

### OUTLINES.

At the instance of the E. H. Harriman, Stenographer Frank Hill was arrested in New York yesterday for stealing and selling to a newspaper the letter which caused the sensation involving President Roosevelt last Tuesday; Harriman yesterday begged the newspaper men hounding after him to help him get his controversy with the President hushed up.—The lunacy commission reported to Justice Fitzgerald in New York yesterday that in their opinion Harry Thaw is sane; District Attorney Jerome made a violent protest to the judge against confirming the report, demanding the minutes of the commission; the judge refused and Jerome threatened to appeal to a higher court and meanwhile to enjoin Justice Fitzgerald from proceeding with the trial; the court adjourned till Monday to hear argument for and against confirmation of the lunacy commission's report.—Through the efforts of Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission at Chicago yesterday, the threatened strike on the Western railroads was averted by concessions made by the men and the railroad managers.—There is a general strike among the Norfolk longshoremen and there is a threatened tie-up of the steamers of three coastwise steamship companies.—Investigation into Harriman's methods of railroadizing, involving the consolidation of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads, and the plan of recapitalizing the Chicago and Alton road, was begun before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington yesterday.—Bishop Fitzgerald, of the Northern M. E. Church, died yesterday in Hong Kong, China, where he was visiting the Methodist missions.—At Lorraine, O., yesterday, a striker was shot by a detective of the American Shipbuilding Company, while the strikers were attacking a boat taking food supplies to strikebreakers.—The earthquake at Bitlis, Turkish Armenia, was the worst in forty years in the surrounding volcanic regions; 300 houses fell, eight people were killed and churches, mosques and government buildings were damaged by fourteen successive shocks.—President Roosevelt now says that the Hearst-Harriman-Rockefeller combination has \$5,000,000 with which to capture the next Congress to defeat his policies.—New York markets: Money on call easy, 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent.; ruling rate, 2 1/4; closing bid, 2 1/4; offered at 2 1/2; spot cotton, 5 points higher, closing quiet at 11 cents; flour steady with a moderate inquiry; wheat easy, No. 2 red, 81 1/2 elevator; corn, steady, No. 2, 56 elevator; oats, steady, mixed, 46; turpentine, firm, 72 to 72 1/2; rosin, firm.

Every day is now Easter with the girl who has the hat.

At one time 500 woman suffragists, many of them very pretty, were confined in jail in London for cutting up around Parliament. They amused themselves by singing. This shows that jail birds do sing.

Sir William Ramsey, of London, will soon go to Asia Minor to look up the past of Abraham. Descendants of Abraham feel pretty safe that he kept his record straight, Ramsey or nor Ramsey.

Some of the newspaper pictures of Harriman give him the appearance of a man that may be guilty of it. Yet other pictures of him wouldn't lead you to suspect that he had just been invested with the Past Master's degree in Roosevelt's Ananias Club.

With all due respect to the distinguished office of President, E. H. Harriman, with allaginous and emollient declarations, leaves the world to infer that if there is a tie out between him and the White House we'll just have to search the White House.

President Roosevelt promised to meet the four big railroad presidents half-way, but as they are not used to walking, they decided that they'd give out before they got to the meeting place. Harriman might have known that he'd fall down trying to lead the strenuous life.

District Attorney Jerome declared his belief that Harry Thaw was insane during the court trial, and insisted on a lunacy commission to settle it. The commission yesterday reported a finding that Thaw is sane. This is nothing more nor less than a decision that Jerome is no alienist.

The Republican party has kept on till it has broken up those \$1 Jefferson dinners. The increased cost of things to eat has brought the Jeffersonians to the point where they will have to squander their dollar for a sandwich and spend most of their eating time in recalling the simple life of the good old Jeffersonian days.

Congressman Rainey, of Illinois, has returned from Panama, and is showing off his mouth about graft in the canal commissary, beef that has to be deodorized before diggers can perform the act of deglutition, etc. We fear that it's all up with Rainey. He can blame himself if he is put on the string of liars right next to E. H. Harriman.

## NAVAL STORES YEAR

Interesting Compilation of Figures By Col. John L. Cantwell, Statistician.

### EXPORTS OF ALL ITEMS

Receipts Not Quite So Large as Previous Season—Home Consumption of Products is Quite Large. Prices Ruled High.

Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, statistician, has prepared a very elaborate statement of the exports, foreign and domestic, of naval stores from the port of Wilmington for the crop year ended on the first of the present month. The receipts during the past year were not quite so large as on the year before, on account of the rapid depletion of the forests by lumbermen and the cutters, but the industry is still an important one for Wilmington and, therefore, the figures as prepared by Col. Cantwell and furnished the Star for publication are interesting.

The total exports of spirits turpentine were, 18,767 casks; rosin, 113,884 barrels; tar, 303 barrels; crude turpentine, 28,577 barrels.

The domestic exports consisted of 18,317 casks of spirits; 68,870 barrels of rosin; 39,991 barrels of tar and 28,577 barrels of crude turpentine.

It would surprise many to know that the local consumption of naval stores, which is included in the domestic exports, is quite large, as follows: Spirits, 2,434 casks; rosin, 18,861 barrels; tar, 14,060 barrels; crude turpentine, 27,522 barrels.

The foreign exports outside of 450 casks of spirits turpentine to Glasgow and 300 barrels of tar to London, consisted largely of rosin, the foreign exports of this product being 45,014 barrels. This went to the several foreign ports as follows: London, 25,334 barrels; Glasgow, 9,000 barrels; Bowling, 6,220 barrels, and Bristol, 4,060 barrels.

In spite of the fact that receipts of naval stores have been off to some extent for the past year there never was a time when prices for all items of the market were higher, except possibly during the period and just after the Civil war. Spirits, rosin, tar and crude have commanded unheard of prices and the demand has at all times been good. The Herty system of turpentine has been introduced into this territory lately and next year may see an increase of the yield.

### BILLS WERE NOT TRUE.

Primary Violations Before Grand Jury Were Dismissed.

Through an error in transcribing the returns of the grand jury in the Superior Court on the Clerk's docket with reference to the alleged primary irregularities due before yesterday an unfortunate mistake was made in entering the bills as true when they were "not true." The returns were against Messrs. C. T. Snav, C. H. Keen and J. H. Hewlette and the error was not discovered on the clerk's record until each of these gentlemen was called into court and required to give \$100 bond for his appearance at the July term. When the mistake was discovered they were sent for and released from their bonds with apologies for having inconvenienced them to the extent mentioned. The grand jury found nothing upon which to base a charge against the gentlemen named, and, of course, they are discharged. They took the joke on them in good humor and laughed the matter off with their friends at the expense of the clerk's office.

### THE BEACH OPENING UP.

Half-Hour Car Schedule on Saturdays, Concerts and Dances.

Tomorrow the Consolidated Company will begin running half-hour schedule all the way to the Beach on Saturday afternoons. Tomorrow the schedule to the Beach will be every half hour from 1 to 6:30 P. M. There is a great deal of travel to the beach in the afternoons now, especially on Saturdays.

On Sunday there will be concert at Lumina from 4 to 5 P. M. These concerts will be continued every Sunday until the regular season opens. Mr. Kneissel will furnish the music for tomorrow. He will have charge of the Lumina Orchestra again this season. The week-end dances at Lumina will begin a week from tomorrow.

Steamer Axminster Gave Bond. The British steamer Axminster, which was libelled Wednesday, by the tugs Blanche and Marion for a salvage claim of \$40,000 for services rendered in pulling the vessel off Frying Pan last Sunday, yesterday gave bond in the amount named and will proceed today on her voyage to Manchester, via Norfolk, Va., for coal. The board of survey recently represented in an official report that she was perfectly seaworthy and able to proceed without repairs.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mercer & Evans Co.—Douglas Shoes. Geisheer Bros.—Imported Burgers. Business Locals. For Rent—Large Room. Wanted—Distributor of Samples. Lost—Child's White Bear Skin Cloak.

## FINANCES OF COUNTY

Auditing Committee of Board of Commissioners in Session Yesterday Afternoon—Treasurer's Report for March.

The Auditing Committee of the Board of County Commissioners was in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon, all members being present, viz: Chairman McEachern and Commissioners Robertson and Vollers. The principal business transacted was the auditing of bills for current expenses and the monthly report of County Treasurer H. McL. Green, showing receipts and disbursements of the public fund during March as follows:

Receipts—Balance on hand March 1st, General County Fund, \$39,774.39; Special County Fund, \$2,913.63; Road Fund, \$30,884.73; Road Sinking Fund, \$10,590.26; interest on Road Sinking Fund, \$76.66; Road Fund, \$262.21; back taxes, \$58.05; County Home, \$53.29; marriage licenses, \$19.95. Total, \$84,683.17.

Disbursements—United Charities, \$51.50; roads and bridges, \$142.66; outdoor poor, \$362.21; public buildings, \$2,696.72; County Home, \$263.59; Superior Court, \$5.80; jail, \$83.80; hospital, \$600; stationery and advertising, \$123.30; Magistrates, 68c; miscellaneous, \$151.02; Commissioners, \$124; Register of Deeds, \$13; Supt. of Health, \$100; Coroner, \$5; Constable, \$1.10; Clerk, \$60; janitor, \$50; road fund, \$2,784.38; road sinking fund, \$95; Treasurer's commissions, \$63.33. Total, \$7,784.04.

The balance to April account is \$76,849.13, divided among the several funds, as follows: General County Fund, \$34,906.97; Special County Fund, \$2,913.63; Road Fund, \$28,362.56; Road Sinking Fund, \$10,665.97. Total, \$76,849.13.

### ROYAL VENETIAN BAND.

Seats for Premier Attraction Will Go on Sale Monday.

Seats for the concert to be given at the Academy next Wednesday night by Victor's Royal Venetian band, and which event will be the one concert event of the season, will go on sale Monday morning. The sale should be large, as upon the size of the audience depends whether or not the Academy will guarantee other musical attractions for dates in Wilmington.

Victor's band has just finished a tour of Pennsylvania, and the Record Herald, of Hanover, says of a recent engagement there:

"A greater band than Rosati's was the verdict of several hundred patrons of the People's Entertainment Course who gathered at the Opera House last night to hear the Royal Venetian band, under the direction of Signor Calafatti Victor. This organization was the best which has been heard here for many years."

"The grand selection from 'Faust' and 'Carmen,' the overture from 'William Tell,' and the celebrated sextette from 'Lucia di Lammermoor,' sent a thrill through the audience, the ensemble being perfect in tone and harmony. The soloists are artists of great ability on their respective instruments."

"Conductor Signor Victor is most graceful as a leader, of gentlemanly bearing, and a musician of rare attainment. The twenty-four parts in the band he has wrought into a perfect whole, the genius of the director being stamped on each selection rendered."

### THE FEDERAL POINT ROAD.

"Taxpayer" Argues Feasibility of Proposed Routes to the Sound. (Communicated.)

"I am one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do." And so as everybody seems interested in the new "Federal Point Road" in the interest of the county, city and various railroads, trolley lines and factories being constructed out Front street, would suggest that if you are going to build a road for the benefit of the farmers, fishers and pleasure driving population, you would let it enter the city by some other route than Front street, as it seems to me that you might avoid many damage suits and maybe a void causing reckless destruction of life and property. The road out Front street is rather narrow, and the roads crossing each other as they do, and will, makes it a dangerous drive even now, and it will be more so later on when the trolley line is built.

### A TAX-PAYER.

AFTER ADULTERATED FOODS. Pure Food Laws Being Violated, But Dealers Glad to Comply. The Raleigh News and Observer of yesterday says:

"Mr. W. M. Allen, chemist in charge of food adulteration, Department of Agriculture, has returned from a trip to Wilmington and other places, where he went in the interest of the Pure Food law. He found a good deal of adulteration and misbranding of foods. Many of the grocerymen are much interested in the subject, and desire to comply with the law. When a product is found to be adulterated both the dealer and the manufacturer are informed that the sale of such goods is in violation of the food law. Dealers usually agree to discontinue handling goods when informed that they are adulterated."

Standard patterns at J. C. Munds' drug store.

## ANTI-SALOON CLUB

Temperance Organization Effectively at Meeting Last Night, First Baptist Church

### EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT

Will Not Just Now Agitate For an Election on Prohibition—Officers Elected and Executive Committee Named—Meetings.

Responding to a call issued through the Sunday Schools of the Protestant churches of the city about a week ago, a goodly number of representatives of all these congregations in the city met last night in the First Baptist Church and organized what will be known as "The Anti-Saloon Club of Wilmington." The meeting was called to order by Mr. W. C. Peterson and Mr. H. G. Fennell was called to the chair with Mr. John T. Scholar temporary secretary. Mr. Geo. E. Lettwich explained the object of the meeting, which was stated to be rather an educational than a political movement; that there was no purpose in the present to bring about an agitation for an election on prohibition, but that effort would be to bring about an education of the people to the temperance sentiment.

A committee on permanent organization was named as follows: Dr. A. M. Baldwin, Prof. Wingate Underhill and Mr. W. R. Taylor. They retired and reported the following nominations of officers who were unanimously elected, viz:

President—Henry G. Fennell. Vice-President—Rev. C. E. Vale. Secretary and Treasurer—John T. Scholar.

Executive Committee—H. G. Fennell, C. E. Vale, J. T. Scholar, H. E. Boney, John F. Farrell, Geo. E. Lettwich and R. H. Beery.

A committee on constitution and by-laws was appointed to report at a later meeting to be called by the Executive Committee. This committee on constitution and by-laws will secure a copy of those used by the State Anti-Saloon League and this will be adopted or changed to suit local conditions. Later it is expected to have State Lecturer R. L. Davis, of the State League, come to Wilmington and address the local club.

Meetings of the club are to be held with the various churches in the city from time to time, and it is proposed to make the movement as general as possible with all the churches, especially among the young people. Forty-three charter members were enrolled last night.

### "THE MAN ON THE BOX."

Appearance of Max Figman at Academy Tomorrow Night.

Readers of current fiction who found much to delight them in Harold MacGrath's story, "The Man on the Box," will find equal pleasure in Grace Livingstone Furniss' dramatization of the book, which will be presented at the Academy tomorrow night, with Max Figman as the star, supported by a carefully selected company and mounted with special attention to every detail of furniture and scenery. "The Man on the Box," was the pronounced comedy success of the New York season last year, and ran for three hundred nights. It is a clean, wholesome comedy, full of spirited action, bright dialogue and an interesting dramatic situation. The hero is a character admirably adapted to Max Figman's style and temperament and affords him the best opportunity of his career. Seats are now on sale.

### FUNERAL OF MR. HAWKINS.

Impressive Services Yesterday from Residence in This City.

In the presence of a large number of friends including members of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., of which deceased was a valuable member, impressive funeral services were conducted at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mr. T. L. Skipper, on Eighth street, over the remains of the late Mr. J. W. Hawkins, whose death occurred Wednesday evening. The services were by Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church, and a number of very pretty floral tributes were laid on the casket. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery, the pall-bearers having been Messrs. D. Walborn Davis, E. O. Hynter, J. T. Riley and W. H. Schaefer.

### MR. CHAS. CLEMMONS DEAD.

Well Known Citizen Passed Away Early Yesterday Morning.

Mr. Charles A. Clemmons, a well known citizen of Wilmington, a native of Germany, passed away at his home in this city, No. 610 South Seventh street, early yesterday morning, after a lingering illness with tuberculosis. Mr. Clemmons was in the 51st year of his age, and for many years was employed by Mr. C. F. VonKampen. He was a man of noble impulses and was generally liked by those who knew him. He leaves a wife and four children, Mrs. G. G. Hall, Mrs. C. P. Newton, Miss Eva Clemmons and Mr. Chas. W. Clemmons. The funeral will be conducted from the residence this morning at 10 o'clock and the interment will be on Greenville Sound.

Standard patterns at J. C. Munds' drug store.

## A RECORDER'S COURT

Question Prior to its Reorganization in 1902—Statement in Justice to This Paper.

A few days ago in referring locally to a reported organized opposition among certain business men of the city to the pending recorder's court in this county, it was incidentally stated that it was but a few years ago that the Chamber of Commerce passed a strong resolution endorsing such a court for the city. The latter statement was challenged by Secretary James Kyle, of the Chamber, who set forth in a card, which was cheerfully published, that no such action had been taken nor had the matter been discussed even since he had been secretary of the reorganized body, dating back to May, 1902.

It is a matter of public record, however, that the question of a recorder's court for the city was taken up in its own initiative, as a matter of public policy by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce at a meeting in the Seaboard Air Line building, on Front street, on the afternoon of December 21st, 1900, at 3:30 o'clock. Mr. Wm. E. Worth was at that time president of the Chamber and Col. John L. Cantwell was secretary.

President Worth, in calling the meeting to order, stated that at a previous meeting of the Chamber the members present were unanimously in favor of providing some remedy for the abominable magistrate system of the county, and devising some means of cutting down the excessive jail fees that arose from the confinement of persons in jail unable to give bond during the interim of criminal court terms.

Mr. W. B. McKoy, then county attorney, he said, had then addressed a letter with reference to the subject and Col. Roger Moore, at that time chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and Mayor A. M. Waddell had been invited to be present. Mayor Waddell and Col. Moore were present at the meeting on the afternoon of December 21st, 1900, and after making this preliminary to the meeting, President Worth read the letter in reply from County Attorney McKoy. It was held that the magistrates had certain inalienable rights under the constitution, and Mr. McKoy stated that these could not be disturbed. He submitted, however, a statement of the jail fees, etc., and deprecated the fact that something had not been done to reduce them.

Col. Moore was then invited to make a statement, which he did, having come with figures from the official records, which he quoted. He laid particular stress on the enormous cost to the county of feeding prisoners held in jail awaiting trial for petty offences. These figures are given in the newspaper accounts of the meeting of the Chamber at the time, and they were regarded as conclusive. The idea of a recorder's court with enlarged jurisdiction over that conferred on the magistrates was then suggested and discussed with great favor by all present. Upon motion of Mr. Hugh MacRae it was decided to appoint Messrs. T. D. Meares, J. A. Taylor and W. M. Cumming a committee to still further investigate and further the desires of the Chamber in this respect in every way possible.

Several grand juries since that time, one in particular, doubtless taking the cue from the Chamber of Commerce, have strongly endorsed the recorder's court, and several other organizations of a public nature gave similar endorsement.

So much in the interest of keeping the record straight as we go along, and with no purpose of endeavoring to commit the present or past Chamber of Commerce to the recorder's court in its present or any other form for that matter. The Chamber of Commerce is composed of business men, for whose opinions the Star has the profoundest respect, but in the meantime, there can be no harm in this paper's setting itself straight before the public in regard to the statement made several days ago. The Star has no quarrel to make with the Chamber of Commerce, neither has it any desire to antagonize that body in anything it sees fit to do or undo, collectively or individually.

### FUNERAL OF MISS KINYON.

Impressive Services Yesterday Afternoon at Fifth Street Church.

Impressive funeral services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Fifth Street M. E. Church over the remains of the late Miss Estelle Lord Kinyon, who died in Chester, Pa., on Monday of this week. The services were by Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes, pastor of the congregation, and many friends of the deceased and of the family were present. A large number of beautiful floral designs were laid on the casket. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery, the pall-bearers having been Messrs. W. B. Daniels, D. L. Boon, J. L. Donnelly and Jno. C. Davis.

### Voting Contest Called Off.

The voting contest and also the free sketching contest for the public school children at the shoe store of the Mercer & Evans Company has been called off for the present. It began April 1st and was to continue till the last of the month, but for reasons satisfactory to the proprietor of the store, it was deemed expedient to call the matter off until further notice.

## SNIPES TRIAL LONG

All Day Yesterday in Superior Court Taken Up With Hearing Testimony.

### DEFENCE CLOSES ITS CASE

State Will Offer Some Evidence in Rebuttal and Then Argument to Jury Will Begin—Need of a Stenographer.

The entire day in the Superior Court yesterday was consumed with the continuation of the hearing of the evidence for the State and all of that for the defense in the case of Lonnie Snipes, charged with the killing of W. L. Williams, in a McRae street house in this city last September. The State will offer one or two witnesses in rebuttal or the testimony offered yesterday by the defense when court convenes this morning and then argument to the jury will begin. It is hardly expected that this with the charge of His Honor will be subscribed to the jury before late this afternoon.

Upon the convening of court yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock the State resumed its testimony with the introduction of Cyrus King, an orderly at the hospital, who went with the ambulance on the night of the tragedy and assisted Dr. E. P. Gray in putting the wounded man on the stretcher. He testified to the contents of Williams' pockets, these including a check for \$11, a small bottle of strychnine tablets and a pen knife. As they were lifting him on the stretcher a small flask of whiskey fell from his pockets.

Special Officer C. T. Croom, regarded as the chief witness for the State, was next introduced. He testified to the position he held and said he wore his badge on the night of the tragedy. He went with some traveling men to the house of the Grier woman and was in the ball room. Snipes was there when he went in. They sat a few minutes and in came Williams and the Pinner boys. They sat talking a while and one of the Pinner boys began playing with a woman called Violet McDonald. She started behind the counter and one of the Pinner boys caught her around the waist and was holding her. Snipes was sitting on the music stand and pulled out a blue steel pistol, saying if Pinner didn't stop bothering his girl he would raise a rough house. Witness told him if he didn't put that pistol up he would give him some trouble. Tom Daniels heard him say so. Snipes put the pistol back and Pinner grabbed the girl again. She came from behind the counter and a tussel ensued, in which both fell to the floor between the music box and the window. Williams rushed over and pulled them up from the floor, the boy in the right hand and the girl in the left. Williams said they didn't come to make a rough house but to have a good time. The girl called Pinner a vile name and said she could whip him. Another of the Pinner boys slapped the McDonald girl in the mouth. Snipes jumped up and ran in front of them, and said, "I've got it in for you," and fired. Williams fell flat of his back, both hands extended. As witness started to arrest Snipes the latter turned on him with his gun. Witness told him to stop, he was under arrest, but Snipes went out of the door. Witness put his pistol in his pocket but he finally ran out of the house into the street. Witness grabbed for him as he put the weapon in his pocket, but he broke loose and ran towards Eighth and Mulberry or Grace streets. Witness shouted to him to stop and fired at him. Then Snipes jerked his pistol out of his pocket and started across the street. He whirled and witness shot him. Snipes cried out, "I'm shot." I yelled up the street to stop him and he ran on nearly to the corner and witness shot again. As Snipes turned the corner witness shot the fourth time. He ran around Eighth and MacRae towards Seventh and stopped nearly in the middle of the block and leaned against the fence. Witness placed him under arrest and brought him to Eighth and MacRae streets. Snipes begged witness to shoot him to get him out of the trouble; said he shot Williams in a passion and was sorry for it. There was but one shot in the house and four on the street. Snipes threw his pistol down when he was running and this was recovered. Prisoner was turned over to Officers M. A. Jones and Tatum.

Special Officer Croom was subjected to a most rigid cross-examination by attorneys for the defense in an effort to break down his character from his own admissions on the stand and to prove that he had told certain persons that Snipes had turned and fired at him in the street. The latter witness denied it. It was also sought to draw from the witness that he had told Policeman Leon George that he would help to draw a rope around Snipes' neck. This he denied.

Maude Pinner, a woman of the house, was the next witness, though she was not in the room. She heard but one pistol shot and testified to the persons running out of the house. Upon conclusion of the Pinner woman's testimony, the State introduced several subpoenas for witnesses who could not be found and the defense

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