

OUTLINES.

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The preliminaries to the trial of Haywood, Moyer, Pettibone, to whom President Roosevelt alluded as "undesirable citizens," began at Boise, Idaho, yesterday; they are charged with the assassination of Governor Steunenberg, who was killed by a bomb and the proceedings yesterday was a motion by the attorneys for the defense for a bill of particulars in the case of William D. Haywood, who is charged with being the real murderer of the Governor. President Roosevelt, by touching a button at the White House in Washington yesterday fired three shots which inaugurated the schutzenfest at Charleston; the President heard the shots by telephone, and also listened to national airs played by the band, and three cheers given for him by the festive shooters.—Rev. Dr. John Watson (Ian McLaren), the famous English author, died yesterday at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where he had gone to lecture; he wrote "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush," and many other books.—"Major" Guthrie, a negro, is in jail at Durham, charged with the murder of his wife, who was found dead in bed with his photograph on her breast.—The government meat inspectors are conferring with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson at Chicago, of the number of employees of the government being 2,029 in 669 establishments.—A verdict of guilty was rendered against eleven Italians at Wilkesbarre, Pa., yesterday on charges of "Black Hand" crimes.—Diplomatic relations between Mexico and Guatemala have been severed, Mexico having withdrawn her Minister because Guatemala refused to surrender the assassins of Ex-President Barrillas.—The Jamestown Exposition Company is endeavoring to raise \$400,000 to complete the exposition.—New York markets: Money on call, steady 2 1/2 to 3 per cent; ruling rate, 2 3/4; closing bid, 2 1/2; offered at 3; spot cotton, 20 points higher, closing steady at 11.70; flour, firm but dull; wheat, firm, No. 2 red, 91 elevator; corn, easy, No. 2, 59 elevator; oats, steady, mixed, 47 1/2 to 48; turpentine, steady, 66 3/4 to 67 1/2; rosin, firm.

The Spanish stork evidently has no pacing partner. Its gait is leisurely. The weather in Wilmington yesterday was the peek-a-boo and white Oxford variety.

Attorney General Bonaparte, ex-Democrat, says the Democratic party lacks conscience. The jury, however, will have to carefully weigh the testimony of deserters.

A Vice Presidential boom has been started for Uncle Joe Cannon. We don't know who started it, but that manner of shelving Uncle Joe is approved. We have been waiting for just such a blow to be struck.

A contemporary kicks because the "Yests go right on prospering" in suite of Roosevelt's activity. His activity cuts no ice with them; they're doing business under what a Republican Congress does for them and refuses to undo.

Commander Peary is making arrangements to go on another search for the North Pole, but says he won't make the start until \$100,000 is raised for him. We hate to buck against Peary, but as we need the money we'll just have to put in a lower bid. We'll "make the start" for \$50,000.

A Virginia contemporary remarks: "It is hard for the papers to say whether Roosevelt is more Democrat than Republican." This comes of editors neglecting their acquaintance to such an extent that they wouldn't know a Democrat if they met him in the road.

It is stated that Mrs. Dowie, wife of Alexander Dowie, alias Elijah Hill, is taking in boarders for a livelihood. Some pity is expressed for her, but this is none of our business. Our recollection is that she joined his enemies, got his property out of his hands and the litigation that resulted left her out as well as the Prophet.

A fresh rucus has broken out between the Charlotte Observer and the Charleston News and Courier, with the Norfolk Landmark and other Sandy Sniffles egging on the row, as to whether Andrew Jackson was born in North Carolina or South Carolina. Even if it should turn out that Tillman's State was his birthplace Old Hickory should not be held responsible for it.

Federal officeholders have heretofore believed that holding an office did not conflict with their right to have and to hold and to express their individual opinions and to exercise their choice when it comes to candidates. They know better now, since they are given to understand from Washington that a man can't have a dualism and an office at one and the same time.

THE COMMISSIONERS County Board in Regular Monthly Session For May Yesterday Afternoon.

ONLY ROUTINE BUSINESS

Usual Monthly Report Read From Officers—Application to Retail Liquor on Carolina Beach—Not Ready for Federal Point.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, the session being largely engaged with routine matters. In the absence of the chairman, who is in Fayetteville on business, Commissioner Robertson presided and Messrs. Divine and Vollers were present.

Mrs. S. E. Crandall was authorized to see her son in the convict camp in the discretion of the chairman. Application of Mrs. J. W. Crandell for increased allowance on outdoor poor list was referred to the Superintendent of Health for investigation and report to the board.

William Garrell, Masonboro township, was allowed \$2 per month on the outdoor poor list. Register of Deeds John Haar presented his bond with surety company in lieu of personal bond and the same was accepted and approved. The county attorney reported net back tax collections to the amount of \$165.45.

The usual monthly reports were read and approved. The Superintendent of the County Home reported five white and ten colored inmates and Superintendent of Health reported four cases of typhoid fever during the month and the various institutions in their usual good condition. The Register of Deeds reported 25 marriage licenses during the month and exhibited treasurer's receipt for revenue arising from same.

Application of Hans A. Kure to retail liquor at Carolina Beach was referred to the chairman with power to act. Superintendent, H. Hocutt, of the county roads, reported the grading on Market street to the National cemetery completed, the macadam of same being now in progress. The shell road has been repaired from Seventeenth and Market streets to Wrightsville. Ditching and draining is now in progress on Gordon road.

Application of R. Bellamy for return of tax in excess was referred to the chairman for investigation and report. Bid of John S. McEachern Sons for feed for month was accepted at \$28.80 for hay; 57 cents for corn and 57 1/2 cents for oats.

Several advocates of the two proposed routes for the Federal Point road were present at the meeting but were informed that the matter would not be taken up again for the present.

YOUNG MURDERER TAKEN Boy Who Stabbed Another To Death Saturday Night Arrested Yesterday Morning By Police Sergeant Burnett—Character.

Robert Miller, the colored youth who Saturday night fatally stabbed George Brown, another colored youth at Sixth and Nixon streets, was arrested before day yesterday morning at Almont guano factory, on North-east river, about two miles from the city. The boy was apprehended by Sergeant Burnett, who went over after the prisoner, reaching the station house with him between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning. He has been committed by the coroner without bail pending trial at the next term of the Superior Court.

Miller, claims that he acted in self-defense in slaying Brown and exhibited to the coroner a knife wound in his leg which he said was inflicted by his adversary. This is a very superficial cut, and the coroner is of the opinion that the boy inflicted the wound on himself to sustain the plea of self-defense.

An inquest was held over the body of Brown Sunday morning and a verdict was rendered that the deceased came to his death as a result of being stabbed by Robert Miller, alias Walker. The Star has received a card from J. Henry Walker, a son of the late Andrew Walker, stating that the boy is not an adopted son of his father. He was at one time employed by Andrew Walker, the son says, as a milk delivery boy, but on account of his bad traits of character, he was discharged.

Sergeant Burnett received information Sunday night that the boy was hiding in the vicinity of Almont, and reaching the factory, accompanied by Officer Jesse Brown, he found that the boy had escaped from the vigilance of his informant that the boy was there. The officers, however, began a search in the locality and spotted the boy in an outhouse, promptly placing him under arrest. The officers had a long walk, but felt amply repaid for their trip in the capture of the youngster.

Eleven Houses a Total Loss, Three Badly Damaged—Believed to Be Work of An Incendiary—Loss About \$6,000.

Ten frame dwellings and a colored church totally destroyed with several other dwellings badly damaged was the final result of the fire early Sunday morning in the block bounded by Front, Second, Dawson and Wright streets. The loss, it is estimated, will exceed \$6,000, with only partial insurance. The fire started in the residence of the widow of the late David Jacobs, colored, on Second street, near Mount Olive M. E. Church, colored, and is believed to have been of incendiary origin. Chief Schnibben, of the Fire Department, and Constable Savage are now investigating a clue that may lead to the arrest of a colored woman, who had made threats against the widow of Jacobs in whose house the fire started. These threats were of a very violent nature, and were made the day before the fire.

From the Jacobs dwelling the fire communicated to the parsonage of the colored church adjoining, and then to the church itself, which was in flames when the firemen arrived from the long run across town only to find that the water pressure was next to nothing. This situation was accentuated by the fact that all the hose in use by the Weed Distilling Company across Front street, and at Kidder's Mill, further down by the river, were in use from the mains in order to prevent the destruction of these plants by showers of sparks which fell among highly combustible material.

Fortunately the block is little less than a deep ravine, and after sweeping all the houses fronting on Second street, with a single exception, the firemen were able to protect the row of dwellings on Dawson, Wright and Front streets.

ELECTIONS TO-DAY Voters of Both City and County Will Vote at The Polis.

SEVERAL PROPOSITIONS

Aldermen to Be Elected and Recorders Court Proposition—To Vote on Bonds For Streets, Water and Sewerage.

Election both for the city and county will be held in the various wards, precincts and townships of New Hanover today. The polls for the city election will open at 8 o'clock and close at 7 o'clock this evening and the polls for the county election will open at sunrise, 5:17 o'clock and close at sunset, 7 o'clock this evening.

It would be well for voters to bear in mind that the two elections are entirely separate and distinct propositions with a different set of pollholders and election officers for each and that while in some of the wards in the city the polling place for both elections are the same, in the First and Fifth wards they are different. In the First ward there are three precincts, and in the Fifth ward two precincts, the residence of the voter determining in which precinct he shall vote.

In the city election there are three separate and distinct ballots to be cast: One for members of the Board of Aldermen as nominated in the late primary; one upon the question of the issuance of \$400,000 in bonds for permanent streets improvement; one for the issuance of \$500,000 in bonds for the municipal ownership of a water works and sewerage system. The vote for aldermen will be a mere formal ratification of the action of the people at the primary, but in the case of the bond issues, it will require a majority of the registered vote to carry either or both of the propositions. A voter may cast his ballot for streets and not for water and sewerage or vice versa, as he may choose, or he may vote for both propositions. Failure to vote by a person registered means a vote against both propositions.

The county election is upon the question of the establishment of a Recorder's Court in the county as unanimously recommended by the Board of County Commissioners and by the Board of Aldermen. A voter will first cast his vote either for or against the establishment of the court and will then vote for a judge of the court and for a clerk of the same, if he desires so to vote. In this election as to the establishment of the court the failure of a voter to exercise his suffrage on the question means a vote against the court, as a majority of the registered vote is required to carry the proposition. For this election there are three precincts in the First ward and two in the Fifth. In other words, the voter will vote at the same place as he registered.

According to law the saloons of the city closed at 5:17 yesterday afternoon, 12 hours before the opening of the polls, and will not be opened again until 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, 12 hours after the polls close. There is great interest in both of the elections and it is expected that a full vote will be cast. It seems certain that the bond issues will carry and it is reasonably certain that the proposition to establish a Recorder's Court will be carried, though this is not sufficiently certain for friends of the measure to fail to cast their ballot at the polls today.

Water Supply Cut Off. Joint in Main at Hilton Blew Out Early Sunday Morning. For the greater part of Sunday the city was cut off from its water supply. The cause was the blowing out of a joint in an elbow of the main near the Hilton pumping station and this necessitated not only cutting off the pumps until the damage could be repaired but the standpipe had to be run dry. Where the water escaped a great ravine was cut to the river, but no other damage than the washing up of a fine oak tree on the property was occasioned. Supt. Robertson, Engineer Sweeney, Foreman Mote and the entire working force went to work immediately on the trouble and by 4 o'clock in the afternoon the pressure was restored in the city. In the meantime Chief Schnibben kindly loaned the fire boat Atlantic to the company to keep the pressure as far up as possible. This was accomplished by pumping water directly out of the river into the fire hydrant at foot of Market street.

THE FLAGS PRESENTED Interesting Exercises Last Night at Court House By North Carolina Peace Society—Presentation of Beautiful State Emblems.

MUCH ROUTINE BUSINESS

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The Board met at 8:10 o'clock; present, Mayor Waddell, presiding; Messrs. Rathjen, Karr, O'Brien, W. H. Yopp, W. E. Yopp, King, Price, Brown. The minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved and the regular call of committees was proceeded with. Chairman Yopp had nothing on finance. Chairman O'Brien made exhaustive report for the Streets and Wharves Committee. Permission asked for certain grading by the A. C. L. had been granted and the work had been inspected. The macadam blocks on Grace street and on Ann street have been completed and work is now progressing in the vicinity of Seventh and Grace streets.

Mr. Brown asked for an appropriation of \$2,500 for macadamizing the south side of Orange, between Sixth and Ninth streets. Mr. Brown explained that great improvement had been made on St. James' Square and that he would go before the Board of Audit and Finance and urge the appropriation out of moneys not now appropriated. Mr. Price made an amendment to the effect that the east side of Fifth between Dock and Num streets be macadamized and that an appropriation of \$2,500 be made for this purpose out of all unexpended balances at the end of the fiscal year, proper retaining wall to be built. Mr. O'Brien thought it would be best to saddle this on the new administration; that it would, perhaps, be best to wait for the bond issue.

After some discussion, Mr. Brown temporarily withdrew his motion, and Mr. Price's amendment was carried. Mr. Brown then renewed his motion and this was also carried. Chairman O'Brien also read a report of the work accomplished during the year. All told 49 1-2 blocks of streets and roadways have been built, besides a large amount of repair work; 40,000 square yards of granite curb and brick sidewalks have been put down and 45,000 feet of granite curbing have been laid. Seven thousand feet of terra-cotta pipe have been put down. The chairman states without fear of contradiction that the present administration has made more improvements to the streets of the city, more rock hauled from the quarry and placed on the streets and more work accomplished than by any previous administration. The street force is declared efficient and better organized than ever before.

Chairman Rathjen reported both for the month and for the year. A fire station for the crew of the fire boat Atlantic is being built at Chesnut street dock. The fire boat did signal service for the water company when its main was broken on Sunday. During the past two years many improvements have been made for which the Fire Committee and the Chief of the Department return their thanks to the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Audit and Finance. One new hook and ladder truck has been bought, one new fire boat has been built; and the Atlantic engine installed therein; 2,000 feet of new fire hose has been received; five new alarm boxes have been put in and several miles of wire have been strung; two fire engines have been overhauled and repainted; First ward and Fifth ward engine houses have been connected with sewerage; a slip has been made for the fire boat; a new two-story building as a fire station has been erected; 34 new bed springs have been bought for the quarters of the firemen; salary of firemen has been increased \$5 per month and many other improvements have been made. Chairman Rathjen closed his report with a characteristic speech appropriate to the last meeting of the Board.

Upon recommendation of Chairman Karr \$80 was appropriated for the purchase of a typewriter for the Police Department. Upon recommendation of Chairman King, an unexpended balance to the credit of the Market Committee was appropriated for placing a sidewalk around Fifth Ward market house. Chairman Brown of the Light Committee, reported the installation of two new lights and same was approved. Mr. Junius Davis, counsel for the Cape Fear Club, appeared before the Board and asked that in consideration of its public service in the community, that the organization be exempted from the tax of \$50 per month on social clubs. Mr. Davis said that the act of the Legislature did not make it

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