

OUTLINES.

New York politics was the object of a conference at Hot Springs, Va., yesterday between President-elect Taft, Vice President-elect Sherman, and New York Congressman Ward. It was not directly stated, but is the general opinion that Secretary Root will be successor to United States Senator Platt. The Catholic Missionary Congress, which convened Sunday in Chicago with a large attendance, closed last night with a mass meeting, featured with an address by W. Burke Cochran, of New York. Richard Croker, former Tammany leader, will spend the Winter in the United States on a visit. The first move in the release of the military prisoners in Tennessee was taken by a judge yesterday. In the Florida peonage case the jury rendered a verdict yesterday not guilty under instructions. The Secretary of the Treasury calls for bids for \$30,000,000 Panama bonds—a new fertilizer company with a capital of \$75,000,000 is being organized—Some South Carolina soldiers are being tried by court martial for refusing to turn out when ordered on duty to prevent a lynching—The Emperor of Japan yesterday inspected the entire Navy of the Empire—Reuben Crown and his brother, Joseph Crown, both lawyers, one of New York and the other of Pittsburg, are in a hospital in the former city as a result of a fight between the two—President Milligan of the Prison Association of America, yesterday lost a well filled purse while attending the convention in Richmond, Va.—The Programme of the South will be the subject of Judge Taft at the North Carolina Society banquet in New York Dec. 7th—The Inland Waterways Convention adjourned yesterday to meet in Norfolk next year—Mr. Rockefeller proved a decidedly interesting witness in the hearing of the suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Co., which began in New York yesterday—New York markets: Money on call easy at 1 1/2 to 2 per cent, ruling rate 1 3/4, closing bid 1 1/2, offered at 1 3/4. Flour firm. Wheat easy, No. 2 red 1.11 1/2 to 1.12. Corn steady, No. 2 old 76. Oats steady, No. 2 mixed 53 1/2 to 54. Rosh and turpentine steady. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.55, middling gulf 9.80.

Hearst has one claim that no one can dispute. He was the original Higgen and Graves man.

Those labor leaders got a good dinner at the White House and that is about all their side will get out of it.

Charlotte, as we knew she would, is royally entertaining the members of the municipal convention of the Carolinas.

Of course, Senator Platt says he would be glad to have Roosevelt to succeed him. Did anybody expect him to say otherwise?

Public sentiment in Germany against the Emperor's conduct must have been strong indeed to cause him to knuckle down to it so readily.

"Bath Tub Teddy" is a nickname that will be likely to stick to Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., as long as he lives unless he soon drops entirely out of public view.

The price of steel rails in this country has been reduced four dollars a ton. But the tariff allows it still to be kept above that of the same article in the markets of Europe.

And Congressman-elect Morehead, of the Fifth district says he was betrayed by his friends. It is not often a man takes that view of his election to office, no matter how unexpected it was.

In publishing his itemized campaign accounts oughtn't Chairman Mack to state how much the subscription list and advertising patronage of the Campaign increased during the same time?

That 14-year-old boy who killed a 300-pound bear with a single-barrel shotgun near Rocky Point deserves special consideration at the hands of Roosevelt. He should offer to take the boy with him on his African hunt.

We wonder "how much per" the Higgen and Graves votes in the Southern States cost Hearst in the way of legitimate expenses of that so-called campaign for the Independence party candidates?

Well, the next President will spend money here, and that is most assuredly having him do so. We do not want to imply that the invitation was perfectly sincere.

If Roosevelt's ambition to break the solid Democratic South and he can be seen to do it he may knock four out of the Presidential program laid down by Son-in-Law Logan in his Rock Island speech and a candidate four instead of eight years hence.

TO ORGANIZE BUREAU

The Credit Clearing House Now Practically Certain For Business Community.

MEETING HELD YESTERDAY

Number of Leading Firms Form Organization For Very Promising Organization—Committee to Wait Upon Others.

The nucleus for a very strong and active credit clearing house with traffic bureau attached, to be maintained in connection with the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce organization, was formed at a well attended and enthusiastic meeting of wholesale merchants, jobbers and business men generally yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

The action taken was upon report of the committee which had spent much time and thought upon a plan as proposed by Mr. H. E. Baxter, an expert credit man of Natchez, Miss., who has been in the city several days in this interest. The meeting was presided over by Mr. L. B. Rogers, of the D. L. Gore Company, and the report of the committee to which the matter had been referred was submitted by Mr. J. A. Taylor, who strongly recommended the organization in connection with the Chamber of Commerce for reasons of economy. Although it would not be incumbent on a member of the Chamber to be a member of the Credit Bureau, he should be restricted to members of the Chamber. He went into the question in a very exhaustive way, explaining not only the advantages of the credit bureau, but the freight rate feature and the collection feature. He stated that a competent man would be in charge of the bureau and explained how thorough the credit information could be made provided the clearing house was properly supported by the business men, who would in every way be protected by secrecy as to their private affairs. He had figured that the cost of the clearing house would be about \$75 per year for each member.

There was much favorable discussion of the committee's report and recommendation and finally upon motion of Mr. Louis E. Hall and second by Mr. Lacy Hunt, those present were given an opportunity of subscribing their names and a committee was appointed to wait upon other merchants who should be interested.

Among the names enrolled at the meeting were the D. L. Gore Company, Hall & Pearsall, Morris Bear & Bro., J. C. Stevenson Company, J. A. Taylor, Ahrens Brothers, McNair & Peasall, J. W. Murchison & Co., Geo. R. French & Sons, The Rheinstein Dry Goods Company, and the Standard Supply Company.

The committee appointed to call on other merchants and endeavor to interest them in the bureau, is composed of Messrs. L. B. Rogers, chairman; J. A. Taylor, Sam Bear and Edward Ahrens.

Mr. Baxter, of Natchez, will remain in the city several days longer assisting the committee with its work.

REV. J. A. SMITH AT UTICA

Press of That City Loud in Praise of Confederate Soldier.

Copies of Utica, N. Y., papers received in this city yesterday are loud in their praise of the address of Rev. J. A. Smith, of this city, to the Union veterans of Oneida county, under the auspices of the four Grand Army Posts of that section during the past week. The papers speak of his address as a masterpiece, the Herald-Dispatch saying: "When he had got past his introduction, he swung into a reminiscence vein and in that mood gave one of the most interesting talks that have been given on the Civil War. With Mr. Smith, talking to interest an audience is evidently a fine art, for the truest art is that which is natural, and the speaker was as natural as a boy narrating his first football experience—only the essential being told, the non-important details omitted. Needless to say his audience listened to every word, applauding frequently and laughing heartily at the humorous episodes that fecked the tragic downfall of Fort Fisher as foam flecks Niagara's mighty fall down its precipice."

In a personal letter writing of his visit, Mr. Smith says: "It has been the grandest epoch in my life and in the near future is going to be worth much to the City of Wilmington. I spoke last night on the sufferings of the South and told them all about the dark period of reconstruction and how the carpet-baggers and scoundrels treated us. I think our Park is an assured thing. The veterans here have written Mr. Godwin assuring him of their co-operation in the matter of the Park. I go to Clinton, N. Y., Wednesday night to deliver my address there and from there go to Washington and thence home. I certainly have good news to bring home to my fellow citizens."

There's a Reason

Why so many people keep their money in the People's Savings Bank. It is the "People's" bank. A bank where all are treated alike.

RETAILED STOLEN GOODS

and Wife Stole Quantity of Goods From Railroad—Officers Recover Articles From the Home and Store.

A rather remarkable case of freight robbery, which has doubtless been carried on several months without detection by the Coast Line authorities, is gradually being unravelled by the officers, in connection with the discovery of the trunk which contained stolen goods at Dillon, S. C., last week, and later in the arrest of Robert Henry White, colored, and Ella White, his wife and a search of their store and home on Green street yesterday afternoon where a considerable amount of other stolen goods were recovered.

Constable W. B. Savage in company with Special Agent J. S. Stallings, of the A. C. L., found cheese boxes bearing the names of persons to whom they had been shipped in White's store, besides a number of other articles and in his home recovered several coats and pants which had been carefully concealed between the mattress and springs of a bed.

From all accounts White has been conducting a rather successful merchandise business and from indications it is assumed that a large quantity of the goods which he retailed, were stolen by him and his wife from railroad yards where they had been placed for shipment and from receiving warehouses. The trunk which was found at Dillon, S. C., was brought here Tuesday night by Detective Stallings and was found to contain 18 quarts of whiskey, a cheese weighing 24 pounds, two hams and a case of sauff, the latter being identified by the wholesale firm of J. A. Taylor, in this city. It is the opinion of the officers that a majority of the goods stolen from time to time were shipments made by Wilmington wholesalers to country merchants.

The defendants, Robert White and his wife, in jail here awaiting a preliminary trial of the case, are held under warrants charging larceny and receiving stolen property. They will be tried in Justice Furlong's court today. Messrs. Herbert McClammy and Brooke G. Empe represent the defendants and Messrs. John D. Bellamy & Son will prosecute the case.

NEWS OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Basket Ball This Evening—Girls' Class—Thanksgiving Programme.

The Junior basket ball team of the Y. M. C. A. and a team from the Boys' Brigade armory will play an interesting match this evening in the Y. M. C. A., to which all friends are invited. The armory team will line up with Cliff Dixon, captain and guard; Harry Register, guard; H. Gerdes, centre; Simon Branch and Ralph Sholar, forwards. The Juniors will line up: Jas. Farrior, captain and forward; Paul Fowler, forward; Earl Huband, centre; Geo. Bornemann and Elbert Keels, guards.

The Association is working on a big Thanksgiving Day programme. Between 8 and 10 o'clock members will go for a Cross Country run over a course of three miles, starting on the Castle Haynes road and finishing at the Association. In the afternoon there will be a basket ball game and in the evening gymnasium exercises in which all classes will participate. An admission of ten cents will be charged for the latter.

The girls' class in physical culture will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock with Dr. Burkhardt in charge. The course embraces 20 lessons, one afternoon a week and the charge will be only \$2. Girls only between the ages of 10 and 14 will be received for this class.

THE RED CROSS SOCIETY

Local Branch is Meeting With Much Encouragement—Meeting Yesterday

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Executive Committee of the local branch of the Red Cross Society was held yesterday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. W. L. Parsley. The attendance was large and a number of new members were received. The ladies feel much encouraged at the progress of the work thus far and are receiving the hearty co-operation of all in their efforts. The local branch extends a cordial invitation to all ladies and gentlemen to join in the work and those who desire to enter their membership may do so by notifying the president, Mrs. Parsley, through the secretary, Mrs. Cutbert Martin.

The first sale of the Red Cross stamps for private use was to young Mr. Harmon Chadborn Rorison and additional merchants and business firms who placed orders yesterday were the People's Supply Co., and The Review Job Printing Company. Those who desire to purchase the stamps for use during the month of December may apply at any time to the secretary.

U. C.'s This Afternoon.

An important meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the W. L. I. Armory. A feature of interest at the meeting will be some impressions of the recent General Convention at Atlanta, given by Mrs. Kenan, of Kenansville, N. C., who is in the city returning from that great meeting and is the guest of her son, Graham Kenan, Esq., at the Colonial Inn.

THE FOURTH ARREST

Fred Miller, Young White Man, Charged With Complicity in Raleigh Tragedy.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

Twenty-six Decisions Rendered—Prisoners to Wadesboro—Funeral of Capt. Duckett—Charters Granted—Freight Rates.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 18.—A fourth arrest was made today in connection with the murder of Dr. Elbert D. Smith, the traveling salesman from Richmond, Va., whose body was found Sunday in the rock quarry pool on the outskirts of the city.

This latest arrest was that of Fred Miller, a young white man, and was made by the county coroner, acting independently of the city police. No time has been set for the examination of Crenshaw, the negro hack driver, Hopkins, the restaurant clerk, and Grace James, the woman who was arrested yesterday. Coroner Separk says he has strong evidence against Miller. The coroner followed up the arrest of Miller by issuing a warrant for the negro hack driver, Tom Crenshaw, now under arrest by the police. He charges Miller with the murder of Dr. Smith, by the use of "knock-out drops" and that Crenshaw with Miller took the body to the quarry.

Miller is well connected here and is committed to jail without bond. His is the fourth arrest in connection with the case which is giving the authorities much concern.

A conference was held today by members of the Corporation Commission and traffic manager of the Southern Railroad with reference to the proposed readjustment of freight rates on the Southern system in this State that will involve very considerable general reduction in rates. Prospect for a change and reduction is said to be very bright.

The Supreme Court delivered this evening opinions in twenty-six appeals as follows: Wade vs. Contracting Co., Carteret, no error; Smith vs. Moore, New Hanover, no error; Rosenthal vs. Goldsboro, Wayne, reversed; Myatt vs. Myatt, Wake, affirmed; Ruskling vs. Seaboard Air Line, Anson, partial new trial in plaintiff's appeal, in defendant's appeal no error; Conroy vs. Secret, Union, no error; Henderson Snyder Co. vs. Polk, Union, no error; State vs. Stratford, Union, no error; State vs. Shine, Union, no error; Davis vs. Stevenson, Union, no error; Kiker vs. Snow, Durham, new trial; Hall vs. Railroad, Person, affirmed; Haywood vs. Trust Co., Alamance, affirmed; Bailey vs. Railroad, Guilford, reversed; Inman vs. Railroad, Guilford, no error; Cox vs. Railroad, Randolph, new trial; Beck vs. Railway, Rowan, reversed; Cromer vs. Self, Forsyth, affirmed; Springs vs. Spaulhour, Forsyth, affirmed; Mechem vs. Railway, McDowell, affirmed; Venable vs. School Committee, Surry, affirmed; Beason vs. Smith, Randolph, new trial; Fickler vs. Board of Education, Davie, affirmed; Thompson vs. Railroad, Randolph, reversed; Brown vs. Norfolk and Western Railway, Forsyth, per curiam, affirmed; Brown vs. Southern Railway, Davidson, per curiam, affirmed.

After spending two years in the insane ward of the State penitentiary here John Gregory was carried to Wadesboro today to stand trial for the murder of his wife there four years ago. This will be his second trial, it having been so clearly evident that he was insane during the first trial that he was sent here for confinement without sentence. The authorities say he is sane again now, and the question of his sanity at the time of the murder, which was most cold blooded, is to be passed upon in the court.

The Macon County Land Co., of Franklin, is chartered with \$100,000 capital authorized and \$35,000 subscribed for operating extensive lumber and wood pulp plants. Lee Crawford, of Franklin, and a number of New York capitalists are the promoters.

The Puett-Southerland Co., Charlotte, is chartered with \$10,000 capital to manufacture and sell spectacles and optical supplies generally. Adam Fisher, Odell Southerland and E. D. Buett are the incorporators.

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the funeral of Captain John Duckett, late superintendent of the State normal schools for negroes and Indians, was conducted from the residence on Polk street. There were numerous and very beautiful floral tributes. The remains were taken on the Southern Railway at 4:05 o'clock to the family graveyard at Apex for interment.

An early morning train carried today from Raleigh to Washington, D. C., the remains of Mrs. Joseph B. Batchelor, widow of the late Captain Batchelor, of the United States Army, for interment by the side of her husband in Arlington cemetery. She died suddenly yesterday morning. She was spending the Winter here, having two daughters with her. She leaves a son also, who is a member of the staff of the Detroit Free Press. Captain Batchelor was a son of Major J. E.

LOAN FUND ASSOCIATION

Alumnae of State Normal Join in Worthy Memorial to Late Dr. Chas. D. McIver—\$1,000 Pledged From County.

A large and enthusiastic gathering of citizens and alumnae of the State Normal College met at the High School in this city yesterday afternoon for the purpose of organizing an Association to establish in New Hanover county a McIver Loan Fund, in connection with a similar movement that is now going on all over the State.

Miss Etta Spier, of Goldsboro, the field secretary, was in attendance and explained to those present the plan and purpose of the great work undertaken in North Carolina; that the amount raised in New Hanover county for the loan fund will be used to aid worthy and ambitious young women of this county to receive an education at the Normal, therefore the work commended itself to all and one in which the entire community should join.

After the explanation of the plan and purposes of the movement, a general discussion ensued and it was decided unanimously to form a New Hanover Alumnae Association. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

President—Mrs. James O. Carr.
Vice President—Miss Lydia Yates.
Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Annie Hill Holmes.

Executive Committee—The officers named above and Mrs. M. L. Stover, and Mrs. E. R. Clark.
Miss Spier told of what is being accomplished in other sections of the State for this great work and much enthusiasm was shown by those present. The Association agreed to undertake to raise \$1,000 in the next two years as its part of the McIver Loan Fund. Encouraging and helpful remarks were made by Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of the Wilmington public schools, Mrs. Weill and others. A number of personal pledges were made at the meeting and the outlook is most favorable for an early realization of the Association's plans and purposes in connection with the work here.

It is earnestly hoped that the movement will meet with the encouragement and hearty co-operation of the citizens of New Hanover, as it is too great an altruistic work to be undertaken by the alumnae alone.

OWLS' CARNIVAL NEXT WEEK

Smith's Attractions Coming to Wilmington With Good Record.

Final preparations for the engagement of the John R. Smith Carnival Company, which will exhibit here next week under the auspices of the Order of Owls are about completed and the week which is characterized as the big Fall Festival of the Owls, will doubtless be carried out very successfully. The following attractions which will be features of the week were announced yesterday: The Electric Theatre; The Old Plantation; Mechanical City; The Society Theatre; Russia; The Snake Girl; Museum of Living Wonders; Thuma, An Illusion; The Dobson Lady Minstrels; and Heberling's Wild Animals Show. In addition to these mentioned there will be a Ferris Wheel, Merry-go-round and Venetian Swings. The shows will reach here on a special train from Dillon, S. C.

The Suffolk Herald of October 19th says of the Smith Carnival Company, which is to be here next week: "After two weeks' engagement at Panut Park the John R. Smith Carnival shows left here yesterday for Franklin."

"The carnival was exhibited here under the auspices of the United Workers' Circle of Kings Daughters, who realized a neat sum of revenue from the shows."

"The attractions furnished by Mr. Smith were clean and far above the average carnival shows."
"Mr. Smith has won a reputation of conducting clean features void of unfair schemes."

MARRIAGE EVENT

Wedding of Popular Couple at Southport is Announced.

A nuptial event announced to take place last evening at Southport, the contracting parties being Miss Ida Potter Manson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Manson, and Mr. Geo. Yandell Watson, a well known and popular young couple of that town, will be of interest to their many Wilmington friends. The marriage according to arrangements was solemnized in Trinity Methodist church at 8:30 o'clock, Rev. G. D. Langston, being the officiating minister.

Among the attendants from Wilmington was Miss Carrie Drew, who was a member of the bridal party.

Batchelor, at one time Attorney General of North Carolina.

Rev. P. G. Elsom, whose pastoral relations with Fayetteville Street Baptist church, were severed by a factional fight in which he was opposed by the board of deacons and other influential members, has just organized a fourth Baptist church here to be known as Evangelic church. It has 100 members. A lot has been secured. The county court house is to be used for services until the church building can be erected.

GREAT CONVENTION

Carolina Municipal Association Effected Permanent Organization in Charlotte

MAYOR FRANKLIN PRESIDENT

Hon. Wm. E. Springer One of Vice Presidents and Capt. T. D. Meares Secretary and Treasurer. Interesting Exhibit.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 18.—Mayor T. S. Franklin, of Charlotte, was today elected president of the permanent organization effected by the mayors of North Carolina.

The other officers are: Vice Presidents A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury; William E. Springer, of Wilmington; Jas. I. Johnston, of Raleigh; W. D. Lacroque, of Kinston, Mayor Bullard, of Fayetteville, and George A. Rose, of Henderson; Secretary and Treasurer, Thomas D. Meares, of Wilmington.

Insurance Commissioner Young urged the importance of building inspection. He said Salem, N. C., had the best record in the United States for few fires. In the first century of her existence her fire losses had been only \$3,000.

The mayors saw a fine exhibition of skill by the Charlotte fire department. Six children were rescued by firemen from a temporary house set on fire in front of the postoffice.

Mayor Joel H. Cutchin, of Roanoke, Va., made an address this evening on "Centralization of Responsibility—as the Best Form of Municipal Government."

A feature of the morning session was an address by Mayor William H. Springer, of Wilmington, on Sanitary Conditions, the various features of sanitation being given a practical discussion that much impressed the delegates in attendance.

Mayor Johnson, of Raleigh, followed Mayor Springer on "The Best Charter For a Growing Southern City," arguing for more authority for mayors since they are held responsible to such a large extent for the city government. He held that Aldermen should receive some remuneration and thought if possible the tendency should be to get away from politics in city government. Recorders' courts should be given more authority than justices of the peace, thus saving much time and expense in less important cases before the higher courts.

He argued for a police commission to control affairs of that department, which should be out of politics. He spoke a good word for boards of audit and finance, which Raleigh and Wilmington of the cities in the State, have. Aldermen are largely carried away sometimes with their enthusiasm in making appropriations and there should be some check on this tendency toward extravagance. To the press Mayor Johnson said is due largely the progress of the South. The papers have been a great factor in the prosperity of the cities all over the South.

The committee which presented a plan of organization had for its chairman Mayor Boyden, of Salisbury, and the objects are outlined as follows: To induce the co-operation of Carolina cities and towns in the practical study of questions pertaining to municipal administration; to procure and disseminate information relating to the conduct of municipal affairs; to promote the exchange of suggestions between members; to encourage and petition for legislation which will tend to an economical administration of municipal government in all the municipalities of the State.

Dues in the association are \$5 in cities of 3,000; \$10 from 3,000 to 5,000 population; \$25 from 5,000 to 10,000; \$60 from 10,000 to 20,000 population, and \$100 for all cities over 20,000.

Mayor Johnson, of Raleigh, discussed the question of market houses; Mayor Eaton and others on the question of court fines.

Capt. Meares introduced Mayor Eaton, of Winston, who spoke on the subject of "Municipal Aid and Encouragement of Civic Improvement and Material Development."

"The Best Form of Government for Small Towns" was discussed by Mayor F. L. Bundy, of Laurinburg, and Mayor H. W. Fraser, of Georgetown. S. C. Mr. D. P. Hutchinson, of Charlotte, addressed the convention on Good Roads and Mayor Paul Jones, of Tarboro, was exceptionally happy in his address on "Town and City Pride."

Civil Suit of Some Interest.

Overruling a motion for removal, on the grounds that the parties involved were non-residents of this county, from which ruling the attorney for the defendant took an appeal to the Superior court, a suit of the New Berlin Lumber Company against Mr. S. P. Taylor, which was instituted some time ago in Justice Bornemann's court, was yesterday continued until Saturday, 3 P. M. The action was brought to recover an alleged debt of \$200, with interest from December 27th. The plaintiffs are represented by Messrs. Herring & Kenan, and the defendant by C. D. Weeks, Esq.

The People's Savings Bank is in business to serve the "People." Therefore the "People" should deposit with the "People's." All are treated alike at this bank.