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## OUTLINES.

The buoyancy in the New York stock market yesterday reflected the feeling that the worst of the financial trouble is over; the situation was improved by the decision of the big financiers to stand by the Trust Company of America and the Lincoln Trust Company, which have been subjected to severe runs during the last two weeks; the two hard-pressed trust companies are still solvent; the outflow of gold imports soon to be received from Europe amount to \$32,750,000; cotton exports will help the situation and there are at Buffalo 3,600,000 bushels of wheat bound for Europe, though cars are so scarce the railroads cannot haul it to market expeditiously.—The Steel Trust has swallowed up the Tennessee Coal and Iron Railroad Company and its interest, paying a little above \$85 a share.—There will be elections today in thirteen States and several cities, and political Washington is closely watching the outcome for some signs bearing on the Presidential election next year; keenest interest is felt in New York as to the result of the fusion of Hearst's Independence League with the Republicans to defeat Tammany Hall.—Both Republicans and Democrats are claiming the election to be held today in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland and Kentucky.—Exporters at New Orleans are experiencing difficulty in securing cotton from the interior, as the farmers want the cash and refuse to take certified checks.—Another international controversy may arise with Japan over the dismissal of George Yaguma, a Japanese boy, from school because he is over the school age.—Fearing that the bank would have a run on it, R. Boyd, cashier of the Huntsville Bank and Trust Company, of Huntsville, Ala.; committed suicide yesterday, by firing a bullet through his brain.—The Seaboard Air Line lost a case in the United States Supreme Court involving a claim of \$1.75 made by Seegers Brothers for damage to a bunch of bananas, the case having begun in magistrate's court and passed through all the courts of North Carolina.—The four-masted schooner Arthur Sewall, which left New York four months ago and was supposed to have been lost, has been reported as entering the straits for Seattle.—President Roosevelt will go to Oyster Bay, N. Y., to vote today and will return to Washington tonight.—Alex Johnson, a negro, was lynched at Cameron, Tex., yesterday, for attempting assault on a white woman.—New York markets; Money on call in strong demand 4 to 20 per cent, ruling rate 20, closing bid 4, offered at 5; spot cotton 10 points higher, closing steady at 11.10; flour quiet but steady; wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.05 1/2 elevator, No. 2 hard winter, nominal; corn steady, No. 2, 70 1/2 elevator, No. 2 white, 72 1/2; turpentine quiet 53; rosin steady.

Let us hope that the financial flurry will be over by Thanksgiving day.

Jonah seems to have been the first gentleman who realized the true value of land.

Silk is lower, says the market reports. What we want to see come down now is furs.

Look out for that Friday, December 13th. Watch your coxks, if you don't want to have bad luck.

Anyhow, the people have found out once again that confidence can be shaken under a Republican Administration.

If it is a good thing to stop stock gambling for a few days why is it not a good thing for it to be cut out altogether?

How would it do to stop gambling in stocks as a means of relieving the money stress? Why don't the bears get cold feet?

It must not be taken as a sign that the Federal Government wants to abandon paternalism because it desires to quit financing world's expositions.

In all this financial disturbance we have failed to hear that the Paper Trust or any of the other industrial trusts have failed. Their address is Easy street.

A Washington woman is suing her husband for "maintenance." Most women would be satisfied to get a verdict for support if the old man could be made to go to work.

Wall Street will fully realize that the scare is all over as soon as the lambs begin again to scamper around in an unsuspecting way in the Stock Exchange.

The Atlanta Constitution mentions that Aunt Lettie Postum, the oldest colored person in Georgia, died October 29th, at the age of 119 years. She probably remembers when the Chattahoochee river was nothing but a little stream.

A man's business conversation? Have something to say. Say it. Stop mere talking.

## DEATH IN ELEVATOR

### Young Louis Otersen's Head Crushed in Horrible Manner Yesterday Afternoon.

### BROTHER AN EYE-WITNESS

#### Looking Upward as Carriage Went Up He Was Caught Under Fourth Floor—Funeral This Afternoon From Residence.

The back of his head hanging over the carriage of a rapidly ascending freight and passenger elevator in the five story dry goods building of I. M. Bear & Co., at Front and Grace streets in the act of looking up at his brother or some one else on the topmost floor, young Louis Otersen, 15 or 16 years of age, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. A. Otersen, No. 710 North Third street, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock by suffering the entire top of his head to be mashed off between the wooden frame of the elevator carriage and the floor of the fourth story of the building.

Either in the elevator carriage with him or on the topmost floor of the building was the older brother of the lad, Mr. Willie Otersen, stock and order clerk in the establishment, who was an eye witness of the distressing accident to his little brother who had taken employment at I. M. Bear & Co.'s only since the first of November. As the carriage passed the fourth floor with the back of the boy's head over the side of the carriage, his entire forehead and skull was cut off and left on that floor while the elevator continued its course on up to the fifth floor, the little body dropping lifeless just inside the carriage. It was a distressing sight for the brother, Mr. Willie Otersen, and his heart bursting with grief when he saw that his little brother was dead, he rushed down the five flights of stairs and told those in the store room and in the office what had occurred. Those in the store and some workmen on the elevator hurried to the fifth floor and tenderly poked up the boy, but he was passed all earthly help and silently they laid him back down until an undertaker could come. His death must have been instant as he made no outcry that was heard in the store and the entire top of his head was carried away just where it was caught between the heavy timbers of the fourth floor and the strong boxing of the elevator carriage.

The father, who is a carrier at the postoffice, a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Woodmen of the World, was soon notified of the distressing accident and was at the store while Mr. Willie Otersen went over to the home on North Third street and broke the news as gently as possible to the mother. It was a heartrending mission that the young man went to his mother with, but he bore up bravely and a little while later the remains were carried over to the saddened home, after being prepared for burial by Funeral Director Woolvin at his funeral parlors on Princess street. Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, was summoned, but it was clearly an accident and no inquest was held.

Mr. Henry C. Bear, of the firm of I. M. Bear & Co., in speaking of young Otersen after the tragedy yesterday, said that he was one of the brightest and most genteel little fellows that he had ever known. He was small for his age and was still wearing knee breeches although he had been working for several years and going to school. He was formerly employed at the Wilmington Bargain House at Front and Dock streets and still later at the Coast Line offices. But his brother wanted him to learn the dry goods business with him in the large establishment with which he was connected and Louis had gone there only last week and was working in the stock department. He had caught on to the run of affairs in the store remarkably well and his life gave great promise in his chosen career. It is a sad tragedy and in the death of the boy the sympathy of the entire community is poured out to the grief-stricken parents and the brothers and sisters of which there are four, a grown sister being the wife of Mr. James Davis, of the firm of Warren & Davis.

The funeral will be conducted from the late residence at 4 o'clock this afternoon and the remains will be laid to rest in Oakdale Cemetery.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. L. Gore Co.—William Tell Flour, Darley Park Brewery—Just One Case.

King Stock Co.—"The Circus Girl" Tonight.

Atlantic Trust and Banking Co.—You Can Afford.

J. W. Robinson & Co.—Edison Phonographs and Records.

Business Locals.  
For Sale—Large Chrysanthemums, Gilbert House—Regular & Transient Board.

J. H. Rehder & Co. were very busy today; don't fail to visit them this week.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Regular Monthly Session Yesterday Afternoon Largely Taken Up With Routine Business—Jurors Drawn for December Court.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon was largely taken up with routine and unimportant matters. All members were present except Commissioner Alexander and Chairman McEachern presided. R. Bruce Mizelle and Frank Weston were exempted from poll tax on account of physical disability.

The Superintendent of Health reported four cases of typhoid fever during October, one case of smallpox and three of diphtheria. One case of pleurisy, five or six of chills and fever at the camp comprised the acute sickness in the several institutions. In the office 64 patients were treated and nine were visited at their homes. One case of dumb rabies in a dog occurred during October.

The Clerk of the Superior Court reported the collection of \$25 in fines and forfeitures since last report.

Supt. J. R. Hardee reported one white and 11 colored patients and one white and 15 colored convicts at the county farm during the month.

The Register of Deeds reported 14 white and 23 colored marriage licenses during the month, \$37.05 being paid into the county treasury as revenue therefrom.

License was granted to the Cape Fear Distilling Co., No. 123 Market street, to retail spirituous liquors. T. A. Croom is manager.

Application of R. L. Godwin, attorney for the Dunn road district, asking for the privilege of hiring a few convicts from this county was read and the clerk was directed to write Mr. Godwin that New Hanover has abundant use for all the convicts it is now working.

The heating apparatus in the insane Asylum of the County Home was considered and repairs of same were referred to the County Home Committee.

Valuation of Brooklyn Sewerage Company as certified down by the State Auditor in corrected form was ordered changed on the tax books, an abatement of \$1,500.

Wm. Goodman was granted rebate of taxes on property sold in 1900 and paid by him erroneously since that time.

Application of Mr. Bear for reduction of valuation on lands in Harnett township was referred to the assessors for investigation of an error. The same order was made upon application of Mr. C. E. Riggs, of East Wilmington.

Mr. Wm. Calder appeared before the Board and stated that 20 shares of stock in the Fourth National Bank of Fayetteville had been charged against him when he owned no stock in that bank, but that he and others as trustees for a church personally stock he had no holding personally.

Mr. H. E. Bonitz was relieved of double tax on property of Wrightsville Water Works Company, he having been under that impression same had been listed by Maj. D. O'Connor, former manager.

The matter of purchase of machinery for rock quarry and acceptance of proposition of C. H. Dock & Co., was referred to the Road Committee with power to act.

The following jurors were drawn for the one-week December term of civil court: M. Rosenmann, R. F. Fowler, L. Southerland, R. J. Casteen, P. L. Knight, C. R. Pone, J. D. Brown, W. S. Clayton, J. T. Hill, T. J. McInerney, Wm. Flanagan, J. E. Winstead, T. B. Cowan, M. M. Haney, Adolph L. Goodman, W. H. Yopp, James Winberg and Fulton T. Allen.

### Red Men to Wallace.

A team of fifty-odd Red Men from the three tribes in Wilmington will go up to Wallace next Monday, the 11th, for the purpose of instituting a new tribe of the order in that town. The institution will be by W. Ben Goodwin, of Elizabeth City, Great Chief of Records of the Great Council. The team from this city, about twenty in number, is now practicing for the new lodge and the initiation will be something good. The party will go up on a special car at 7 P. M. to institute the new tribe and all who expect to go are asked to please report to Laxipolka Tribe not later than tomorrow (Wednesday) night. This is necessary in order that ample arrangements may be made.

### Revenue Cutter Orders.

Capt. J. H. Quinan, in command of the U. S. Revenue Cutter Seminole, is ordered to resume command of his ship and Capt. E. P. Berthoff, who has been in temporary command while Capt. Quinan has been on the Pacific coast, is relieved and placed on a waiting order. Third Lieut. E. D. Jones is granted 13 days' leave of absence and Second Assistant Engineer F. H. Young is granted 30 days' leave.

A strong, healthy colored man, between 20 and 30 years of age, may secure employment by making application at the Star office. Must give good recommendations as to habits and general character.

When a man ceases to grow greater, he begins to shrink smaller.

Carpets and matting laid free if bought this week at Rehder's.

## ACTION RESCINDED

### Board of Aldermen Appoints Committee to Further Investigate Water Plant.

### AUDIT AND FINANCE CONCURS

#### Spirited Session of the Legislative Board Held Yesterday Morning Lasting Over Two Hours. Suit is Threatened.

At its special meeting yesterday morning to consider anew the purchase of the plant of the Clarendon Water Works Company in view of the disclosures as to its reduced net earnings since the filter plant was installed during the past year, the action of the previous meeting authorizing the purchase was rescinded and a committee composed of members of the Water and Sewerage Commission was appointed to further investigate the net earnings of the property and make report to the Board of Aldermen with a view of opening negotiations a second time for the purchase of the plant. This action was immediately made known to the Board of Audit and Finance, also in special session to consider the water works matter, and the same was approved.

The action followed a spirited session at which the alleged disclosures in regard to the net earnings of the plant were threshed out fully. Mayor Sprunger presided and all members were present except Alderman Rathjen, who was unavoidably detained on account of sickness in the family. Alderman Wood had returned from Richmond and was present at the meeting as chairman of the special committee from the Board of Aldermen to negotiate the purchase. There were also present at the meeting City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Special Counsel George Rountree, who had been retained by the committee, several members of the Board of Audit and Finance and others interested in the deal between the city and the water company. Members of the newly elected Water and Sewerage Committee were also present in an advisory capacity. Acting Chairman Bolles, of the committee, was requested and explained the object of the meeting which was to reconsider the matter of the water works purchase in view of the disclosure that the earnings of the plant were not what members of the Board believed they were when the negotiations were pending. He stated that while the earnings for 1906 before the filter was installed might have been \$16,000 or above, it was ascertained that the present net earnings of the property are not much above \$10,000. Mr. Bolles further stated that he had consulted Mr. George Rountree in regard to the legal status of the negotiations and was advised not to conclude the purchase until the whole matter had been laid before the two city boards. This had been done and it was up to the members of the Board.

Each member of the Board of Aldermen was then called up for an expression of his understanding of the net earnings as represented to the several meetings. While several of the members stated that it was not clear to them and that the representation might have been made to them that the \$16,000 earnings were for the year 1906, all agreed that it was their understanding that the plant was still earning that amount. It was also stated that Engineer Ludlow had stated from his investigation of the earnings that the property was earning \$16,000 for the past five years.

Colonel Walker Taylor then gave his statement of the discovery that the plant was not earning the \$16,000 which it was understood it was earning and Mr. C. W. Worth, of the commission, stated that the commission had not in any manner taken charge of the plant. Colonel Taylor stated that if the interest on the bonded indebtedness was taken into account, the net earnings would, according to his understanding, be not above \$6,000. This, too, included the monthly rental paid by the city for hydrant service. Mr. Rountree then gave a legal opinion of the status of the negotiations and said as he viewed it, the trade had not been concluded, neither had the transfer been made. He said that if a trade had been made under a mutual mistake or upon a misunderstanding of essential elements in the contract or by fraud or by an honest mistake, the agreement was not binding in law. Even if the trade had been concluded, Mr. Rountree held under certain circumstances it would be null and void. Mr. Rountree did not give an expression on the question of fact or value but entirely as to the legal points involved which entirely coincided with the opinion expressed by the city attorney.

Mr. French then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, By the Board of Aldermen: That the resolution passed by this Board, on the 25th of October, 1907, agreeing to the purchase of the plant of the Clarendon Water Works Company, at a price therein stated, which resolution was concurred in by the Board of Audit and Finance, at their meeting of October 23rd, with a modification afterwards accepted by

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## WATERWAY CONVENTION

### Prominent Business Men and Officials From All Parts of State Here For Important Consideration. Senator Overman.

### ARRANGE STREET REPAIRS

#### Award of Contract For Signs—All Departments Make Report For the Month of October—Usual Reports Are Submitted.

Prominent business and professional men from all parts of the State, including the distinguished Senator Lee S. Overman and a majority of the North Carolina delegation in Congress, will assemble at 10:30 o'clock this morning in the United States court room in the postoffice building, for the purpose of organizing a North Carolina branch of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, the special object of which will be to secure government improvement of both the lower and upper Cape Fear, the principal object sought to be attained being the making of Wilmington a port of entry for the largest class of ships by securing a mean depth of 30 feet of water from the city to the sea. The convention follows a visit of Mr. John A. Fox to the principal cities of the State in which the plan was fully set forth as a North Carolina project and it is believed that the meeting today will result in great good for the business interests of North Carolina from the mountains to the sea.

The advance guard of the delegates to the convention has already arrived. Among the number are Senator Overman, who reached the city last evening and is the guest of his friend, Mr. Martin S. Willard. Another arrival last night was Hon. H. L. Godwin, congressman from this district and thoroughly committed to the Wilmington project. Then there are still others, including Maj. W. A. Guthrie and Maj. A. A. Lloyd, of Durham; Maj. E. J. Hale and Messrs. Jno. R. Tolar, H. W. Lilly, Frank H. Stedman, Jno. F. Harris, J. H. Anderson, W. L. Holt, J. G. Shaw, L. A. Highsmith and B. T. McBrady, of Fayetteville. Other delegations came in on the late trains and still others will arrive this morning in time for the meeting. For all of them Wilmington has a cordial welcome and hopes that their stay in the city may be both pleasant and profitable.

### SWINSON-TURRENTINE.

### Wedding Yesterday Afternoon United Popular Young People.

Of interest to a great many friends here and elsewhere is the announcement of the marriage of Mr. Hugh Walker Turrentine, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Turrentine, of this city, and Miss Laura A. Swinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. H. Swinson, also of Wilmington, both being very popular and most highly esteemed in a wide circle of friends. They were married at 6:15 o'clock yesterday evening at the home of the bride's parents, No. 406 Walnut street, the Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., officiating. Conforming to the wishes of both the bride and groom the wedding was a very quiet affair and was attended only by relatives of the young people and a few very intimate friends. The ceremony itself was one of the prettiest of the season in this city. The parlors of the home were very tastefully decorated with plants and flowers and the service was performed at a beautifully improvised altar in the room.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Turrentine received the congratulations of friends at an informal reception and left later on the north-bound A. C. L. train for an extended bridal tour North. Returning in about two weeks they will be at home in this city where they have a great many friends. Miss Swinson is a charming young woman, and numbers her friends by the score. They will be pleased to welcome her as Mrs. Turrentine. The groom belongs to an old and distinguished family of Wilmington and is very popular. He is one of the leading brokers in the wholesale district of the city and numbers his friends by the hundreds. Mr. and Mrs. Turrentine will be at home upon their return at 314 Market street.

### President Moore Here.

President Chas. Cotton Moore, of the Southern Cotton Association, dropped in to say "howdy-do" yesterday on his way to fill a number of appointments in Eastern North Carolina in the interest of the holding warehouse plan. He spoke at Burgaw last night, will be at Wallace tomorrow morning; at Magnolia tomorrow evening; at Warsaw Wednesday morning; at Faison Wednesday night; Mt. Olive, Thursday morning; Maysville Friday morning; Pollocksville at night and at Trenton, Jones county, Saturday. He may possibly fill an appointment at Newbern, but this is as yet undecided.

### With Love & McDiarmid Co.

Mr. R. S. Motte, a clever and popular young Wilmingtonian, has associated himself with the Love & McDiarmid Company, merchandise brokers and manufacturers' agents and will be pleased to serve his friends with his new connection. He was lately with the Navassa Guano Company and will "make good" in every respect with the new company.

### Meeting of Brotherhood.

There will be an open meeting of St. James' Brotherhood tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in St. James' parish house. All men of the parish are invited. There will be music, informal addresses and refreshments.

## THE ALDERMEN MEET

### Routine Affairs Largely Consumed Time of The Board Last Night.

### ARRANGE STREET REPAIRS

#### Award of Contract For Signs—All Departments Make Report For the Month of October—Usual Reports Are Submitted.

The Board of Aldermen was in regular monthly session last night at the City Hall for the purpose of proceeding with the regular order of business, the water works question having been disposed of at the special meeting during the morning. The night session was largely taken up with routine business, though one or two matters of more than passing interest were decided upon. Among these was an arrangement whereby it is hoped to provide \$10,000 for repairs to the streets and the award of the contract for street signs over the city, which greatly desired improvement has been in contemplation for some time.

The meeting was held in the Mayor's office instead of in the city court room as usual. All members were present except Aldermen Rathjen, Karr and French. Alderman Wood was welcomed home by his colleagues from a trip to Richmond and elsewhere. The Mayor proceeded with the call of reports from standing committees.

There was no report from the Finance Committee and Chairman Ellis made report for the Sanitary Committee. Considerable drainage has been laid and the work has progressed very satisfactorily. The garbage cans have arrived and will be placed on the streets at advantageous positions in a few days.

The Market Committee in the absence of Chairman Rathjen made report of progress through Alderman King.

Chairman Northrop reported the installation of a new light on Bladen, between Seventh and Eighth streets, and the installation of other apparatus in the public library. The chairman called attention to excessive charges for lighting in the Front Street Market. Mr. King, of the Market Committee, said the matter would be attended to. Chairman Northrop suggested the removal of the arc lamp in front of the City Hall to Third and Princess streets and the installation of a smaller light in front of the public building. The hospital, Mr. Northrop said, had petitioned for an arc lamp at 10th and Red Cross streets, while other residents wanted a lamp at 11th and Campbell. The committee recommended that the light be placed at the latter position. A light was also wanted at Eighth and Brunswick streets and a gas lamp at Fifth and Church streets, the latter at the suggestion of Mr. King. The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

Chairman O'Brien reported the exhaustion of the appropriation of \$5,000 for street work and \$1,000 for drainage. He had received notice to stop work. Mr. O'Brien also read a communication from residents of South Front Street, complaining of the condition of the street after the excavations were made by the street car company. He had called on Mr. Skelding and said the company was unwilling to lay a new macadam there to take the place of a makeshift street before. Alderman Bolles made a statement in regard to the matter and said that while the company admitted its liability, it did not want to be made to lay a macadam street and then later be required by the Street Commission to put down a brick pavement. Alderman Bolles stated that the company simply wanted the city to say what class of permanent improvement would be required. Street conditions all over the city were regarded as disgraceful and the need of doing something at once either under the direction of the Board of Aldermen or the Street Commission was emphasized.

The Mayor made a statement in regard to the matter and explained a plan by which \$10,000 could be borrowed from the sinking fund to tide the city over street repairs until conditions are such that the street bonds may be sold and the Commission be placed in charge. City Attorney Bellamy gave his opinion that the arrangement would be legal and that the repair of the streets was a necessary expense and emergency of a dangerous thoroughfare would warrant the city in borrowing the money outright to do the work.

Alderman O'Brien said the whole mistake had been made at the beginning of the new fiscal year when the budget was made up. He had asked for \$40,000 for permanent street work but was told the Commission was in charge and the money would not be needed. Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 had been passed to the Fire Department, in building up fire houses and buying apparatus when the streets had grown to such condition that the apparatus could not get over the streets.

After further discussion a motion

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