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OUTLINES.

In the Supreme Court at Raleigh, in the famous case of the Southern Railway, fined \$30,000 for violation of the 2-cent passenger rate act, the 2-cent court is overruled on ground that it had no jurisdiction but is sustained on some other points—W. J. Bryan was reluctant to discuss the President's message but says that on important questions his ideas coincide with the texture of the message, he favors the Postal Savings Banks and says that the idea that campaign funds be furnished by an appropriation of the government is an excellent one—Secretary Taft had an audience with Emperor Nicholas and received from his majesty the frankest expression of Russia's regard for the United States—Members of the Senate yesterday introduced over 1,000 bills, many of which provided for private pensions. In the United States Circuit Court at Norfolk Judge Waddell announced that he would name receivers for the Jamestown Exposition Company on Friday—In the Circuit Court of Douvay county at Jacksonville, Fla., Hammond P. McNeil charged with the murder of Harry Parker, was acquitted; the tragedy grew out of the attentions of Parker to McNeil's wife who was the widow of the novelist, Stephen Crane—In the hearing of the case of the United States against the American Tobacco Company at N. Y. Vice President Dulac advocated an iron clad agreement between all jobbers to maintain prices on all tobacco. This would be profitable, he said, to all even the consumer—New York markets, money on call steady, at 3 to 6 per cent, ruling rate, 6 per cent; closing offered at 4 per cent; cotton firm, spot closed steady; flour dull and unchanged; corn meal, steady; wheat, spot easy; rosin, quiet; turpentine, quiet at 49—A rear end collision of two passenger trains at Hanover, Md., resulted in five being killed and twenty-five injured—By a vote of 124 to 4 the House Democratic caucus voted down the proposition to take from Leader Williams the power to name Democratic members of the various committees.

If Mr. Bryan's audiences would only vote as they applaud he would be all "to the good."

It is a mighty poor Congressman who has not at least one plan of currency reform.

A panic is sometimes a blessing in disguise. This is when it serves to bring people to their senses.

And there are some who insist that the President is as flip with the lip as he was with the coin.

The President's message was long enough to be classed as a hypothetical question.

Mr. Roosevelt may be Democratic in spots, as Mr. Bryan says, but who wants a spotted administration.

Why should the water cure be less cruel in Georgia and Alabama than it was when we recommended it in the Philippines?

Editor Bok says it only takes a half hour to read a short story. Many of them read as though it had taken only a quarter of an hour to write them.

If the Democrats want Mr. Williams for leader of the minority in the House, why not let him enjoy the rights, functions and privileges of leadership?

The Philadelphia Press cartoons the Democratic donkey with its back humped. That's the proper attitude for it to assume if it means business in the next campaign?

Our future Presidents are to come from Pennsylvania. Another boy up there killed three bears in five minutes with an old-fashioned muzzle loading rifle.

The dear children at school will not be happy over the arrangement of the 1909 calendar. Washington's birthday, the Fourth of July and Decoration Day, all fall on Saturday.

"The depression," says Ambassador Jusserand, "has resulted in an increase of \$240,000,000 in the foreign trade of the United States." What would have happened if we had had a boom?

While the Yale football players were praying for strength and success in the final games of the intercollegiate series with Harvard, something should have been done to stop the profanity on the grand stand.

A Wisconsin man has complained that he is tired of being shot at by hunters mistaking him for a deer. Probably the Western hunters have read much of the nature fakers' literature and finding animals therein behaving so constantly like human beings, they can no longer tell one from the other.

Toys, wholesale and retail at Redders.

CORONER'S INQUEST

Accident to Late Mr T. B. Oldham Investigated By Jury Yesterday.

THE VERDICT ANNOUNCED

No Effort to Fix Responsibility—Number of Witnesses Including Railroad Watchman Examined. Other Testimony at Hearing.

Without making any attempt to fix the responsibility for the accident, the coroner's jury, which yesterday investigated the circumstances of the death of the late Thomas B. Oldham, who lost his life as the result of being struck by an Atlantic Coast Line train at the Castle Haynes road crossing Saturday night a week ago, returned a verdict merely that deceased "came to his death by being struck by an Atlantic Coast Line train being shifted by Engine No. 127 at railroad crossing at or near Ninth and Taylor streets, Wilmington, N. C., on the night of November 23rd, 1907."

The jury met early yesterday afternoon at the Court House with Capt. John Barry, foreman, and Mrs. Jos. D. Smith, secretary, other members being Messrs. George Harris, W. E. Merritt, E. J. Bear and H. L. Pennell. The first witness was C. E. Leggett, a switchman for the Atlantic Coast Line at the crossing the night of the accident. About 8:45 he went up to the passenger shed and coupled up to train 52 from Fayetteville; backed out with it and was pushing around the "Y" turning it and in doing so had to cross Castle Haynes county road twice. Engine blew crossing blowing coming and going. Flagman was standing on crossing going down but didn't see him when coming back. Don't know whether engine bell was ringing or not. Left conductor standing in door of leading car nearest crossing. Witness was standing on platform of second-class car at the brake wheel. Stepped across platform to see if engine was out loose and saw the conductor, Capt. Bradshaw, giving signals to stop to the fireman on the left hand side of the engine. Train went about three lengths before cars stopped after the crash. He got down and found part of the surry in which the men were riding in the brake rigging. Conductor got down and said he knew those people had been killed; that was first witness knew of accident. He could not say whether they were "kicking the cars" or not. They were accustomed to do this after passing the crossing. When the cars were stopped, he said the engine was not coupled to them. They start to pushing cars about 150 yards from crossing. He did not know whether there were lights on the forward end of the car or not and heard no one shout.

Capt. Bradshaw, conductor of the train, said that after the surry was struck the cars ran down about 250 yards before they stopped. He was standing on the end of the mail car until Mr. Oldham was struck and then he ran to the side door and gave the signal to stop. He saw the surry when it was struck; this was the first time he had seen it. He saw a signal light given and supposes it was by the watchman. He also heard a cry to stop when train was within ten feet of crossing. He looked out to see if anyone was crossing but saw no one until the moment the crash came. There was no light on the mail car, except from witness' lantern. He did not know when the engine was cut loose. After the accident he went to the yard office and found a colored man sitting in a chair. He asked about Mr. Oldham and a search resulted in finding him lying face downward about two feet from the track train was running on. He was apparently dead and the train crew picked him up and put him on engine and with the negro man carried him to yardmaster's office and turned him over to the officials there. He saw a bottle on the engine floor and gave it to the watchman; a pistol was picked up near where Mr. Oldham lay on the ground.

John Cunningham, a fireman on the engine, did not see the accident, but heard of it afterwards. He rang the bell going over the crossing and coming back. He heard no cry from anyone before the accident, and did not see the watchman's light before the accident. Went to look for Mr. Oldham later and found him 10 or 15 feet from the crossing. He did not speak until he was on the engine. He found bottle and gave it to the watchman; did not open it and didn't know what was in it. Cars were cut loose from engine when train was about half over crossing, and the engineer put on brakes. Ran about four engine lengths before stopping and to best of knowledge was about 75 yards past crossing when stopped.

Engineer James S. Sellers testified that the cars were not cut loose until after the crossing had been passed on the Smith's Creek side. The watchman signed him down and he alighted from his engine to see what the trouble was and watchman said they had struck a buggy. Watchman said he didn't know if anyone was hurt, he

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LAVENDER AND OLD LACE

Idea Charmingly Carried Out in Benefit for Wilmington Public Library Musical Program, Etc. Prizes Awarded.

Despite the fall of "the beautiful" and the very threatening weather conditions last evening, the "Carnival of Lavender and Old Lace" as a benefit for the Wilmington Public Library in the parlors of the Elks' Temple, on North Front street, was a most charming affair in every respect. More than a hundred attended, the costumes were quaint and attractive, the programme of exercises was altogether pleasing and nothing transpired to mar the perfect success of the evening.

The lodge room on the third floor where the more formal part of the exercises took place and the parlors of the Temple where the dainty refreshments were served, were both attractively decorated with plants and cut flowers and the ladies were delightful in their hospitality and charming in their every manner of carrying out the evening of the evening. The chorus singing of twenty-five voices came first and was very pretty. "The Owl and The Pussy Cat" by George Ingraham was first rendered and the response to an encore was "The Cradle Song" by J. Brahms. Mrs. Curtis Arnall-North delightfully entertained with her readings of "So Was I" and the "Negro's Prayer for Chicken." Mr. Henry Angel gave some splendid interpretations of "Uncle Remus" and Mrs. Holden sang most sweetly "For All Eternity" and "The Serenade." Mr. James Wesley White, of Saint James' Choir, rendered most charmingly A. Toreador's Love Song and responded to a most enthusiastic encore with "The Dawn." Mrs. E. K. Bryan, always a favorite among Wilmington's vocalists, was delightful in her rendition of "Rosalie" and the "Moonbeam Lover."

The accompanists were Mrs. Alfred Moore Waddell with the exception of those for Mrs. Holden, who were played by Mrs. Chaston. Mrs. Waddell also played the grand march for "Lavender and Old Lace" the various contestants for the very handsome prize, a silver water worth \$25, having marched downstairs from the assembly hall to the parlors where the votes were counted.

Miss Emma C. Bonney, of the faculty of the Wilmington High School, and Miss Florence Kidder, both in real colonial costumes, were awarded first and second prizes, respectively, the second having been a very large box of candy, kindly donated for the entertainment by the Carl B. Rehder Candy Company. Both the costumes of Miss Bonney and Miss Kidder were beautiful and well typified the age of which they were made to represent. The award of the prizes was upon a popular vote of all present and witnessing the grand march.

After the grand march dainty refreshments were served in the parlors by the following young ladies: Misses Nannie and Marguerite Holladay, Theo Cantwell, Anne Hill Holmes, Fannie Murchison, Florence Kidder, Louise Beery, Atha Hicks, Sue Catlett and Agnes McQueen.

Much of the credit for the success of the entertainment is due to Miss Elizabeth Waddell, librarian, who worked most energetically for the benefit and whose efforts were all but counteracted by the weather during the evening. A committee from the Wilmington Lodge of Elks composed of Exalted Ruler Jos. F. Leitner, Messrs. Burrett H. Stephens and J. T. Turner, were present and rendered the ladies all the assistance needed with the most charming affair.

LITTLE IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Only Few Cases Disposed of Yesterday—Penalty Suits.

Again there was very little doing in the Superior Court yesterday. The several penalty suits, except those two in which judgment was given for the railroad company, were compromised and stricken from the docket so far as the calendar has thus far progressed. One of the number brought by S. L. Smith & Son against the Atlantic Coast Line was taken up yesterday and a jury was empanelled to try the issues, but upon entering upon the trial the suit had to be continued to supply certain papers.

Judgment for divorce was granted in case of Thos. A. Blackman against Lorena Blackman but in the case of Mamie Jones against Dempsey Jones, a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial was ordered.

In the penalty suit of Behrends-Riley Furniture Company against the Seaboard Air Line, judgment was entered for dismissal.

Captain W. H. Northrop Returned.

Captain W. H. Northrop, who recently underwent an operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, returned to the city yesterday morning, accompanied by Mrs. Northrop, and they are at home for the present at No. 306 Orange street. The many friends of Captain Northrop will be glad to know that he is now on the rapid road to recovery and that before leaving the hospital Dr. Young, the specialist who performed the operation, gave him every encouragement.

The celebrated Columbia yarns, Germantown wools, Peerless fleeced soles, all sizes at Redders.

Toys, wholesale and retail at Redders.

CONFERENCE MEETS

Seventy-First Annual Session of Methodists of The East at Newbern, N. C.

WAS CONVENED YESTERDAY

Centenary Methodist Church the Host. Business Taken Up Immediately. Bishop Galloway Fine Type of Presiding Officer.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 4.—The 71st session of the North Carolina M. E. Conference convened at Centenary Methodist Church at 9 A. M. today. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, Bishop C. B. Galloway, of Mississippi, presiding, assisted by Drs. E. A. Yates, R. A. Willis and W. S. Rone. Rev. R. B. John read the names of the standing committees.

The 20th question was called viz: "Are all the preachers blameless in their official lives and administration?" The names of Presiding Elders R. B. John, J. B. Hurley, J. T. Gibbs, W. H. Moore, W. L. Cuninggim, M. Bradshaw, W. S. Rone, J. H. Hall were called and their characters passed and they gave their reports for the district.

The names of the supernumeraries were then called. R. W. Townsend and J. O. Guthrie passed on character and on motion their names were referred to the committee on conference relations for a supernumerary relation.

The names of M. C. Thomas, W. S. Davis, J. E. Bristow, J. E. Thompson, T. P. Bonner were called, their characters passed and on motion were referred to the committee on conference relations for the supernumerary relations.

The name of Rev. T. J. Browning was called, his character was passed and he reported that he was ready for work another year.

Dr. W. H. Moore moved that the name of P. L. Kirton be referred to the committee on conference relations for the supernumerary relations.

Question 20 was resumed, and all the preachers of the Raleigh, Durham, Fayetteville, Rockingham, Wilmington, Newbern and Washington districts were called, their characters passed and their reports were given.

In this connection Bishop Galloway complimented the conference on the reports given by the preachers from the various districts. He spoke very flatteringly of the reports.

Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, read his report. The Advocate now has nearly 9,000 subscribers. Rev. J. N. Cole, superintendent of the orphanage read his report on that institution. There are now 125 orphans being cared for in the orphanage and recently very great improvements have been made there, including lighting and sewerage system.

Dr. L. L. Nash, conference evangelist, gave his report of the year's work.

The following connectional brethren were introduced to the conference: Dr. W. F. McMurray, of the General Education Board of Louisville, Ky., and Dr. J. M. Moore, one of the editors of the Nashville Christian Advocate. Dr. Moore spoke with reference to the general work of this organ.

At 12:50 P. M. Rev. N. H. D. Wilson and Dr. R. C. Beaman made announcements after which the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Galloway.

Afternoon Session.

At the afternoon session Dr. John C. Kilgo addressed the audience on the Trinity College Brotherhood, the object of which is to get as many people as possible over the conference to encourage educational work generally and to encourage and assist young men in entering Trinity College. At the night session the North Carolina Church Extension Board affairs were considered. Rev. D. H. Tuttle presiding. Dr. W. F. McMurray addressed the meeting. His work is to encourage the collection of a fund to build churches all over the Southern territory.

Bishop Galloway.

Bishop Galloway who is presiding over the sessions is regarded as one of the ablest divines of the Southern Methodist Church. His father was a native of Brunswick county and he is related to the large family of his name in the Eastern section of the State. He is easily the first pulpit orator of his church in the South, eloquent and practical. He is devoted to the doctrines and tenets of his church, but broad and catholic in his views and is in touch with everything that makes for civic righteousness.

The Bishop is a man of splendid physique, tall and powerful in build and with his gray hair and gray beard he suggests one of the patriarchs of old. He has already made a fine impression on the conference here at Newbern.

Scope of the Conference.

The North Carolina Conference is a great body of pastors and laymen. Last year at Rocky Mount there were 196 preachers, 100 local preachers, representing a membership of 75,205. There were last year 173 pastoral charges and 51,035 Sunday School pupils. The total collected for missions last year was \$48,745 and the Women's Home Mission Society contributed

VICTIMS OF A ROBBERY

Dr. and Madame Fribourg, Who Lost Jewels Valued at \$10,000 Reached Wilmington Yesterday — No Trace of Valuables So Far.

Dr. and Madame Edouard Fribourg, of Paris, France, who while traveling from New York to Wilmington night before last lost diamonds and jewels belonging to Madame Fribourg and valued at \$10,000 on the Pullman Car Tiber between Washington and Fredericksburg, Va., the story of which was carried in this paper yesterday morning, arrived in Wilmington on the 10:40 A. M. train from the North and are guests at The Orton.

Dr. and Madame Fribourg arrived in this country only last Saturday and the doctor, who is an eminent French chemist, had been engaged by Mr. Malcolm McKenzie, of New York, to make some turpentine and by-product tests for the Standard Turpentine Company, of this city, in which Mr. McKenzie is the moving spirit. Mr. McKenzie was accompanying the chemist and his wife to Wilmington from New York, they having spent the night in the Savoy Hotel, New York, and the papers report that Madame Fribourg, who is a chic, petite, and all those other French descriptive indicating pretty, vivacious, clever and well dressed, went to dinner smartly gowned for the evening and wearing some stunning jewels—pearl ear rings, a beautiful Algerian gold filigree bracelet set with Oriental jewels, and two or three diamond rings of brilliant setting, besides a necklace of pearls of most tempting value. The police detectives are inclined to the belief that some high-grade crook, on the order of the fictitious Raffles, was at the Savoy for dinner night before last, spying out just such game as this, and observing Madame Fribourg's dazzling adornment, followed them closely and took a berth aboard the Tiber last night out of Jersey City. The train left Jersey City at 9:25 P. M., and passed through Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington in the night, at either of which places the thief might have left the train or boarded the Tiber, as an accomplice waiting on the platform.

At The Orton last night the reporter saw the party and learned from them that thus far no tidings have been received of the lost jewels though the Pullman people are hard at work on the case and give every assurance that no stone will be left unturned to recover the property. The porters on the car have been detained and the Richmond city and railroad detectives are doing what they can to trace the missing gems. Mr. McKenzie, Dr. Fribourg and Madame Fribourg will probably remain in this city for several days.

FUNERAL OF MR. OLDHAM.

Services Yesterday Afternoon From First Baptist Church.

In the presence of a large gathering of friends yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist Church, impressive funeral services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., over the remains of the late Thomas B. Oldham, who died under such tragic circumstances at the hospital Tuesday morning. Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, former pastor of the church, was present and assisted in the service. There were a large number of very beautiful flowers and the funeral hymns were rendered with touching effect by the choir. Members of Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, of which the deceased was connected, gathered at their hall at 2:30 o'clock and attended the obsequies in a body.

The remains were tenderly laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery, the pallbearers having been: Honorary, Dr. F. H. Russell and Mr. S. Solomon; active, Messrs. W. A. Whitney, Bertram Quelch, Tom McInerney, Ike Solomon, H. G. Fennell and W. L. Burkheimer.

Died at the Hospital.

Mrs. J. E. Batson, wife of Mr. Batson, who lives at 715 North Sixth street, passed away yesterday morning at the James Walker Memorial Hospital where she had been under treatment for a short time with pneumonia. The remains were sent yesterday afternoon on the Newbern train to the former home of the family at Woodside, Pender county, for interment.

Painter Lecture Postponed.

On account of the very inclement weather the lecture of Rev. G. W. Painter at Immanuel Presbyterian Church was postponed until the same hour this evening. All are invited to hear him.

\$7,656; the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, \$7,841. For ministerial support, the grand total was \$146,387. These figures will be largely increased at conference this year for the year just ended has been a prosperous one for Methodism in Eastern Carolina.

An emphatic pronouncement on the question of temperance in the State is expected at this session, though what form it will take is not known. Newbern is entertaining the ministers and delegates handsomely, and there is no complaint of the lack of homes or the hospitality of the good people here.

CONVENTION OPENS

Baptists of North Carolina Here For Their Annual State Gathering.

FIRST SESSION LAST NIGHT

Prof. J. B. Carlyle Elected Chairman. Fine Opening Sermon by Rev. Mr. Bradshaw—Several Prominent Visitors.

The great Baptist State Convention of North Carolina assembled in the First Baptist Church, this city, at 7:30 o'clock last night and opened with the singing of "How Firm a Foundation." Rev. D. G. Lumpkin, of Scotland Neck, then read from the second chapter of Acts and Dr. Craig, of Rocky Mount, led in prayer for the Holy Spirit to descend upon the convention. Thus was inaugurated the sessions of what promises to be one of the most successful conventions yet held by this great religious denomination in the State.

The convention sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory, one of the state evangelists and an eloquent, forceful speaker. His text was Acts 2:22, the theme being "A New Testament Revival." He said in part: "One of the greatest needs of the age is such a revival. Can we have it? Yes, if the necessary conditions are met. The church must give up worldliness and thoroughly repent and return to the Lord. As we review the past we find that wherever God's people confessed their sins God poured out his spirit upon them.

The second condition necessary to a New Testament revival is prayer—earnest, persistent prayer. The great Pentecostal revival began in a ten-days prayer meeting. Prayer has been an important element in every revival since the Pentecost. The power for a new testament revival is in the Holy Spirit and in Him alone. "It is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit," saith the Lord. Can we as pastors have this power? "The promise is unto you and to your children and to as many as are afar off." Yes, if we will claim these promises, we can have this power. The workers in the bringing of this revival are men and women. God works through human instruments. God chooses some humble instrument around which every revival centers. The great revival of Pentecost on its human side centered around Peter, but there were many other workers; the whole hundred and twenty were earnestly pleading with men not to be lost.

"The next thing necessary is that the word must be preached. The message should be personal and should bring home to the conscience of the sinner his own sins. The Holy Spirit can take this kind of preaching to convict a sinner. Oh, for personal, faithful, direct preaching of the awful consequences of sin until the very souls of sinners be blistered under it, then will they cry out what must we do to be saved. Then, too, the cross must be preached for repentance and pardoned men must see the cross. "There is life for a look at the Crucified One."

Peter also preached on this occasion the resurrection from the dead. The apostles were so thrilled with this glorious doctrine that they preached it constantly, but somehow I think the reason they preached it on this occasion was that it was necessary for these guilty sin-convicted sinners to know that he was not dead but alive forevermore.

"My last thought is the results that follow a New Testament revival. It makes a better city in every way. It binds our churches together in love; it develops our church in liberality. It is followed by many souls being saved from sin on a day. It leaves a working church. Last and best of all it gladdens the heart of the Savior. He died to save me and he is satisfied when we are doing this work. I close by expressing the hope that this may be the year when a New Testament revival shall be felt and experienced in every nook and corner of this, our beloved State."

Dr. Frost, of Nashville, Tenn., led in prayer at the close of Rev. Mr. Bradshaw's splendid discourse.

Visiting brethren were recognized and Dr. J. M. Frost, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Sunday School Board, was presented. Dr. Seamore, of Philadelphia, who represents the American Baptist Publication Society, was also called to his feet and made some remarks.

Hon. A. D. Ward, of Newbern, and Professor J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest, were nominated for the presidency of the convention. After several strong and spirited speeches were made nominating and seconding these gentlemen, the name of Mr. Ward was unanimously elected and in a short but eloquent speech, took the chair.

The convention unanimously applauded when the new president announced that he had always cast his vote for prohibition.

After the organization was completed, Dr. Hale welcomed the messengers and guests stating that plenty of

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