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OUTLINES.

The defence had its inning in the Rowland trial at Raleigh yesterday and it is freely predicted that a verdict of not guilty will be returned; evidence was introduced yesterday to show that Dr. Rowland had purchased acconotine before and used it in his practice; it was also testified by the wife of the City Hall janitor that it was she whom Mrs. Arrington saw in Rowland's office one night when she testified that it was Mrs. Strange; the case will likely get to the jury late this afternoon.—The third day of the great Episcopal convention in Richmond yesterday closed with a historical mass meeting at the city auditorium and the public was given its first opportunity of hearing the distinguished, Bishop of London; missionary matters were considered by both houses during the day; rain prevented a meeting in the Capitol square.—The weekly trade review of R. G. Dun & Co. reports business conditions as fairly active with October collections good.—Philadelphia and Washington each won a game of the double-header in the great National American League pennant series yesterday and last night Connie Mack claimed that the race between his team and Detroit was still on.—President Roosevelt was given a great ovation in Memphis yesterday and spoke kindly of the South and the South's traditions; Confederate soldiers acted as his personal body guard and escorted him to the auditorium, where he addressed the waterways convention; later the President boarded a train and will go to his hunting lodge in Louisiana.—The National Cotton Manufacturers' Association closed its convention in Washington yesterday and members later left with the foreign spinners for Atlanta, Ga., where they will attend the conference of growers and manufacturers; features of the session yesterday were addresses by Secretary Strauss, Postmaster General Meyer and Arthur R. Marsh, a member of the New York Cotton Exchange.—New York markets: Money on call strong 6 to 6 1/2 per cent, closing bid, 4, offered at 4; cotton closed quiet, ten points higher at 11.65; flour firm but slow; wheat irregular, No. 2 red 1.06 3/4 elevator; corn steady, No. 2, 75 elevator; oats steady, mixed 53 1-2; turpentine easy 56; rosin firm, strained common to good, \$4.40.

With the exception of advice war talk is the cheapest thing on the market.

Now the trust will say that milk has gone up and the cows will not let it down.

begins to look like a Scotch verdict or a mistrial in the Rowland case.

It is about time to look over your pawn tickets and see about getting back your overcoat.

Railroad fare is so cheap in Virginia now that when a fellow rides fifteen miles he feels like thirty cents.

Young gentlemen who monkey with cocktails should ponder on the sad fate of Fairbanks.

The advance in the price of milk will not be so bad. The milkmaids will still "hold the bag."

When Congressman Hobson hears that Japan is buying Missouri mules he will be certain to prick up his ears.

Those Louisiana bears need no longer "hug the delusive phantom of hope." Theodore will soon have 'em "skinned to death."

Prohibition is going to prove expensive in Georgia. Atlanta is already planning extensive improvements in its water system.

Railroad advertisements not repulsive to good morals will be printed in this paper for \$1.00 per inch, payable in human cash.

Charleston won the baseball pennant in the South Atlantic League. But Wilmington is making the double-plays and home-runs in cotton receipts.

It is quite certain that the President did not say "skiddoo" to the 23 Governors who greeted him the other day.

If the negro vote in Cleveland goes to Tom Johnson, as is threatened, it will give Burton, Taft and Roosevelt a black eye.

We don't know whether a railroad has a right to own a newspaper or not; but you may bet your life no newspaper will ever own a railroad.

The fellow whose belated "Panama" blew off yesterday is fully convinced that "straws show which way the wind blows."

Roosevelt favors a broad and liberal construction of the Constitution. It is not difficult to transform construction into destruction.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH

State's Counsel Leave for Asheville to Argue Southern Railway Appeal.

BANK OF GRIFTON CHARTERED

Band to Be Equipped at Newbern For North Carolina Naval Brigade. Game Wardens Commissioned By Governor—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 4.—There was a conference this morning between Governor Glenn and counsel for the State in the Southern Railway litigation to test the constitutionality of the new passenger rate act preparatory for the counsel to go this evening to Asheville to appear before Judge Pritchard tomorrow with argument in support of their appeal from the ruling of Standing Master W. A. Montgomery that they shall not be allowed to examine the books of the Southern further back than 1905.—In this argument the State will be represented by ex-Judge J. E. Shepherd, F. A. Woodard and E. J. Justice.

The Bank of Grifton receives a charter with \$10,000 capital by L. J. Chapman, J. Z. Brooks and others. Another charter is to the Roanoke Island Telegraph Company, of Manteo; capital \$1,000 subscribed by T. S. Meekins and others and \$10,000 authorized.

Adjutant General T. R. Robertson has placed an order for the instruments to equip a band for the North Carolina Naval Brigade with headquarters in Newbern. It is to be formed under the supervision of Captain Daniels of the Naval Brigade.

Governor Glenn issues commissions for a number of new game wardens under the Audubon game law, the new warden being nominated by T. Gilbert Pearson, head of the Audubon Society. They are J. A. Barker, Lumberton; J. A. Leak, Montgomery; W. B. A. Hanna, Anson; L. J. Dougherty, Lenoir; J. F. Flynn, Beaufort; Dr. Paul Campbell, Hertford. The Governor also commissions S. R. Tucker, notary public, at High Point.

WILLIAMS-HUGGINS

Beautiful Wedding Ceremony in Fayetteville of Interest Here.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer has the following of interest to many Wilmington friends:
"The Presbyterian church was the scene last night of one of the prettiest marriage ceremonies that ever took place in this city of notable weddings. It was the occasion of the marriage of Miss Jane Williams, the youngest daughter of the late Capt. A. B. Williams, an accomplished and charming young lady to Mr. Alpheus McCullen Huggins, formerly manager of the Carolina Telephone Exchange in Fayetteville, now a prominent young citizen of Cullman, Ala.

"An immense congregation witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the pastor, Rev. Watson Fairley, in an impressive manner.

"The wedding party, grouped in front of the altar, which was beautifully decorated, as was also then entire interior of the church, made a charming picture.

"The bride entered on the arm of her brother, Mr. Arthur Butler Williams, by whom she was given away, and by the groom stood his best man, Mr. A. B. McMillan; grouped around these central figures were the maids of honor, Miss Fan Williams, sister of the bride, and Miss Isabel Bidgood, of Birmingham, Ala., and the ushers Messrs. Williams White, of Atlanta, Ga.; Jos. U. McKethan, Claude W. Rankin and T. H. Mercer, and four charming little folks, Miss Mary Williams and Master John D. Williams, and Miss Emma Gwathmey Pemberton and Master Charles Marsh, who opened the gates made of flowers leading from the aisle to the altar.

"The wedding chorus was superbly rendered by the choir, with Mrs. W. G. Hall as accompanist.

"After the ceremony the bridal party and invited guests repaired to the family residence on Gillespie street, where a delightful reception was given.

"The bride and groom left on the midnight train for the Jamestown Exposition, New York and Canada."

NE WADVERTISEMENTS.

Mercer & Evans Co.—Footwear.
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A FRIGHTFUL RUNAWAY

Mr. Joseph Westbrook Had Narrow Escape From Fatal Injury Yesterday Morning—Jumped From Buggy and Dragged by Reins.

Mr. Joseph A. Westbrook, of the firm of J. S. & J. A. Westbrook, who conduct a store at Thirteenth and Market streets, this city, had a narrow escape from serious injury in a frightful runaway that occurred yesterday morning. Mr. Westbrook was driving a buggy north on Third street when the horse attached to the vehicle became frightened at something and made a dash to run. Mr. Westbrook held on to the reins and did his best to pull the frightened animal in, but was unsuccessful and when Third and Campbell streets was approached he saw that the street was torn up by some gas workmen engaged in laying a main and in order to avoid the consequences of dashing probably into the excavation made by them, he jumped from the buggy but still held to the reins. This resulted in his being dragged some distance by the horse and when he finally released his hold upon the lines, he found himself in one of the trenches cut by the men, severely bruised and lacerated about the body and on the left arm and thigh from the hip to the knee. The horse leaped across the ditch in the street and continued his mad run around Campbell street to Fourth where he was stopped by some workmen engaged in removing the old market house there.

Mr. Westbrook was picked up by some men in the vicinity and was carried to the store of his brother, Fourth and Bladen street, where his injuries were attended to. After his wounds had been dressed at the store, he was sent to his home where he will be laid up some days in consequence of his injuries. Mr. Westbrook is severely hurt, it is thought, he is not permanently hurt. At last accounts he was reported as doing very well.

"RED FEATHER" EXCELLENT.

Autocrat of Comic Opera at Academy of Music Last Night.

The first real attraction of the season, the initial big production of the year, was "Red Feather," the big comic opera success, at the Academy of Music last night. As the advance sale of seats indicated, the house was large and no one can gainsay the statement that the production was one of the very best. The tuneful music of Reginald DeKoven, the elaborate staging and costuming, the bright, catchy lines and the galaxy of comic situations rounded out a performance that one sees but once in a season; yes, in several seasons.

Miss Cheridah Simpson, statuesque and charming of stage presence, has a voice of wide range and in the role of Countess Hilda Von Draga, she was superb. Then, too, the company both in numbers and in ability, is way up above the average. There was not a dull character in the lot, everything was in delightful precision and even members of the chorus carried themselves with rare distinction.

Hilda Von Draga, in the guise of "Red Feather" heads a band of conspirators, who plot to overthrow the crown of Romania. The Crown Prince and the captain of his guard are both in love with the countess and the plot has to do with their efforts to capture the noted free rider, whose identity is unknown to either. It is a pretty story and is well told by this company. William H. Conley, as Baron Bulver Strauss, has the greater part of the comedy. He is a German comedian and his dialect and efforts at comedy are all his own. Richard Carl, the second of the trio of fun-makers, is good, and his song, "The Humorous Ghost," was one of the striking features of the opera.

Lyman Wheeler as Captain Trevors, and Gus Vaughan, as the Crown Prince, and Miss Sarah Edwards, of the cast, are quite pleasing. Julia Curtis in imitations of Anna Held and Eddie Fdy, incidental to the piece, is quite satisfactory. The Academy Orchestra was augmented for the production by several first-class musicians from the company, and there was certainly nothing lacking on that score.

FOREIGN POSTAGE

The Department Reduces Rate Which is Quite Welcome.

The local postoffice authorities have received notice that there will be a reduction in the rate on foreign postal matter. The order went into effect Tuesday. The former law required the payment of five cents per half ounce, regardless of the weight of the package sent, but from the 1st of October there will be a charge of five cents for the first ounce and three cents for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce. This will be appreciated by many people with friends across the water and will be a benefit to the cotton firms especially.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhlken Bereaved.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kuhlken will deeply sympathize with them in the death of their infant daughter, Elizabeth Bertha Johannan, aged two months and eighteen days, who passed away last evening at the family home, No. 904 North Sixth street. The funeral will be conducted at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

TWO DAMAGE SUITS

Verdict for Defendant in Each in New Hanover Superior Court Yesterday.

PLAINTIFFS DO NOT RECOVER

Jury in Branch Case Returned Verdict Yesterday Morning—Ellis Against Consolidated Company. Burriss Against City Today.

In the Superior Court yesterday the jury to which was submitted the issues in the \$25,000 damage suit brought by John M. Branch against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for the death of his son, Conductor W. M. Branch, in Florida last March three years ago, after remaining out all night and all the morning, brought in a verdict for the defendant; in other words, that the plaintiff is entitled to recover nothing. The verdict was rendered about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, the issues being answered as follows:
"Was the plaintiff's intestate, W. H. Branch, killed by the negligence of the defendant, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, as alleged in the complaint?" Answer, "No."
"Did the plaintiff's intestate, W. H. Branch, contribute to his death by his own negligence?" No answer.
"What damage, if any, has the plaintiff sustained?" No answer.

Attorneys for the plaintiff signified their purpose to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Practically all the afternoon session of the court was taken up with the trial of the damage suit of Alderman S. J. Ellis against the Consolidated Company in which there was also a verdict for the defendant, the plaintiff being entitled to recover nothing. The complaint sets forth that on the evening of July 16th, 1904, the plaintiff boarded a suburban car of the defendant company at Ninth and Princess streets and was seated on the steps of the car when he noticed that a companion had a ticket and upon inquiry, learned that he had secured it from the conductor. The plaintiff then asked the conductor himself for a ticket, proffering 50 cents to pay for the same. The conductor asked if the plaintiff wished to go to Delgado or the Beach, returning the money, saying "I will wait on you in a minute." Plaintiff thought nothing more of the matter until the car passed Delgado when he was approached by the conductor and asked for his fare. Plaintiff handed the conductor 50 cents and 15 cents was taken out, but plaintiff told him he had made a mistake; that he wanted to go to the Beach, whereupon the conductor said he did not sell tickets, but that another man did so. Plaintiff told conductor he would pay only 35 cents for the round trip to the beach, but the conductor collected 20 cent one way. It is further alleged that the plaintiff did not change cars, but returned on his way to the city and again proffered the fare at the regular rate of 35 cents; that this was refused and plaintiff was put off at Delgado, being subjected to great humiliation and ejected in a downpour of rain. Judgment was asked for \$5,000 actual and \$5,000 punitive damages.

The attorneys for Mr. Ellis were Hon. John D. Bellamy & Son and Herbert McClammy, Esq., while the Consolidated Company was represented by Messrs. Davis & Davis and Bellamy & Bellamy. A number of witnesses were examined, both for the plaintiff and defendant, during the afternoon, and after argument by attorneys and charge by His honor the jury retired with the issues shortly before 5 o'clock and returned with a verdict in about half an hour as follows:
"Did the defendant wrongfully eject the plaintiff from the car as alleged in the complaint?" Answer, "No."
"If so, what actual damages is the plaintiff entitled to recover?" Not answered.
"Did the defendant wilfully and wantonly eject the plaintiff from the car, as alleged?" Not answered.
"If so, what punitive damages is the plaintiff entitled to recover?" Not answered.

Judge Biggs took occasion to say upon the return of the verdict that he regarded it as a proper one; that the action was one in which he did not believe the plaintiff should recover. The jury was composed of Messrs. Albert Solomon, J. N. Copeland, D. H. Lee, Geo. A. Diebert, F. L. Porter, Jas. J. Allen, A. C. Johnson, H. L. Cook, Chas. F. Bell, J. A. Brothers, Jas. T. Riley and A. L. DeRosset.

Following the trial of the Ellis suit, there was argument of the matter of the will of Neely Carr about which there seemed to be some confusion of the record. Col. A. M. Waddell and Messrs. Emple & Emple and ex-Judge E. K. Bryan appeared for the plaintiffs and Hpn. Jno. D. Bellamy for the defence. Judge Biggs took the matter under advisement and will hear from the attorneys again today.

The verdict for the defendants in the two damage suits tried yesterday with several at the last term of court led to the general comment about the court room yesterday that there was a revulsion of public sentiment in regard to the rights and privileges of corporations. However, these remarks were without prejudice to the interests of plaintiffs in the two

WED AT BENNETTSVILLE

Miss Bessie McLaurin, the Charming Bride of Mr. Clarence Mills, of Wilmington—At Home Here After October Tenth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Mills, parents of the groom, and Mr. Thomas J. Gause, who acted as the groom's best man, have returned from Bennettsville, S. C., where on Wednesday evening at six o'clock in that town they attended the marriage of Miss Bessie McLaurin, eldest daughter of Senator and Mrs. John Lowndes McLaurin, of South Carolina, and Mr. Clarence Mills, of this city. The ceremony took place at the beautiful home of the McLaurins, on Everett street, where a large gathering of friends assembled to witness the beautiful ceremony.

The wide halls and spacious-rooms of the residence were elaborately decorated in palms, ferns and flowers. Clusters of pink roses and pure white carnations were the parlor decorations, making a scene of rare loveliness, rows of stately palms and ferns having formed a pathway from the door to the deep bay window where the altar had been improvised, the couple standing under a huge marriage bell as the solemn words were spoken by Rev. W. M. Hook that made them man and wife. As the bridal party approached Miss Julia Tatum, of McColl, sweetly sung "Because God Hath Made Thee Mine," this followed by the melody of Mendelssohn's Wedding March played by Miss Pearl Morrison, of McColl. First to enter the room were the four ushers, Messrs. Brown, Crossland, Carlisle, Breeden, Tom Breeden and Tom McLaurin. Then came the bridesmaids, Miss Saddle Stackhouse, of Columbia, and Miss Atlanta Gibson, of McColl, followed immediately by the maid of honor, Miss Emma McLaurin, sister of the bride, and Mr. Tom Gause, the best man. Next in order were the little flower girls, Sara McLaurin and Tine Breeden, in pink and white silk, scattering flowers in the pathway of the bride and groom. When all had taken their places at the altar the bride and groom entered and as Miss Morrison softly played "Traumerei" by Schumann, the ceremony was impressively said. Following the ceremony there was a brief reception and Mr. and Mrs. Mills left on the northbound train at 8 o'clock for Washington and New York where they will spend some time and be at home in Wilmington after October 10th.

The bride's costume was of shimmering folds of white liberty satin trimmed with real lace, panels of this extending down the front of her gown to the extreme point of her court train. Her veil was caught up with white carnations and lilies of the valley. The bride carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. She wore a beautiful diamond and pearl brooch, the gift of the groom.

The bride's going away gown was of Apponheim blue broadcloth with trimmings of dark blue panel velvet and Persian bands. The gown was made with a long cutaway coat, and the hat to match.

Bryan's Fayetteville Visit.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "A telegram last night from Mr. Bryan to Major Hale says that the arrangements made for him are entirely satisfactory. These were: the taking him up at Charlotte, the speech here at 2 o'clock, October 15, and the delivery of him to Greensboro in time for his appointment there. In reply to inquiry, he also expressed his willingness to deliver a lecture at night, if that be desired."

Ex-Sheriff Salmon Dead.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says:
"Ex-Sheriff S. A. Salmon, of Harnett county, died at Lillington very suddenly last night. The deceased was about 48 years of age, and is survived by a widow and several children. He married Miss Cornelia McKay, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Nellie McKay, of Summerville, Harnett county.

suits just tried.

It was the general feeling of the people that was remarked upon.

Court took a recess shortly after 5 o'clock in the afternoon until 9:30 A. M. today, when the trial of J. A. Burriss against the City of Wilmington will be commenced. Jno. D. Bellamy & Son appear for the plaintiff and City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr. for the municipality. This is an action for \$10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been received in December, 1905, by plaintiff in falling into a hole on the sidewalk on west side of Front street, just north of Orange street. It is alleged that the stomach received severe bruises in the stomach and elsewhere about the body, incapacitating him for manual labor.

The following cases were continued yesterday:

J. W. Harper against the Western Assurance Association, J. W. Harper against the London and Liverpool Globe Insurance Company, Z. W. Whitehead against the A. C. L. Railroad Company, Swift & Co. against John W. Capps, Oliver Smith against W. R. Griffin, Wm. Waterall against Monarch Paint Company, Thos. H. Wright and others against J. E. Platt, Hannah Humphrey against John W. Humphrey, C. C. Covington Company against Seaboard Air Line, was compromised.

ABOUT TO THE JURY

Argument Has Begun in Sensational Murder Trial of Rowlands at Raleigh.

DEFENCE SCORES HEAVILY

Woman Admits She Was in Office and Explains Aconotine Purchase. Night Sessions Ordered by Judge Long—Notes.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 4.—The trial of the Rowlands, husband and wife, for the murder of Engineer Charles R. Strange on April, the sixth of this year, by poison, Mrs. Rowland then being Strange's wife, is likely to end Saturday night and after the evidence used today it is freely predicted that the verdict will be not guilty.

The defense today practically admitted that Dr. Rowland had bought the acconotine poison as it gave evidence of his having bought this in crystalline tablets, witnesses testifying that he used it in their families and had spoken of it. Physicians put on witnesses saying that while a dangerous poison, it might be used for pneumonia and bronchial troubles.

The strongest card for the defense was its introduction of Mrs. Eldridge Smith, wife of the City Hall janitor, who said she was the lady who had been mistaken for Mrs. Strange in Dr. Rowland's office by Mrs. P. B. D. Arrington.

The latter testified later that it was not Mrs. Smith but Mrs. Strange she saw. On cross-examination, Mrs. Smith admitted having been in the jail three times as a visitor where she talked with Dr. Rowland of incidents she told on the trial. Witnesses were introduced who told that Dr. Rowland had patients in the section where Mrs. Strange had lived and that he was in the section on professional business at night. Depositions were read that Strange had heart disease, had said so and used digitals for it. Argument began tonight and will be finished tomorrow, it being expected cases will reach the jury late in the afternoon or at night.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 4.—Mrs. Eldridge Smith sprung the sensation of the trial by testifying she was in the office of Dr. Rowland in March 1907 and overheard a conversation between Rowland and Joe Correll to the effect that the medicine Rowland was then giving Correll was not having the desired effect and he would use acconotine instead and would order it by telegraph and it would be received within three or four days. She also testified it was she and not Mrs. Strange in the office of Rowland in January while Mrs. Pattie B. Arrington was there; that she was attired as Mrs. Arrington had described the woman she took for Mrs. Strange.

Cashier Briggs, of the Raleigh Trust and Banking Company, testified Dr. Rowland's account during 1906 aggregated \$5,580 and his balance April 1st 1907 was \$1,724. Mrs. Eldridge Smith was on the stand some time during the afternoon session for cross-examination and drew on the cloak hat and mourning veil she says she wore when she saw Mrs. Arrington in Rowland's office. Later Mrs. Arrington testified Mrs. Smith could not have been the woman. She still testified it was Mrs. Rowland. On cross-examination Mrs. Smith admitted having visited the jail a number of times since Rowland had been confined but said friends, visiting her wanted to go through the jail.

The defense rested its case at 3:30 and evidence in rebuttal followed. E. L. Fuller, a brother of the first wife of Dr. Rowland testified that Rowland told him in the Henderson jail he never met Mrs. Strange until the death of Strange. Dr. W. I. Royster, of Raleigh, a medical expert, testified at length on diseases of the heart and said sudden death from mitral insufficiency was rare. Potent crystal acconotine was not used generally in practice because it was dangerous and the same effects were procured with other preparations. Effects of acconotine poison came in for lengthy portrayal. He was the last witness.

Counsel announced that all would argue to the jury. Solicitor Armistead Jones, Colonel T. M. Argo and Walter Clark, Jr., are for the prosecution; J. N. Holding, Colonel J. C. L. Harris, W. L. Watson, S. G. Ryan and T. T. Hicks for the defence. Judge Long announced his purpose to hold night sessions. Walter Clark, Jr., began speaking at 5 o'clock. Court took a recess until 8 o'clock tonight.

Miss Gore's Dancing Classes.

Miss Bessie Gore will resume her classes in dancing in connection with a social to be given on this evening at 8:30 o'clock. The classes will meet and the social will be given in Concordia Hall. Those who desire to arrange for private lessons may do so by telephoning to No. 515. Miss Gore's school of dancing is always very popular and this season will be no exception to the rule. The latest dances are taught and each pupil is given individual attention.

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