

### OUTLINES.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson, the famous Cleveland mayor, announced yesterday that he had lost everything and would be compelled to give up his beautiful home for smaller and less expensive quarters; his fortune was wrecked he said by his devotion to the affairs of his brother's estate—Secretary of the Navy Newberry approves the sentence of one year's imprisonment for desertion of the man Magness who left his post at the time of his marriage to Miss Gorman—Charges of cruelty to prisoners in the Pennsylvania reformatory produced a sensation at the prison association meeting in Richmond yesterday—The steamer Brookline picked up the crew of the wrecked schooner John M. Brown after they had been afloat in their launch for five days—Balloonsists who sailed from St. Louis Wednesday landed in Georgia yesterday; they were trying to make New York—The steamer Chattahoochee, cotton laden from Savannah to Boston, put in at Norfolk yesterday with fire raging in her hold—Secretary Donlan of the Steam Shovelers and Dredgers' Union, had a conference yesterday with President Roosevelt—The National Society for Industrial Education is in session at Atlanta—The rice schedule of the tariff law was discussed before the House Committee yesterday; President Breaux, of the American Rice Association, opposed any resolution—Rockefeller was again on the witness stand yesterday; he told the history of the Standard Oil Co., down to 1882; John D. Archbold will take it up from that date to today—A Yale football player seriously injured his knee in a practice game yesterday—President Taft had a further conference at Hot Springs yesterday with prominent leaders; the action of Congress at its present session was discussed at some length—New York markets: Money on call easy 1 1/2 to 2, ruling rate 1 3/4, closing bid 1 1/2, offered at 1 3/4. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.55, middling gulf 9.80. Flour steady. Wheat barely steady, No. 2 red 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 elevator. Corn steady, No. 2 new 72 1/2 elevator and 76 for old. Oats quiet, mixed 53 1/2 to 54. Rosin steady. Turpentine steady at 42 1/2.

Of course the Republicans want the Democrats to think that Bryan can win in 1912.

Dr. Stiles should make a tour of the mill and mining sections of the Northern States. Maybe he will find conditions there also to be criticized.

A Missouri girl blacksmith who can swing a hundred-pound hammer has just been married. She will hardly deign to use the rolling-pin on her husband.

In his early announcement as candidate for nomination to Congress Mr. Royster should advocate the putting back of Surry county into the Eighth district.

That Kansas City shop-girl who shot a negro because of his insolent conduct toward her when he found her in the store alone, deserves a Carnegie hero medal.

The securing of a right kind of jury in the Carmack-Cooper case is of much more importance than resolutions and sermons condemning the crime.

Wonder if Taft's steady playing of golf is for the purpose of preparing himself to handle the "big stick" that Roosevelt will leave in the White House?

No doubt it went hard with Emperor William to have to repudiate the principle of the divine right of kings; but he found the will of the people too strong for him.

Let's settle the question as to what we will do with our ex-Presidents before taking up the one as to our ex-presidential candidates. The first is enough to tackle at one time.

Taft's taking up his winter quarters in Augusta will mean a second "marching through Georgia" of an army from the North; but this time it will be only politicians and office seekers.

Taft says he will call an extra session of Congress early in the spring to revise the tariff. With a wink Cannon says Taft can lead a horse to water, but he cannot make it drink.

Of course Roosevelt had rather wait two years and take Depew's place. To become Senator next March might interfere with his proposed hunt in the wilds of Africa.

How long after the inauguration of the new President of Cuba do you guess it will be before Uncle Sam will have to make another pull on that string he has got tied to the island?

We are surprised to hear that John Sharp Williams advocates the re-election of Speaker Cannon, but the fact that he will not be a member of the next House of Representatives may have something to do with it.

## MILLIONS FOR WORK

Cape Fear River and Carolina Fare Very Well Appropriations.

### GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENT

Annual Report and Recommendations of Chief of Engineers—Rivers and Harbors of the State—Coast Defenses.

It is gratifying to know that the Cape Fear river and harbor, in common with other North Carolina projects, fare very well indeed in the estimates and recommendations for appropriations in the first annual report of Gen. W. L. Marshall, Chief of Engineers, United States Army, just made public.

For the Cape Fear river below Wilmington \$100,000 is recommended for the river and harbor while there is an additional appropriation of \$400,000 for the work at and below Wilmington. Waccamaw and Little Pee Dee rivers receive \$25,000; Neuse and Trent rivers, \$35,000; New River, \$12,000; Pamlico and Tar rivers \$10,000; waterway from Pamlico to sound to Beaufort inlet \$15,000; Pamlico and Tar rivers \$10,000; Roanoke river \$5,000 and Satterdown river \$5,000.

In the appropriations for South Carolina Charleston receives \$250,000; Winyah Bay \$15,000; the Great Pee Dee \$10,000; Santee, Wateree and Congaree rivers \$60,000. Norfolk receives only \$100,000 with an additional \$5,000 for the harbor.

The estimates are for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1910, and the aggregate amounts are: Under continuing contracts, \$20,479,057; rivers and harbors, general, including examinations, surveys and contingencies, \$21,464,141. In addition to the above the Mississippi river commission submits an estimate amounting to three million dollars which is reduced to \$2,000,000 by the chief engineer.

In his report Gen. Marshall makes a strong appeal for an increase in the corps of engineers, the present corps consisting of 189 officers. He recommends an increase of 152 officers, 60 to be employed on military and civil works of construction, 57 to be employed in additional battalions and 15 for regimental organization.

The estimates for coast defense fortifications aggregate \$7,732,233, including \$507,100 for repair and protection of defenses of Pensacola, Fla., and \$40,000 for defenses of Galveston, Texas.

It is believed that the estimates as furnished by the chief engineer as to the local projects will be certain of passage by Congress.

### A "BIKE" FOR THE BOY

J. M. Solky & Co., Plan Unique Campaign for Fall Business. Prominently displayed in one of the large show windows of J. M. Solky & Co., in the Masonic Temple, is a handsome high-grade bicycle that is going to be given away to the bright boy or girl who succeeds in diverting the largest amount of trade to the establishment by Christmas Day. A card system has been provided and the young people are invited to call at the store, learn the particulars and secure the card, which will be punched from time to time to indicate the progress the holder is making. With the fine and varied stock of clothing and gents' furnishings, carried by J. M. Solky & Co., the contest will be easy but hard fought and there will be much interest in the outcome of the campaign.

### BASKET BALL LAST NIGHT

Y. M. C. A. Won From Boys' Brigade in Int. Resting Game. A good game of basket ball, replete with many exciting and interesting features, was played last evening in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. between a select team from the many contestants in recent practice games, representing the Association, and a husky team from Boys' Brigade, the opening event being witnessed by a crowd of enthusiastic spectators.

In the first half the Association team managed to hold its opponents at bay, winning out by the decisive score of 7 to 2, but in the latter half the Boys' Brigade made 5 goals, with only 2 to the other teams' credit, ending with a total of 9 to 7 in favor of the Y. M. C. A.

The gymnasium class for girls, ranging from 10 to 14 years old, will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Atlantic Cafe—All Need.  
J. M. Solky & Co.—Bicycle Given Away.  
The A. David Co.—Hart Schafner & Marx.

Business Locals.  
Wanted—Safe.  
Lost—Overcoat.  
A. D. Wessell—For Rent.  
Brunswick Grocery Co.—Lost.  
Yale Cigar Co.—Salesmen Wanted.

The People  
Deposit with The People's Savings Bank, because it is the "People's" Bank. All are treated alike at this bank.

## BACK FROM CONVENTION

Wilmington Delegation to Charlotte Pleased With Fine Entertainment and Work of Municipal Association in Queen City.

Mayor William E. Springer, Aldermen W. A. French and S. J. Ellis and Capt. T. D. Meares, clerk of the Board of Audit and Finance, who represented the city of Wilmington at the recent municipal convention in Charlotte, returned home yesterday, delighted in every way with their entertainment in the Queen City.

As previously noted Mayor Springer was elected to a vice presidency and Capt. Meares was chosen secretary and treasurer of the Carolina Municipal Association, as the permanent organization will be known. Mayor Springer read one of the main papers submitted at the convention and was shown many courtesies while in Mayor Franklin's "burg." A feature of the closing session was a splendid address by Mayor H. B. Rice, of Houston, Texas, on the commission form of government about which there has been so much discussion of late, and an elegant banquet at the Selwyn Hotel for which covers were laid for three hundred.

Winston was chosen as the next place of meeting in a vote which resulted; Winston 11, Fayetteville 10 and Asheville 7. Alderman Underwood, of Fayetteville, made the point that Winston had not won by a majority of the votes cast, but he at length acquiesced and the convention goes to the Twin City next year.

Mayor Springer's address on sanitation, which was given on the programme with a number of sub-divisions, was well handled according to the following editorial reference in Wednesday's Charlotte Chronicle: "Upon Mayor Springer, of Wilmington, was imposed a combination of subjects to discuss in the convention of mayors this morning, but he appeared to have been equal to the handling of each item. His paper was one of the most valuable of the convention series."

### THE FEDERAL COURTS.

Formal Order From Judge Pritchard Continuing the Term.

The formal order continuing the Fall term of the United States Circuit and District Courts at Wilmington and the designation of Judge Waddill, of Virginia, to preside on account of the illness of Judge Purnell, was received yesterday by Mr. Sam P. Collier, the clerk, and is as follows: United States of America, Fourth Judicial Circuit.

"I, the undersigned, a Circuit Judge in and for the said Fourth Circuit, being of the opinion that the public interest so requires, do hereby designate and appoint the Honorable Edmund Waddill, Jr., United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, a District Judge of the Fourth Circuit, to hold the Circuit Court and District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, at Wilmington, in said district, commencing on December 14, 1908, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and continuing until the business before said Courts is completed, to act in the place of and in aid of the Honorable Thomas R. Purnell, the District Judge of the said Eastern District of North Carolina.

The said Honorable Edmund Waddill, Jr., so designated and appointed, to have and discharge all the judicial duties of the said Honorable Thomas R. Purnell, Judge of the said Eastern District of North Carolina, during the continuance of the said Term hereby designated.

The Clerk of the said Circuit and District Courts, at Wilmington, is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Order to the Honorable Edmund Waddill, Jr., forthwith.

"Given under my hand in the said Fourth Judicial Circuit this 18th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight."  
"J. C. PRITCHARD,  
"U. S. Circuit Judge, 4th Circuit."

### FOOTBALL TODAY

Presbyterian Covenanters and St. James Sunday School to Meet.

The team of the Covenanters of the First Presbyterian Church and an eleven from the Sunday School of St. James' parish will meet on the gridiron this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Athletic field of the Covenanters, Thirteenth and Orange streets. These teams, composed of sturdy players, ranging in age from 12 to 15 years, have been down to hard practices for several weeks and a good game is assured. Kenneth Parsley, captain of the Covenanters' eleven and Franklin Smith of the St. James' squad, George Hashagen has been coaching the Presbyterians and Barclay Loder the Episcopalians. The public is cordially invited to witness the exhibition and may be assured of a fast, snappy exhibition of the great Thanksgiving sport.

Date for German Changed. On account of the engagement of Miss Florence Gear at the Academy of Music Tuesday night and the general interest manifested in the production, the November program of L'Acille Cotillon Club will be given on Monday night instead of Tuesday night, as previously announced. The change was made by the Governing Board last night.

## FORT FISHER PARK

Decided Impetus Given Movement by Recent Address of Rev. J. A. Smith at Utica.

### ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS

Those Who Helped in Land Assault Join in Effort for Passage of Congressman Godwin's Bill to Purchase Site.

The recent visit of Rev. J. A. Smith, of this city, and his address to the Union veterans at Utica, N. Y., upon the occasion of a grand reunion of Oneida county soldiers who formed a part of the attacking party during the Civil War, has resulted in a strong revival of the project to have the government purchase the site of historic Fort Fisher at the mouth of the Cape Fear river and convert the same into a great National Park.

At the last session of Congress Hon. H. L. Godwin introduced and there is now pending a bill appropriating \$40,000 for the purchase of the site by the government and the impetus the movement has received at the Oneida county reunion is expected to add considerable influence to the bill when it comes up for passage at the next session. Mr. Godwin has been furnished with a copy of the action taken by the Northern veterans and in a letter to the Star he states that the government has spent large sums of money to establish parks and erect monuments at other places and he is satisfied that if the people will co-operate with him he will be able to procure a sufficient appropriation to lay out this park, beautify it and erect a monument there. In forwarding the action of the Union veterans, Chairman Edwin H. Risley, of the committee, writes to Mr. Godwin as follows: Utica, N. Y., Nov. 16th, 1908.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to herewith hand you a resolution adopted at a meeting held in Utica on November 13th which was addressed by James A. Smith, D. D., of Wilmington, N. C., who gave us one of the finest addresses ever listened to in this locality. The heart of the North beats strong in unison with our Southern brethren and we trust that you as a member of Congress may do whatever you can to set apart the Fort Fisher battle field as a public government park and if there is anything that can be done to accomplish this result by the surviving members of the 17th New York Volunteers who helped in the land assault on this fortification, you are at liberty to call on the writer and we shall do what we can to help the matter along. We have sent a copy of the resolution to the Vice President-elect, James S. Sherman. Yours very truly,  
EDWIN H. RISLEY,  
Chairman of Committee.  
The Resolutions.

Resolved, That the surviving Union veterans of Fort Fisher extend to Luther McKinnon, D. D., chaplain of the late 36th North Carolina Volunteers, now residing at Clinton, N. C., our sincere sympathy for his physical misfortunes.

Resolved, That we extend to all our "Comrades of the Gray" our hearty congratulations for the blessings of a free government and that we can bequeath to our children no greater heritage than the heroism, valor and courage that was displayed by the "Blue and the Gray" in the great struggle of the Civil War, and that it is for us to give full recognition of the hearty friendship in rehearsing the memories of Fort Fisher.

Resolved, That we request the government of the United States to set apart the Fort Fisher field as a National Park upon which should be erected a suitable monument to commemorate the valor of the "Blue and the Gray" displayed on this field in the battle on January 15th, 1865.

Resolved, That we tender to James A. Smith, D. D., our hearty thanks for his splendid address on the subject, The Battle of Fort Fisher from the Confederate standpoint, which he has delivered at the Thorn Memorial Chapel, Utica, N. Y., on the 13th day of November, 1908.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our comrades Luther McKinnon, D. D., and James A. Smith, D. D., and the President of the United States.

EDWIN H. RISLEY,  
Chairman of Committee.  
THOMAS WHEELER,  
Chairman of Meeting, and Mayor of Utica.

Back From Travels Abroad. Mr. and Mrs. William Latimer, of this city, who have been traveling the past nine months abroad, their travels taking them to practically all places of interest in Europe, returned to the city last evening and have been most cordially welcomed by their hosts of friends. They have opened their home on South Third street where they will spend the Winter.

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.

## LONG DRAWN OUT SUIT

Circuit Court of Appeals Hands Down Final Decree in Case of Southern Saw Mill Company at Kingsdale, N. C.

The Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, Va., has just rendered a final decree in the long contested case of the Union Trust Company against the Southern Saw Mill & Lumber Co., of Kingsdale, N. C., which is well remembered by readers of this paper.

In 1902 the creditors of the lumber company put it into the hands of a receiver. The bondholders were not made a party to this suit and in 1904 they brought a separate suit to foreclose. The suits were later consolidated. The next step was the removal of the receiver because of unsuccessful management and Mr. A. H. Slocomb, of Fayetteville, was appointed receiver. He managed the plant with success, making some money for the parties in interest. The plant was next sold for \$36,000. In the meantime there had been a number of receiver's certificates issued by Judge Purnell in the first suit and made priorities on all of the property. The bondholders contended these certificates were invalid. A special master, H. F. Seawell, made an elaborate report which came up before Judge Pritchard. He held that as to some of these certificates that the claims for which they were issued were prior claims and as to others he held that they were invalid. He also held with the referee that some \$11,000 was chargeable to the bondholders for betterments to the plant. He also allowed certain other claims as prior to the bondholders.

The Circuit Court of Appeals has now modified the opinion of Judge Pritchard, overruling him as to the charge for betterments and all claims given priority by the lower court, except \$6,790 which were labor claims that had been assigned to Mr. Chas. M. Busbee and Chas. H. Belvin, of Raleigh. The contention of the bondholders in regard to the distribution of the assets, with this exception, has been sustained by the Circuit Court of Appeals. Among the counsel representing the various claimants were Messrs. McLean, McLean & McJorrick, of Lumberton, and the late Fabius H. Busbee, of Raleigh, while Messrs. Merrett & Ruark, of Wilmington, and R. E. Lee, of Lumberton, represented the bondholders.

The bondholders recover something like \$35,000. The Southern Saw Mills plant was sold two years ago and is operated now as the Kingsdale Lumber Co. The proceeds from the sale of the plant have been on deposit awaiting final decree of the court and a final distribution.

### GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Good Shepherd Branch to be Visited by Miss Laura Lee Packard.

The Good Shepherd Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society of America is to be favored with the presence of Miss Laura Lee Packard, of Baltimore, vice president for this department on a special visitation from tomorrow continuing through Monday of the coming week.

The society is an international organization of very large and active membership and the local branch considers itself quite fortunate in being able to secure Miss Packard, who will deliver a special address tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Good Shepherd Hall, Sixth and Queen streets. The Good Shepherd Branch, including associates and candidates, numbers about 50 and the parents are cordially invited to be present at this meeting, which promises to be more than usually interesting.

### CUTTER SEMINOLE

Will Arrive First of December—Captain Broadbent in Command.

The revenue cutter Seminole, which has been receiving a general overhaul in the ship yards at Newport News, according to advices received at the local port, will arrive here about the first of December. The Seminole left Wilmington during the first of September and since her departure Captain Quinan has been retired from the service and the commanding officer now in charge is Captain H. M. Broadbent, who has been recently appointed to succeed him.

First Lieutenant Camden, who was placed in command when Captain Quinan went abroad last Summer, remains second officer in rank and the Captain Quinan since his retirement has moved to Asheville, where he has made his home.

Building in Burgaw. The following from a recent issue of the Pender Chronicle will be read with interest by many Wilmington friends: "The new dwelling house of Mr. J. F. Moore now nearing completion will be a credit to the town, as it is one of the most conveniently arranged and prettiest cottages here. It is finished up on the inside with fibre plastering and the mantles are of oak with mirrors. The arrangement of rooms is admirable, especially the dining room, kitchen and pantry which are all large and roomy, with a pump on the back piazza. It also has plenty of veranda room, these being on the south, east and west sides. The tin roof is covered with green paint, which makes a pleasing contrast to the body of the house which is white with green blinds."

### ARCHDEACON WEBBER

First Service of Mission at St. John's This Evening.

Tonight at 8 o'clock, in St. John's church, Archdeacon Webber will conduct the first service of the mission he is to hold here. A hearty welcome will be given to all who may attend these services. It is especially hoped that a representative congregation will be present tonight, that the community may know at once what these services mean to the community and so get the benefit of them from the beginning. The members of the congregation are especially urged to be present tonight.

## AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH

Relatives of Young Traveling Man Arrive to Investigate Tragedy of Sunday.

### CORONER'S JURY IN SESSION

State Cotton Crop Estimated at 600,000 Bales—Special Agent Clark Visiting His Father—Bulletin Relative to Farm Lands.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 19.—F. M. Smith, of McDonald, W. Va., W. F. Smith, Cincinnati, and J. F. Prince, Richmond, respectively father, brother and cousin of Dr. E. W. Smith, traveling representative of the White Oak Coal Co., Richmond, whose dead body was found in the rock quarry east of the city Sunday, arrived here this morning to look over the situation and co-operate in every way they can with the local authorities and others who are striving to ferret out the mystery.

They drove out to the quarry with Coroner Chas. Seaparks. They expect to remain here two or three days to watch developments. There have been four arrests, two of the most important being W. H. F. Miller, a young white man here, well connected, and Tom Crenshaw, a negro hackman. These two are alleged to have had Smith with them in a hack about 4 A. M. Sunday and who claim that they carried their man "home." They carried Smith from a resort ostensibly in search of whiskey, Smith declaring as he started with them that he would have a drink if he had to pay \$10 for it. There is a very general opinion now among officers and others that Smith was murdered and put in the rock quarry as a "blind."

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham makes an official estimate that the North Carolina cotton crop is about 600,000 bales, this being about 16 per cent. less than the crop last year. He estimates the percentage of yield this year much less than last year and the acreage greater.

Special Agent W. A. Graham, of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor, is spending six weeks here with his father, Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court and will go then on a trip through South America in the interests of the extension of United States cotton goods trade. He has just completed an important trip through portions of Europe in this interest.

A series of bulletins is being issued from the State Department of Agriculture descriptive of farms that are available for prospective settlers who desire to locate in this State. The first of the series, just out, is devoted to "Tidewater Section." A little later there will be similar bulletins for the "Coastal Plain," "Piedmont," and the "Mountain Regions" of the State. Increasingly large number of inquiries make the issuance of these bulletins necessary.

Flagman Lassiter, of the Seaboard Air Line, was set upon and badly cut and robbed by a tramp on his freight train near Apex tonight. He was then pushed off of the train so his foot was mashed off under the car wheel. He is in Rex hospital here. The tramp escaped.

PORT MOVEMENT. Big British Tramp Celia Here Again. Cotton Receipts. After an elapse of little more than a year the big British tramp steamer Celia, Capt. Anderson, arrived in port yesterday from Montevideo via Charleston, S. C., to discharge part cargo of 3,500 tons of Peruvian guano, for the Peruvian Guano Corporation, of Charleston, at the Wilmington Warehouse & Compress Company, having visited this port with a similar cargo on the previous occasion. On the former visit she was the largest steamer ever entered this port, having a net tonnage of 3,138 tons, but she was recently outclassed by the two German ships, the Menzell and Eliza Menzell, each having a tonnage of 3,200. The vessel is consigned to Heide & Co. She will proceed to New York to complete discharging.

The schooner Rob Roy, Capt. Norbury, arrived yesterday from Philadelphia with cargo of guano for the Wilmington Warehouse & Compress Company; vessel to C. D. Maffitt. The receipts of cotton at the local port yesterday were the largest of the week, 2,996 bales, having been received and all with exception of 19 bales came by rail.

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