

OUTLINES.

Near Block Island, off the Rhode Island coast Monday night a terrible marine disaster occurred when 150 or more lives were lost from the steamer Larchmont, which was in collision with the schooner Harry K. Knowlton, the steamer was sunk and the crew and passengers took to the boats, with everything covered with ice and men and women suffering terribly; one man was crazed and cut his throat.

Representative Lamar, of Florida, yesterday introduced a bill in Congress to regulate lobbying at the National Capitol.—In the Thaw trial in New York yesterday Dr. Evans, an alienist, testified that he examined Harry Thaw in prison and it was his opinion that Thaw was insane when he killed Stanford White; this may enable Attorney Delmas to put Mrs. Thaw back on the stand to-day to continue her life story; it is probable that Mrs. Thaw's mother may be a witness against Thaw, and Lawyer Hummel may be called as a witness against Mrs. Thaw.—In London yesterday a sensational art burglary was committed, \$175,000 of valuable paintings and bric-a-brac having been stolen.—President Alfred Walter, of the Seaboard Air Line, elected about six of eight months ago, died at his home in New York yesterday after a brief illness.—The Attorney General is to ascertain what steps can be taken to carry out President Roosevelt's desire to bar from the mails newspapers which publish the disgusting details of the Thaw trial in New York.—President Roosevelt yesterday sent to the Senate a new treaty with Santo Domingo relating to the collection of the customs duties of the black republic.—Lieut. Sydney S. Burbank, who was said to have deserted his Philippine wife, served out a 15-month term in the penitentiary yesterday and threatens to create an army sensation concerning the conduct of officers in the Philippines.

Florida seems to have a monopoly on peonage.

Wealth has its drawbacks. One of Harry Thaw's sisters thought a foreign nobleman was good enough for her and he picked out a wife from the chorus.

A man up North was fined \$25 for throwing a piece of beefsteak down on the floor. The damage to the floor is not stated, but the man will know better hereafter than to be rough enough to assault the floor.

At any rate the Harry Thaw trial should be cut out of the menu at the breakfast table. It is a salacious morsel that should be handled with a pitchfork, and the breakfast table is no place for a pitchfork.

Sarah Bernhardt, it is announced, is going to play the devil in "Faust." It is to be hoped that she will do it in a manner that will attract attention from the way Stanford White and Harry Thaw played it in the chorus.

The Star yesterday received a copy of the Japanese Daily New World. It is a twelve page paper, but as we have no Japanese "learning" we'll have to fly it aside till our interpreter gets here.

Governor Ansel, of South Carolina, fired the dispensary board of managers because they paid unreasonably high prices for liquor that weren't good. Will they please inform a bibulous public how they can tell when it's not good.

Count Boni de Castellane has appealed and still hopes to keep from being finally divorced. Boni should be satisfied that he was not "slid" into a tow-sack and dumped overboard some dark night when there was a drizzling rain and a thick fog.

It is said that seven pound tooth has been unearthed near New York. The theory is that it is the tooth of a prehistoric mastodon, but how do they know but what it is a front one lost by the wild man when he was trying to chew the rag with his wife?

District Attorney Jerome seems to be having his inning, but wait till Attorney Delmas puts Mr. Roger O'Mara on the witness stand for Thaw. O'Mara is the detective who has been finding out the pranks of Harry Thaw ever since he has been on the turf. Mighty easy to prove that every man is crazy, if you'll only follow up the zig-zag meanderings of his trail.

Thaw's lawyer sets up the claim that Harry Thaw had been so torn up over the doings of Stanford White that he was incapable of realizing that he was doing any harm in putting an end to White's career with his pistol. Dr. Wagner, expert on insanity, testified that Thaw's grievances were enough to make a man crazy, and it is curious how many people agree with the doctor. Pity and love are akin, and it seems that Thaw had a killing case of both.

BURNS WERE FATAL

Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rankin Meets Fearful Death.

DIED THIS MORNING

Clothing Caught Fire Yesterday Afternoon at Family Home and Child Was Horribly Burned About Body—Tragic Affair.

Catherine Harlow, the little 16-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Rankin, Jr., died this morning at 1:15 o'clock at the family home on Chestnut, between Fourth and Fifth streets, as the result of horrible burns received yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, while the little one was left by the nurse for a moment in the sitting room of the residence. The news of the death of the child, to which the parents were so tenderly devoted, will come as a great shock to the many friends of the young mother and father, and they will have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in the great bereavement with which they have been stricken.

Mrs. Rankin was away from home yesterday afternoon making some calls and Mr. Rankin was at his business downtown, the little girl being left in charge of the nurse, a very careful person, who had put the child down on the carpet in the sitting room to play with some toys while she went to the rear of the house to get a scuttle of coal for a fire which was slumbering in the heater. While the nurse was absent it is presumed that the child crawled to the front of the heater and with a dry stick which was later found in the room, with a burned end, ignited the splinter. At any rate when the nurse returned she was horrified to find the little girl in flames, crying in her great agony. She shouted for assistance as quickly as possible and Dr. Morris M. Caldwell, who lives in the vicinity, ran over and did all in his power to alleviate the suffering of the little one. A few minutes later Dr. Thomas M. Green and Dr. Thomas S. Burbank came in response to a heavy summons and the three worked with the child until the moment of its death in an effort to save the life. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin were summoned as quickly as possible and both were prostrated almost with grief at the terrible accident, the physicians holding out but the faintest hope. The baby was fearfully burned about the face, arms and legs, though her eyes seem to have escaped and it was hoped that possibly the flame had not been inhaled. The burns, however, proved fatal and at the hour named the little soul took its flight to eternity.

Many friends called at the home during the afternoon and evening to inquire as to the condition of the little sufferer while many personal friends of the young husband and wife remained with them until death entered to sadden the home that was so happy less than 12 hours before.

The funeral arrangements for the child have not yet been made.

ST. PAL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Annual Congregational Meeting Held Last Night—Annex to Building.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Lutheran Church was held last night, the pastor, Rev. W. A. Snyder presiding and Mr. H. L. Volkers being present as clerk. The reports at the meeting showed an increase of 21 members during the year, and the attendance upon the Sunday School greater than during any previous year. One of the main features of the annual reports was the matter of building an annex or increasing the present capacity of the church to meet the requirements of the congregation. No positive action was taken last night, but the question will be taken up at a postponed meeting at which there will be a definite report on the proposed increase with the cost of same, etc. The responses thus far have been very liberal, and it was stated that there seemed to be no doubt but that the proposed enlargement of the building will be carried through all right. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

- Elder—L. Hanson.
- Trustees—M. G. Tienken, C. W. Polvogt and J. W. Duls.
- Deacons—John H. Rehder and Dr. J. H. Dreher.
- Delegate to North Carolina Synod—C. W. Polvogt; Alternate, E. Schalken.
- Appointement Committee—Martin Schibben, C. F. VonKampen and H. E. Bonitz.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

- For Mayor—Wm. E. Springer.
- J. Hicks Bunting Co.—Dandelion.
- For Mayor—Parker Quince Moore.
- Vulcan Engine & Machine Co.—Estimates.
- Typewriter Supply Co.—Stearn's Visible Type Writer.
- Business Locals.
- For Sale—Restaurant.
- Wanted—Stout, Active Boy.
- Low's two-cent fare measure passed the House yesterday by a vote 106 to 0. Cheers greeted the passage of the measure in the House today.

HURT IN RUNAWAY

Postal Messenger Boy Received Painful Injuries By Being Run Over by a Frightened Team Yesterday Morning on Front Street.

A pair of horses attached to a trap belonging to Mr. James Sprunt and being driven by Link Hill, colored, ran away at Front and Princess streets yesterday morning about 11 o'clock. Morris Anderson, a messenger boy for the Postal Telegraph Company, in the crowded street, was unable to get away from the team and was knocked down by the runaway, having a very narrow escape from serious injury. He was approaching the frightened horses on his bicycle and just in front of the Carolina Savings and Trust Company, he attempted to dismount at the curbing. The maddened animals were upon him before he knew it, and he was struck in the back of the head by the tongue of the carriage, which felled him to the cobble stones. The boy was unconscious for some time. The driver stopped the horses by reining the carriage against the curbing and Motorman Christoffersen, of the Consolidated Company, seeing the imminent peril of the boy by being trampled to death by the animals, ran forward and seized the bits. Others also ran forward and the animals were soon quieted.

Young Anderson was taken to Jarman's drug store on Princess street, where Dr. Pride J. Thomas gave him temporary attention and sent him to the hospital. The boy had two gashes in the back of the head, one about two and a half inches in length, and the other about an inch and a half. Several stitches were taken in the wounds at the hospital and the little fellow was sent to his home at 114 South Eighth street. He will probably be confined several days to his room as the result of his injury. Young Anderson while he was bleeding in the drug store manifested a devotion to duty that entitles him to a medal. While Dr. Thomas was working on the severe cuts in his head he would not be comforted until some one would promise to take the telegram he was carrying when he was hurt, to the office of Messrs. Willard & Giles. Messenger boys of this type are so rare that President Mackay should have official notice of the incident.

The driver, who did all possible to avert the accident, said that the horses became frightened at the dropping of a fender on one of the city street cars, while others in the vicinity say that the breast strap broke, causing the vehicle to run on the haunches of the over-nervous horses with the confusion about the street car junction. The driver escaped without injury and the trap was not damaged.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL SERVICES.

Remains of Late Mrs. R. W. Price Laid to Rest Yesterday Morning.

An unusually large number of friends and sorrowing relatives were present yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at impressive funeral services conducted in the First Presbyterian Church over the remains of the late Mrs. Duralde Stockton Price, wife of Mr. R. W. Price, her death having come with such a shock to the community Sunday night. In honor of Mrs. Price members of the North Carolina Sorosis, the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the First Presbyterian Church, teachers and members of the Sunday school and a large delegation from the Daughters of the Confederacy, attended the obsequies in a body. The funeral hymns were beautifully rendered by the church choir and the services proper were conducted by the Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the congregation of which Mrs. Price was for so long such a useful member. Following the services in the church, the long funeral procession moved slowly to beautiful Oakdale cemetery where all that was mortal of the good woman was committed to earth.

The pallbearers were: Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy, Col. John D. Taylor, Capt. James L. Metts and Messrs. G. J. Boney, B. G. Worth and C. H. Robinson, honorary; Messrs. C. W. Worth, R. W. Hicks, Walter G. MacRae, W. B. Cooper, R. A. Brand and Oscar Pearson active.

Carpenters to Celebrate.

An interesting social session will be held in Union Hall on Friday night of this week. Mr. J. D. Clements has kindly presented cigars for a smoker during which Mr. W. H. Hart and others will explain difficult architectural problems and there will be other addresses of interest to the craft, the affair being under the auspices of the carpenters and joiners of the city. Final arrangements will be made for the display of union-made goods on the night of the 22nd. All trade unionists will co-operate with the carpenters on this occasion, and a delightful and profitable evening it promises to be. The unorganized carpenters will also be invited, a small admission being charged, the exhibit of goods will be made by the merchants of the city. The committee is now on its rounds soliciting these exhibits. The exhibition will conclude with refreshments and a smoker.

Services, Ash Wednesday, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. A. W. Seabreeze rector. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Joint service at 8 P. M., sermon by Rev. T. P. Nee. All are cordially invited.

TO CARE FOR INSANE

Compromise For Bickett Bill in General Assembly Passed in Both Houses.

MORE RAILWAY LEGISLATION

Mr. Koonce Would Amend Newspaper Libel Law—New County of Lee Opposed in Committee—Number of Local Bills—Other Notes.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 12.—Both branches of the General Assembly today considered a bill to provide for the insane of the State. The bill considered was a substitute for the Bickett bill presented by the Joint Committee on Appropriations. The features which differ from the Bickett bill are that the State Treasury is to be drawn on for \$125,000 per year for four years for the proper maintenance of all the institutions instead of having a bond issue of \$500,000. The State Treasurer is authorized to borrow money if necessary to meet the appropriation. The substitute retains the provision for a hospital commission and specifies that the insane of the State, whether indigent or otherwise, shall be cared for at the public expense. The bill was reported to the House by Mr. Bickett and to the Senate by Mr. Webb. The vote in the House was unanimous, Democrats and Republicans alike joining enthusiastically in the support of the measure. This action was greeted with applause on the floor of the House, in the galleries and in the lobby of the capitol. The bill, carrying as it does, an appropriation, had to go over for a third reading, and it will come up to-day.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate today were:

By Aycock, to provide for the improvement of roads in Wayne county.

By Williams, to promote the safety of the traveling public on railroads and to prohibit the removal of ordinary freight on the Sabbath.

The Senate passed the bill authorizing a bond issue for Jacksonville, N. C., for the better protection of the town from fire. Also the House bill for the establishment of a dispensary in Hertford county; bill to require each county to maintain one or more High schools where the appropriation of the State or county is duplicated by the people by special tax was made the special order for next Tuesday and 1,000 copies of the measure were ordered printed. Bills passed to allow the State to repay loan of \$7,500 for sewerage at the A. & M. College; to increase the number of peremptory challenges on the part of the State in all cases below capital felonies and allowing the State two peremptory challenges where there is more than one defendant in a capital case; also bill to prevent delay of settling cases on appeal to the Supreme Court; bill to empower the Corporation Commission to require railroads to install and operate additional trains and maintain specific connections; bill to prescribe time in which caveats in wills may be filed, fixing the time at two years. A bill to prevent the running of an ordinary freight train on Sunday passed its second reading.

In the House among the bills introduced were the following:

McLean, relating to the time for holding courts in Bladen.

MacRae, to incorporate the Carolina Methodist College at Maxton.

Koonce, to promote the loyalty and greater respect for the sovereignty of the State by providing that flags shall be at half mast upon the death of persons who have done great service to the State; also another repealing the section of the revised relating to libel and slander by striking out the provision exempting newspapers which have published retractions.

Wells, empowering the Moore's Creek Monumental Association to enforce order and protect the property on the battleground in Pender county.

Peele, to appoint certain magistrates in Scotland county.

MacRae, to pay for artificial limbs for soldiers of the Southern Confederacy.

51 ST. ANNIVERSARY

Elaborate Masquerade Ball Last Night by Howard Relief Company—Dancing and Elegant Supper at Midnight—The Prizes.

The fifty-first anniversary of the Howard Relief Company was most auspiciously celebrated last night at the handsome club house of the company at Front and Orange streets, the form of the celebration having been an elaborate masquerade ball and supper, which continued until the early hours of this morning. The committee in charge was composed of Messrs. Charles Schibben, chairman; E. F. O. Banck, H. Gieschen, M. Rathjen, Jr. and F. W. Dock and right well did they prepare for the entertainment of their guests upon this occasion. The various departments of the club building were thrown open and all were beautifully decorated and brilliantly lighted. The dancers numbered about 60, excellent music having been furnished by Kneissel's Academy Orchestra and the costumes worn by the dancers were quite grotesque and fantastic. The spectators numbered considerably more than a hundred.

At 11:30 o'clock the order came to unmask and some pleasant surprises and revelations were in store for the merry-makers. The judges were Messrs. T. Donlan, C. F. VanKampen and E. Poetzl and they decided that the most grotesque costumes for lady and gentlemen were worn by Miss Etta Fick and Mr. Carl Fick. The latter wore the garb of a wood sawyer and Miss Fick was dressed as an Indian princess. To each of them was presented the prize, a beautiful silk umbrella. Some of the other costumes were equally as spectacular, the impersonation of Don Juan, by Mr. Henry Gieschen; Gen. Lafayette, by Mr. Carl Rehder; George Washington, by Mr. W. E. Schuler; Buster Browns by several and a great many others. It was possibly the most successful affair of its kind given in the city in many years.

MARRIED LAST NIGHT.

Miss Anna Sprunt the Bride of Mr. William C. Munds.

A marriage of much interest to a large number of friends in this city and elsewhere was that of Miss Anna Sprunt, a daughter of the late Alexander Sprunt, of Wilmington, and Mr. William C. Munds, also of this city. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock last night at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. B. F. Hall, on corner of Ninth and Princess streets, the Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., a brother of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., and Rev. E. W. Hogue, of this city. Only members of the immediate families and a few personal friends of the parties to the marriage vow were present, the bride and groom preferring that the wedding should be a quiet affair. Mr. and Mrs. Munds will make their home at Seventh and Orange streets.

GIANT MORTGAGE RECORDED.

Eighty-Six Page Document That Represents Total of \$75,000,000

Yesterday a giant mortgage was filed in the office of Register of Deeds John Haar, the amount represented by this document being \$75,000,000. The mortgage was given by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad to the Morton Trust Company, of Maryland.

The document is a printed affair of eighty-six pages. The bonds issued to cover the loan run for fifty years, and will bear interest at four per cent. The fees for recording the document amounted to \$32 and the fifty cents for probating the document made a total cost of \$32.50 for getting the paper recorded here. The same document has to be recorded in every county through which

The Horticultural Fair.

A dispatch from Raleigh yesterday announces that the proposed fruit and horticultural fair to be held in the East in 1907 will be held at Newbern May 22nd and 23rd. The Horticultural Society will offer \$1,000 in prizes for the best exhibits in the various departments. An effort was made to have the fair held at or near Wilmington and a committee had been appointed to land the enterprise for this city, but at the last moment, it was decided to make an effort for the exhibition next year.

The proposed new county of Lee appeared before the House Committee, to which the bill which has already passed the Senate in favor of the new county, was referred. The representatives of Moore and Chatham happened to be on the committee which is considering the bill, and both are opposed to losing any part of their territory. They secured, therefore, a defeat of the bill in the committee by a vote of 12 to 7, the majority voting out of courtesy to their fellow members. The bill will come up on a minority vote in the House today and will, no doubt, be passed, as the Senate has already passed the measure by an overwhelming majority. The Lee county delegation came on a special train and numbered more than 400. The special train returned to Sanford tonight.

BILL IS AGREED UPON

Comprehensive Plan of Permanent Street Improvement With no Hardships Imposed.

CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT

Alderman and Board of Audit and Finance Provide Means For \$400,000 Bond Issue Under Non-Political Commission—No Assessment

The conference of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance for considering the Street bill, was slow in assembling last night. It was 8:30 o'clock when the members came in and upon motion of Alderman J. O. Brown, Mr. H. C. McQueen was made chairman. He stated the object of the conference, referring to the former meeting and the action taken at that time, to which some objection had developed.

Before proceeding with the regular order of business, Thomas W. Davis, Esq., counsel for Miss Mary Bridgers, was heard with reference to a bill which he had been requested to draw including within the corporate limits of the city a block of real estate belonging to his client in Carolina Place, at Seventeenth and Market streets. A church would occupy a part of the block, he said, but it was proposed to develop the balance of the property and while the city would not tax the church property, a considerable revenue would accrue from real estate valuations in the other portions of the block. Mr. Davis said that the object was to get fire protection there; there would be no obligation to pave streets or anything of that kind. Mr. Davis further said that he knew no official action could be taken at a conference and that he merely desired an expression of opinion from the two boards. A motion by Mr. W. E. Yopp prevailed, that it be the sense of the meeting that the bill as prepared by Mr. Davis would not be opposed. Mr. Davis said that he would submit the bill to the city attorney after which it would be forwarded to the Legislature for passage, the new territory being a part of the First ward. Alderman W. H. Yopp suggested including all of Carolina Place, but this did not meet with favor. Mr. Davis saying that he was not authorized to speak for other property owners out there.

The street improvement bill was then taken up, those present being Chairman McQueen and Messrs. Yokes Wilder and Brady, of the Board of Audit and Finance; Messrs. Karr, Rathjen, O'Brien, Moore, Northrop, W. H. Yopp, W. E. Yopp, Brown and King, of the Board of Aldermen; City Attorney Bellamy; City Clerk and Treasurer Fowler; Capt. T. D. Meares and Messrs. J. A. Taylor and L. B. Rogers. Alderman King, who was not present at the last conference, took occasion at the outset to oppose the clause in the original bill requiring abutting property owners to pay a part of the cost of macadam.

Mr. Taylor was called on for an expression from the business men in regard to the subject of streets. He spoke of the crystallization of public sentiment in favor of streets and strongly advocated undertaking the work under a permanent commission, divorced from politics, explaining the desirability of such action from his experience as a member of the former Board of Aldermen. The financial end of the proposition was gone into carefully. He was of the opinion that the work should be done without cost to property owners other than that accruing from increased tax valuation. In response to question by Mr. Wilder, it was stated by Mr. Taylor that he did not regard \$200,000 as sufficient to do the work that was proposed, hence his suggestion of \$400,000 which could be sold off in bonds as needed. The interest and sinking fund on a \$400,000 issue could be provided without one mill more of taxes with the \$40,000 per year that is now being expended annually on streets.

Alderman King spoke further on the subject. He was opposed to the idea of a commission. Each ward should have what belonged to it and the money should be expended by the people's representatives on the Board of Aldermen.

City Attorney Bellamy spoke of the difficulties which beset the question of assessing the property owners. Mr. Davis spoke along the lines of Mr. Taylor and strongly urged the disbursement of a fund under a non-political street commission. There was further desultory discussion by Mr. Rathjen, Mr. King, Mr. O'Brien and others. The Aldermen with the possible exception of Messrs. W. H. Yopp and O'Brien, seemed to be opposed to the commission.

Mr. Brown, to get something definite before the meeting, moved a reconsideration and that the amount of bonds be made \$400,000 for streets. Mr. W. H. Yopp, who feared that the large amount for streets would jeopardize the water and sewerage bonds, made an amendment that the amount be left as it is at \$200,000. Mr. W. E. Yopp was of the same opinion. The chair threw out the suggestion that he didn't believe that \$300,000 in bonds could be floated successfully at one time. Mr. W. E. Yopp made an amendment to the \$400,000 proposition that

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