

### OUTLINES.

A tremendous sensation was created yesterday in New York by the publication of a letter written by E. H. Harriman in 1905, declaring that President Roosevelt sent for him and requested him to raise \$250,000 to carry New York for him, as it was feared the State would otherwise go Democratic; Harriman, in his letter, also says Roosevelt promised him to appoint Chauncey M. Depew as Ambassador to France and then went back on his promise; following the publication of the Harriman letter, President Roosevelt issued a statement denouncing Harriman's declarations as false, and the President also gave out some correspondence between him and Congressman Sherman of New York, and also letters of Harriman to the President. New York, N. C. had a \$50,000 fire at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, the flames originating in J. M. Arnold's livery stable, licking it up, cremating twenty horses, and destroying a number of fine residences. The commission inquiring into the sanity of Harry Thaw in New York will report to the court tomorrow; yesterday's testimony before the commission was a battle between alienists, those for the prosecution declaring Thaw insane and those for the defense pronouncing him rational; the commission will make a private examination of Thaw today. The earthquake at Bitlis, Turkish Armenia, was severe, but while the houses were demolished it is said the loss of life was small. President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, has resigned and his son, Louis W. Hill, succeeds him, the elder Hill becoming chairman of the board of directors. Low temperature, frost and freezing weather has greatly damaged truck and fruit in Virginia and Maryland. A plot against King Charles has been discovered and great excitement exists at the capital of Roumania. At Albany, N. Y., last night, Judge Alton B. Parker issued a statement concerning the quarrel between Harriman and President Roosevelt, declaring that it all justifies Parker's charge that the corporations financed Roosevelt's campaign. Busse, Republican, defeated Dunne, Democrat, for Mayor of Chicago yesterday by a plurality of 15,000 to 18,000 votes. Vegetables and fruits have been seriously injured by cold in Georgia. New York markets: Money on call, easy, 2 1/2 to 3 3/4 per cent, ruling rate, 3; closing bid, 2; offered at 2-1/2; spot cotton, quiet, 10.90; flour, steady with a light trade; wheat, firm, No. 2 red, 82 5/8 elevator; corn, barely steady, No. 2 56 elevator; oats, barely steady, mixed, 46; turpentine, firm, 71 to 71 1/2; rosin, firm, strained common to good, 4.45.

"How shall we prevent brain storms?" is the subject of a treatise by a New York doctor. The Harry Thaw case indicates that we can prevent them by not being so gay.

Greene and Gaynor don't know what it is to get cold feet. Their case is now being heard on appeal at New Orleans. They are no quitters, any more than Col. Bryan.

The Star notes with pleasure that the question of street signs has been brought before the Board of Aldermen. Let us have them before the rush of Summer visitors begins.

The fact that the Board of County Commissioners, unanimously, and the Board of Aldermen, with the exception of one member, indorsed the movement for the Recorder's Court, is a strong argument in its favor.

The Greensboro Industrial News (Rep.) inquires: "What is a Democrat?" The question is entirely too personal and our modesty is such that we positively can't make an answer that would indicate "exaggerated ego."

Says the Washington Post: "The 'Roosevelt lemonade' is the latest in the refreshment line, and it comes with a stick in it." This simply means that its popularity in prohibition communities is beyond the necessity of prediction.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie says "the millionaires who laugh are rare." We'd like to add enough to our 30 cents to increase our wealth to a million so we could give them a good imitation of a man who can laugh and grow fat.

Some of these days we'll be reminded that Secretary Taft is the logical candidate for President because he and Roosevelt took the same horn, and then again because he's the man to go on with the Panama Canal and deal with the Cuban and Philippine situations.

The Princeton students a few days ago presented former President Grover Cleveland a loving cup as a birthday present. Mr. Cleveland was glad to receive it, of course, but if the Princeton boys had known how to accumulate a stock of lasting gratitude they should have presented Mr. Cleveland a fishing hole or a duck pond in the neighborhood of Georgetown.

## AUDIT AND FINANCE FROM THE CAPITAL BUILDING AND LOAN

### Newly Appointed Board Met Last Night and Organized For The Term.

### THE MEMBERS SWORN IN

Mr. McQueen Re-elected Chairman and Capt. Meares Secretary. Two Appropriations By Aldermen Disapproved.

The newly-appointed Board of Audit and Finance for the city of Wilmington met in its initial regular semi-monthly session at the City Hall last night and organized by the election of Mr. H. C. McQueen, chairman, and Capt. Thos. D. Meares, clerk. The only change in the personnel of the Board is Mr. M. G. Tiencken, of the Fifth Ward, who, with his fellow members on the Board from all the wards, was appointed entirely without their solicitation. Members of the Board were sworn in for their new terms of two years each by Mr. T. O. Bunting, who was present for the purpose. Mr. Tiencken succeeds Mr. R. H. Brady as member from the Fifth Ward and both are excellent men, the retirement of the one being none the less more regretful than is the satisfaction at having a man of Mr. Tiencken's ability and integrity a member of so important a body.

The meeting was called to order temporarily by Mr. C. W. Yates and Mr. Meares was requested to act as secretary. Mr. S. F. McNair nominated Mr. McQueen for chairman and the vote was by ballot. Mr. McQueen receiving the unanimous support of the Board with the exception of himself, he having voted for his good friend, Mr. Wilder. Mr. Tiencken nominated Capt. Meares for re-election as clerk and his election was unanimous also. Mr. McQueen in assuming the duties of chairman thanked his colleagues for their manifestation of confidence and assured them that while he is common with the other members was not on the board by choice, he would strive to do the best thing possible for the interest of the city at all times. The business of the session was then entered upon with the reading and approval of the minutes.

Alderman J. O. Brown was present to urge concurrence in the increase of the appropriation for the Board from \$150 to \$200 for a public pump or artesian well mainly for the benefit of excursionists at Front and Red Cross. This opened up a wide-range discussion of the public water supply in general, several of the members taking the position that the present supply of water from the hydrants is good drinking water and nothing more than a fountain there was needed. Several physicians were quoted of this opinion. Mr. Tiencken stated that he and his family had been using the hydrant water ever since the new filter had been put in, and he knew by experience that it was an improvement over the pump supply that he had discarded after use for many years. In fact, he said it was the very best water he could get hold of. Mr. Brown was not of the same opinion, and urged the appropriation for a pump, but it was finally decided to non-concur in the appropriation and excursionists will have to come down to the "town pump," if they must have water while in the city.

The appropriation of an unexpended balance of \$800 in the smallpox fund for the improvement of Ann street, between Fifth and Sixth, in front of Union School, was discussed at some length. There are yet two months of the fiscal year in which smallpox may occur, and this, coupled with the Board's opinion that the amount was insufficient for making a complete job of the street, led to the matter being postponed until the next meeting. This was with the tacit understanding that if at the next meeting there is revenue sufficient in sight, an appropriation of a larger amount will be allowed to permanently and completely improve the street. The clerk stated that the indications now are that receipts at the end of the fiscal year may run to \$4,000 or \$5,000 ahead of the previous year. The usual bills for current expenses were audited and approved, after which the meeting adjourned.

### ARMENIA EARTHQUAKE SEVERE.

Shocks Continue and People Camped in Snow.

Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, April 2.—Information has reached the British Consul here to the effect that while the earthquake which occurred at Bitlis Market was violent, the loss of life was small, only four casualties having been reported. Many houses were damaged and the shocks continue. Almost all the inhabitants are camped in the snow.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Academy—The Clansman.  
J. M. Solky & Co.—Spring Suits.  
Clyde Steamship Co.—Schedule.  
Consolidated Co.—Cook With Gas.  
People's Savings Bank—Annual Meeting.  
Atlantic Trust and Banking Co.—Stop to Think.  
Business Locals.  
For Rent—Six Room Cottage.  
Young Lady—Position Wanted.  
A. Sellers & Co.—Crossies for Sale.

## NEW POWER SOURCE

### Important and Far Reaching Discovery by Prof. J. A. Holmes, Formerly of North Carolina—Investigate Fuel Supply.

### MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR

The many North Carolina friends of Prof. J. A. Holmes, formerly State Geologist at Raleigh, will be interested in a leading news story from Washington, D. C., printed on the first page of last Sunday's New York American, announcing the important discovery by Prof. Holmes of a solution of the fuel problem in the United States in connection with the gas developing steam engine. After months of thorough investigation, pursuing his experiments abroad where he was five times decorated by Eastern potentates for his great scientific learning, Prof. Holmes is convinced that this engine is capable of producing three and one-half times as much power from a given weight of coal as can be secured under an ordinary boiler. The fuel tests were made at the St. Louis home of Prof. Holmes to determine the fuel values of different coals and also to demonstrate the comparative economics of various methods of applying coal to the production of power.

The demonstration of the possibilities of lignite, giving it a new and striking interest by Prof. Holmes, has led the government to send a party of thirteen geologists to accurately survey and study the coal deposits of the Rock Mountain region in North Dakota, the eastern third of Montana and a great area of Wyoming and northwestern South Dakota, a practically unexplored area. Professor Holmes has demonstrated that, properly used, a ton of lignite will produce two and one-half times as much power as a ton of the best steaming coal under an ordinary boiler.

The gas producer is simply a double engine, which combines the steam engine and the gas motor. The fuel is used in the ordinary way to produce steam; but the production of combustion is afterward drawn off as gas, and used in a gas motor, where explosion produces a great deal more power than in the first phase. The apparatus is pronounced entirely practical and successful commercially.

### THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Chamber of Commerce Has Not Recently Given Endorsement to Such.

The Star was perhaps a little too indecisive yesterday in stating that it was but "a few years" since the Chamber of Commerce had passed resolutions in favor of a Recorder's Court for Wilmington. It was apparently before the Chamber of Commerce was merged with the old Produce Exchange in 1902 and quite within the recollection of many members before that time. For this reason the following communication from Secretary James Kyle is published with pleasure and in justice to all concerned:

"Editor Star—Referring to your local in Tuesday's issue under the caption, 'The Recorder's Court,' note your statement that while the Chamber of Commerce as an organization is making no opposition to the measure that a number of members as individuals are opposing the bill, and further that 'but a few years since the Chamber of Commerce passed a strong resolution endorsing a Recorder's Court for Wilmington.'

"Upon what authority you make this statement I am not aware, and you fail to enlighten the public. The present organization dates from May, 1902, and had its inception in the merger of the old Chamber of Commerce and the Produce Exchange. During this time I have served as Secretary and my minutes fail to show any record that the subject was discussed, much less endorsed by the Chamber.

"To my knowledge the subject has never been considered by a committee or otherwise.

"JAMES KYLE, Secretary."

### ITS ANNUAL BANQUET.

Merchants to Have Festive Time This Month—The Speakers.

Arrangements have been concluded by which the annual banquet of the Wilmington Merchants' Association will be given on the night of April 17th, at the Colonial Inn. Mr. L. B. Rogers, president of the Association, will probably act as toastmaster, and there will be several speakers from a distance. Among these will be Norman H. Johnson, Esq., attorney general of the North Carolina Association of Retail Merchants, and Mr. Clarence Sawyer, of Asheville, president of the Association. There will be music and other pleasing features of this annual affair.

### DIED IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Miss Estelle Kinyon, Daughter of Former Wilmington Resident.

A telegram yesterday morning to Mrs. E. R. Savage conveyed to the family and friends in this city the sad news of the death of Miss Estelle Kinyon, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Kinyon, who formerly resided in Wilmington. Her critical illness was noted in yesterday's paper. She passed away at the family home at Chester, Pa., after a lingering illness with tuberculosis. The remains will be brought to Wilmington on this evening's train from the North and the interment will be here. The funeral arrangements will be announced and later.

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## SNIPES TRIAL TO-DAY

### Young Pender County Man Charged With Killing W. L. Williams, White.

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Number of Jail Cases Disposed of Yesterday—Several Sent to the Roads—One Negro Returns to Gibson Station.

Superior Court was engaged all day yesterday with a partial completion of the jail cases on the docket. An effort will be made to clear all of these from the calendar between the opening of court at 9:30 A. M. today and 10:30 o'clock, at which time a special venire of 75 drawn yesterday will be returned by the sheriff, from which to select a jury for the trial of young Lonnie Snipes, charged with killing W. L. Williams, a young travelling man, in a house of ill repute, on MacRae street, on the night of the 14th of last September. After a careful inquiry into all the circumstances of the shooting, including an examination of all witnesses available, their testimony being taken in writing, Solicitor Duffy has determined to try the defendant for second degree murder, the penalty for which is a maximum of 30 years and a minimum of two years in the State prison. In a second degree trial the vast difference in the number of peremptory jury challenges allowed the State and the defendant is eliminated and the Solicitor feels confident of his case.

Snipes is represented by Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy, Herbert McClammy and Walter P. Gafford, who will endeavor to secure an absolute acquittal for their client, making their plea either self-defence or that the shot was fired by another. At the last term of court a sealed affidavit was submitted to Judge Long by the attorneys for the defence upon which they were granted a continuance until this term, the grounds being the absence of a material witness. This witness is J. J. Watters, of Bannerman's Bridge, Pender county, near the boyhood home of young Snipes. It is not known what they expect to prove by Mr. Watters, but he is regarded as a very important witness for the defence. Several associates of young Williams, who were with him on the fateful night, have left the city and have been subpoenaed, but they have not been found. These are marked by the coroner as witnesses for the State.

An amusing incident during the session yesterday was in connection with the case of John Colvin, a deformed negro, by reason of his being burned when a child. Several petty charges were laid at his door, and he pleaded guilty. Judge Long, who has a keen sense of dry humor, called him up for sentence. In reply to questions, Colvin stated he came from Gibson Station, and knew the number of miles exactly.

"Which had you rather do, John, go to Gibson, or to the county roads?" queried his Honor.

Colvin, of course, preferred Gibson. He had been in jail some time. "Well, there's the door, and outside there's plenty of fresh atmosphere. I'll give you five days to get back to Gibson."

Colvin put out the door, his black countenance wreathed in smiles. The following entry was made: "It appearing to the court that the prisoner has been burned and is unfit to do work on the roads, the court enters the following judgment: That he be imprisoned in the jail six months and assigned to labor on the roads, to be effective on the seventh day of April. Capias to issue to New Hanover on said date."

During the proceedings of the court yesterday Herbert McClammy, Esq., presented to the court Mr. Albertus Haynes Pait, who was recently licensed by the Supreme Court and he was duly sworn in as a practising attorney.

Court met yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock and Sheriff Cowan returned as talesman summoned for the day: W. F. LeGwin, Wm. Gregersten, E. J. Littleton, G. W. Chesnut, John B. Peshau, D. W. Willis, C. W. Yates, Jr., and W. G. W. Kraft. Messrs. Littleton and Willis were excused.

The following cases were disposed of during the day:

Chas. Spicer, assault with deadly weapon; continued for State.

Walter Gidon, larceny; continued for State in absence of witnesses.

Capias ad testificandum to issue and each witness required to give bond in sum of \$50 to appear as witnesses.

William Brown, larceny; pleaded guilty; six months on roads.

John Colvin, gambling; pleaded guilty; judgment suspended.

Walter Holland, abandonment; defendant required to give a bond of \$100 for appearance at April, 1908, term of court to show that he has provided support for his family; costs to be paid at this term.

Henry Smith, larceny; verdict guilty; 12 months on roads; carrying concealed weapons; case continued on docket.

John Phillips, assault with deadly weapon; verdict guilty; five months on roads.

Wm. Bryce, carrying concealed weapons; pleaded guilty; fined \$25 and costs.

Martha Pearsall, assault with dead.

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## FREEZING WEATHER OVER THE STATE.

### Railroad Men Before Corporation Commission—Dispensary at Dunn—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., April 2.—There was a conference here today between the Corporation Commission and representatives of the Atlantic Coast Line and Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Companies regarding the adjustment of schedules so that there will be connection between the A. & N. C. train leaving Goldsboro at 8 A. M. for Newbern and the A. C. L. train that leaves Newbern now for Wilmington about a half hour before the arrival of the Goldsboro train at Newbern. For the conference Supt. R. P. Foster was here for the A. & N. C. and Mr. G. I. Fountain for the Atlantic Coast Line.

A charter was issued this morning for the Pinehurst Land Company, of Tarboro, capital \$5,000, by A. B. Powell and others.

Representative J. C. Clifford is here from Dunn and says the Board of Managers for the dispensary that is to take the place of prohibition conditions that have held sway there a number of years, went into office yesterday. He says there has been talk of contesting the election which voted in the dispensary, but the idea seems to have been abandoned. The committee that will have charge of the dispensary consists of J. D. Barnes, W. H. Newberry, K. L. Howard, J. H. Ballance and J. F. Phillips. It will be known as the Board of Managers.

There was freezing weather throughout this section this morning, the mercury registering 28 in the observatory of the Raleigh Weather Bureau. Killing frosts are reported from all the principal points in the western and central sections of the State, and it is feared that there is almost a clean sweep of fruits and truck, although the real conditions as to these crops cannot be ascertained as yet. The fact that truckers, especially berry growers, are generally prepared to wear the vines and protect them from sudden cold and frost causes the hope to be entertained that the damage in the truck and berry sections will not be so great.

### WEATHER FREEZING YESTERDAY.

Minimum Was 22 Degrees—Truckers Fearful of Frost This Morning.

Although the skies cleared in a gale of wind yesterday morning about 7 o'clock, there was little improvement in the temperature over the day before and the lowest point reached by the thermometer was exactly freezing, 32 degrees. The high winds and overhanging clouds prevented a frost early yesterday morning, and it is believed that there was little damage if any to truck crops, but the worst is feared in the heavy frost predicted by the Weather Bureau for this morning. Much lettuce, radishes, beets, cucumbers and the like are growing in the open, and it is impossible to protect them. If there is a heavy frost as predicted and the indications seem to bear out the forecast exactly, it is certain that the crops mentioned will be badly cut off, if not blasted entirely. Up to this time the prospect has been exceptionally good and the truckers are anxious until the morning is passed. Freezing temperatures are reported from the further north and if the crop is cut off there, it is safe to say that any part saved in this territory will command fancy shipping prices. Strawberries being protected by much foliage, it is not believed that they can be badly hurt, though the growers of the fruit are almost equally as anxious as are the vegetable men.

The forecast for today is fair and warmer, with light north winds. The temperatures yesterday were 33 degrees at 8 A. M. and 42 at 8 P. M. The maximum was 45 during the day and the minimum 32. Conditions in the State are referred to in the Raleigh dispatches today. The minimum reported at the several stations up to 8 o'clock yesterday morning were as follows: Asheville, 26; Charleston, 36; Charlotte, 30; Jacksonville, 42; Norfolk, 30; Raleigh, 28; Richmond, 24, and Wilmington, 32.

### ROYAL VENETIAN BAND.

Famous Band Here For Concert Wednesday Night.

This famous band of thirty skilled musicians from "Sunny Italy" now touring the South under the management of the Radcliffe Lyceum Bureau of Richmond, Va., comes to the Academy for one concert, Wednesday night, April 10th. The programme offered by this superb musical organization has never been surpassed by any band and will be changed for each performance.

Oscar Hammerstein, the veteran New York theatrical manager who brought Creators and the other great band leaders to this country gives the following hearty endorsement to Victor:

"I take great pleasure in recommending Victor's Royal Venetian band, which is composed of prominent artists under the excellent conductorship of Signor Victor. During their engagement, which lasted two months, on my Paradise Roof Garden, they have met with the most hearty approval of the audience, and great applause was accorded them at every performance."

Lists for seats are at Plummer's, on Princess street, and at the office of the Wilmington Wallpaper establishment, opposite the City Hall. Seats are \$1 each.

## FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION HELD LAST NIGHT.

### Officers and Directors Re-elected For Ensuing Fiscal Year—Reports of President and Secretary and Treasurer—New Series Stock

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's Building and Loan Association was held last night at the office of the secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. R. Foster, on Princess street. Practically one thousand shares were represented either in person or by proxy and the meeting was very enthusiastic indeed. The secretary's report showed the Association to be in a most flourishing condition and the second fiscal year of the life of the organization is entered upon with bright promise. The report of President Wm. F. Robertson showed a none the less satisfactory condition of affairs and is published in full below. The following officers and directors were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing term:

President—Wm. F. Robertson.  
Vice-President—Geo. H. Heyer.  
Secretary and Treasurer—D. Russell Foster.  
Attorney—Woodus Kellum.  
Directors—Wm. F. Robertson, Geo. H. Heyer, W. L. Burkheimer, Robert Scott, J. A. Springer, D. McEachern, Dr. A. H. Harris, E. P. Bailey, J. W. H. Fuchs, D. F. Klein, E. P. H. Strunck, Owen Martindale, Woodus Kellum, B. S. Montford, James M. Hall.

The Association will open a new series of stock on Saturday of this week, which is the fourth since the Association was formed. The report of President Robertson was as follows:

Stockholders of the People's Building and Loan Association:

Gentlemen—On this, the first anniversary of the organization of the People's Building and Loan Association, we, your officers, and you the stockholders, have much cause to felicitate ourselves upon the progress and popularity attained by the institution in so short a time. The belief that Wilmington's progress and splendid advancement would maintain another building and loan association has been firmly vindicated.

Your directors have most faithfully worked for the best interests of the association in securing business and in safely investing the funds. All mortgage loans are made upon city and county real estate with liberality consistent with ample safety. Many of our thrifty citizens are today enabled to build homes with the aid secured from this association, and many a young man has laid the foundation for his first bank account.

The financial showing made this first year which had to bear the expenses of many years of supplies and organization expenses is such that the future is secure if all connected with the association diligently guard and work for its best interests.

In less than one year between 1,600 and 1,700 shares of stock have been taken. These assets have been handled by your directors with the sole view of benefiting impartially all stockholders alike from the smallest to the greatest, and to the interest of this community, using always that business sagacity consistent with the welfare of the institution.

For financial details, I refer you to the secretary and treasurer's report. The best success can be obtained only by the efforts and interest of each stockholder. This year officers and directors ask. It is to the interest of all to talk the institution, work for it, and increase its business.

In closing, I desire to commend the energy and earnestness of your secretary and treasurer, and loyalty of your directors, and to thank them and also many of the stockholders for the generous aid they have given to this first and prosperous year of the People's Building and Loan Association. Respectfully,

WM. F. ROBERTSON, Pres.

### HANOVER SEASIDE CLUB.

Annual Meeting of Popular Organization—Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Hanover Seaside Club, which owns handsome club houses both on Wrightsville and Carolina beaches, was held last night in the Howard Relief Club rooms, on South Front street. There was a good attendance and the affairs of the organization were enthusiastically discussed. The following officers were re-elected:

President—Mr. M. G. Tiencken.  
Vice-President—Mr. J. W. Duls.  
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen.  
Executive Committee—Messrs. M. G. Tiencken, J. W. Duls, J. G. L. Gieschen, J. W. H. Fuchs, M. Schnibben, C. H. Dock and H. L. Vollers.

The Executive Committee will later appoint the house committees and is authorized to make all necessary improvements and repairs to both club houses. The club begins the new year full of bright promise and at both beaches the season promises to be more successful than for many years previous.

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