

OUTLINES.

The formal opening of the Exposition celebrating the three hundredth anniversary of the first permanent settlement of the English in America will take place today at Jamestown this morning; President Roosevelt will be the guest of honor and will inaugurate the magnificent world's fair and combined naval display of the nations of the world.—President Roosevelt and members of his family and a distinguished party, left Washington yesterday on the government yacht Mayflower, and will arrive at Jamestown this morning; the President's yacht will pass through the assembled line of warships of all nations, and afterwards will receive the officers of the ship; then follows an elaborate programme, including a speech by the President and his turning of a golden key that will start the Exposition machinery.—In the trial of Madame DeMassey, in New York, yesterday for the murder of Gustav Simon, the shirtwaist manufacturer, the jury handed the bullet which ended his life and heard testimony concerning the tragedy.—The Washington, D. C., Railway and Electric Company has been taken over by a new company of capitalists and William Loeb, Jr., secretary to President Roosevelt, is to be president of the company.—It was made known at Woonsocket, R. I., yesterday, that Levi C. Lincoln, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power Company, is a defaulter in the amount of \$92,000.—A check for \$1,000 from Andrew Carnegie was received in Richmond yesterday for the Home for Needy Confederate Women.—New York detectives yesterday, after three months search, arrested Ignazio di Leonardo and his wife for kidnaping the little son of a wealthy Italian and holding him three weeks for ransom; the six year old child picked out Leonardo in a row of 30 men and said: "There's the man that stole me."—Senators Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Bourne, of Oregon, who were said to have been at the "rich men's conspiracy" dinner in Washington, called at the White House yesterday, but declined to talk to the newspaper men.—New York markets; Money on call, easy, 2 3/4 to 3 per cent.; closing bid and offered at 2; spot cotton, 5 points higher; closing steady at 11:30; flour, firm but Kansas flour was withdrawn, owing to bad crop news and advance in the price of wheat; wheat, firm; No. 2 red, 86 elevator; corn, firm; No. 2, 58 elevator; oats, steady; mixed, 47 1/2; turpentine, quiet; rosin, firm; strained, common to good, 4.80 to 4.85.

Animal trainers declare that no animal in a menagerie can stand a cigarette smoker. This shows that girls can stand more than an animal can.

A Boston woman claims that she has trained a fish to love her. In spite of all they can do to prevent it, Wilmington women can't prevent lobsters from loving them.

Men will never acquire the bargain counter habit because just as soon as they lug a bargain home their wives insist on their finding a place to hide it so people can't see it.

The State Society of the Daughters of Ohio advocate that girls should pop the question. Most young men know girls who could tickle them to death by popping the question.

The workers in the breweries at Springfield, Mass., have been granted the privilege of drinking a gallon of beer a day. If any of them can't get away with their gallon they will have no difficulty in putting on subs.

"It is not pleasant to call another man a liar," says a Northern exchange. Pleasant, nothing! It's not safe down South. It always means trouble for the man who gets careless with his language.

It is announced that pretty college girls are to act as guides in the Adirondacks this Summer. We hadn't made up our minds till now as to where we would spend our three months' vacation.

The Philadelphia Telegraph wants President Roosevelt made Senator-at-large after his term in the White House expired. The President probably things there are already some Senators who shouldn't be at large.

John Temple Graves persists in insisting that "Roosevelt and Bryan are the two greatest men in the world." Plenty of men are perfectly willing to give John Temple their share in both of his heroes.

First Assistant Postmaster General Francis H. Hitchcock returned to Washington on Wednesday from a Southern "inspection tour," speaking after the manner of words which he put in the mouths of the newspaper men. Denying that he came South as President Roosevelt's emissary to search for Republican conspirators, he went right on and made signs like a man who got the Teddy grip wherever he went.

HOME FOR CHILDREN

Generous Offer of Mr. James Sprunt Accepted By Committee in Charge.

CHARITY NOW ASSURED

Murchison Cottage, Already Furnished, Placed at Disposal of Those Behind the Movement—Meeting of Those Interested.

The untiring efforts of the Rev. R. W. Hogue, rector of St. James' parish, and his associates on the committee appointed last season to provide a seaside home for the sick and needy children of the city who have not the advantages of the more fortunate little ones of Wilmington parents, found unexpected and most pleasing fruition in the meeting of the committee last night in the Mayor's office at the City Hall, in a most generous offer from Mr. James Sprunt, placing at the disposal of those interested in the movement the free use of the commodious and well furnished Murchison cottage, on Wrightsville Beach, during the Summer of 1907, for the most worthy purposes for which the committee has labored so persistently and very often without the least encouragement. The cottage property is now being repaired by Mr. Sprunt at a cost of several hundred dollars, these repairs being made necessary by the ravages of the late October storm, but immediately this work is completed, the property will be available.

The meeting last night was called to order by Mr. H. W. Malloy, chairman of the committee. The attendance was not so large as might have been expected on account of some confusion as to the hour of meeting and the several counter attractions in the city, notably the large reception by the North Carolina Sorosis in the Masonic Temple. There were present also several other members of the committee. After several propositions for the sale of cottages to the committee had been read and considered, a letter from Mr. Sprunt was read tendering free use of the Murchison cottage, and intimating that once the success of the charity is demonstrated, there would be no trouble in establishing it as a permanency in the community, the offer being in the present instance only for the Summer of the present year. Upon motion, the generous offer of Mr. Sprunt was accepted and the chairman of the committee was instructed to convey to the donor the thanks of those interested in the movement.

The following Board of Managers for the Summer of 1907 was named: Dr. Joseph Akerman, Dr. E. J. Wood, Dr. C. P. Bolles, Mr. M. W. Jacobi and Mr. A. S. Root. The cottage will probably be open for the occupancy of sick and needy children on or about the first of June and will be under the management and control of the Board named above. The committee decided to expend of the fund already paid into the treasury such an amount as will be necessary for the maintenance of the Home during the present season. The Board of Managers will prescribe the rules and regulations governing entrance to the Home, but these will be made as liberal as possible and only worthy cases will be responded to.

Should the need of the Home be demonstrated this Summer, the committee has every assurance that it will be continued as a permanency. The property tendered by Mr. Sprunt is most eligibly located and is well adapted to the purposes for which it will be used. It is on the southern end of the beach, adjoining the beach property of the King's Daughters, where the Shelter of the Silver Cross was formerly maintained for adults.

SPRING THEATRICALS.

Peruchi-Gypzene Company Back to the Academy of Music Monday.
Something new in the amusement line for Wilmington will be inaugurated in the Academy of Music Monday night, when the Peruchi-Gypzene Company as a Summer stock organization will return to the city and begin an engagement to last until the season permits of the transfer of the people to Wrightsville Beach's favorite playhouse, the Casino. The show has been strengthened by the addition of tre-goers a treat is in store. The company will produce two plays each week, all new, and with a change of scenic investiture, so that the engagement will never drag. The plays will each be changed after a run of three nights with big Saturday matinees for the ladies and children. This arrangement should meet with the universal favor of the people and the Spring season should be a notable one at the Academy. Monday night the piece selected for the opening is "An American Correspondent," which will be found full of thrilling and amusing situations. The prices will remain "ten, twenty and thirty," and seats will be on sale at the usual place—Plumbers, on Princess street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. P. Cowan, Sheriff—Notice.
J. M. Solky & Co.—Spring and Summer Clothing.
The Grand is the finest cafe in the State.

BRIDE-ELECT STRICKEN

Beautiful Girl Travelled From Far-Away Minnesota to Wed Young Lover Drowned Three Days Before Her Arrival.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 25.—Beautiful Miss Thejma Lindgren, of 64 Central Terrace, St. Paul, Minn., nineteen years old, who has since Tuesday been on her way to Raleigh, where on Saturday she was to have become the bride of Capt. Hans Thorsen, arrived here late this afternoon and not until she was in the hotel did she learn of her intended husband's death by drowning at Buckhorn Falls, on Tuesday, when with three others, he was swept over the falls in a scow.

When told of the accident by parties here she collapsed utterly. Telegrams sent had failed to catch her. The bodies of the men are as yet not found. The young woman will remain here several days.

The drowning of the four men took place on the Cape Fear river some distance above Fayetteville. Capt. Thorsen and four other men were on a flat, and in attempting to push it off from the bank, the craft got beyond their control and they were all swept over the Falls and drowned immediately. The saddest part of the tragedy was enacted here today when the young woman collapsed at the news she received.

MRS. FRANCES PATE DEAD.

Widow of Well-Known Citizen and Sister of Civil War Hero.

Mrs. Frances Pate, widow of the late S. W. Pate and a brother of the late John William Anderson for whom Fort Anderson, at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, is said to have been named, passed away yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family home, corner of Sixth and Bladen streets. She was 56 years old and had been in poor health for three months or more. While her death was not altogether unexpected, it came as a shock to her family and friends. She had lived in Wilmington nearly all of her life with the exception of while in Wayne county, removing back to this city several months ago. She was a devout Christian woman and was held in the highest esteem by all in the circle of her acquaintance. She leaves to mourn her loss two sons, Messrs. W. H. Barden and A. M. Pate, and one sister, Mrs. J. A. Barnes, all of Wilmington; also three grandchildren, Master Walter L. Barnes, little Miss Carrie Taylor and little Miss Lou Barden. All the bereaved ones have the sympathy of many friends. The funeral of Mrs. Pate will be conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from Fifth Street M. E. Church and the interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

It is related of the brother of Mrs. Pate, Mr. J. W. Anderson, that he ran the blockade to Wilmington during the Civil war and that on a trip in from Nassau he was stricken with yellow fever. As the blockade runner approached the bar, with no other experienced navigator on board and while death was upon him, Mr. Anderson arose and struggled to the pilot house, bringing the vessel in safely over the bar, but dying a few minutes after the port of Smithville on the wheel. Early writings pronounce him one of the heroes of the war and Fort Anderson was named for him.

JAMES SPRUNT INSTITUTE.

Commencement Exercises Begin There the Coming Week.

The Star has received with the compliments of the Senior class an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the James Sprunt Institute, April 28th to 30th, inclusive. Members of the graduating class this season are Misses Margaret Rachel Chambers, Libby Middleton Cooper, Myrtle Ganelle Jones, Nancy Elizabeth Taylor and Bessie Belle Worley.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Grove Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., of Charleston, S. C. The literary address will be delivered Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the chapel of the college buildings by Mr. R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh. Monday evening will be "Seniors' Night" when a programme of musical and literary exercises will be observed by members of the graduating class. Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a recital by the music and elocution pupils, and on Tuesday evening there will be a concert by the class in music. A large gathering is expected for the commencement and the exercises this year promise to be more enjoyable than ever.

The Damage to Truck Crops.

Dr. J. A. McNeill, of Vineland, was in the city yesterday. He estimates the damage to truck crops by the recent unseasonable cold at about one-half. Vineland is in the Columbus county trucking section. Mr. R. E. Batts, of Ashton, Pender county, was also here yesterday. He thinks that the crop of vegetables and berries this year will be about one-half or two-thirds of what they were last season.

\$2.25 velvet rugs, beautiful and new \$1.69 this week at Rehder's Special Matting Sale.

The Grand, 213 Princess street, is the place to eat.

A VALUABLE REPORT

Result of Recent Investigation Here By a Board of Expert Engineers

COPY RECEIVED BY MAYOR

Exhaustive Treatise on The Fire Risk of Wilmington, With Conclusions, Recommendations and Suggestions—Interesting Paper.

Mayor A. M. Waddell has received from Mr. W. E. Mailleu, assistant to the general agent of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, New York City, a copy of the report of Mr. F. A. Raymond and corps of engineers who recently spent some time in Wilmington making a compilation of the fire risk of the city under the auspices of the National Board. The report is compiled at great expense and is in printed form of more than twenty large pages with a configuration map of the municipality, the whole making a valuable paper for preservation by the city authorities. Mayor Waddell is writing for other copies, kindly offered, which will be furnished to all heads of departments in the local government.

The investigation in Wilmington was made during February and March of this year, the party including Mr. Raymond, Fire Department Engineer in Charge; one hydraulic, two structural and one assistant engineer. The subjects treated are the water supply, fire department, alarm system, department auxiliaries, building department, explosive and inflammable control, electricity regulations, congested value district, conflagration hazard, with conclusions and recommendations under each head. The city's population is estimated at 32,000 and a general summary of civic conditions are given in an introductory of some length.

Much space is given in the report to the Fire Department which is found in very satisfactory condition and comparing favorably with cities of much larger size. It is estimated that at least 80 per cent. of fires occurring are extinguished by means of the chemical engine. It is stated that the department is limited in chemical apparatus and apparatus for handling serious fires. Since the establishment of the paid department, loss from water damage has decreased, due to the introduction of modern methods of handling fires; this by the use of shut-off nozzles fighting from the inside largely. A significant paragraph of the report is as follows:

"The department is under satisfactory management, but the practice of electing the members and officers for short terms is not conducive to good discipline and efficiency. Methods of appointments are good. The companies are slightly undermanned. No companies are located in the congested value district; otherwise they are well located."

The engines are said to be not sufficient and improvement in this direction is recommended. In view of the high values near the water front, it is urged that the fire boat be equipped with a powerful modern pump. The discipline in the department is reported excellent but drills are lacking. Recent additions have improved considerably the apparatus force. Much space is given to the fire alarm system which is declared to be good but lacking in the necessary apparatus. The management is first class. The system should be properly equipped and maintained. It is suggested that the police patrol wagon be supplied with fire lines and that the patrol be sent to alarms of consequence. The Consolidated Railways, Light & Power Company, the public service corporation, maintains no trouble wagon and sends no men to fires.

The fire waste law is in force as to buildings and the provisions and applications of this are given in the report with the conclusion that neither this nor the city ordinances provide requirements that cover many matters of vital importance from the standpoint of fire protection; they are of considerable value as covering the general stability of buildings and contain several good requirements as to wall thickness, etc., but do not provide for limitations of height and area, protection to outside openings, modern types of construction and others of less moment. The fire limits are reported small and fail to include sufficient territory around the congested value district.

Under the head of explosives and inflammables the conclusions are that the supervision of electrical wiring is fairly well performed by a deputy of the building inspector, but he is also superintendent of the electrical department of the street railway and lighting department and does not devote his entire time to the municipal work. Overhead electric wire obstructions are reported serious in several locations.

The report as a whole covers all the elements entering into the fire risk of the city and while the requirements are very strict, there are no doubt many valuable suggestions in the showing made.

Dancing at Lumina.
Dancing tomorrow night at Lumina. Last car leaves Beach at 11:15 P. M.

ANNIVERSARY TO-NIGHT

Elaborate Exercises By Wilmington Lodges of Odd Fellows in Academy of Music—Hon. Hill Montague the Orator.

The arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the United States by the four Wilmington lodges have been completed and the exercises tonight in the Academy of Music will be of an altogether appropriate and pleasing nature. The public is cordially invited. As previously announced, the Hon. Hill Montague, of Richmond, Va., will be the orator of the occasion, and something exceptionally good may be expected in his address, for he is not only prominent in the organization which he will represent on this occasion, but he is an eloquent speaker, and a gentleman of fine presence. He will arrive in the city this morning and will be a guest of Past Grand Master Marcus W. Jacob. The exercises will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

The exercises will consist of the ritualistic order of exercises, the address by Mr. Montague and a number of selections by a male and a female quartette, mixed and double mixed. Mr. J. W. Fleet had charge of this feature of the arrangement and he has been remarkably successful. The opening number will be a double mixed quartette, "Ye That Stand," by Mrs. J. D. Edwards and Miss Nellie King, soprano; Mrs. F. A. Muse and Mrs. Greene Fenley, altoes; Messrs. Greene Fenley and W. L. Willford, tenors; Messrs. A. S. Holden and W. B. Muse, basses. Prayer will be offered by Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church, who has been selected as chaplain of the exercises. A female quartette composed of Miss King, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Fenley and Mrs. Muse, will next render "Welcome Pretty Primrose," and Mr. E. N. Penny will read the proclamation, a part of the ritual founding the anniversary celebration "Oh, Not My Own, These Verdant Hills" will be rendered by a mixed quartette, composed of Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Muse, Mr. Fenley and Mr. Muse, and the anniversary ceremony will then take place by the lodges assembled.

This over, "The Bridge" will be sung by the Acme Male Quartette, composed of Messrs. W. R. Doshier, A. L. Doshier, W. A. McGirt and W. B. Muse. The orator will be introduced by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., and the address of Mr. Montague will follow.

A duet "Dost Remember" will be sung by Mrs. Edwards and Mr. A. S. Holden after which Mrs. North will follow the audience with a recitation or reading. The double mixed quartette will next sing "The Gallant Troubadour," and the benediction will be pronounced by Mr. Holmes, the chaplain. The accompaniments for the musical selections will be by Mr. Alf H. Yopp.

The stage settings for the occasion will be very pretty and the Odd Fellows would be pleased to have all their friends present, ladies as well as gentlemen.

"TO BUCK THE MILK TRUST."

Proprietor of The Orton Buys Land and Establishes Private Dairy.

The first organized opposition to what some of the consumers, at least, choose to call the "milk trust" is in the case of Messrs. Jos. H. and Edgar L. Hinton, proprietors of The Orton, who have purchased 10 acres of the fine Sans Souci farm, to the east of the city, and have established thereon a private dairy from which The Orton in this city and the Seashore Hotel, on Wrightsville Beach, will be supplied with the lacteal fluid. The Messrs. Hinton have purchased at first six fine Jersey cows and will add to the herd from time to time as the establishment of the dairy is made permanent. They will not produce an ounce of the milk for sale, but will supply their hotels with all of their milk for table and cooking purposes. These hotels are the largest consumers possibly in Wilmington, and Mr. Hinton said yesterday that the management simply could not afford to pay 12-12 cents or thereabouts for the supply when it could be produced cheaper. The establishment of the private dairy was the result of being unable to supply the demand elsewhere, as practically all the dairies have gone into the alleged agreement to maintain prices at the schedule previously published in the newspapers.

The smaller dealers and consumers are paying 12-12 cents for their milk and are not so fortunately situated as the Messrs. Hinton, though there is a reported movement among a number to establish a co-operative dairy. The stock, it is said, has been subscribed several times over and if a location can be secured, it is thought the dairy will be established on a co-operative basis.

CARNEGIE'S CHECK FOR \$1,000.

Philanthropist Aids Home for Needy Confederate Women.

Richmond, Va., April 25.—A check for \$1,000 was received in Richmond today from Andrew Carnegie for the Home for Needy Confederate Women here. No conditions are attached to the gift, which comes in a personal letter to Miss Mary Custis Lee, who is at the head of the home board of managers, and who met Mr. Carnegie in Florida last season. It is said to be the first contribution made by Mr. Carnegie or any of his assistants to the Confederate institution.

CONVENTION ENDED

State Federation of Women's Clubs Meets Next Year at Greensboro, N. C.

MISS. GIBSON IS PRESIDENT

Annual Election of Officers and Reports From Many Departments Features of Closing Day's Session—Harbor Trip.

With the election of officers for the ensuing fiscal year, the passage of very cordial resolutions touching the entertainment of the visitors while in Wilmington, a trip down the river on the steamer Wilmington, which was kindly placed at the disposition of the ladies by Capt. John W. Harper, the owner and master, and an elegant reception last night in the Masonic Temple ball room, the fifth annual convention of the North Carolina State Federation of Women's Clubs, which has been in session in this city since Tuesday afternoon, came to a close. It was pronounced by the ladies one of the most successful and pleasant conventions they have held during the life of the organization and they will return to their homes with an inspiration for still greater accomplishments and with pleasant recollections of their sojourn in the "City by the Sea."

The convention reassembled at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, Mrs. Reilly presiding. The Committee on Rules and Regulations made their final report and the minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

Mrs. J. C. Hollister, of Newbern, read a report from the Peace Conference, prepared by Mrs. D. W. Ausley from notes furnished by Mrs. Hayne Davis. Mrs. Davis acted as proxy for Mrs. Ausley, who was prevented by illness from attendance. The report was very complete and gave much information not usually contained in such papers. This feature was programmed for Wednesday forenoon, but the report was not ready until yesterday.

Mrs. Wade R. Brown, of Raleigh, read the report of Mrs. T. R. Pittman, chairman of the Committee on Publication, together with a letter from Miss Louise Poppenhem, one of the editors of the Keystone. Mrs. Brown also read the statistical report from the various departments, the official organ of the Federation. News from the North Carolina Federation has been presented in eight numbers during the year, but only a very few members are subscribers.

Mrs. Thos. Mastin, of Winslow-Salem, presented the report of Mrs. A. L. Coble, chairman of the State Charities Department. Mrs. Coble and her co-workers have labored earnestly for the establishment of the "Stonewall Jackson Training School" and rejoice in the appropriation granted by the recent Legislature. They ask for the assistance of all interested to make the movement a success. This report was followed by the reading of a letter from Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of the King's Daughters, and short talks from several club members on the subject of the training school. It was decided to send a delegate to attend the meeting of the King's Daughters at Henderson next week.

The report of Mrs. D. M. Ausley, chairman of the Village Improvement Department, was read by Mrs. F. D. Lethco, of Charlotte. Miss Isabella Swain, of Greensboro, chairman of the Art Department, presented her report in person, which showed much activity in artistic lines among the clubs.

Mrs. C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, chairman of the Music Committee, presented her report of the work the various clubs are doing throughout the State along musical lines. A large number of clubs devote some time during the year to this subject and show increased interest.

Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, of Greensboro, gave the report of the Reciprocity Department. In response to questions as to the meaning of "Reciprocity Day," a number of valuable suggestions as to methods of work in this department were brought out.

Mrs. R. R. Cotton, of Greenville, gave her report as chairman of the Child Study Department in the form of an interesting talk on the value of child study, urging its beneficial effect on the character of the women as well as on the child.

Dr. Della Dixon-Carroll, chairman of the Domestic Science Department, gave a suggestive report on the subject. This is a new department for the State Federation and her report dealt almost entirely with plans for the future. She recognizes the fact that women must cook, come what may, and whatever will enable her to do this work to the greatest advantage should be welcomed. She advocates the formation of Domestic Science Clubs in every town and hamlet in North Carolina, feeling this will do much to help in the way of solving the domestic problem.

Miss Mae Card, a graduate of the MacDonald Institute of Canada and organizer of Woman's Institutes in connection with the Farmers' Institutes being held throughout the State under the auspices of the State Agricultural Department, was introduced and presented a plea for more interest in the subject of Home Economics.

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