage to the household furnishings of Mr. Farmer upon which he had no insurance is estimated at \$300 while that to the building is estimated at from \$500 to \$700; covered by insurance. This fire is also believed to have been of incendiary origin. Members of the family had retired and had a bad experience with smoke which filled the house in dense volume.

### MISS HINES' RECITAL.

Favorite Reader Gave Great Satisfaction at Armory Last Night.

The recital at the Boys' Brigade armory last night was declared by those present to have been the best of its kind given in the city for some time. The programme was varied and each selection showed the artistic development required in its rendition. Miss Hines impersonated the different characters in so charming a manner and with such natural ease that one forgot the reader altogether and saw only the character portrayed.

The young lady is a most gifted reader and elocutionist and the pleasure of attending one of her recitals is a privilege. Her voice is mellow, elastic and harmonious while her manner and gestures are most graceful. Excellent was the universal opinion of those who attended the recital last evening.

## MISRULE IN SAMPSON

### Republican Office Holders in East Carolina County Have Gone Wrong.

### SHERIFF AMAN'S MISDEEDS

True Bills Returned Against the Officials in the Superior Court at Clinton This Week—Shortage About \$45,000.

(By Associated Press.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 11.—The grand jury at Clinton, N. C., which has been investigating the financial condition of Sampson county for the past week, returned true bills of indictment to-day against the following:

One bill against A. W. Aman, former Republican sheriff of Sampson county for embezzlement of State funds; one bill against A. W. Aman, for embezzling county funds; one bill against V. J. McArthur, A. T. Herring and George Highsmith, the former Board of County Commissioners, for turning over the tax books to A. W. Aman, without settlement for the previous year; one bill against V. J. McArthur, A. T. Herring and George Highsmith, the former board, for failure to require A. W. Aman to give school fund bond; one bill against J. R. Peterson, W. J. Faircloth and C. E. Jackson, the present Board of Commissioners, for failure to require Everett Turner the present treasurer of Sampson county, to give school fund bond.

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Lieutenant Commander H. M. Chase is advised by the War Department through Colonel George L. Morton, who is ever interested in the Naval Brigade of the State, that the prospects are now very bright for the assignment of a ship to the use of the sailors in the service and that the boat will be stationed at Wilmington. The ship will be occupied by the Wilmington Division as headquarters when she arrives. The naval reserves of several other States have been assigned ships from the service and it is expected that North Carolina's turn on the "waiting list" is approaching near. There is not a more loyal set of jackies on the South Atlantic Coast and any ship assigned to them would be taken good care of and would be a credit to the National Guard.

### An Expert Tailor Coming.

Messrs. J. M. Solky & Co., the Masonic Temple Clothiers, announce that for four days beginning Monday of next week an expert tailor from Strouse & Brothers, the High Art Tailors, of Baltimore, will be here to take measures for new spring suits. The reputation enjoyed by Strouse & Brothers is too well known to need commendation here. The line of samples this season is bigger and brighter than ever before and Messrs. Solky & Co. would advise their friends and customers to come in and take a look.

The Carl B. Rehder Candy Co.'s store will be closed Wednesday to prepare for the formal opening Thursday and Friday.

## CANDIDATES COMING

### Formal Announcement of Ex-Mayor Wm. E. Springer—Several More Aspirants for Aldermanic Honors With Others Grooming.

From present indications the present municipal election will see a larger number of candidates before the people than ever before. While the race for Mayor, thus far, has been narrowed down to two, there are many candidates, some embryo and some avowed, in nearly all the wards and the friends of these are already putting up a stiff campaign among the "sovereign" voters of the several political divisions of the city.

The most important official announcement this morning, is that of ex-Mayor William E. Springer, who has yielded to a strong following in all the wards, and will make the race to the finish. Mr. Springer has served the city as Mayor before and the average voter does not need to be told what he may expect from his administration of affairs.

The lists for aldermen continue to swell, among the official announcements in to-day's paper being those of Mr. W. H. Coleman, in the First ward; Mr. D. Russell Foster, in the Third ward; Mr. C. H. Borneman, in the Fourth ward. They are each young men and propose to wage an active campaign in their respective wards.

Mr. R. A. Parsley's name as a possible candidate in the Fourth ward, was used without his authority by his friends and he says that under no consideration would he serve, if elected. He has business affairs that require all his time.

Alderman Karr, of the old Board, has stated to his friends that he will be a candidate for re-election and the announcement of Alderman King for re-election was contained in the Sunday paper. Other candidates are grooming for the race and the nomination contest at the primaries promises to be quite lively, indeed.

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Lieutenant Commander H. M. Chase is advised by the War Department through Colonel George L. Morton, who is ever interested in the Naval Brigade of the State, that the prospects are now very bright for the assignment of a ship to the use of the sailors in the service and that the boat will be stationed at Wilmington. The ship will be occupied by the Wilmington Division as headquarters when she arrives. The naval reserves of several other States have been assigned ships from the service and it is expected that North Carolina's turn on the "waiting list" is approaching near. There is not a more loyal set of jackies on the South Atlantic Coast and any ship assigned to them would be taken good care of and would be a credit to the National Guard.

### An Expert Tailor Coming.

Messrs. J. M. Solky & Co., the Masonic Temple Clothiers, announce that for four days beginning Monday of next week an expert tailor from Strouse & Brothers, the High Art Tailors, of Baltimore, will be here to take measures for new spring suits. The reputation enjoyed by Strouse & Brothers is too well known to need commendation here. The line of samples this season is bigger and brighter than ever before and Messrs. Solky & Co. would advise their friends and customers to come in and take a look.

The Carl B. Rehder Candy Co.'s store will be closed Wednesday to prepare for the formal opening Thursday and Friday.