

OUTLINES.

At Chicago yesterday Mrs. Evelyn Romadka, wife of a Milwaukee millionaire, was sentenced to a term of one to twenty years in the penitentiary upon conviction as the accomplice of a negro in a career of burglary and larceny; alienists assert that the negro's spirit dominated the white woman and that she was totally irresponsible—After mortally shooting himself in New York on Thursday, former President Barney, of the suspended Knickerbocker Company talked over his business affairs and dictated his will to his personal lawyer, disposing of \$2,000,000—A natural gas explosion at Pittsburg yesterday tore a dwelling to pieces, fatally injured two persons and injured twenty-five—Never in the history of Wall Street have there been such record-breaking sales of stocks to small dealers who are taking advantage of low prices to secure investments—Seven people were killed and a number injured in a wreck on the Canadian Pacific Railway on Thursday night—In a statement for the Associated Press Editor Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier Journal, deprecates the candidacy of William J. Bryan for the Presidency, but will vote for him against Roosevelt for a third term—Clara Barra, a negro girl 38 years old, has confessed at New Orleans that she killed Mrs. Bessie Carter and stole her silk undershirt—The Georgia Court of Appeals has handed down a decision holding that a common carrier does not fulfill its legal duty until it provides a seat for each passenger—The attorney for the defense of Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, on trial for the murder of former Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, outlined the defense yesterday as insanity, but the Government introduced witnesses to prove that the killing was premeditated as long as six months prior to the deed—At the session of the National Convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy in Newark yesterday, Mrs. Montague, of Virginia, made an appeal for the Confederate Women's Home at Richmond—Several hundred street car men at Louisville struck yesterday because their demand for increased pay was denied—Miss Lucy Wheeler, daughter of the late Gen. Joseph Wheeler, has brought suit at Cleveland, O., against McLean Arms and Ordnance Company for \$115,825 alleged to be due for his services as president of the company—The American Federation of Labor, in session at the Jamestown Exposition yesterday, received the report of the Secretary, showing a balance on hand October 1st of \$127,910; a resolution was adopted favoring a parcels post law to give relief from the express company monopolies, and a movement was set on foot to teach the benefits of unionism to foreign labor coming to this country—Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade reports that receipts of gold from Europe increased bank note circulation, and the movement of cotton and grain are relieving the financial situation—New York markets: Money on call firm 6 to 15 per cent., ruling rate 12, closing bid and offered at 5; spot cotton 10 points lower, closing steady at 10.70; flour dull and about steady; wheat easy, No. 2 red 1.02 3/4 elevator, No. 2 hard Winter 1.07 3/4 nominal F. O. B. elevator; corn easy, No. 2, 66 elevator, No. 2 white 67 1/2; oats quiet, mixed 52, natural white 52 to 54 1/2; turpentine firm 57; rosin steady, strained common to good 3.85.

A Republican paper says: "We told you that Roosevelt is a man that would do things." However, Wall Streeters never believed that he could do such things to them.

Nunsio Nasi, former Minister of Public Instruction in Italy, is an imperial grafter. However, that doesn't make him any better than one of our ordinary plebian grafters.

Professor Brander Matthew of Columbia University, New York, has succeeded in introducing some new reform spelling. We don't learn how to spell according to simplified spelling before we are up against some new system. After a while anybody's spelling will be the proper staph.

The Hon. William J. Bryan's formal announcement that he will accept the Democratic nomination for the Presidency if it is tendered to him, but that he will not seek the nomination nor make a fight for it, is just about as we have considered all along was Col. Bryan's position. In the meantime if any other fellow can cut any better figure in the limelight of availability and the calcium light of conspicuousness let him cut his dido.

The Chattanooga Times pertinently remarks: "It is said President Roosevelt is very much disgusted with Chairman Parsons of the New York Republican Executive Committee on account of the Hearst fusion fiasco. Possibly if the president had shown his disgust before the fusion was entered into, Parsons and his party might have been saved the present humiliation." This fable teaches that the President should have kicked beforehand or forever hereafter held his peace, for fear some man would say that no kick would have been registered if Parsons had won.

NEGRO IN HAY PILE

Young Colored Man Without Pedal Extremities Found in Grocery Store.

PUNCHED WITH PITCHFORK

Mr. H. W. Konig Profited by Experience With Robbery Last August and Landed Would-be Burglar Last Night.

Profiting by his experience of the latter part of last August when his store at Fourth and Bladen streets was robbed of \$27 in cash by some one who had evidently secreted himself in the rear of the establishment and then had gone forth to plunder the establishment after it had been closed for the day, Mr. H. W. Konig, a well known grocer, last night as he was preparing to leave his place of business about 9 o'clock, went on a successful search of the premises, as he had been accustomed to do nightly since the first robbery in August, to see that no one was locked up in the store again.

His search had progressed as far as the rear of the building near a back door leading to an alleyway when he picked up a pitchfork and began to prod into a pile of hay that lay on the floor there. The hay was not very deep and as time again he drove the fork through the pile, he became more and more certain that his search was fruitless. Finally, as he came to the rear of the pile, in the darkness, there was an upheaval of considerable proportions as the fork went true. The form of a very much surprised and greatly agitated negro rose to the surface and the proprietor of the store was none the less excited than was the negro. Dealing with burglars is no child's play on any occasion, so Mr. Konig resorted to heroic measures at once and laid the negro out with a blow from the fork handle. When he had been struck at first he uttered not a sound, believing that discretion was the better part of valor but when Mr. Konig dealt him one between the eyes he let out a cry of distress and the proprietor of the store went to the front and called a policeman. When they went back to investigate all hands were much taken back when they found the would-be burglar had both his legs off about the knee. As he rose from the hay, Mr. Konig, of course, had no way of knowing of the black man's affliction and he immediately put him to the bad, until the officers could arrive.

A message was sent to the police station and Sergeant C. S. Burnett took the injured man to the hospital in the patrol wagon. It was found that the negro had suffered a scalp wound about two inches long on top of the head and a little to one side. The surgeon who dressed the wound was unable to say whether the wound was inflicted by the pitchfork as Mr. Konig drove it down through the pile of hay or whether it was laid open when the excited grocerman dealt him a blow across the head. At any rate the negro will be laid up at the hospital for a day or two and could not be returned to the station house last night. His wound, however, is in no wise dangerous.

The negro told Sergeant Burnett that his name was William Henry James, about 25 years old, and that he lived way out on Campbell street, toward the cemetery. He said that both his legs were cut off by a railroad train at Goldsboro some time ago. Explaining his presence in the store, he said that a "man who worked there" had told him that afternoon to go back on the hay and lie down as he had told him that he was sick. This story is not credited by Sergeant Burnett who thinks that the negro secreted himself in the store at the behest of some other negro, who was to be let in through the back door when the place was closed for the night or that the negro himself intended to rob the store. Mr. Konig says that he never saw the colored man before that he knows of and that he doesn't see how he could have walked in the back door during the day without some one hearing him. The nubs of his legs are padded for walking, however, and it is suspected that this affliction stood him in good stead in entering the place.

The store of Mr. Konig was robbed the latter part of last August when the proprietor was absent at the Jamestown Exposition and the business was in charge of a clerk. The amount of \$27 in cash was taken from where it had been secreted by the clerk and several hams were found in the rear alleyway upon which the door opened, the thief after securing these probably having dropped them on account of the burden and liability of being caught. After the robbery in this same hay pile, the form of a man was outlined where he had been asleep during the night, the exit having been by the same door through which James no doubt expected to pass out last night. Since he was robbed in August, Mr. Konig has been sticking a pitchfork through that same pile of hay but until last night, his precaution had availed him nothing. The capture of the would-be thief is unique in the annals of the Wilmington police, not alone from the personality of the prisoner but in the manner in which he was caught. If the negro is able, he will probably be given trial before the Mayor at noon today.

WEEK'S PORT STATISTICS

Cotton Receipts Continue Way Ahead of Last Year—Naval Stores Market—News of a Day in Shipping Circles.

Despite the falling off for a few days when the market showed special depression, the receipts of cotton at the port of Wilmington for the week ended yesterday, according to the stock report posted yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce, were nearly double what they were same week last season. For the week this year 21,223 bales came in against only 12,787 same period last season. The receipts since September 1st have been 241,635 bales against only 181,692 up to the same date in 1906. The exports for the week were 27,019 bales against 28,477 same week last season. The exports for the year have been 206,427 against 163,445 same period in 1906.

Of date yesterday there were 18,440 bales ashore and 16,345 afloat, making 34,785 bales ashore and afloat yesterday against only 17,325 on the same date last season. Of the amount ashore and afloat last year 6,560 bales were ashore and 10,765 were afloat. The British steamer *Pashoda*, which brought cargo of fertilizer constituents to this port and loaded with cotton for the return trip, cleared last night for Bremen. She leaves for Bremen being stowed full of the heavy staple, as fast as the compress can turn it out.

The receipts of naval stores as shown from the stock report for the week ended yesterday have been slightly in excess of those of same week last season, with the exception of tar and crude turpentine in which there was a slight falling off. There were 273 casks spirits against 330 same week last season; 2,465 barrels rosin against 1,523; 532 barrels turpentine against 555 and 416 barrels crude turpentine against 513 barrels same week last season. The crop year receipts show a falling off in all items except tar in which there is an increase of nearly double.

The schooner *Bayard Hopkins*, Captain Lynch, arrived in port yesterday from Philadelphia with fertilizers for the Wilmington Compress and Warehouse Company and the schooner *Rhea*, a searher arrived from New York with tankage for the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company. Both vessels are reported by C. D. Maillit.

The schooners *Harriet* C. Merrill, *Captain Cochran*, and the *J. S. Hoskins*, *Captain Gayle*, outward bound with cargoes, sailed from Southport yesterday for New York. The schooner *Aetna* is also at Southport bound out with cargo from the Cape Fear Lumber Company, but is awaiting fore-sails before proceeding.

The steam yacht *Vesta*, with party on board bound from New York to Florida, put in at Southport yesterday evening for harbor and asked to be reported.

COLORED LIFE INSURANCE

Sun Mutual Company Organized at Fayetteville, N. C.

The Fayetteville Observer of yesterday afternoon has the following of interest:

"Ten of the leading colored citizens of Fayetteville recently got together and organized a life insurance company, and the Secretary of State has granted it a charter, after it had been approved by the Insurance Commissioner. The new company is named The Sun Mutual Life Insurance Company, and the following officers have been elected: Dr. E. E. Smith, president; Rev. J. G. Smith, vice president; Dr. B. H. Henderson, secretary; Thos. H. McNeill, treasurer; Rev. J. S. Settle, general manager; W. T. Haunt, assistant general manager and superintendent of agencies; Bishop J. W. Hood, Dennis Tysor, R. W. Thaggard and J. G. Smith were elected as an executive committee. The company is now engaged in getting the required 200 applications before policies issue. "It will issue sick, accident and death benefit policies. The colored people are proud of their institution, and it promises to be a great success."

Retail Merchants Organized.

The Fayetteville Observer of yesterday afternoon says that a large number of the retail merchants of that city will meet Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a Retail Merchants' Association. One of the principal objects of the organization will be the refunding of cash fares to out-of-town purchasers of amounts above a certain figure. This plan has worked exceedingly well in other cities of the State notably Charlotte and Greensboro.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

E. Warren & Son—For Sunday.
Palace Market—Dressed Goose.
J. W. Fleet Co.—Some Men's Clothes.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Holiday Campaign.

Business Locals.

Mason & Williams—Chestnut Street Market.
Extra Care—A Special Invitation.
Emoch Alexander—Horse Cover Lost.

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

TO CALL ELECTION AS TO LETTUCE GROWING

Petitions to Mayor and Board of Aldermen Sprung at Meeting Last Night.

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Announced That 388 of Required 800 Affixed Their Signatures—No Date Named For Probable Expression of Voters.

Following an address by Evangelist Mordecai F. Ham to a mass meeting of men at the First Baptist Church last night in connection with a series of revival services that have been in progress there during the past two weeks, a sensation was sprung when printed copies of a petition to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city asking that a prohibition election be called in Wilmington, were circulated through the audience and liberally signed. It was announced soon after the ushers returned with the lists that 388 qualified voters had signed the request for an election and this announcement was greeted with applause.

That this move by the prohibition forces had been in contemplation for some time was evidenced by the fact that the petitions are printed and ruled for signatures and it became known when they were handed at that the promoters of the revival at the Church had only been waiting the psychological moment to spring them. A large number of people had gathered in the auditorium of the church in response to the general invitations sent out to the men of the city to hear the saloon question discussed at this special meeting and after the address in which the prohibition issue was made prominent from a moral point of view the evangelist asked all in the audience who favored prohibition to stand up. The response was overwhelmingly in the affirmative and Mr. Ham then read the following petition:

"We, the undersigned registered voters, who were duly registered for the preceding municipal election in the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, which was held on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1907, respectfully petition your Honorable Board to call a local option election, as provided for by the Laws of the State of North Carolina, and order an election after thirty days' notice, as provided for by Section 2069 of the Revised Laws of North Carolina, 1905, and Chapter 709 of the public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1907, for the purpose of determining:

"First, Whether intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured in the City of Wilmington, North Carolina.
"Second, Whether intoxicating liquors shall be sold in the City of Wilmington, North Carolina.
"And we further petition your Honorable Body to do all other things authorized by law for holding said election and declaring the result thereof."

The ushers were then requested to pass through the audience of men, the entire lower floor of the auditorium having been reserved for them, and those who were willing to suit their actions in rising to the words of the evangelist in calling for an expression of prohibition, were requested to affix their signatures to the petition. This required some time and when the count of the names was finally completed, it was ascertained that 388 qualified voters at the municipal election last May had signed the papers.

It was later stated by those at the head of the movement that the petitions would be still further circulated with all possible dispatch and that they were confident there would be no difficulty in securing the required number of signers at the request of which it is incumbent under the law for the Board of Aldermen to call the election. The verbiage of the petition bears all the ear marks of one versed in the law and no doubt all the legal points involved in the case have been carefully inquired into.

The election will, of course, be held under the Watts Law of 1905 and as amended by the last Legislature giving the voters an opportunity of expressing themselves upon all three sides of the case: Prohibition, dispensary and saloons. It will be noted from the petitions signed here, that the question of a dispensary will not enter into the subject at all.

Under the Watts Law one-third of the qualified voters at the preceding municipal election are required to sign any call upon the Board of Aldermen for a local option election. At the last municipal election the registration was considerably cut down in order to pass the street, water and sewerage bonds and the total number of qualified voters upon those questions in the five wards of the city was 2,395. Of this number an even 800 will be required to sign the petitions for an election before one can be called. The number of names received last night is not quite one-half the number required. It is expected that the petition will certainly be ready for presentation to the Board of Al-

AS TO LETTUCE GROWING

Interesting Bulletin by State Board of Agriculture on Industry in the East—At Fayetteville and Newbern.

The State Department of Agriculture has just issued a bulletin entitled "Lettuce Growing in North Carolina," by State Horticulturist W. K. Hunt. The bulletin covers thoroughly all phases of lettuce growing, is handsomely illustrated and will prove of both interest and profit to growers throughout the State. A copy of the bulletin will be mailed free of charge to all farmers upon application to the Department.

The bulletin says that this industry has become important in the State and that the product of North Carolina grown in covered frames in Winter is the finest of its kind, bringing at all points the highest prices, though it goes to market in competition with that produced in Florida and the greenhouses of northern cities. When this crop goes forward from here it takes precedence over lettuce grown further South. Fayetteville, Wilmington and Newbern are now the centers of the industry. Wilmington is furthest south and with a very mild climate there, much lettuce is grown in covered frames and without heat while still more is grown in open fields with no protection whatever. Newbern is noted for large lettuce outfits, where it is forced by steam heating and irrigation. At Fayetteville the industry is unique, being largely confined to small lots and parcels of land in and around town. From these centers the industry is extended to many other localities. Lettuce has proved to be the best paying truck crop in Eastern North Carolina and the steam heated and irrigated bed will bring from \$10 to \$15 per acre. Truckers say that it is this crop which makes up their losses and other ventures in that they say the heated and irrigated beds have always paid good dividends.

Sixty Present for the "Hour."

Sixty children, a large majority of them between 10 and 14 years of age, were delightfully entertained at the public library from 4 to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon with the story of the "Golden Fleece," the occasion having been the "Children's Hour," a feature of library work which has become so popular. The story was most interesting and charmingly told by Miss Waddell, the librarian, and the young people were quite profuse in expressing their appreciation.

An excellent opportunity will be afforded "Delgado" people to hear Evangelist Ham tomorrow morning at the First Baptist Church. Arrangements have been made for two suburban cars to be in waiting at the station at 9:30 A. M. and all who desire to attend the service will be brought in free of charge.

At its regular meeting in December, as it is doubtful if the Board could entertain a petition at a special meeting. Then the lists would have to be referred to a committee to ascertain if the names thereon were of qualified voters at the last municipal election. This would require some time and unless a special meeting of the Board were called to receive the report of this committee in the meantime, the question would be deferred until the January meeting. Should the election be called 30 days notice would be necessary and the whole matter might be drawn out until Spring. An election of the kind cannot be held within 60 days of any other regularly called election, but this would not enter into the question here as the next regular election is not until November of next year. Should the efforts for an election succeed and the town go "dry" the date for the closing of the saloons could hardly be before the first of July next year, at the end of the six months term for which licenses are payable to the city and county.

For once it would seem that the waterworks question has been overshadowed and for the next sixty days or ninety days there is every indication that the town will be plunged into another very bitter campaign such as was the one here on the 28th of July 1904, when the efforts of the anti-saloons were for the establishment of a dispensary. This was defeated by a majority of 690, only 611 votes having been cast for the dispensary and 1,301 against out of a total registered vote of 2,358. Of that number registered, however, only 1,912 voted. At one time it was announced that the anti-saloon forces would wait for the State Legislature to declare State prohibition, but the indications now are that the town is at least to have a vote on the subject. Some saloon men say that they welcome this, for they are confident of winning on an issue of high license and strict regulation as the best solution of the problem of handling the traffic, and that if they win in this election, the State Legislature will hardly fly in the face of the expressed will of the community at the polls and "dry up" the town. In the absence of an election by the people, they say, the Legislature might feel warranted in enacting a State prohibition law, but they would hardly want to take from the people the right of self government.

SONS OF REVOLUTION

Annual Meeting of Society and Presentation of Portrait in Raleigh Yesterday.

OAK CITY GUARDS TO DISBAND

Vacancy Will be Left in Third Regiment of State National Guard. Educational Affairs in Scotland County.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 15.—This afternoon at 4:30 o'clock there assembled in the Senate chamber of the State House many members of the North Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution and many prominent State officials and citizens of Raleigh for the ceremony attending the presentation of a splendid oil portrait of Samuel Johnston, famous Revolutionary patriot, former Governor of North Carolina and member of the United States Senate. The portrait was presented to the State through the North Carolina Society Sons of the Revolution, the presentation address being delivered by Mr. F. H. Busbee, one of the officers of the society. He paid a splendid tribute to the life and official career of Johnston.

Governor Glenn was to have accepted the portrait in behalf of the State, but he being absent in Baltimore, the acceptance was by Associate Justice W. A. Hoke of the North Carolina Supreme Court. This address was ornate and eminently fitting the occasion and the distinguished speaker. The affair proved most enjoyable. The portrait will be given a place of honor in the State House either in the executive office of the Governor or in the Senate chamber.

The Society decided to present to the State at its next annual session an oil portrait of Colonial Governor Alexander Martin. The Society appointed a special committee to memorialize the Legislature for a fire-proof building for historical records and the relics of the State and State Library. F. H. Busbee is chairman of the committee. Old officers were re-elected, the principal ones being: Thos. S. Kenan, president; F. H. Busbee, vice president; Marshall Delancy Haywood, secretary.

While no official announcement has been made to that effect, it is known that the Oak City Guards, Company K, Third Regiment, Raleigh, is to be disbanded very soon. In fact, that company is already to all intents and purposes disbanded. This leaves Raleigh with only one military company, the Raleigh Light Infantry, which served so admirably last Monday under command of Capt. W. F. Moody, as escort for Governor Glenn on the Chamber of Commerce Special over the Norfolk & Southern, at Washington, N. C. There is as yet no movement on foot to organize a second company for Raleigh to take the place of the one just passing out. It seems probable that there will be none, and in that event there will be an opportunity for some other town within the territory embraced by the Third Regiment and now without a military company to form a company to take its place. The designation of the town that may carry off this prize rests with the Governor and the Adjutant General.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, L. M. Blue, of Scotland county, sends official notice to the State Department of Education that another local tax election has been carried in his county, and that a very gratifying degree of progress is being made in educational matters in Scotland.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements of Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Tomorrow.

Religious services will be conducted at the Seamen's Bethel tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Chaplain. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All are welcome.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church Front and Queen streets, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor. Services at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. tomorrow, Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor. Services tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Seats free; all are welcome.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. W. C. E. Society at 7 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

Baptist State Convention.

Wilmington Baptists are arranging for the entertainment of the State Baptist Convention at the First Church in this city for the week beginning December 3rd. About 500 delegates are expected. This is one of the most distinguished bodies in the State and Wilmington will be taxed to its capacity to entertain them properly.