

OUTLINES.

The second day of the greatest reunion ever held by the Confederate Veterans was marred at Richmond yesterday by rain and uncomfortably cold weather, yet it did not interfere with the arduous of 12,000 to 15,000 old veterans; they gave a tumultuous reception to Mrs. Hayes, only living daughter of President Davis, heard a speech from Col. Robert E. Lee, Jr., grandson of their great chieftain, had a speech from Senator Daniel, and last night attended a reception at the Confederate Museum, the former home of President Davis, where many were brought to tears over memories of the past and at the sight of war relics.

At Lansing, Mich., yesterday, President Roosevelt delivered three addresses and held a reception; in a speech to the Michigan Legislature he declared that the railroad problem must be met unflinchingly; one of the features of the day was his presentation of diplomas to a class of young lady graduates.

A dispatch from Richmond announces the death there on yesterday of Robert Ambler Bruce, 10 years old.

Dun & Co.'s weekly Trade Review mentions the unseasonable weather as a drawback to commercial activity, but states that the cotton and other manufacturing plants are producing at full capacity with orders far into the future, while the output of pig iron is beyond all precedent.

Tennessee has swollen the rivers; great damage has been done to crops and property, and many lives have been lost; because of the flood new cotton advanced 50 points on October futures in New York yesterday.

Hon. William Bryan was joined at Norfolk yesterday by Mrs. Bryan; they received much attention and from Norfolk will go to William and Mary College; tonight Mr. Bryan will speak in Norfolk and on Sunday will speak in Richmond and on Monday attend the unveiling of the Jefferson Davis monument.

New York markets: Money on call, steady, 2 to 3 1/2 per cent; ruling rate, 2 1/2; closing bid, 1 1/2; offered at 2; spot cotton, 40 points higher, closing steady at 12.90; flour, firm and higher, but quiet; wheat, firm; No. 2 red, 1.01 5/8 elevator; corn, firm; No. 2, 67 elevator; oats, firmer; mixed, 50 to 53 1/2; turpentine, easy, 62 1/2 to 63; rosin, steady.

Even Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria, is rooting for Roosevelt. He wants the President re-elected.

Democrats should have a powerful feeling for Senator Chairman F. M. Simmons for the enemies he has made in the Republican camp.

Newspapers continue to mention George B. Cortelyou's boomlet for President. George ought to be ho low for fear of being alluded to as Roosevelt's catspaw in the 1904 campaign.

A New York woman who lost her voice twenty years ago has suddenly regained her power of speech. Of course, she will talk now just to hear herself talk.

Says the Greensboro Tar Heel (Rep.): "Joseph Gurney Cannon is the noblest Roman of them all." That starts Uncle Joe's Presidential boom in North Carolina. Secretary Taft will please take notice.

A Washington dispatch stated that President Roosevelt declared that he enjoyed his horseback ride to Mount Vernon on Monday when he got caught in the rain and was bespattered all over with red mud. The members of the Ananias Club will please refrain from laughing.

The Durham Herald has been counting time during the Butler-Adams will. The Herald's piquant paragraphist says: "Mr. Adams dunked and that seems to be all there is to it." Does look like, according to the rule of the ring, Adams has laid on the floor too long.

The Duplin Journal, recently removed from Faison to Warsaw, says: "A weekly newspaper should always stand for that which gives material strength and moral tone to its people and this shall continue the policy of The Duplin Journal." A paper conducted on that line is the best asset that any community can have.

The Clarkton Express remarks: "Pretty little Indian girls, with lots of money, in Indian Territory are wanting good white men for husbands. We've a good notion to go out there." As those Minnehahas are said to be worth from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in rich land, there is no wonder Editor Johnston would just as leave as not to be a squaw man.

Washington dispatch recently stated that President Roosevelt is overworked and needs the rest which he is to take at Oyster Bay in a couple of weeks. The President takes a great deal of unnecessary work on himself in the way of impossible tasks. For instance he has gotten it into his head that he can nail all the lies that are afloat.

SOUTH AND WESTERN

More Than Three Thousand Men Employed on Seaboard Connecting Link.

CONSTRUCTION IS COSTLY

Through Mountain Passes and Long Tunnels—Vast Shipments of Coal Handled Through Wilmington. Great Thing for Port.

Inasmuch as Wilmington is destined to be the port of delivery for the immense traffic in coal that is expected to develop with the completion of the South and Western Railroad from the rich fields of Virginia and Tennessee, the following from Thursday afternoon's Raleigh Evening Times will be read with interest here:

"Mr. Lewis Walke, general freight agent of the South & Western, a railroad that is to play a prominent part in the development of this state, is spending the day in the city. He came to Raleigh to consult with the corporation commission in regard to certain matters connected with the South & Western road.

"The railroad being built from the coal fields in southwest Virginia to western North Carolina is one of the most costly ever built in the south, and it is to be doubted if a more costly road has ever been built in the United States. Although it runs through an extremely rugged country, the grades are reduced to a minimum, and coming south—the direction in which the heavy traffic will be handled—the maximum grade is five tenths of one per cent. In the immediate vicinity of Marion there are twelve tunnels.

"Between Marion and Altapass, a distance of 33 miles, more than three thousand men are employed in construction work. This is the roughest section of the road, and it will require about a year to complete it. The road strikes the Southern at Marion, and the Seaboard at Bostic, a station three miles east of Rutherfordton, a better grade having been secured by taking this route. It is the expectation to have the line between Marion and Bostic, a distance of 29 miles, completed almost if not equally as soon as the line to Marion, for while work is in progress on the tunnels, the line will be in course of construction east of Marion. Nothing definite has been decided in regard to building the road south of Bostic in the direction of Spartanburg. It is a well known fact that the same parties interested in the South & Western are also back of the Seaboard, and there seems to be no doubt that the vast shipments of coal from southwest Virginia will be handled through Wilmington.

"The road is already completed and in operation from Altapass to Johnson City, Tenn., a distance of 68 miles. From Johnson City the road is to be continued through southwest Virginia and on to Elkhorn, Ky., about 150 miles. The line is now under construction from Johnson City going west.

"The South & Western will be the means of bringing coal direct from the mines into this State, and will be of inestimable benefit from an industrial standpoint."

CAPT. EARL I. BROWN HERE.

New United States Engineer Has Arrived for Wilmington District. Capt. Earl I. Brown, U. S. A., who was recently ordered from Cuba to the United States and assigned as captain of the corps of United States Engineers of the Wilmington District, succeeding Maj. Jos. E. Kuhn in temporary charge here with the duties of the Norfolk district, arrived in the city this week and will take charge of the office today, June 1st. Capt. Brown was formerly a lieutenant on this station, and is most pleasantly remembered by many friends who are delighted to have him back in charge of the district. He came via Washington, leaving Mrs. Brown and children there for the present. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of the late Capt. T. M. Thompson, of Southport, and it will be a pleasure for them to reside here or at Southport. Maj. Kuhn is expected here today from Norfolk to transfer the office to Capt. Brown.

Mrs. Mary M. Peterson Dead.

Mrs. Mary M. Peterson, relict of the late G. M. Peterson, passed away at the family residence, No. 21 South Ninth street, yesterday morning. There are surviving her two sons, Messrs. O. R. and D. T. Peterson, and four daughters, Mrs. J. M. King, Mrs. L. C. Lorenzo and Misses Addie J. and Mary C. Peterson. They have the sympathy of many friends in the great loss they have sustained. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence, and the interment will be in Bellevue.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. Bates—Cantaloupes, Etc.
Ludden & Bates—Piano Club Talk.
Consolidated Co.—Schedule to Beach.
Business Locals.
Wanted—Male Stenographer.
B. and M. I. W. Union—Notice.
Read The Star Business Locals.

CITY BALL LEAGUE OPENS

Two Games at Hilton Park, First of Series, This Afternoon—Double-Header Between Four Teams. Excursion to Benefit Sport.

The opening games of the series in the City Baseball League will be played at Hilton Park this afternoon and if the weather is at all favorable the bleachers and recently remodeled grandstand will be lined with the "faithful." The teams have each had a preliminary game and have done much practice so that they will make a good showing this afternoon if ante-season indications count for anything. A limited number of season tickets have been issued at \$5 each, admitting to all the games, and these will be found quite economical to those who expect to be here during the Summer. The general admission will be 25 cents for gentlemen and 15c for ladies. Ladies who desire to help along the league may purchase season tickets for \$2.50.

The games this afternoon will be between the Rattlers and Monarchs, beginning at 3 P. M. and the Giants and the Y. M. C. A., beginning promptly at 5 P. M. The line-up for the second game will be as follows:

Y. M. C. A.	King, L.
Seifert	.....c
Bush	.....p
Daniels	.....1b
McClellan	.....2b
Theses	.....3b
Brinkley	.....ss
King, U.	.....cf
W. King	.....lf
Belden	.....rf
Irving	.....c

The league has decided to run a search-light excursion Tuesday night, June 4th, the boat to leave the wharf promptly at 8 o'clock going about ten miles up the Cape Fear river; then back to the pier and from there to the wharf. The fare for the round trip will be 25 cents. The benefit is to help pay for the new grand stand which has been built by the league and all friends are invited to take the trip.

TO STOP FIVE MINUTES.

Atlantic Coast Line Will Honor Memory of Jefferson Davis.

Complying with the request of General Stephen D. Lee, commanding the United Confederate Veterans now in annual reunion at Richmond, Va., General Manager W. N. Royall, of the Atlantic Coast Line yesterday issued orders to all division superintendents of the system from Richmond to Tampa, Fla., to cease all train and shop operations for five minutes at 2 o'clock on Monday, the same being the anniversary of the birthday of President Jefferson Davis, of the Southern Confederacy, and at that hour a very handsome monument being unveiled to his memory at the capital of the Confederacy. All Southern roads were requested to take similar action, but so far as is known the Coast Line was the first to make the official order. The Seaboard Thursday signified its willingness to do so if the other roads would do likewise. It is understood now that all of them will do likewise.

The act is a very gracious one on the part of the Atlantic Coast Line, and shows contrary to the popular charge in some quarters that all railroad men are bereft of sentiment. While it is seemingly a small matter of five minutes, when it is considered that nearly ten thousand men are affected and that five minutes on the part of each means something like three months' employment at eight hours per day for one man, the order is not so inconsiderable after all, this, of course, not taking into account the delay of traffic and rush work in the shops that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. At the hour named wherever they are, all trains will come to a stop over all the system and the busy hum of the shops all along the line will be hushed during that period.

"FAREWELL STAG PARTY."

Mr. Jake L. Solomon Entertained at Pleasant Affair. Mr. Jake L. Solomon, one of Wilmington's most popular and prominent young business men, who will next week join the ranks of the beneficiaries by claiming a fair bride in Kentucky, gave quite a pleasant farewell stag party at Harmony Circle Club rooms last evening, the guests having been quite a number of the "bachelor" friends of Mr. Solomon. A great number of toasts were responded to apropos the early departure of Mr. Solomon on his pleasant mission. Among the guests for the evening were Messrs. I. W. Solomon, E. I. Bear, Isadore Bear, Julius P. Taylor, George Honnet, A. G. Danenbaum, H. C. Bear, Marcus Sternberger, of Manila, P. I., Marx S. Nathan, Louis Goodman, Joe N. Jacobi, Siegfried Goodman and the host.

POLICE COURT ITEMS

Only Three Cases Before the Mayor at Noon Yesterday. In the police court yesterday Henry Baldwin, a small colored boy was charged with two offenses, riding bicycle without a bell and carrying concealed weapons. In the first case he was required to pay the costs, and in the second was dismissed on account of his being so small.

The only other case was that of Mary Clay, colored, charged with being drunk and down. She was sent to the county farm for 30 days.

IN THE MEIER CASE

Very Rapid Progress Made Yesterday in New Hanover Superior Court.

PLAINTIFF TAKES A REST

Evidence in Noted Damage Suit is Being Taken Rapidly—Two Witnesses Thus Far for Defendant Company—Notes.

Very good progress was made yesterday in the Superior Court in the trial of the big damage suit of Frank Meier, administrator, against the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company, in which \$25,000 punitive and \$25,000 actual damages are asked for the killing of plaintiff's intestate, his brother, Joe Meier, on the suburban line of the defendant company on the night of August 29th, 1903. The jury had been empaneled with comparative ease the afternoon before and the testimony was immediately begun at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The testimony is being taken in shorthand by Miss Shrier, and this has greatly facilitated matters. There is a possibility that the case may be concluded this evening, but it is most likely the trial will last until the first of the coming week. The attorneys are Messrs. McClammy and John D. Bellamy & Son, for the plaintiff Meier, and Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy and Davis & Davis, for the defendant company.

The plaintiff began his testimony yesterday with the plaintiff himself, Frank Meier. Mr. Meier was going by Yopp's undertaking establishment Sunday morning and seeing a crowd he went in and was shocked to find that his brother had been killed the night before and his body had not been identified up to that time. He described the condition of the body, and said he last saw his brother the Monday morning before the accident; deceased was between 26 and 29 years old and was a carpenter by trade; he worked at the railroad, on the Seaboard Hotel and on the Richter building just before his death; he earned from \$60 to \$75 per month; was married and had one child, who died about a year before the father was killed.

M. E. Keathley knew the deceased for 15 years; he worked at the A. C. L. first four or five years, a second time about 18 months, and the last time about two years; his pay averaged \$3 to \$4 per day. While he was not a finished workman, he was a good ordinary carpenter.

Melvin Horne, who had been summoned by both sides, was first introduced for the plaintiff; he was motorman and conductor on the car which ran over Meier; it was the trip from the beach about 12:30 A. M. Just before witness got to crossing he saw something he thought was a piece of paper on the tracks; later he was horrified to find that it was a man; he stopped after the car had passed over the man and went back with passengers to see what had been done. The light then provided on the car was in good condition, but there was a cloud and he could not see very well until he was the distance of one trolley pole to another from him. The car was not equipped with air or emergency brake, only a hand brake being in use; this he thought was in good condition. It was brought out from the witness on cross-examination that even if the car had been equipped with air brakes the accident might have occurred. The car had no fender. The body was lying with the head toward Wilmington inside of rails; right leg over rail, left arm same way, flat of back. In witness' opinion had the car been equipped with fender the body would have been torn all to pieces.

Dr. J. Arthur Doshier, of Southport, who with Dr. Manley, of Fort Caswell, was a passenger on the car, was the next witness. He was seated two or three seats from the front returning from Wrightsville Beach and heard the motorman cry out that he had run over a man. He with others went back and examined the body, finding it warm and mutilated in about the condition described in the complaint; his brain was scattered about in between the ties. The body was perfectly normal, and death in his opinion was caused by some heavy object striking him on the head and that he had been dead but a few minutes when the witness saw him.

Policeman H. W. Howell went to the scene on Monday following the accident with Mr. Frank Meier. They found particles of bloody substance between the rails. There seemed to be very little blood.

Mr. H. G. Fennell saw Joe Meier when he got on the car at Front and Princess streets about 8 o'clock; he had no hat and his coat was on his arm; Meier took a rear seat and seemed to be in a stupor. He was put off the car just beyond Delgado on the way down to the beach. This witness thought was about 8:15 or 8:20, and about 2 1/2 miles from where the accident occurred.

Mr. Frank Meier was recalled as to some points brought out by Mr. Howell.

The plaintiff rested and the defendant put on J. A. Riggs, who at the time was conductor of the car from which Meier was ejected. The witness said that the car left Front and Princess at 9 o'clock, and that the deceased was put off because he would not pay his fare and was disorderly. The

BRAVED THE ELEMENTS

Thirteen Men at Traps of Wilmington Gun Club Yesterday Afternoon—Four for Peters' Trophy Shot Their Finals.

In spite of the threatening weather an "unlucky thirteen" men faced the traps of the Wilmington Gun Club yesterday afternoon. Rain fell intermittently and lowering clouds in the west made the best scores impossible, the background having been dark and the men at the traps being unable to see the flying birds. In the regular shoot, however, Stokley did some good work, breaking 48-50 and making a total of 68 out of 75. He had a straight run of 45 out of a second fifty.

In the contest for the Peters' trophy Messrs. G. W. Penny, Ed Boushee, Dr. J. H. Dreher and Dr. R. H. Bellamy have finished their 250 targets with Mr. Penny leading 173-250. When other members of the Club have completed the round the handsome cup offered by the cartridge company will be awarded.

No meeting of the Club was held on the grounds yesterday afternoon to consider the matter of holding a State tournament here in July as on account of the inclemency of the weather only a few of the members were out. The scores yesterday were as follows, the first two columns being the totals to date in the Peters' contest, viz:

Shot	Broke	Shot	Broke
Warren	150	104	—
Stokley	225	151	75
Boushee	250	172	50
Truelove	175	93	50
Littig	150	90	100
Bellamy	250	171	—
Dreher	250	160	50
Benny	250	173	—
Bennett	175	112	—
Boyle	150	104	—
B. G. Bellamy	125	65	—
Ahrens	150	91	—
Merrimon	50	23	—
Empie, T.	—	100	36
Dosier, Dr.	—	50	29
Wessel	—	100	44
Howell	—	50	25

BARACAS ENTERTAINED

Philathea Class Guests of Delightful Affair Thursday Evening.

The Baracas of the First Baptist Church delightfully entertained the Philathea Class of the same congregation Thursday evening. The church was beautifully decorated with palms and cut flowers and the environment was all that could be desired for the most pleasant occasion that it was. The address of welcome was by Mr. P. P. Perrin and this was especially pleasing. Following Mr. Perrin's cordial words of welcome, Mr. Greene Fenley rendered a beautiful solo to good effect. Mr. Herbert E. Merritt, president of the class, spoke at length of the history and nature of Baraca work and paid a fine tribute to Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, who introduced the Baraca work among the young people of Wilmington. Mr. Merritt's address was inspiring and pleasing.

A vocal duet by Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Muse with accompaniment by Miss Elizabeth D. Burt greatly delighted the audience as did also a violin solo by Mrs. Edwards with accompaniment by Miss Burt. Miss Hattie Sue Hale was also heard to splendid advantage in a brief piano recital. Mrs. C. Oscar Byerly was delightfully amusing in a realistic portrayal of Josiah Allen's wife on the subject of "Flirting." She was given greatest applause.

Following the formal part of the exercises a spread of dainty refreshments was enjoyed, the young people voting the social a success in every way.

Mr. Farley to Wed.

Friends of Mr. J. A. Farley, of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, in this city, will be interested and pleased at the announcement of his approaching marriage which will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. High, in Whiteville, June 12th. The bride, Miss Nellie High is one of the most attractive young women of that town and is much loved and admired by many acquaintances.

Conductor Said After the Car Had Gone

On to the beach and was returning about an hour later he passed Meier walking toward the sound by the side of the track near Commissary Bay, about 2 1/2 miles from where he was killed. He had travelled considerable distance since he had been ejected from the car.

Policeman M. P. Newton, motorman on the car from which Meier was ejected at that time, testified in corroboration of Riggs, and said after Meier was put off, he asked and was given his coat, which had been left on a seat when he was taken off.

Of course each of the witnesses was put through a vigorous cross-examination and a number of points were brought out upon which argument to the jury will be based when the trial is concluded. The defendant company will introduce further testimony today, then the plaintiff will offer evidence in rebuttal and the case with the charge of His Honor and argument by counsel will go to the twelve men empaneled to pass upon the issues.

The only other proceeding in court yesterday was the continuance of the suit of the Cape Fear Machine Works against the Angola Lumber Company.

ON BENCH WARRANT

Manager of Postal Telegraph Company Cited to Appear Before Judge Long.

GIVES \$500 JUSTIFIED BOND

Charged With Obstructing Process of the Court—Deputy Serving Subpoena on Witness Telegraph Operator in Postal's Employ.

Mr. J. T. North, manager of the Postal Telegraph Company in this city, upon a bench warrant issued yesterday afternoon, is cited to appear this morning at 9:30 o'clock before His Honor, Judge B. F. Long, holding Superior Court in New Hanover, to show cause why he should not be attached for contempt. The alleged contempt grows out of what is charged as obstructing the process of the court by interfering with Deputy Sheriff W. H. Cox when the officer had gone to the office of the Postal yesterday morning to serve a subpoena upon Mr. John E. Wood, the former manager of the company in this city, but now an operator in the employ of the Postal. Deputy Cox alleges that Mr. North met him at the counter, told him that he knew the law as to summoning telegraph operators from their work, and indicated that he would not have Mr. Wood subpoenaed. The officer says that he protested at Mr. North's interference with the process of the court and threatened to arrest him, but that he was not allowed to summons Mr. Wood unmolested. Mr. Wood sat at his telegraph key a short distance away, but Deputy Cox said that the argument which his appearance with the paper brought out, prevented his reading the subpoena to the man wanted, which was in an ordinary civil suit that has been pending some time, and entitled Shearin against Winders, involving some property at Castle Haynes.

Mr. Cox returned to the Court House and reported the facts as he conceived them to be to Judge Long, who at once ordered an affidavit to be before the sheriff and had this sworn to by Mr. W. N. Harris, deputy Clerk of the Superior Court. Upon this affidavit, a bench warrant was issued for Mr. North, and very soon thereafter he came into court with his counsel, Hon. John D. Bellamy, and had a brief conversation with the judge at his desk in the court room. The defendant was ordered to give \$500 justified bond for his appearance this morning at 9:30 o'clock, when all the testimony in the premises will be heard. Mr. North gave the bond in the sum named with Herbert McClammy, Esq., who was sitting in the court room at the time, and was asked by Mr. Bellamy to give the amount as surety. Mr. Bellamy thinks that his client will have no difficulty in paying himself of any contempt in the matter.

The affidavit upon which the warrant was issued sets forth that the affiant, Mr. Cox, is a deputy sheriff and that he was acting as such during the sitting of the present term of court; that a subpoena issued out of this court to be served on one John E. Wood as a witness in the case of W. H. Shearin and others against J. W. Winders and that in obedience to the writ the affiant went to the office of the Postal Telegraph Company and found the said witness, that whilst engaged in his lawful duty in executing the process of the court on said witness, one J. T. North, who was then and there present, unlawfully interfered with and hindered, delayed and obstructed affiant in the execution of said process; that the affiant is informed that the witness whom he was attempting to subpoena was wanted as such witness in a suit on trial at this present term; that as affiant was thus molested and interfered with in regard to his duties directed to be performed by the court, he deemed it his duty to report the facts to the court as its officer, that the court might do as it deemed proper in the premises. Upon this affidavit Judge Long issued a process to the sheriff requiring him to bring Mr. North into court and show cause why he should not be attached for contempt of court, answering the charge as the law directs. The affair created much interest among the court attendants during the day, and there was considerable talk of the matter on the streets during the afternoon.

Mr. North, in an interview last night, stated that nothing was further from his purpose than to obstruct any process of the court; that his remarks on the occasion referred to were directed entirely to Mr. Wood, who, as a matter of fact, was served with the summons and responded at once. He says that his remarks as to the rights under the law of telegraph operators was in respect to their exemption from jury duty and that Mr. Cox made no threats of reporting him to the court. He regrets the occurrence very much and is satisfied that when all the facts are brought out in the hearing before Judge Long this morning that he will be purged of all contempt, for nothing was further from his intentions.

Linotype Operator Wanted at Once.

Must be fast, accurate and sober. Union office. Good pay. Address, The Morning Star, Wilmington, N. C.