

OUTLINES.

Details of the great earthquakes in Western Mexico on Sunday and Monday show that the destruction was great, hundreds of people being killed while the escapes of many were miraculous; the destruction of houses was immense, including buildings supposed to be earthquake proof.—Peace among all peoples was the ideal raised aloft at the closing banquet of the peace congress included the British Ambassador, the Governor-General of Canada, and other distinguished men.—The reports made to the continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in session at Washington, show that the organization has raised a fund of \$250,000 for memorial continental hall at Washington; today a visit will be paid to the tomb of Washington.—Germany is jealous of the approaching meeting of the Kings of England and Italy, and the German press accuses Great Britain of scheming to disrupt the triple alliance, warning England that "war with Germany would be dangerous for any opponent or coalition of opponents."—Rev. C. E. Aked, of England, arrived in New York yesterday to become pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, at which John D. Rockefeller works; he told the newspaper men that it is not Mr. Rockefeller's Church.—Three surviving members of the Mette family in Chicago have again been poisoned and are not expected to live, two members having died at the first poisoning.—The story sent by telegraph from Greensboro, N. C., that Dr. E. B. Patterson had killed his wife in self-defense was absolutely untrue, having been started by his enemies.—In the suit at Concord, N. H., to secure an accounting for the property of Mrs. Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Church, her lawyers yesterday put in a vigorous answer, denying that she is incompetent to attend to her business affairs and asserting that the litigation was brought by evil-minded persons hostile to Mrs. Eddy, and the religious principles of which she is the founder and exponent.—New York markets: Money on call, easy 2 to 3 per cent.; ruling rate, 2 1/4 to 2 1/2; closing bid, 2 1/4; offered at 2 1/2; spot cotton, 5 points lower; closing quiet at 10.10; four, steady, but dull; wheat, steady; No. 2 red, 83 3/8 elevator corn, steady; No. 2, 57 elevator; oats, firm; mixed, 47 1/2; turpentine, steady, 71 to 71 1/2; rosin, steady.

Some people get their money by working with the corporations and others find it equally remunerative to work against them three times.

Although you hear little of William Randolph Hearst, it is said he is nevertheless a busy man—again having taken to nursing another Presidential boom.

An expedition is to be sent by the Smithsonian Institution to Alaska to search for fossils. Why not stay in the United States and search for them next year in the political scrap pile?

President Roosevelt may not say so, but probably the National Arbitration and Peace Congress in New York this week looks like a called meeting of women, children and molluscoides.

President Roosevelt wrote Harriman, "We are practical men." This week the President wrote the peace congress in New York "be practical." Does that mean—he like him and Harriman?

The Lumberton Robesonian informs us that "Col. N. A. McLean led in the clay pigeon shoot Thursday afternoon, breaking 21 out of 25." Hold up your right hand, Colonel. Or, did you shoot 'em on the ground?

Ella Wheeler Wilcox, who has been a poet or a poetess for many years, says: "I feel as young today as when I was twenty." Some mean man will blurt out that her memory must be good if she can remember how she felt "befo' de wah."

It is now declared that Harry Thaw was practically his own lawyer and insisted on managing his own defense. This is a discovery of new evidence to support District Attorney Jerome in renewing his plea for another insanity commission.

The Philadelphia Press (Rep.) speaks of the Democratic party as "A Confused Party." It's enough to confuse any party to see a large contingent of the Republican party marching back almost close enough to be captured by the Jeffersonian skirmish line.

The Washington Post calls attention to the fact that the Hon. William J. Bryan neglected to go around to the White House when he was in Washington a few days ago. Why should the Nebraskan waste time at the White House? He's seen it before and is perfectly willing to move in without having any repairs made.

THE SANDERS LOST

Wilmington Steamer Struck Shoal on Little River Bar Tuesday Night.

WENT QUICKLY TO PIECES

Had Cargo of Cotton, Naval Stores and Other Produce for Wilmington Consignees—Valued at \$12,000. Partially Insured.

The steamer Sanders of the Ocean Fisheries Company, of Wilmington, running for a few trips of the steamer Compton, while the latter was laid up for repairs, struck on a shoal on the Little River, S. C., bar during heavy weather Tuesday night, while bound to Wilmington, and is believed to be a total loss, with part of her cargo of cotton and naval stores consigned to Wilmington merchants. Capt. L. J. Pepper and crew got ashore in the yawl boats on board, and came across the country to Southport, reporting the loss to the owners in this city yesterday. The tug Blanche was sent immediately to the rescue of the Sanders, but the steamer could not be reached, and is thought to have gone to pieces ere this. Her stern pole was knocked through the deck when she struck, and she rapidly filled with water. Mr. J. H. Stone, of Stone Brothers Company, agents for the Wilmington, Southport and Little River Transportation Company at Little River, had charge of the saving of the cargo, and had raffed most of the cotton and naval stores and brought it in to shore according to advices received yesterday afternoon.

The Sanders was built in Wilmington in 1902, and was 43 net tons, 85 feet long, 18 feet breadth, drew 6 1/2 feet of water, and was valued at something like \$12,000. It is stated that the owners, the Ocean Fisheries Company, were insured for something like 60 or 75 per cent. of her value. Particulars were hard to get yesterday, but it is practically certain that the vessel is a total loss, though some of her machinery may be recovered.

A WORTHY UNDERTAKING.

Daughters of Confederacy Would Erect Monument to Confederate Hero.

During the war between the States, Capt. Henry Wirz was placed in charge of the prison at Andersonville, Ga., where thousands of Federal prisoners were confined. This officer was a native of Switzerland and came to this country before the war, settled in Louisiana, where he was practicing his profession, medicine, when the war broke out. He was wounded twice, and being incapacitated for field service, was placed in command of this prison. He is said to have been a strict disciplinarian but was a kindly, humane man.

After the war, while the passions of some men were so inflamed that justice and fairness were not considered, Capt. Wirz was put on trial for his life, before a military commission, for the alleged murder of several prisoners. He had a parole in his pocket, but this made no difference, and the expected happened and he was found guilty and sentenced to death by hanging.

The reason this officer was tried developed, when, after his farcical conviction, even the day before he was executed, he was told his life would be spared and he be given his freedom if he would implicate Jefferson Davis in the cruelties at Andersonville. Capt. Wirz rejected the proposal and said he would not purchase his liberty by perjury and a crime such as made a condition of his freedom.

The Daughters of the Confederacy propose to perpetuate the heroic action of this soldier in enduring martyr by erecting at Andersonville a monument to his memory.

A comrade has handed me a check for \$5 with the request it be sent on to aid our noble women in their worthy object and the suggestion is made that an opportunity be given others to join in this laudable work. Contributions, large or small, will be gladly received and forwarded.

R. W. PRICE.

Adj. Cape Fear Camp No. 254 U. V. C.

Sailors Were Discharged.
The case of four sailors charged with assaulting Capt. Shines Monday night in front of the Delmonico Cafe, was tried in the police court yesterday. They were all discharged for lack of evidence. Their names are: Harry Dabbarde, Wm. McColerlin, Edward Rodgers and John Elliot. There were no other cases before Mayor Pro Tem. O'Brien yesterday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Thos. F. Bagley—Wilmington Lodge, Masons.
Academy of Music—Peruch-Gypzene Company.
Atlantic National Bank—One and One-Half Million.
Business Locals.
Strayed or Stolen—Female Sky Terrier.
Wanted—Unfurnished Rooms and Board.
Wanted—Salesman.

COMPROMISED FOR \$4,000

Suit of Mr. Charles D. Willson Against Atlantic Coast Line is Settled Out of Court—Judgment By Consent.

The damage suit of Mr. Chas. D. Willson, of this city, against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for personal injuries received on the Nutt street crossing of the company in Wilmington on the 16th day of June, 1906, was yesterday compromised by the attorneys representing the railroad and the plaintiff, Mr. Willson receiving an amount that is understood to be \$4,000. Judgment according to the compromise will be entered in the Superior Court at this term and this will be the final disposition of the suit.

Mr. Willson was struck by a car while passing over the crossing and received injuries that were alleged to be permanent and of a serious character. The case was tried in the Superior Court last year but the railroad company appealed from the verdict of \$5,000 rendered at that time and a new trial was granted on the issue as to the amount of damages and arrangements were being made to re-try the case at this term. However, the compromise was effected and this disposes of the matter. Messrs. Rountree & Carr, William J. Bellamy and Woodus Keilum, Esq., appeared for the plaintiff and Messrs. Davis & Davis and Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared for the defendant company.

Watson-Barnhill Wedding.

Mr. John M. Barnhill and Miss Mary D. Watson were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watson, 821 South Front street, at 7:30 o'clock last night, Rev. J. S. Crowley officiating. They will live on the corner of Second and Meares streets.

SUPERIOR COURT SESSION

Verdict For Plaintiffs as to One Defendant in McDougall Case—Damage Suit Against Seaboard Air Line Now On.

All of yesterday in the Superior Court was taken up with the completion of the hearing of the case of Rheinstein Dry Goods Company against Miss Bettie McDougall and others of Laurinburg, N. C., and the partial selection of a jury to hear the damage suit of Eliza Jane Rogers against the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company. A verdict for the plaintiff as to one of the defendants, L. A. Monroe, was returned by the jury in the McDougall case and eleven jurors were in the box for the trial of the Rogers suit when court at 5 o'clock took a recess until this morning at 9:30 A. M.

All the forenoon session of the court yesterday was taken up with the completion of the hearing of the suit of Rheinstein Dry Goods Company against Misses Bettie and Sallie McDougall and others, general merchants, of Laurinburg, N. C. The taking of the testimony was resumed at 9:30 o'clock and when this was completed the argument of counsel to the jury was begun. Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan opened for the plaintiff and was followed by Messrs. McClammy and Maxcy L. John for the defendants. In the afternoon ex-Judge Bryan closed for the plaintiff. By instruction of the court before the case was presented to the jury, one of the issues was answered abolishing E. S. Whitaker, W. C. Beavins, F. L. Bundy and Geo. D. Evington from responsibility in connection with the firm and the main issue went to the jury as to L. A. Monroe, another of the parties defendants. It was this question that was presented to the jury. The defendants who were held not to be members of the firm were represented by E. H. Gibson, Esq., of Laurinburg. The issue as to Mr. Monroe was answered as follows:

"Was the defendant, L. A. Monroe, a partner in the firm of B. and S. McDougall at the time of the making of the contract of indebtedness referred to in the first issue?" The answer was "Yes," a verdict having been returned about 4 o'clock after the jury had been out only an hour or probably less.

In the case of Southern Distilling Company against Steljes & Company, judgment was given by consent. Jno. D. Bellamy & Son represented the Southern Distilling Company and A. J. Marshall, Esq., the defendant firm. The suit of Eliza Jane Rogers against the Seaboard is for damages for having been put off of one of defendant's trains at Navassa several years ago. She alleges that the train was stopped before it reached the platform and that she was forced to walk in the dark to find her way to the station and in doing so fell and was injured permanently. Herbert McClammy, Esq., represents the plaintiff and Maj. Jno. D. Shaw, of Rockingham and Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy & Son appear for the defendant company. Eleven jurors were in the box on the case when a recess for the day was taken yesterday afternoon. These were as follows: A. N. Hewitt, D. N. Stanley, C. D. Foard, D. D. Benton, Jno. C. Boesch, M. Schulken, J.

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CROP DAMAGE GREAT

Strawberries in Wilmington Territory Thought to Be Cut Off Quite One-Half.

ICE CONTRACTS CANCELLED

Already Enough Refrigeration for Fruit That Will Be Marketable This Season—Yield in Chadbourne Territory 900 Cars.

Reports from the Eastern North Carolina strawberry belt, these reports coming from people whose business it is to know the real condition of affairs, indicate that the crop for the present season is cut off at least one-half by the late unseasonably cold weather and freeze. The Chadbourne section, which nominally yields shipments of between 1,200 and 1,500 cars, will this season, according to maximum estimates, yield not more than 900 cars and the conditions in the Wilmington and Weldon and A. & Y. sections are said to be correspondingly the same, if not more discouraging. All told, it is not expected that the crop will be over 50 per cent. of the 2,300 cars shipped from the territory last season. This crop damage became apparent only within the last few days when the warm sunshine began to strike the fruit. Blooms on the vines were cut off at the outset and the unripe berries, which froze, have turned black and rotted. The crop, in other words, this season, will about amount to what can bloom and mature during the remainder of the season with no more cold.

What gives authority to these reports is the cancellation by the Armour Car Lines of any further orders for refrigeration, notice having been received by the Independent Ice Company yesterday morning that no more than the amount of ice now stored as reserve will be needed for the movement of the crop in the light of the development of such great damage to the fruit. The freeze came just as the shipments were about to start and is quite provoking and discouraging to the growers. The ice plant at Chadbourne will be closed down early next week and the Independent plant in this city from which large quantities of refrigeration is shipped to all points, will likely close for the present at least, this week. Six thousand tons are now stored at Chadbourne and it is expected that this will be able to take care of the crop, whereas, usually the plant would have been required to be kept in constant operation until late in May to take care of the refrigeration for anything like an average yield.

With the 1,500 cars cut down to not more than 900 at the outside from the Chadbourne belt and a corresponding decrease in the other sections, it means that the shipments this year will hardly exceed 1,300 cars against 2,300 last year. While this will greatly relieve the transportation companies, it means thousands of dollars of loss to the growers, amounting to little less than a public calamity. The Armour people, of course, have carefully investigated the conditions and they are pretty near the truth with their estimates of the short crop by reason of the cold. While they do not give out figures for publication, the cancellation for ice is significant and means that the growers have only half realized what they have suffered by the cold snap. The weather at present is anything but favorable for the expected second crop and as a whole the outlook is most discouraging. No shipments of any extent are now going forward at all and the berries that are marketed are knotty and very inferior in quality.

MERCHANT SHOT LAST NIGHT.

Fred Howland Badly Wounded Mr. Needham E. Farrow.

Needham E. Farrow, a merchant who has a store at Seventh and Chestnut streets, was shot by Fred Howland, a well-known young white man, last night about 9 o'clock at Mr. Farrow's place of business. It is stated that on several previous occasions Mr. Farrow had ordered Howland out of his store, and told him to keep away from there. Last night Howland went there, was under the influence of whiskey and was making himself disagreeable. Mr. Farrow ordered him out and Howland refused to go, saying he would not go out until he got ready. Howland's statement is that Mr. Farrow then came from behind the counter and struck him and pushed him out of the door, whereupon he fired at him.

When Howland shot he was standing on the pavement and Mr. Farrow was just inside the door. The bullet struck Mr. Farrow in the hand, passed through it and lodged in the fleshy part of his thigh. He was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital where the ball was probed for without success.

The shooting was done with a 32-calibre Ivers & Johnson revolver. After the shooting Howland was arrested by Police Sergeant C. S. Burnett.

A young man, about 16 years old, who writes a plain hand, may secure a place for office work by applying at the Star office. Must have best recommendations. apr 14-3t.

FUNERAL OF MR. R.H. BEERY

Impressive Services Yesterday Afternoon from Market Street M. E. Church—Military Honors Paid by Local Lt. Infantry.

In the presence of a large assemblage of friends at Market Street M. E. Church yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock impressive funeral services were conducted over the remains of the late Mr. Robert H. Beery, whose sad and untimely death occurred Monday night at the hospital. The services were by Rev. J. W. Potter, former pastor and a close personal friend of the deceased, assisted by Rev. W. L. Rexford, the present pastor of the congregation, and Rev. V. L. Cunningham, presiding elder of the Wilmington-on-District M. E. Church. The funeral was with military honors, Mr. Beery having been a former captain of the Wilmington Light Infantry, which assembled at the armory and under command of Capt. Robertson, attended the obsequies in a body.

The funeral hymns were rendered touchingly by a special choir and the floral tributes were many and very pretty. One of these was from the Sheephead Club, an organization of local anglers of which Mr. Beery was an enthusiastic member. Others were from the Sunday School of the church, the Wilmington Light Infantry and the Woodmen of the World.

After the services at the church the long funeral procession moved slowly to beautiful Oakdale cemetery, where all that was mortal of this good citizen and churchman was laid to rest. The pallbearers were: Honorary, Drs. F. H. Russell and D. W. Bulluck; active, Dr. J. H. Dreher, Messrs. R. E. Blake, Martin Newmann, W. B. Cooper, R. H. Pickett, J. W. Smith, E. B. McKenzie and Col. T. C. James.

After the services taps were sounded and a salute was fired over the grave in honor of their deceased comrade by the Light Infantry.

DECISION IN HORNE CASE

Opinion of Supreme Court in Much Discussed Damage Suit from Wilmington—Digest of Ruling on Several Points.

As announced yesterday the Supreme Court of the State affirms the judgment of the lower court awarding Melvin Horne damages in the sum of \$12,000 for the loss of his arm in an accident at Front and Dock streets in February 1904 while he was employed as a lamp trimmer for the Consolidated Company, of this city. "The News and Observer" of yesterday publishes the following digest of the opinion of the court in the case: "Horne vs. Electric Company, from New Hanover. No error."

"1. Even though a complaint make separate, specific allegations of negligence as arising on the facts, if every phase of the controversy and relevant fact and circumstances could be fully presented in the general issues, the allegations were properly considered as evidential on the general charge of negligence, and there was no error in a refusal to submit separate issues addressed to such specific allegations."

"2. The action of the Judge in permitting a witness to qualify as an expert is conclusive when there is evidence tending to support such finding."

"3. Testimony by an electrical expert as to the different placing of a pole whereby a contact with an iron awning might have been avoided was simply a recital of objective facts coming under witness's observation, in effect a description of the place, apart from which the description of the pole and the method by which the electric lamp was raised and lowered involving the structure and operation of the appliances and method by which electricity was conveyed to the lamp, was to that extent within the domain of his peculiar knowledge and training as an expert witness."

"4. Where it appeared that defendant company had placed a primary wire heavily charged with electricity under wires holding and controlling an electric lamp in such position that in raising and lowering the lamp the wires would come in contact making wear or burn away, and this at a point where plaintiff in doing his work in the ordinary and natural way would likely come in contact with an iron awning, thus grounding the current and making serious or fatal injuries almost certain, held: That there was a clear breach of duty to the plaintiff by the defendant to exercise the utmost degree of care in the handling of the dangerous agency of electricity and motion of non-suit was properly refused."

MRS. VIRGINIA A. MURPHY

Died Yesterday Afternoon at Residence of Her Son.

Mrs. Virginia A. Murphy died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of her son, Mr. E. F. Murphy, 218 North Ninth street. She leaves to mourn her loss, two children, Miss Virginia W. Murphy and Mr. E. F. Murphy. To them is extended in this sad hour the sympathies of many friends. The funeral will be conducted from the residence of her son this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Read Star Business Locals.

ITS ANNUAL BANQUET

Merchants' Association Gathered at Festive Board at Colonial Inn Last Night.

STRONG ARRAY OF SPEAKERS

Subjects of Vital Interest to Business Men Discussed By Business Men Who Know—Elegant Menu and Other Features.

Nearly a hundred prominent Wilmington business men and their guests assembled last night in the pretty dining room of The Colonial Inn, Third and Market streets, the occasion being the annual banquet of the Wilmington Merchants' Association. The banquet room was prettily decorated with Southern amylax and other evergreens, these being festooned on the walls and from the chandeliers in the centre. In each window were placed palms, which gave a very appropriate setting to the delightful affair. Excellent music was furnished during the evening and the banquet passed off quite pleasantly in every respect.

It was nearly 10 o'clock when the doors flew wide open and the guests were bidden inside. The tables were arranged "U" shape, President L. E. Rogers, the toastmaster, and the distinguished guests being seated at the head, commanding a view of the entire room. In addition to the set speakers of the evening, the Association was delighted to have present also, President C. C. Moore, of the North Carolina Division Southern Cotton Association, who is most pleasantly remembered in Wilmington. Mr. Moore came by Wilmington on an itinerary of the State with General Organizer E. D. Smith, of the Cotton Association, who was one of the principal speakers of the evening.

President Rogers, the toastmaster, shortly before 11 o'clock called the banqueters to order, expressing pleasure at the large attendance, and introducing the first speaker, Norman H. Johnson, Esq., of Raleigh, Attorney General of the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, who had for his subject "The Merchants' Association and Its Work." Mr. Johnson captivated his hearers at the outset with a couple of little anecdotes, and then drifted into the serious part of his discussion. First he laid down the broad proposition that freight rates in North Carolina were the highest in existence and argued at length to show that there was rank discrimination in favor of business centres of other States. He said that the act passed by the last Legislature would reduce freight rates 15 to 20 per cent., but there were other remedies required and he called upon the business men to co-operate for still further remedies. He delivered a rap at trading stamps, spoke of the evils of the cut-rate system and the persistent calls upon merchants for advertising. He endorsed newspaper advertising as the wisest and most judicious means of publicity and called upon merchants to co-operate and organize for mutual benefit. He extolled the Legislature which recently adjourned, paying high tribute to that body, as one of the most able, most valuable that ever assembled in the State of North Carolina. These remarks, however, were not vociferously applauded. He closed with an earnest appeal for co-operation.

Hon. E. D. Smith, of Columbia, S. C., General Organizer of the Southern Cotton Association, was next introduced and made a rattling good speech. His subject was the "Industrial Development of the South." His address was earnest, appealing, orate, eloquent, pleasing. He was heard with the greatest pleasure and his remarks were liberally punctuated with the most enthusiastic applause. His tribute to "King Cotton" and his application of the financial side of the grower and the establishment of the warehouse system for the protection of prices of the South's monopoly and the world's necessity. His peroration was as pretty and as eloquent as was ever heard here. He received unstinted applause all through.

President J. A. Taylor, of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, was presented as a man who needed no introduction to a Wilmington audience. His subject was "Business Men to the Body Politic," and his address was an able and logical presentation of the theme. The business man was often very indifferent to his duties, he said, and he went on to show why business men should bear a very close relation to the body politic of the State and Nation. He was given earnest, close attention, all his applications being practical and pointed. He referred to the corruption in municipal politics and analyzed this with reference to the body politic. He was given the warmest applause at the conclusion of his splendid response.

President C. C. Moore, of the Cotton Association in North Carolina, was presented in a very happy introduction by Toastmaster Rogers, who said that his subject would be "The Universe." Always at home in whatever presence, Mr. Moore responded in a happy speech, embellished with apt illustration and infinite jest.

Louis Goodman, Esq., secretary and

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