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OUTLINES.

financial institutions of New yesterday under-went a great one of the features of the day the failure of the Knickerbocker Company to open its doors and to meet the run of depositors on Tuesday, another feature being an all day run on the Trust of America which weathered the storm; the presidents of the trust companies held a conference at the of J. Pierpont Morgan to investigate the situation, stand by the trust companies and give them assistance necessary; this action, the advice of the Treasury Secretary, the deposit of \$10,000,000 of Government funds with the New York Trust Company to ease the stress; as declined as a matter of course some of the leaders on the Exchange made slight gains in price; the controller of the Currency Bidgedly out the statement at Washington yesterday that the general feeling in an absolutely sound situation that there is no need for any alarm—One of the results of financial situation yesterday was appointment of receivers for four members of the Westinghouse Electric Company at Pittsburgh, and the pension for the day of the Pittsburgh Exchange to prevent an unnecessary sacrifice of values by a heavy liquidation of stocks—The State Bank and Trust Company, of Reno, Nevada, failed yesterday and its branches are in the hands of the State Bank Examiner—The Georgia Railroad has been sold by Raleigh Thorne and associates but they decline to name the purchasers—In New York yesterday E. C. Benedict was appointed receiver for Mayer Co., on the Stock Exchange firm which had on Tuesday with \$6,000,000 liabilities—Money is tighter in Norfolk as the banks are not affected by the financial stress in New York—The cases in Richmond during the financial flurry have been severe but the banks are not affected—A movement on foot to keep the Jamestown Exhibition open another season, and President Roosevelt will be invited to inspect the exposition since completion—The German balloon summer won the international race, leaving St. Louis Monday afternoon and landing at Asbury Park, N. J., yesterday afternoon after a flight of 880 miles; another German balloon also landed on the New Jersey coast with a record of 875 miles; a French balloon landed in Delaware with a record of 790 miles; the United States was fourth—President Roosevelt arrived Washington yesterday afternoon—New York markets: Money on all in strong demand 6 to 90 per cent, selling rate 50, time loans very firm and nominal, spot cotton 15 points lower, closing steady at 11.30; flour steady but quiet; wheat firm, No. 2 1.09 7-8 elevator; corn firm, No. 2 1.5-8 elevator; oats easy, mixed 54 1/2 natural white 57 to 60 1-2; turpentine and rosin steady.

Most everybody can stand for Dr. Wiley, the Government food and drink expert, in his efforts to make liquor better.

The men who have been going all around this Summer trying to make Presidential impressions have found out that it costs a pile of money to even want to be President.

A Chicago man is suing his wife for divorce because she eloped with a man named Light. She might have expected that as soon as she began to be Light-headed.

It may turn out that the Republican National Convention will be afraid to go into the campaign with anybody but Roosevelt at the head of the ticket.

The Atlanta Constitution comes to this conclusion: "The Bryan bandwagon has the middle of the road." Statements like that always keep men jumping on and off the vehicle as it moves along.

Some of the midshipmen in the Navy want to marry and will ask Congress for enough salary to support two. Here's a chance for Congress to induce youngsters to go into the Navy and stay there.

"Women's dresses will not be worn long this winter," says a fashion magazine. Women never did like to wear dresses long at a time, anyhow, and that's the reason they are always wanting new ones.

"The man who carries a baby is a good fellow," said President Roosevelt in one of his Southern speeches the other day. Many a wife can tell Teddy that her husband belongs to the shirers' class when it comes to lugging the baby around just to play off as "a good fellow."

Governor Hughes has aspirations for the Presidency, but he refuses to try to influence delegates to any convention, and will not blow his own horn. Col. Roosevelt will no doubt laugh when he hears of a man's having aspirations without making any effort to work for them. It is feared that when it is all over, about all that Hughes will have is his aspirations.

ECCLESTON ASSIGNS

Lumber Company in New York With Wilmington Branch Goes to The Wall.

MANY ATTACHMENTS SERVED

Conducted Cross-Tie Business Here, But Was a New Jersey Corporation — Clarkton People Hit Heavy—Deed Filed.

The Eccleston Lumber Company, a New Jersey corporation doing business in this city and at 44 Broadway, New York, of which J. B. Eccleston, of New York, is president and J. C. Stagg, of this city, is secretary and general manager, filed a deed of assignment here yesterday morning naming Arthur Michell, of New York, as trustee to wind up the affairs of the corporation and secure a pro rata distribution of the assets among the creditors of the company without preferences.

The deed of assignment was filed at 11:40 A. M. by Brooke G. Emple, Esq., local attorney for the company and it is stated that the liabilities of the Wilmington branch of the concern are between \$7,000 and \$9,000 while the assets are not more than half that amount, consisting of about 5,000 ties and hoisting apparatus of the company on its yards at foot of Church street. It is not known how the condition of the company's affairs stand in New York, where a duplicate assignment was filed on Tuesday; also in New Jersey where the company has an office in Hackensack. The company is merely a dealer in lumber, poles and ties and operates no mills but has been doing quite a large business from this port and up the Carolina Central railroad. Only last week the company cleared the schooner Holliswood with over 24,000 ties consigned to New Haven, Conn., and the vessel is still afloat but it is said that the cargo cannot now be counted among the assets of the company inasmuch as they were paid for by the consignee upon the clearance of the schooner.

The filing of the deed of assignment yesterday morning was accompanied by a merry race between creditors of the company and the attorney who filed the paper, the creditors besieging the sheriff's office with attachments of the company's property in this city before the assignment was recorded. Some of these attachments, it is stated, were filed simultaneously with the filing of the assignment and the time is carefully marked to the minute on each paper. It is expected that in the litigation to follow, these markings of time will be quite important. The attachments of the property at foot of Church street were all served at some time during the day and the yards are now in the hands of Sheriff Cowan.

Some of the attachments served yesterday were as follows: The O. L. Clark Company, of Clarkton, alleging an indebtedness of \$2,365.46 including ties furnished and acceptances; J. C. McKay & Co., of Clarkton, \$222.20 for materials and acceptances; Hester Brothers, \$303, ties and acceptances; O. L. Clark and M. B. McAuley, trading as the Clark McAuley Co., \$397.83, and the United Lumber Company, by process from Robeson Superior Court, alleging an indebtedness of \$1,207.50. There are also numerous other local claims for which no attachments were filed. The United Lumber Company is represented by McLean & Black, of Lumberton, and the other creditors who have attached, by Rountree & Carr, of this city. Process was also issued to B. G. Emple, Esq., who is alleged to have received a bill of sale for certain ties a few days before the failure.

Mr. Stagg, general manager of the company, was in New York at the time of the failure and did not reach home until last night. After being held for a certain time the attachment of the property will be disposed of by sale after due advertisement.

While the panic in the stock market yesterday and the day before had no bearing on the failure of the company, it is said that the stringency of the money market North for the past several weeks had considerable to do with it. The cessation of improvements by the railroads for the past several months also had a tendency to cut off orders for ties and to depress prices, all of which contributed toward the undoing of the company.

—Young Lawrence Rowan, the tinner who fell from the roof of a residence near Second and Castle streets last week, remains in a critical condition in the hospital. Although he passed a comfortable night Tuesday, there can be said to be no decided improvement in his general condition.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. M. Solky & Co.—Choice Shirts, Atlantic Trust and Banking Co.—Home's News.
McKenna 3-Day Liquor Cure Co.—Cures To Stay.
Business Locals.
Dr. James W. Powell—Dentistry, Junction Restaurant—Quick Lunches.
South Eastern Lumber Co.—Mill Outfit for Sale.

ROBBERS CAUGHT IN ACT

Bloodhounds Sent to Trace Criminals Who Attempted to Break in Store of Mr. Herbert Johnson Near the City.

A telephone message at 10 o'clock last night to Constable W. B. Savage stated that two men had been caught in the act of breaking into the store of Mr. J. Herbert Johnson, about four miles from the city on the Castle Haynes road. The message asked that Mr. Savage come at once with the county bloodhounds, as an excellent trail had been left. The two men who attempted to get in the store were fired upon and they lost no time in scampering off to the woods, where Mr. Johnson said the dogs would be able to trail them easily as he had kept their tracks about the store intact and the direction taken by the would-be robbers was perfectly plain. Constable Savage lost no time in arranging to leave for the scene of the attempted robbery and was fortunate in securing the most rapid means of transportation over the turnpike, this being a large automobile from the garage of Messrs. Platt & Co. Mr. Savage and Mr. John Platt left about 11 o'clock and were soon out to Mr. Johnson's place, where the dog was placed on the trail.

Constable Savage and Mr. Platt returned to the city this morning at 2 o'clock, having been unsuccessful in their effort to rouse up the men. This was a great disappointment, as they felt certain that the dogs would take the trail easily and run the would-be robbers to cover, where they could be captured.

The dog took the trail from the store all right and ran it for a mile or more up the road but was unable to follow it after that, the robbers having there got on some conveyance or rode off horseback.

BIG STEAMER ASHORE.

Crusader Hard and Fast in the Harbor at Southport, N. C.

The big British tramp steamer Crusader of some 2,700 tons, inward bound from Philadelphia to Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son for cargo of cotton, is hard and fast ashore just below Southport, efforts of all the harbor tugs and steamers having thus far proved ineffective to get her afloat. The big steamer, although light and drawing but 13 feet of water, for some unknown reason while proceeding under her own steam inside yesterday morning went head on into the "oyster rock" between Southport and Port Caswell on high water. The tug Sea King, the Alexander Jones, the Blanche and steamers Atlantic and Wilmington pulled on the vessel yesterday and again on high water last night but a telephone message from Southport at 11 P. M. states that the boats were unable to do anything toward getting her afloat and lighters will be sent down this morning for the purpose of taking off some 500 tons of coal which she carries. Relieved of this burden the tugs and steamers hope to get the big craft afloat.

Capt. Milburn, of the Crusader, upon his arrival at Southport yesterday reported having passed on the 22nd in Lat. 34:5 north, L. 76:59 west, which is between Frying Pan and Lookout, the schooner Ella L. Davenport of Bath, Me., from Port Royal, S. C., Sept. 6th to New York. She suffered loss of her deck load during a squall and two men were slightly injured.

STREET CARS IN COLLISION.

One Sideswiped by Another at Front and Princess Yesterday.

On account of the confusion incident to the inauguration of the new schedule on the street railway system yesterday morning, one car ran into an open switch and sideswiped another as they were about to pass each other at the junction at Front and Princess streets. The cars were No. 22 in charge of Motorman Turner and Conductor Wilson, and No. 15, in charge of Motorman Garrison and Conductor Wyatt. No. 22 had the side of its glass vestibule smashed, the motorman had a narrow escape from being cut by flying pieces and the passengers on both cars were badly frightened. Fortunately, however, no one was injured. No. 15 resumed its run and No. 22 went to the barn for repairs.

The new operating schedule yesterday was necessarily somewhat confusing, both to the employees of the line and to the public, but later the officials of the Consolidated Company think the change will be quite satisfactory. The only criticism is the break in the belt line at Sixth and Ann streets, where a transfer is required and there is a five minutes wait and a walk of half a block to make connection. This will be obviated in the future if people do not get used to taking the proper cars and saving themselves the necessity of the transfer and the walk.

But the average man isn't so anxious to bet on a sure thing as those behind the game are to have him.

IN SUPREME COURT

No Decision as Yet in Fine of \$30,000 Imposed By Judge Long on Southern.

OPINIONS IN FOURTEEN CASES

Error Found in Trial of Smith Against Moore—Decision in Garnishee Case Affirmed—From Other Counties.

(Special Star Telegram.)
Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 23.—No opinion came down this evening from the Supreme Court in the famous State case in which Judge Long fined the Southern \$30,000 for violating the passenger rate law. There were opinions in fourteen appeals as follows: Wierse vs. Thomas, from New Hanover, affirmed; Smith vs. Moore, New Hanover, error; McIntyre vs. Proctor, Robeson, reversed; Bossley vs. Railroad, Cumberland, new trial; State vs. Holt, Anson, affirmed; Tomlinson vs. Bennett, Anson, affirmed; Metal Company vs. Railroad Co., from Moore, new trial in both appeals; Drewry Hughes Co. vs. McDougall, Scotland, error; Gilmore vs. Sellers, Anson, affirmed; Best vs. Pervis, Guilford, per curiam, motion to dismiss appeal allowed for failure to perfect defective record; Moore vs. Blackwell Durham Tobacco Co., Durham, per curiam affirmed; W. R. Brown vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway, from Bertie, per curiam, petition of defendant to rehear dismissed; State vs. Ferrell, Durham, per curiam affirmed; Shaw vs. McKnight, Moore, per curiam, affirmed.

On account of the irregularity of the verdict of the jury in the lower court, it was impossible for the attorneys in the case last night to say exactly what is meant by "error" in the matter of Smith against Moore and this cannot be determined until a full report of the opinion is in hand. It will be recalled that the verdict in favor of the plaintiff was to the effect that the deed from the defendant to the plaintiff was fraudulent but that this was supplemented by an opinion of the jury that the intent to defraud was not shown. This property involved is that at northeast corner of Second and Red Cross streets claimed jointly by Miss Louisa B. Smith and the estate of the late Colonel Roger Moore.

The other case from New Hanover, Wierse against Thomas, was an injunction from this county to prevent the defendant from garnisheeing certain wages of the plaintiff in the State of Georgia, the plaintiff being an employe of the road and the defendant having through a collection agency taken advantage of the laws of Georgia to collect an account due in North Carolina. The judgment of the lower court is affirmed as will be seen from the above telegram.

SHOW PAR EXCELLENCE

Miss Florence Davis and Mr. Elliott Dexter Greatly Pleased.

Miss Florence Davis and Mr. Elliott Dexter in "A Question of Husbandry" at the Academy of Music last evening gave infinite pleasure to an audience which although large should have been larger. The piece is a society comedy, as bright as a new penny, the lines quick and clever. The production is well staged and elaborately costumed. As presented last night all the possibilities of the play were brought out and time and again the lines were interrupted with the most enthusiastic applause.

It is a story of a young society woman, overcome with the joy of life, and the wife of a middle-aged but a most indulgent husband, who finds most of his pleasures about his home. She wants to be on the go; he is contented with the quietude of his hearthside. A cousin of the husband, an outlandish Frenchy little individual, comes into the home and in time they believe that they are madly in love. Cyprienne, the wife, played by Miss Davis, makes up her mind that the indulgent husband, Mr. Dexter, with a mind to reconciliation later, indulges the whim and a false telegram from the Frenchy little chap leads the way. A make-believe divorce is granted and the pretty Cyprienne is given free to do as she pleases. The husband makes bold to feign-pleasure at the contemplated divorce and betakes himself to the pleasures of the world. This arouses the jealousy of the wife and when there is nothing prohibitive the love for the third party is considerably cooled, the reconciliation comes through devious ways and finally the Lothario is thrown out in disgust.

About this plot revolves a clever, catchy bit of dialogue and repartee that kept the house last night in an uproar. The show was exceptionally good.

—Charlotte Chronicle: "The Newton correspondence in today's paper makes note of the fact that Mr. J. E. Montague takes charge of the Virginia Shipp Hotel, in that town. Mr. Montague was for a long time proprietor of The Orion, in Wilmington, and later of the Hickory Inn. He is well known in Charlotte and throughout the State. Travelling men may now know that there is a good hotel for them to stop at in Newton, for Montague is there."

POWER COMPANY RIGHT

Suspension of Knickerbocker Trust Company Will Have No Effect on Big Development at Blewett Falls—Local Interest.

Developments in the strenuous times on the New York stock market were again watched with intense interest here yesterday and rumors were flying thick and fast. However, for local financial institutions there was not the least anxiety manifested, the panic occurring just at a time when local concerns are best fitted to withstand it and at a time when all Southern banks are flushed with money in handling the big cotton crop.

There are said to be no Wilmington connections with the several trust companies that have been involved during the past day or two, the only semblance of any dependence upon any of them being a loan by the Knickerbocker Trust Company for the financing of the Rockingham Power Company at Blewett's Falls, in Anson county. This loan, however, is not due for sixteen months and the following assuring telegram was received yesterday morning from Mr. Hugh MacRae, who had gone to Washington on a brief business trip:

Washington, D. C.,
October 23, 1907.
R. M. Sheppard, Secretary & Treasurer, Investment Trust Co., Wilmington, N. C.:

The suspension of Knickerbocker Trust Company does not materially or permanently affect the interests of Rockingham Power Company, whose bonds have been sold to underwriters amply able to pay for them as and when delivered. The bankers for the Rockingham Power Company secured a loan from Knickerbocker Trust Company, but it is not payable by the underwriters for sixteen months, and is amply secured. At date of maturity of this loan all danger of panic will have passed. My trip to Washington had nothing to do with Knickerbocker Trust Company or Rockingham Power Company affairs. It was to attend meeting of Executive Committee of Georgia-Carolina Power Company, which is not identified with Knickerbocker interests. Am returning to Wilmington this afternoon. You can give this information to city papers, as one of them has inadvertently published a statement which might give erroneous impression about the Rockingham Company.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Controversy Over School House—Mr. Rountree Chairman.

The Star is furnished for publication by Superintendent Catlett, the following report of a meeting of the County Board of Education held on the 21st:

"At a meeting of the Board of Education held on October 21st, in reply to a request that the public school buildings be allowed to be used for Sunday School purposes, the following was offered by Mr. Rountree and adopted by the Board:

"Whereas, the constitution of North Carolina Article IX, Sec. 1, declares that 'Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged' therefore be it

"Resolved, That the public school buildings of the county of New Hanover may be used for the purpose of conducting non-sectarian or union Sunday Schools in those communities in which there are no churches or other buildings set apart for the purpose; provided a majority of the patrons of the said public school or schools shall signify their desire for such use of the house or houses by petition in writing to the Board of Education."

"The secretary was directed to forward the above to the petitioners and to give it to the papers for publication."

"Mr. George Rountree was elected chairman of the Board of Education."

RACING MATINEE TODAY

Fine Card of Trotting, Pacing and Running This Afternoon.

The racing matinee at the old Fair Grounds this afternoon promises to be quite interesting for all who attend. The number of entries in each event is large and the owners and driver are looking forward to the meet with the keenest rivalry. The entries for the afternoon are as follows:

2:40 Trotting—Patti, driven by Emerson; Pet, driven by Littig; Sir Hanna, driven by Wrede, and Bessie C., driven by Williams.

2:50 Trotting and Pacing—Auteo, driven by MacMillan; "Black Hawk," driven by Woolard; Laundry, driven by Alexander.

Free For All Trotting and Pacing—Traveler, driven by McEachern; Jack of Diamonds, driven by Mills, and No. 13, driven by Poole.

Running Race—Daisy, owned by Boushee; Lady B, by Greene; Sorrel Bobby, by Solomon; Lady Laundry, by Darby.

The public is cordially invited to witness any or all of the races. The grounds are now in good condition and there is no admission fee to the course.

Have your eyes tested by Dr. Vine here the eye specialist, permanently located at Munds' drug store, Masonic Temple. Eyes examined free. Glasses fitted to your eyes for \$1.00 and up. St.

MONEY FOR VETERANS

Those Who Served in Spanish-American War to Receive Balance Due.

ATTORNEYS GET "RAKE OFF"

Twenty Per Cent, Charged For Collection—Delegates to Drainage Association—Governor to Negro State Fair—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 23.—Governor Glenn received today \$28,061.95 which, less twenty per cent, will be distributed as rapidly as possible to the North Carolina Spanish-American war veterans covering a balance due them for services before they were formally mustered out of service at the close of the war. An effort was made to collect these claims during Governor Aycock's administration but the effort failed. Governor Glenn, finding the records of the case in his office when he took up his administration, gave the claims to Manly & Hendren, Winston-Salem, and Benjamin Carter, Washington, D. C., with the understanding that they were to bear all the expense of collection and receive 20 per cent, if successful and nothing if they failed. They procured an act of Congress extending the time for the payment of such claims and have finally succeeded in collecting the amount named. The governor says that the money will be paid to the veterans just as fast as the proofs can be made out in the form required by the individual claimants.

Delegates were appointed today by Governor Glenn for the National Drainage Association which meets in Baltimore November 25-27th as follows: Congressman John H. Small, Dr. Joseph H. Pratt, Congressman C. R. Thomas, Newbern; Congressman H. L. Godwin, Dunn; Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, Raleigh; Frank Woolf, Edenton; Thomas W. Blount, Roper; Mark Mayette, Columbia; Colonel H. C. Carter, Fairfield; J. A. Bryan, Newbern; J. Allen Taylor, Wilmington; Captain W. C. Rodman, Washington.

Corporation Commissioner S. L. Rogers went to Wadesboro today to hear a petition that has been filed with the commission for the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line to erect a union depot there. Commissioner Beddingfield goes to Louisville Friday to hear some matters concerning the tax valuation of extensive timber lands. Chairman McNeill is now in Laurinburg on semi-official business.

News comes to the State Department of Education that two special tax collections have been ordered in Scotland county—one in Caledonia district and one in John Station district. Practically all the voters in each district signed the petitions for the elections. This probably assumes the local tax. The money has already been raised for a \$2,500 school house in the John Station district.

Governor Glenn at noon today delivered an address before the negroes at their State fair now in progress here. There was an immense crowd. The Governor talked to them on "Citizenship." He pointed out to them that it was as much incumbent on the negro to be a good citizen in his sphere as on the white man in his, each owing as much to the State and Nation from his station as the other. This being the case it was their duty to be patriotic, sober, honest and raise up their children with good moral characters. The Governor reviewed some of the things the race has accomplished since emancipation. He commended highly the negro exhibit for North Carolina at the Jamestown Exposition, commenting on the fact that this was the only State to set apart an appropriation for the negroes to provide an exhibit. He complimented the present State Fair. He told the negroes that the South was the place for them to stay; that the cotton fields and the farms generally were the places for them to live if they would be really thrifty and rear their children so that they would be worthy of citizenship.

A number of important charters were issued today as follows: The Selma Iron Works, of Selma, for operating machine and repair shops, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed by E. Edgerton, J. R. Lewis, W. H. Call and S. C. Robertson.

The Pep-Tono Co., Newbern, capital \$100,000 by R. L. Duffy, F. S. Duffy, Nat H. Russell, H. McL. Crowson to operate a bottling plant in Newbern with branch offices elsewhere.

The Asheville Printing and Engraving Co., Asheville, capital \$25,000 by F. R. Hewitt, J. H. Page, Jas. M. Bourne and others for printing business, books and stationery.

The D. Dawson Co., of Carteret county (Beaufort), for fish and fertilizer business capital \$8,000 by D. B. Tyler, D. Dawson and others.

The Correll Overall Co., of China Grove, capital \$50,000 for making clothing of all kinds, operating cotton and woolen mills and other manufactures.

An industrious colored boy, about 13 to 14 years of age may secure employment by applying at the Star office.