

OUTLINES.

The collision between the steamship Larchmont and the schooner Harry Knowlton, off the Rhode Island coast on Monday night, was heart-rending in its results; already 72 bodies of the victims have been recovered, and the sufferings of the few survivors who were almost frozen is horrible.—As a mark of respect to the memory of President Walter all trains on the Seaboard Air Line will come to a full stop for 5 minutes during the funeral service in New York this afternoon at 3 o'clock.—Yesterday there was only a brief session of the Court which is trying Harry Thaw, a juror's wife being in a critical condition and threatening to cause a mistrial; Dr. Evans, expert on insanity, testified, and his examination of Thaw was such that it laid such foundation for the insanity plea that the defendant's freak will probably be introduced today as further evidence of his unsound mind; if it is admitted as evidence, Mrs. Evelyn Thaw will go back on the stand and continue her story.—In a message to Congress yesterday, President Roosevelt calls attention to the defrauding of the government out of public lands, asks for \$500,000 to detect defrauders and urges that coal lands be held by the government for the public benefit.—The Senate yesterday passed the bill giving the government the right to appeal to the Supreme Court on constitutional points in criminal cases.—The deferred immigration bill was called up in Congress yesterday to aid the administration in settling the Japanese California school problem.—The House of Representatives yesterday made headway with the naval appropriation bill, it being shown during its consideration that there is not a dry dock in the country which will contain the huge battleship which is to be built under the bill.—Mrs. Lena Smith, of Philadelphia, died yesterday from a vicious attack by her pet bull dog.—A disastrous fire burned the pattern shop at the Cramp shipyard in Philadelphia yesterday, the patterns of several battleships already built and of new ones under construction having been destroyed.—The embezzlement of the cashier of the Savings bank at New Britain, Conn., amounts to \$565,000.—New York markets: Money on call, steady 2 1/2 to 3 3/4 per cent.; ruling rate, 4 to 4 1/2, closing bid and offered at 1 1/2; spot cotton, 5 points lower, closing steady at 11 cents; flour, steady but quiet; wheat, easy, No. 2 red, 85 f. o. b. about; corn, steady, No. 2 33 elevator, oats, strong, mixed 47 1/2; turpentine and rosin firm.

The Charlotte Observer insists that "Charlotte water is good." Some Charlotte men will agree with the Observer that it surely is good for "hot flues."

Little strange that when a fellow's mind is so "explosive of fulminating" that he doesn't realize that he is committing a crime when he kills a man, he never fails to know that a revolver will do the killing all right.

Says a New York dispatch to the Baltimore Sun: "Doctors at Bellevue say they are baffled by a case of the rare disease called idiopathic multiple hemorrhagic sarcoma." If the patient gets out and shoots his man, there will be more trouble for District Attorney Jerome to prove that he realized what he was doing with his gun.

"What is the argument against having women on the jury?" asks an exchange. The principal one is that she would think that it is not incumbent on the State to prove to the jury that you are guilty, but that it is up to you to satisfy her that you are not guilty.

Dr. Wiley, the government pure food expert, declares that "we must keep our cells limped if we wish to reach a green old age" but if we expect to do so we must avoid alcoholic drinks as they "coagulate protoplasm." Mighty hard, however, to keep men from coagulating their protoplasm. Men have a falling of running past the signal.

Having observed the wreck and ruin wrought by Republican officials in Sampson county, the Norfolk Landmark ejaculates: "The Philistines have fallen upon Sampson county, N. C." Alas! Poor Yorkick. The majority of people in Sampson county for 10 or 12 years have entirely overlooked the fact that the Republican party has never changed its spots.

The South Carolina House of Representatives passed the Toole bill making passenger fares two and a half cents on railroads in that State. However, the bill met its death in the Senate Monday night by a vote of 25 to 14. The only question in material is whether the railroads can stand the reduction and give the State the proper passenger service that is demanded, and to which the traveling public is entitled. Too much of a cut may be as much a detriment to a State as it is to the railroads. We must realize that there is a safety point, and a danger point in dealing with such questions.

ON RAILWAY RATES

Lower House Engaged Afternoon and Night Yesterday on the Various Bills.

RESUME DISCUSSION TO-DAY

Speeches Limited to Ten Minutes for Each Member—Manning Bill Meets With Only Partial Favor.—Morton Speaks.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—For two hours this afternoon the lower branch of the General Assembly discussed the Manning bill for the reduction of railroad passenger fares to two cents per mile for the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line, earning more than \$1,550 per mile; two and a half cents for the Seaboard Air Line, earning less than that amount; and three cents for the smaller roads, earning less than \$1,000 per mile. The discussion was not finished during the afternoon, and the House was in session until 11 o'clock tonight, considering the matter. At the latter hour, the discussion still had not ended and a recess was taken until 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The speakers this afternoon were Mr. Manning, of Durham, in explanation of the bill at length, and Mr. Morton, of New Hanover, in opposition to any reduction whatever. He declared in a vigorous debate that the reduction would be ruinous to the railroads of the State, and there was no demand for the decrease. The demand was for better freight and passenger service. Mr. Tullington, of Iredell, was also heard in opposition to the bill. He offered a substitute providing two and three quarters for first class fare and two and a quarter for second class, with mileage books at two and a quarter cents. This is identical with the Graham bill in the Senate. Mr. Harshaw, the Republican leader in the House, spoke in opposition to the measure, declaring that it was time for conservatism to prevail in the State, and that rather than the efforts of the Legislature be directed toward better service by the transportation lines.

The discussion was resumed at 3 o'clock tonight, continuing for three hours. The first speaker was Col. Sol Gallett, of Rutherford. He advocated a rate of two and a half cents with the second class eliminated. He urged only such reduction as would enable the railroads to live and do business, furnishing adequate service to the rapidly growing State. Mr. Stevens, of Union, was heard principally in favor of the section of the bill limiting transportation to newspapers to that contract for at regular space rates, mileage books being furnished therefor.

Owen, Republican, of Sampson, made a remarkable speech, in which he highly complimented the recent State Legislature and strongly endorsed the course taken on this question by the Democrats. He said that the body was both conservative and wise, and urged the two-cent rate, declaring his belief that the railroads could live and do well on a rate of one cent per mile. He repudiated the position of his party on the subject and spoke vigorously along the lines indicated. Speaker Justice, of Guilford, for half an hour discussed the bill in detail, giving the reasons which had actuated the committee in submitting the various propositions and fixing the scale of rates as to the earnings per mile. The principal reason for adopting the schedule as to earnings was because at the limit placed the railroads would be receiving 12 per cent on the investment as given in for taxation. He argued that to include mileage at less than the regular rates would be unconstitutional because it was discriminatory.

Mr. Royster, of Granville, closed the debate with a speech advocating two classes of fare and giving notice that he would offer an amendment later. He urged the elimination of that section restricting the transportation to newspapers and paid an exceptionally high tribute to the editors of the State.

The speeches will be limited to ten minutes when the discussion comes up tomorrow morning. Mr. Dowd, of Mecklenburg, has the floor and will be the first speaker.

NE WADVERTISEMENTS.

Jim—Gowan's Pneumonia Cure.
A. C. Brown, Sec'y.—Orient Lodge, A. F. of A. M.
Business Locals.
H. F. Wilder—Setter Lost.
Wanted—Unfurnished Room.
The dead bodies of Charles Bentz and his sister Alice, each about 50 years of age, were found yesterday in the home they occupied together at Frederick, Md. They owned a number of pieces of real estate, but had summoned no physician when they were recently attacked by illness. It is believed that they had been dead since Saturday. The interior of the house indicated that the brother and sister had lived penuriously, hoarding their money, which a cousin will inherit.
Wanted, at once, a stout active boy, about 14 to 15 years old, to make fires, bring water, etc. Apply at the Star office.

HOLD ANNUAL FAIR

Revival of Movement That Has Been on Tapis for Some Time—Chamber of Commerce Will Lend Its Support.

There is a revival of the movement begun several years ago to hold in Wilmington an annual fair. Sentiment to this effect has rapidly crystallized and it is stated that there is now every prospect that the plans will fully mature. The fruit fair to be held in Eastern North Carolina was allowed to go this season rather by default but the committee which was appointed from the Chamber of Commerce on this subject has conceived the idea of a greater fair and have met with encouraging responses from the men hereabouts who do things. It now seems likely that before a great while a Fair Association will be organized and this city will be put on one of the Southern racing circuits. It is proposed to hold the fair simultaneously in 1908 with the exhibition of fruit and truck under the auspices of the State Horticultural Society and it is said that Wilmington will have absolutely no trouble in landing the fair for this occasion.

Twenty influential men have been secured to act as directors of the Fair Association and have agreed to take stock in such an enterprise. The matter is deserving of the support of the entire city and it is hoped that the plans will fully mature.

ANDREW J. WALKER DEAD.

Well Known Colored Citizen Succumbed to Attack of Apoplexy.

Andrew J. Walker, a prominent colored man of this city, at one time a member of the Board of Aldermen and a representative in the General Assembly from New Hanover county, died last night at 9:30 o'clock at his home, 1109 North Fifth street. Death resulted from a stroke of apoplexy suffered Tuesday morning about 7:30 o'clock as he was on his way down town where he was engaged as a man servant by Mr. H. M. Chase and others. The stroke prostrated him as he was crossing Fourth Street bridge and he was unconscious after that time, friends having taken him to his home, where he gradually grew worse until the end came. The deceased was in the fiftieth year of his age and left a wife and one son—and a daughter, the latter living in Florida, to mourn their loss. The arrangements for the funeral have not been made as yet.

Walker was well thought of by those who knew him and that was quite everybody who lived in Wilmington, during the Republican regime. In spite of his political tendencies, Walker was well behaved, polite, courteous and far above the average of intelligence among his race. For many years he was janitor of the Seaboard Air Line building on Front street, when the second floor was occupied as apartments by Mr. Chase, Sheriff Stedman and others. Many will hear of the death of Walker with regret.

RAILS FOR DOUBLE TRACKING.

Five Car Loads of Material Arrived Yesterday for Front Street.

Four car loads of the heavier rail and one car of spikes for the double tracking of the Consolidated car line on Front street, arrived yesterday from the North and is being unloaded at the Ninth and Orange street yards. It will be taken from there on flat cars and distributed on the street when the work begins. It is thought that this will not be until it is definitely decided what is going to be done by the city toward the repaving of the street. In the meantime, it is stated that the work on the other extensions and enlargement of the system will be prosecuted with all possible dispatch. The work on Front street will probably be the last that is done, and as the matter of repaving that street will not be finally settled until the bond issue is voted on in May and the bonds are floated by the city.

The rail that arrived yesterday is the standard 60 feet in length of the weight of 1,400 pounds each. This rail will be used on Front from Red Cross to Orange streets, with lighter rail where the traffic will not be so great. Much of the grading for the extensions has already been done by Capt. J. T. Dooley's force of men.

Married Yesterday Afternoon.

Mr. Herbert R. Smith, one of the popular young street car conductors of the Consolidated Company, and Miss Ida L. Kershaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Kershaw, were quietly married yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. Ernest Williamson, Justice J. H. Sykes officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left on the afternoon train for a wedding tour, after which they will be at home in this city.

Well Known Colored Butcher Dead.

Henry C. Green, a well known colored butcher, for many years at the Fourth street market house died at 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning at his home on Seventh street, between Green and Campbell. He was about 50 years of age and was highly respected by the best people of both races. The funeral arrangements will be made later.

The Carl B. Rehder Candy Co.'s formal opening will commence this morning at 9:30. Evening Reception from 8 to 10. The Public is cordially invited.

AN AFFRAY IN COURT

Gilbert Brothers and Officer M. P. Newton Engaged in Lively Fisticuff Yesterday.

AT THE POLICE STATION

Disturbance Grew Out of Arrest of One of the Men for Fast Riding Trial Today at Noon—Counsel Employed.

The Mayor pro tem., half a score of policemen and as many citizens assembled at the police station yesterday a few minutes before the hour for convening the session of the police court at noon, were required to quiet an incipient personal encounter that was precipitated by Officer M. P. Newton, on the one hand, and Messrs. C. D. and J. Plummer Gilbert, on the other. The fight occurred right in the court room as Mayor Pro Tem. O'Brien was about to assume the chair and drop the gavel for court. There was all excitement for the time being and the session of the court was delayed a few minutes until quiet was restored.

The trouble grew out of the arrest of Mr. J. Plummer Gilbert Tuesday afternoon by Officer Newton, the charge having been exceeding the speed limit on a bicycle at Front and Princess streets. Another charge was also lodged by Officer Newton yesterday. Mr. Gilbert was served with the first warrant Tuesday afternoon and yesterday he was present in the court room with his brother, Mr. C. D. Gilbert, to stand trial. Officer Newton was present, of course. The Messrs. Gilbert were discussing the merits of the case in the court room and Mr. C. D. Gilbert is said to have made use of the expression that Mr. Newton had it "in for him," anyway, and that was why he had arrested his brother. To this Mr. Newton made a hot reply. One word led to another and one of the Messrs. Gilbert is quoted as having said, "Never mind, wait till he gets his buttons off and we'll fix him." The officer replied that they had better "fix him" then, at the same time, it being stated, that he either offered to lay off his coat, or began doing so. At this stage of the proceedings one of the Gilberts is reported to have delivered the officer an upper cut on the jaw, which was returned by a pass at one of the brothers. The Mayor pro tem. and the officers and bystanders in the court room, rushed in and separated the combatants before any great harm was done. The Gilberts claim that the officer was armed with a club, but fellow officers say that Mr. Newton prior to starting out of the room, had laid his club down. On this point there was a wide divergence of testimony and it will take a court trial to determine the exact status of the affair.

Immediately after the fight, Sheriff Williams, who was in the room, swore out warrants for the three, charging them with engaging in an affray. The Messrs. Gilbert signified their intention to employ counsel and the case was continued for them until to-day at noon. Mr. Newton will ask City Attorney Bellamy to appear for him at the trial. The cases against Mr. Plummer Gilbert, for fast riding, were also continued for the defendants until noon to-day.

THE LENTEN SEASON.

Begun Yesterday With Ash Wednesday—Services in Churches.

Ash Wednesday on yesterday inaugurated the Lenten season, appropriate services being held in nearly all the churches of the denominations which observe the period. Easter, this year, falls on the 31st of March, Lent continuing 40 days in commemoration of Christ's fast. It is a season of special penitence and preparation for the Easter feast, hence all pleasure of a public nature is discarded and the days are given over to meditation and prayer. Easter commemorates the resurrection of Christ when all the world is filled with gladness at the glory of the Risen Lord.

The first Sunday in Lent is known as Quadragesima Sunday, the fourth, as mid-Lent Sunday; the fifth as Passion Sunday and the sixth the beginning of the Holy Week, as Palm Sunday. The two weeks and a half preceding Lent, beginning with Septuagesima, following which are Sexagesima and Quinquagesima Sunday, form the pre-Lenten season, a transition between the joyful Christmas and Epiphany season and the penitential season of Lent.

LOCAL LEGISLATION

Recorder's Court Bill and Likelihood of a Pilotage Fight in the General Assembly—Wilmington Visitors Return.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., returned last night from Raleigh where he spent a couple of days on personal professional business. He said upon his return to the city that his visit to the State capital had nothing whatever to do with the Wilmington Recorder's Court bill as had been hinted on the streets every day since his departure. His mission to Raleigh, he stated, more emphatically, had nothing whatever to do with any governmental measure pending before the General Assembly.

Mr. McClammy stated that he heard it hinted while in Raleigh that some sort of a pilotage measure was on tapis, but of it he knew nothing definite. Iredell Meares, Esq., of Wilmington, and M. C. Guthrie, Esq., of Southport, arrived on the day that Mr. McClammy left but he could not say, of course, what was the object of their mission in Raleigh; indeed, he said, he had no right to inquire. Mr. Guthrie would make no statement in regard to the matter of the pilotage bill, if any, that was proposed to be presented.

It is learned that the Chamber of Commerce of Southport is behind a movement for a bill to be passed requiring compulsory pilotage over the bar and certain restrictions regarding the traffic as it now obtains without any regulations whatever on the river. Circular letters have been sent out asking support of a mild compulsory law, affecting the bar only, but it is understood that this will be violently opposed by Wilmington business men, who stand for no changes whatever from the present conditions as they now obtain at the port, which are held to be quite satisfactory. It is probable that a delegation will be sent from Wilmington to oppose any measure that will be proposed in this regard. Representative Morton is already committed to opposition to any bill that may be submitted and Senator Bellamy says that he knows of no demand for any change, but, of course, as a representative of the people would entertain anything that was properly brought before him.

Justice John J. Furlong also returned last night from Raleigh where he looked in upon the General Assembly. He stated that while he was in Raleigh he looked into the Recorder's Court bill and found that the measure "would not hold water." He secured the opinion of several lawyers, members of the Assembly, who take the same view of the situation and he does not believe the measure will get through in the present form. The bill is still before the committee of the House.

CO-OPERATIVE B. & L.

Annual Meeting Hears Fine Reports and Elects Officers.

The annual meeting of the Co-operative Building and Loan Association was held Tuesday noon at the office of the secretary and treasurer, Mr. Thomas H. Wright, 124 Princess street. The reports of the officers showed the Association to be a most flourishing condition and doing a most successful business. Mr. William E. Worth was re-elected president; Mr. B. C. Moore vice president; Mr. Thomas H. Wright secretary and treasurer and Thomas W. Davis, Esq., attorney. The above was read by Messrs. A. Shrier, Martin O'Brien, Joseph H. Hinton, Walter E. E. Yopp, D. R. Foster, J. Van B. Metts and Robert H. Northrop compose the Board of Directors.

MR. W. R. HUDSON DEAD.

Passed Away Last Night at Residence of His Son—Funeral.

Mr. W. R. Hudson, a well known Wilmington citizen, held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, passed away yesterday evening at 6 o'clock at the residence of his son, Mr. G. B. M. Hudson, No. 411 Red Cross street. Mr. Hudson was in the 69th year of his age, and had not been engaged actively for the past several years on account of his feeble health. He leaves two sons, Mr. G. B. M. Hudson, of this city, and Mr. John Hudson, of Newbern. The funeral will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence and the interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

The Insane Colored Woman.

Lizzie Sidbury, the insane colored woman who created a scene on Princess street late Tuesday afternoon, was paroled by Justice Bornemann in custody of her relatives. The woman was reported as harmlessly insane, except when aggravated, and this was the case with the misunderstanding that resulted in the real estate office Tuesday. Justice Bornemann inquired fully into the case and told relatives of the woman that if they could not control her, he would have her taken in charge by the county authorities and committed to the State Hospital at Goldsboro.

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DOINGS IN ASSEMBLY

House and Senate Yesterday Engaged With Number of Bills of Some Importance.

TO TAG THE LOBBYISTS

Mr. Bellamy, of Brunswick, Threw His Colleagues Into Laughter—Support for Hospitals—Koonce Libel Amendment Referred.

(By So. Bell Long Distance Phone.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—In the House to-day the railway rate bill had the right of way. Among the more important bills introduced were: Manning, to increase the duties of the Attorney General.

Dilling, to regulate child labor in factories.

The bill to create Lee county out of portions of Moore and Chatham was made the special hour for tomorrow after the regular hour, upon the request of Mr. London.

The bill by Mr. Koonce, of Onslow, repealing the London libel law as to newspapers was re-referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Laughinghouse, of Pitt, introduced a joint resolution calling on the Corporation Commission for a special report as to the terms of the recent compromise of the suits for \$15,000 penalties against the Southern Railway Company for refusing to maintain the Selma connection.

Mr. Laughinghouse charged that in withdrawing these suits the Southern was not required to reimburse the State for attorneys' fees, and for other expenses incurred in the litigation.

The Senate today passed the bill providing \$125,000 for four years for maintaining the insane hospitals of the State, the same being a substitute for the original Bickett bill, calling for a bond issue of \$500,000. There was an amendment by Mr. Webb, of Buncombe, setting out more explicitly the changes to be made at the several institutions.

The Bickett bill to require lobbyists to register under heavy penalties came up and was made the special order for Thursday at noon. Senator Bellamy, of Brunswick, threw the Senate into convulsions of laughter by sending up an amendment that all lobbyists be required to wear a badge of ribbon or other substantial material, not less than six inches wide, upon which shall be plainly printed the word "Beware," with skull and cross bones underneath.

Among bills passed were those allowing two years in which to file caveats in wills; repeal special road tax in Burgaw township, Pender county; amend Section 2916 of the revised so as to grant franchises to corporations on reasonable terms for the operation of public utilities, the terms not to exceed 60 years unless renewed at the end of the grant; also to authorize municipalities to dispose of water and light plants. The bill carries an exception with reference to Cumberland, at the request of the Senator from that county.

Bills passed to allow conductors and station agents to arrest persons guilty of drunkenness, and for any offence committed in their presence; to restore to the citizens of Johnston county the right to manufacture and sell wine and cider; to make it a misdemeanor for any employe to go on duty on a train or trolley car while under the influence of liquor; to permit New Hanover to work convicts outside the county limits; to amend the charter of the Carolina Savings and Trust Company, of Wilmington.

A bill introduced today by Mr. Drewry requires an annual apportionment and accounting by life insurance companies.

The House Committee on Appropriations today heard argument on the proposition for the State to guarantee the interest on the bonds of the Transcontinental Railroad Company for building a line from Waynesville to Rutherford. It was decided to report the bill unfavorably by a vote of 4 to 3, but there will be a minority report and the matter will be threshed out on the floor of the House.

There was also an unfavorable report today on the bill allowing Scotland Neck to vote on the question of prohibition or dispensary.

The bill by Mr. Drewry in the Senate today requires annual apportionment and accounting of surplus of life insurance companies as to policies heretofore issued.

The recorders court in municipalities are evidently popular. Senator Buxton introduced a bill to-day to provide one for Winston.

The bill in the Senate which had previously passed the House relating to deposits in banks by minors, elicited quite a discussion and was finally recommitted. It enables children of 15 years of age and over to make deposits in savings banks in their own names and to draw monies out in their own names, the same as adult persons. Messrs. Webb and Aycock questioned the advisability of such a bill. Mr. Graham, author of the bill, explained its designs, which was to inculcate ideas of saving among children.

Among the bills in the house to-day was one authorizing Durham to issue bonds for a comprehensive system of street improvement; also for the laying of a sewerage system, both these bills being by Mr. Manning.