

### OUTLINES.

Sixty-six bodies have been recovered from the wrecked mines at Monongah; it is stated by the mine officials that there were only 260 men in the mines when the explosion occurred, but this is not generally believed by the miners and their families. In the Senate Mr. Tillman introduced resolutions calling on the Committee on Finance to investigate the recent proceedings of the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with the financial crisis.—Interesting report concerning wheat and rye crop is issued by the Department of Agriculture.—The four-master schooner, Thomas A. Wood, from Jacksonville, Fla., to New York, was abandoned at sea Saturday, 180 miles south of Cape Hatteras in a water logged condition.—All of the battleships, except two, are now at Old Point Comfort, preparatory to their departure for the Pacific next Monday.—The Census Bureau issued its bulletin showing that the total crop of this year's cotton growth, ginned up to Dec. 1, was 3,339,854 bales, as compared with 10,027,868 bales for the same period last year, gineries in operation numbered 26,876.—King Oscar of Sweden died Sunday morning.—Former Governor William E. Douglass of Massachusetts is mentioned for second place on National Democratic ticket.—The mines at Goldfield are to be opened Thursday with a reduced wage scale and no union miners will be given work.—New York markets, money on call strong at 7 to 20 per cent, ruling rate 7 1/2, closing bid and offered at 15 per cent, time loans easy; cotton, spot closed quiet, middling uplands 12.15, middling gulf 12.40; turpentine quiet at 48 1/2; rosin quiet; four dull and lower; corn meal quiet; wheat, steady; corn, spot easy.

The railroad wreck crop is far in excess of the average yield for previous Decembers.

Strange as it may appear there are some pretty straight Democrats who do not consider Mr. Bryan available.

Senator Platt's salary as senator is about one third what it is as president of an Express company. Who expects him to favor a parcels post?

If President Roosevelt had entertained any idea of ever being President again, he would not have attempted to tell all he knew at one time.

It may be true that the Trusts have no favors from the Republican party recently but what the G. O. P. has done for the big banks in New York has been a plenty.

We have heard much of "the marrying parson" but how about Governor Patterson, of Tennessee for the marrying Governor. The wife he took to himself last Friday was his third.

Just about the time this country gets all that gold over from England, along will come some lords or dukes and take it all back again, together with some of our silly young American girls.

"Virginia, the mother of Presidents!" exclaimed a young man excitedly in the lobby of The Orton hotel yesterday. That's all right, murmured the Star man to himself, but Papa has been dead a long time.

Possibly, the sale of the Panama bonds and three-per cent. certificates will only act as a strong stimulant, to be followed by the usual painful reaction. Those who have been drunk on champagne will see the point.

The issuance of the Panama bonds and the three-per cent. certificates may be a good financial stroke, but there's politics in it nevertheless. A real-money panic now would kill the Republican party leader than a door nail.

The Secretary of Agriculture says that this has been one of the farmers' most prosperous years and that he has more money to spend now than he ever had. If this is so, he cannot bitch up "old Sal" and drive into town any too soon. It's a good time to keep some of that money moving.

The Virginia-Pilot murmurs to the effect that the festive snake bite will run riot in triumph in Georgia now that dear old Aunt-Dote has been ostracised by law but that is nothing to what will be the fate of the fishing industry, now that the most essential part of the tackle has been forbidden.

Some of our contemporaries, insist that there is no warrant in law for issuing the bonds and certificates to relieve the financial situation. This reminds us that Congressman Tim Sullivan, when asking a favor once said to President Roosevelt: "Surely, you ain't goin' to let a little thing like the Constitution stand between friends?"

## THE RATE IMBROGLIO

### Governor Glenn Makes Explanatory Statement Regarding Connection With Case.

### LaGRANGE HAS GONE DRY

Telegram Received in Raleigh Early in the Day—Supreme Court Nearing Adjournment This Week. Foot of Docket.

(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—On his return to the city this morning Governor Glenn gave out a statement to the effect that so far as North Carolina is concerned there has been no settlement of the railroad rate litigation, this statement being in contradiction of special dispatches sent out from Washington to the effect that a compromise has been reached whereby a 2 1/2 cent flat rate will be put into effect in several of the Southern States including North Carolina, the new rates to be promulgated by the railroad commissions in those States where that power remains with the Commission and by extra sessions of the legislature where those bodies have assumed the rate making power direct.

The Governor said: "No agreement has been reached and I do not know that one will be reached and if there is it can only come with the approval of the General Assembly as I do not make the laws."

Governor Glenn expressed indignation at a recent utterance of the Wilmington Messenger in an editorial, copied with approval in the editorial columns of the Raleigh Evening Times. He said: "My attention has been called to an editorial in the Wilmington Messenger, copied as an editorial by the Raleigh Evening Times in which it is stated that I am afraid that by my course in this rate litigation I have debarred the State from taking advantage of the Eleventh amendment to the constitution of the United States in pleading the case in the United States Supreme Court as an equity suit, and that therefore I am anxious to compromise the case. I cannot believe that any newspaper would willfully attempt to injure me and I therefore attribute these editorial utterances to a want of knowledge of the facts. The facts are these: "No appearance has ever been entered in the equity suit for the State and no right for the State has been waived. Messrs. Aycock and Justice, as counsel, entered appearance for R. D. Gilmer, Attorney General and Hayden Clement, Assistant Attorney General, they being sued. The record shows that the appearances were so entered and not for the State. When the railroad companies came secure a general agreement putting the lower rate into effect so that I would stop indictments against the company and its agents in the State courts, before the agreement was signed by either party it was particularly specified that and incorporated in the agreement that it was in no way affect a waiver of any jurisdictional questions in the equity suit. I have no fear whatever of any of the rights of the State being waived. One attorney who was not present and knows nothing of the details of the agreement did right making some suggestions, but when the conditions were explained to him he had nothing more to say. Furthermore I have asked the opinion of no one as to whether or not the rights of the State were waived. I tell you," remarked Governor Glenn this morning, "the cause of temperance is marching on. Here is a telegram I have just received from LaGrange where I spoke for the cause of temperance Friday night. It says 'LaGrange has gone dry forever. There are 148 voters in the town and by A. M. there have been 84 votes for dry and 4 wet.'"

A charter is issued for the New London Development Co., Stanley county, capital \$10,000 by F. A. Sliver, C. W. Mason and others.

The Supreme Court took up the hearing of arguments in appeals from the sixteenth district, these to be last for the term except five cases from some of the earlier districts that have been set for the end of the term. So that all arguments for the term will be concluded this week. The end of the docket cases will probably be called Wednesday and finished the same day. They are State vs. Lewis, from Columbus; State vs. Young, from Guilford; State vs. Bitts, Mecklenburg; State vs. Jake Williams, Burke and Tuttle vs. Tuttle from Buncombe.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Christian Science—Lecture.  
D. L. Gore Co.—Wm. Tell Flour.  
F. A. Blasinger—Well Pleasid.  
S. & B. Solomon—Zephyr Shawls.  
Academy of Music—Sis in New York.  
Palace Market—New River Oysters.  
Darley Park Brewery—Never Too Late to Mend.  
Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.—Special Convocation.  
St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.—Business Meeting Notice.

Business Locals  
Wanted—Position as Housekeeper.  
Stenographer—Extra Hours Wanted.  
D. M. Gregg—Florida Oranges and Potatoes.

## ASSAILANT OF BROCKETT

### Injured Man Still at Hospital in Dangerous Condition—Further Evidence Against Negro Oscar Johnson Under Arrest.

There appears now but little, if any, doubt that Oscar Johnson, the negro arrested soon after the affair, was the assailant of James F. Brockett, the young white man who had his throat cut almost from ear to ear when he was held up early Saturday night at foot of Brunswick street.

While Johnson stoutly maintains that he is not the man wanted and remains perfectly cool and collected at the very serious charge preferred against him, the police yesterday morning made a search of the house of Johnson in Brooks' alley where he is living in illegitimate relations with a colored woman and found in the bottom of his trunk the coat which he wore on Saturday while at work for the Springer Coal Company and the hat and a pair of gloves belonging to the young man he is alleged to have assaulted with the knife when he refused presumably to turn over the wages that he had just drawn. Inside the right coat sleeve are fresh blood marks indicating that the coat was worn by the person who made such a desperate lunge at the throat of the young white man. These stains are not merely traces, but appear as if blood had run into his sleeve as he bore the knife into the gaping wound in the young man's throat. The negro's possession of the hat and the gloves that the young man wore the day before is also regarded as significant.

Johnson has a rather bad name and it is stated that he cut the throat of another negro apparently without provocation some time ago. He seems to have a mania for the use of the knife on human throats according to the police who talked to the police about him yesterday. Johnson has been employed for some time as a kind of contractor by the Springer Coal Company. He takes the job of unloading a vessel or car of coal and then employs his own laborers. Young Brockett was employed by the negro Saturday and worked with him all day. A negro who also worked for Johnson Saturday told the police yesterday that Johnson had not paid them off and it is barely possible that young Brockett may have been after the negro for his money when they had some words and the slashing was done. The coat worn by Johnson and the gloves and hat worn by the young white man while at work Saturday were identified at the police station yesterday.

Young Brockett is still at the hospital and will likely be there for some days. He is very weak from the loss of blood and is not yet out of danger, but Dr. Slocum says the chances are for his recovery. The negro is held without bond pending the result of the young man's injuries.

### "SIS IN NEW YORK."

Only Attraction of the Week at Academy of Music.

"Sis in New York" will be the only attraction at the Academy of Music this week and if comes on Thursday night. By special arrangements the best seats will be only 75 cents and these will go on sale tomorrow morning at Plummer's. Of the production in Raleigh Saturday night the News and Observer of Sunday said:

"Sis in New York," a comedy drama given at the Academy of Music last night, attracted a small but thoroughly pleased audience, which gave much applause.

"The play was given with spirit and was a lively one throughout. There is nothing great or startling about it but there is lots of fun and enjoyment and there are bright hits in it that are 'worth while.'"

"Miss Florence Gordon as 'Sis,' Mr. Bert Bence as 'John Henry' and Mr. Edward Cody as 'Seth Haskins' are the chief attractions, and they are clever in their work. The play is one that will certainly cure a case of the blues and cause much laughter and great amusement."

### FUNERAL OF MR. COLLINS.

Conducted Sunday at Burgaw With Masonic Honors—Pall-Bearers.

The funeral of the late Mr. Jesse Tate Collins was conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Presbyterian Church in Burgaw by the Rev. Mr. Plowman, evangelist of Wilmington Presbytery, assisted by the Rev. T. P. Noe, of Wilmington. The funeral was with Masonic honors and a large number of friends were present to pay a last sad mark of respect and esteem for the venerable man. "Rock of Ages" and "Sometime We'll Understand" were among the funeral hymns beautifully rendered by the choir.

Among the large number of handsome flower tributes was a beautiful floral wreath sent by the Pender County Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. Mr. Collins having been a brave Confederate soldier, always true to the stars and bars. The pall-bearers were from the Masonic fraternity as follows: Messrs. J. T. Bland, R. I. Durham, A. B. Crook, Sr., D. M. Murray, J. W. Woodson and J. D. Blake.

When shopping spend your cash with the Polvogt Company. They will give two stamps for one this week.

## CONVENTION ECHOES

### Baptist Messengers Returning Home Speak of Hospitality and Entertainment Here.

### IN LOCAL PULPITS SUNDAY

A "Come Back" by the Committee From the Church—Assume Responsibility for Intimations in Telegrams, Etc.

Ministers and visitors who remained over Sunday from the great Baptist State Convention in this city last week returned to their homes yesterday expressing great pleasure and satisfaction with the great meeting here. So far as could be learned all the visitors were charmed with the reception they received here and many of the State papers of Sunday and yesterday contained interviews with their people who had been to Wilmington, speaking in the highest terms of the entertainment received here.

Many of the pulpits of Protestant churches in Wilmington Sunday were filled by visiting ministers and the congregations were delighted with the sermons and addresses delivered by the Baptist brethren. The programme of these various services was published Sunday and from reports the congregation at each of the meetings was large. Wilmington was glad to have entertained this great body of Christian people and the whole public regrets exceedingly that any imbroglio as to the hospitality of the city should have been precipitated to diminish in the least the attendance or to embarrass the guests who were here.

Several of the visitors here for the convention took occasion during the week to visit the newspaper offices and personally express their thanks for the manner in which the Convention was entertained and one of the most handsome of these expressions was from Rev. J. T. Edmundson, of Raleigh, the well known evangelist, who was here with his daughter during the entire sessions. Rev. Mr. Edmundson writes the Star the following card, which is published with pleasure:

"Through the columns of your paper, I wish to express our thanks (myself and daughter) for the kind entertainment received at the hands of the entertainment committee and others who made it possible for us to attend the convention. We are indebted to them for so much pleasure we hardly know how to express our gratitude. We have never been so handsomely entertained. It took two hotels to do it (The Orton and Purcell) but it was done and it was the most pleasant convention I ever attended."

"J. T. EDMUNDSON."

The "entertainment incident" was quite a live topic over the State during the past week and the Raleigh News and Observer indulged Sunday in this bit of editorial pleasantry:

"The Baptists returning from Wilmington report the most elegant entertainment. Of course, Wilmington contracted that habit long before the Hale storm and keeps it up."

The local columns of the same paper carried interviews with returning messengers and delegates in which they had nothing but the kindest words for Wilmington as host of the convention, while the same was true of other papers in the State.

It is a source of gratification to know that even more homes were secured for visitors for the convention than were needed and that too when the committee appointed by the Mayor had spent only two hours in calling upon the people with the church committee. At the end of the two hours' effort, the church committee reported that enough homes had been secured and no further effort was made. A number of people were disappointed that the delegates they had arranged to care for did not come at all. This is said to be true of several Baptist families who had expected to entertain but had no visitors assigned to them.

The Committee Comes Back.  
In this connection the following was handed the Star last night and is published without comment as the closing presentation of the subject which had best never have arisen:  
"To the Readers of The Morning Star: In closing up the controversy here connected with the entertainment of the State Baptist Convention in this city, and in correcting some erroneous impressions concerning the part our pastor Dr. Hale, took in the matter, we desire to say:

Dr. Hale is responsible for sending out through his name because all the correspondence of the Convention had been directed to him. After this, we re-canvassed the city, going into practically every home in the central residence portion of the city. Still there was a deficit in the number of homes needed. We then accepted the offer of the Mayor for assistance, and his committee secured homes, and raised money sufficient to entertain the remainder of our guests. There were only 297 delegates entertained during the Convention. Above 650 persons had sent in their applications for entertainment.

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## CRAP SHOOTERS IN COURT

### Newspaper Man Turns Policeman and Has Exciting Experience at Railroad Station—Five Others Captured Sunday.

### CHANGES AT WILMINGTON

### Assignment of Methodist Ministers By Bishop Galloway at Newbern Sunday Night.

City Editor Louis T. Moore, of the Evening Dispatch, was the hero of an interesting raid upon a crap game down at the Atlantic Coast Line passenger station yesterday morning.

Soon after the last train had departed from the station and the newspaper man was about to board his smoke wagon for a return to his office, it became whispered about under the shed that two negroes in the colored waiting room at the station were indulging in the ancient, if not honorable, sport.

Officer J. M. Lord was on duty at the station and the newspaper man, his appetite whetted for a good story, volunteered to go with the officer for the round up. The approached the waiting room door stealthily, crept in without a sound and according to a pre-arranged plan, each was to get between his man and the door. Officer Lord was to flush the pair, all avenues of escape would be cut off and the two marauder would be landed in the coop. Officer Lord flushed the pair all right, all right, but City Editor Moore was overwhelmed when a six-foot negro, long, lean, wiry and of heavy averdupois sailed out his way and did not stand on the order of his going in spite of the barrier that he made of himself in the way. But all eye-witnesses agree that Mr. Moore did not abandon the "coup" and sailed at the heavyweight with all his brawn and muscle cultivated during more than one season at baseball and football. The negro was not feazed, however, and did not slacken speed as he came bursting out the waiting room with the athlete on his back. It was a ludicrous scene for the score or more people who had gathered up to watch the raid but it became serious a moment later when the negro giant bowed up in the back after the manner of one of the late Col. Cady's bronchos and the newspaper man was sent sprawling on terra firma. Col. "Doc" Foster, who was the particular of the incident, says that Mr. Moore lost a tooth and received several painful bruises, but being accustomed to automobiling he was able to resume his work without inconvenience.

Officer Lord, the second party to the raid succeeded in stopping his man, who proved to be James Teachey and he was arraigned before the Mayor yesterday at noon on a charge of gambling. He was bound to the higher court under bond of \$25 which he could not give and was sent to jail for the January term of Superior Court.

Five other gamblers were also arraigned in court yesterday at noon. A certain Alderman is alleged to have participated in this raid, but being a member of the Police Committee, members of the force strenuously object to giving his name. The negroes were caught Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock in the rear of the enclosure of Mr. James Sprunt's place extending to the river at foot of Nun street. The raid was made by Officer M. P. New-ton, Officer J. T. Smith and the aforementioned alderman and the arrests were of Arthur Williams, Fred Hennegan, Willie Self, Cornelius McNeill, Almon Redd and Wm. H. Willis. The latter was discharged after it was shown that he could not be connected with the case and each of the others was sent over to jail in default of \$25 bond.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE.

Hon. Clarence A. Buskirk, C. S. D., at the Academy of Music Tonight.

The public is cordially invited to attend a lecture on Christian Science to be given this evening in the Academy of Music beginning at 8:30 o'clock by the Hon. Clarence A. Buskirk, C. S. D., a member of the Board of Lecturers of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass. The lecture is entirely free and all are most cordially invited to come.

Mr. Buskirk has only recently returned from a lecture tour abroad and was heard by large audiences in the leading capitals of Europe. He was formerly attorney general of the State of Indiana but is a resident of St. Louis, Mo., at the present time. He is a gentleman of rare culture and fine attainments as a scholar. He has devoted the best years of his life to the study of Christian Science and his gifts as a speaker, combined with his learning, will make his address on this occasion particularly interesting and impressive. He is expected in the city this morning and will be entertained at The Orton.

### Request to Library Patrons.

An order was issued yesterday by the Wilmington Public Library that all books in circulation must be returned to the library not later than Saturday afternoon, December the 21st, as the library will be closed for inventory from that date until the Monday after Christmas. This is very important and library patrons are asked to take note of the request.

A very fine selection of high-grade jewelry for the holiday trade to be sold at a reasonable price at Munder drug store, Masonic Temple. You will do well to see it.

## THE APPOINTMENTS

### Assignment of Methodist Ministers By Bishop Galloway at Newbern Sunday Night.

### CHANGES AT WILMINGTON

### Rev. T. A. Smoot Comes to Grace—Other Transfers of Interest Here—Pronouncement as to Temperance.

(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Newbern, N. C., Dec. 9.—The most interesting feature of the North Carolina Conference sessions with Centenary Church, this city, came with the adjournment last night at 9 o'clock when Bishop C. B. Galloway, presiding, read the appointments for the ensuing conference year. There are many changes and, of course, all are of interest not only to the pastors themselves, but the great body of Methodism in the East, whom they will serve.

For Wilmington, there are but two transfers. Rev. N. M. Watson, the able pastor of Grace Church, goes to Haw River, near the scenes of his boyhood and where he has some property interests, and Rev. A. J. Parker, the popular and well known pastor of Bladen Street Church, goes to Dunn, N. C. Resigned to the inflexible rule of the Methodist church that no pastor can serve one people longer than four years, the people of Wilmington will be rejoiced to know that Mr. Watson's successor will be the Rev. T. A. Smoot, who comes from a three year's service with Main Street Church, Durham, possibly the strongest Methodist congregation in the State and known as the "Duke's Memorial." He married a daughter of Mrs. M. E. McGirt, of Wilmington, and is one of the strongest young men in the conference. To succeed Rev. Mr. Parker at Bladen Street, Rev. W. E. Houtt of the Pantego and Belhaven station, in the Elizabeth City District, goes to Wilmington. He is said to be an excellent pastor and a splendid man. Rev. Mr. Parker goes to a thriving town in the Fayetteville District and with one of the largest churches in that section. His friends are delighted that he has fared exceedingly well at the hands of Conference, but will regret much to give him up as a resident of Wilmington.

It is a pleasure to know that Presiding Elder W. L. Cuningem is returned to the Wilmington District and that Rev. K. D. Holmes and Rev. W. L. Rexford will remain at least another year with their respective charges in Wilmington. Rev. Dr. R. F. Bumpas succeeds Rev. M. Bradshaw as presiding elder of the Newbern District and Rev. Mr. Bradshaw, formerly of Wilmington, succeeds Rev. Mr. Smoot at Durham. Rev. F. M. Shamburger, formerly of Wilmington, but who has spent the past four years at Oxford, goes to Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, to succeed Mr. Bumpas.

Rev. C. E. Vale, of Wilmington, who was admitted to full connection with the conference at this session, is assigned to the work at Chadbourne and Bolton. There is also interest in the announcement that Rev. S. E. Mercer, financial agent of the Methodist College at Maxton, has been transferred back to the active ministry and assigned to the Clinton Church. It is understood that one of the officers of the college will have charge of the financial work of the school after they are elected.

### The appointments were read in full as follows:

RALEIGH DISTRICT.  
Presiding Elder—R. B. John.  
Edenton Street—F. M. Shamburger.  
Central—L. B. Jones.  
Brooklyn and Apex—G. W. Starling.  
Epworth (Raleigh)—P. D. Woodall.  
Cary—J. D. Pegram.  
Clayton—G. B. Starling.  
Smithfield—J. H. Shore.  
Kenly—A. L. Ormond.  
Wakefield and Zebulon—A. D. Wilcox.  
Selma—W. H. Puckett.  
Millbrook—G. T. Simmons.  
Youngville—D. B. Parker.  
Franklinton—N. E. Coltrane.  
Louisburg—F. A. Bishop.  
Tar River—G. G. Stanney.  
Granville—C. W. Robinson.  
Oxford—L. S. Massey.  
Oxford Circuit—A. S. Barnes.  
Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate—T. N. Ivey.  
Superintendent Methodist Orphanage—J. N. Cole.

### DURHAM DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder—J. B. Hurley.  
Trinity—G. T. Adams.  
Main Street, Durham—Rev. M. Bradshaw.  
Carr Church—J. A. Dally.  
Branson—C. R. Kamps.  
Mangum Street—H. E. Stanfield.  
West Durham—J. H. McCracken.  
Durham Circuit—G. W. Fisher.  
Chapel Hill—W. R. Royall.  
Hillsboro—M. M. McFarland.  
Mount Tirzah—J. B. Thompson.  
Leasboro—N. C. Yearby.  
Roxboro—J. A. Hornaday.  
Milton—M. D. Ghes.  
Yanceville—G. R. Rood.  
Pelham and Shady Grove—S. F. Nicks.

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