

OUTLINES.

Resulting from a terrific explosion caused by escaping gas in Brooklyn, N. Y., yesterday, 25 persons are believed to have been killed. The surface of the earth was lifted for half a block and the explosion was followed by fire and the bursting of a water main—Joseph Bryan, one of the best known citizens of Richmond, Va., and prominently known in business circles throughout the South, died yesterday from heart trouble—The approval and adoption of the annual report of President Samuel Gompers, by the American Federation of Labor, at Denver, Colo., yesterday was the significant feature of the labor convention—Several important witnesses were examined in the Ray Lempire trial in Indiana yesterday—The State rested its case—President-elect Taft had several political callers yesterday. There will be a general re-union of the Taft family Thanksgiving Day—One negro was hanged in Charlotte yesterday for the murder of another in September last—The fire in the hold of the steamer Chattahoochee has been put out by flooding the compartment—Harvard and Yale meet on the gridiron today—John D. Rockefeller was put through a rigid cross examination in the Standard Oil Company investigation yesterday—The New York city supreme court declares personal or individual betting at the race track to be legal—New York markets: Money on call easy 1-1/2 to 2 per cent. ruling rate 1-3/4, closing bid 1-1/2, offered at 1-3/4. Rosin steady. Turpentine firm at 43. Flour firm. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.12-1.14 to 1.13 elevator. Corn easy, No. 2, 72, old 76 elevator. Oats firm, 53-1/2 to 54 elevator. Cotton closed quiet, 5 points lower, middling uplands 9.50, middling gulf 9.75.

Taft graduated at Yale in 1878 second in a class of one hundred and twenty-one.

Now look out for the Fifth district to get some good pickings out of the federal treasury.

As was to be expected, Rockefeller put up a good case for the Standard Oil Company in his testimony.

Army officers are of the opinion that playing golf beats strenuous horseback riding or long-distance walks.

Missouri had an earthquake the other day but it did not shock her as much as did the political one on the 3rd instant.

Let Prosperity make steady and natural progress. Don't try to rush it, thereby running the risk of doing more harm than good.

Gompers says he is not a Democrat. It seems that the men of his federation were aware of that fact at the time of the election.

Since Hearst's cordial reception at the White House there is some hopes that Gompers may soon have the "entree cordiale" to that building.

There is quite a difference, it seems, between being a low tariff advocate "commercially and politically," a difference arising from self-interest.

The southern Democracy did its duty on election day, but does not seem to be greatly in fear of what is to come from the results of that day.

It looks like the Guinness murders are about to be unraveled at last; though the many crimes committed by that woman and her accomplices may never be brought to light.

We suppose Bryan has already begun the manufacturing of that "necessity" which will require him to be a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1912.

Just now the White House seems to be headquarters for all labor leaders except the officers of the Federation of Labor. The latter seem to be persona non grata with the head of that establishment.

During Hearst's visit to Roosevelt the other day we suppose that neither made allusion to Root's Utica speech two years ago in which he at the President's command lambasted the other; but no doubt the incident was mentally recalled by both of them.

That aeronaut who started from St. Louis on a trip to New York must have been quite surprised when he found he had landed in Georgia. And if thirsty he had the further disappointment of finding that the "Tiger" he landed near was not a "blind" one.

Mr. W. H. Dock leaves today for Savannah, Ga., to witness the automobile races and expects also to visit Shreveport and New Orleans where he will probably sign attractions for the White Knights Carnival which will be held in Wilmington the last week in December.

PRETTY AND ELEGANT ON THE GRIDIRON TODAY

Ladies' Aid Society Delightfully Entertained Last Evening at St. Andrew's Manse.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES

Semi-Centennial to be Celebrated by Popular Wilmington Presbyterian Congregation Tomorrow. Years of Great Progress.

A series of pretty and appropriate exercises in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Saint Andrew's, Presbyterian Church, of this city, most auspiciously opened with a delightful reception yesterday evening from 7:30 to 10:30 o'clock at the handsome new manse, on North Fourth street, the affair having been planned and carried out most charmingly under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the congregation.

Invitations had been extended to all the members of the three Presbyterian congregations in the city together with all friends of Saint Andrew's and the attendance during the evening was several hundred, all having been charmed with the delightful affair. The halls and all apartments of the pretty, new home were most attractively decorated, yellow and white having been the prevailing colors in the parlor; red in the dining room and white chrysanthemums and ferns in the pastor's study. Pastors of the three Presbyterian churches in the city, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McClure, of Saint Andrew's; Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Wells, of the First Church; Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Crowley, of Immanuel, and Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, S. C., formed the receiving party in the parlor, while guests were extended at the door a hearty welcome by Misses Isabel McDougall and Alma Love. In the dining room Mrs. H. Lacy Hunt, Mrs. R. M. Sheppard, Miss Lucy Gaylor, Miss Mary Belle King and Miss Ida Clark received, while in the study were Miss Madge McDougall, Miss Annie Kelly and Miss Osborne. During the evening dainty refreshments were served and other features combined to make an evening altogether pleasant for each and every one who attended.

As the guests departed, each was presented a handsome little souvenir in the form of a "Golden Rule" in dainty envelopes advertising to the happy occasion which the reception marked and containing scriptural mottoes appropriate to the Christian life for which Saint Andrew's has ever been a great power and influence in the community.

Today marks the actual anniversary of the founding of the old Second Church, now Saint Andrew's, but the remainder of the exercises commemorative of the event will take place tomorrow. On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock a special sermon for the occasion will be preached by Dr. Sprunt, of Charleston, a son of one of the first Ruling Elders of the congregation. Dr. Sprunt will also speak at the Sabbath School in the afternoon when the special feature will be a "Cradle Roll" rally. The same evening at 7:30 o'clock the three Presbyterian churches in the city will unite in a service at St. Andrew's when addresses will be made by Mr. E. G. Worth on "The Times When the Church Was Organized," by Dr. Wells, pastor of the First Church, on the relation between the two congregations; by Dr. Sprunt on "The Work at Saint Andrew's," while a paper will be read by Mr. Jas. Sprunt, giving some reminiscences on the early days of the church on Chestnut street where the Second Church first worshipped. Dr. McClure, the pastor, will read a history of the church from its organization to the present, which feature will be very interesting and entertaining.

In connection with this celebration, Saint Andrew's will make a thank offering for benevolent causes. Envelopes have been distributed to the congregation for this offering.

In connection with the 50th anniversary, it is remarkable that of the five ministers who have served this congregation, not one of them, except the present pastor, the beloved Dr. McClure, is now living.

On account of the anniversary exercises there will be no evening service at the First Church and the service the same evening at Immanuel Church will be at 7 o'clock. Both congregations will worship with Saint Andrew's on this occasion.

NOW IN MONTGOMERY.

H. M. Schachte Transferred From the Wilmington Office of A. C. L. The friends of Mr. H. M. Schachte will be interested in the following extract from a Montgomery paper: "H. M. Schachte, formerly in the general freight traffic manager's office of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in Wilmington, N. C., has reached Montgomery and taken up his duties as chief clerk in the commercial agent's office of the Atlantic Coast Line in Montgomery. G. A. Cardwell has charge of the commercial office of that road in this city. Mr. Schachte has moved his wife to Montgomery and they will reside on Jefferson Davis avenue."

Wilmington and Fort Caswell Warriors to Line Up at New League Park. Band and Supporters From Post.

The game of football between the Wilmington team and the team from Fort Caswell will be called promptly at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at New League Park, and the admission to any part of the grounds will be 50 cents, no extra charge being made for vehicles. Children will be admitted for half price.

Both of these strong elevens are in the pink of condition and a hard strenuous struggle is anticipated. Lovers of the sport, recalling the record of the two teams are expecting to witness the hardest gridiron fight ever seen in Wilmington. The local team will line up practically the same as it did against the strong A. & M. team on Monday last, when it surprised even its most ardent supporters by playing the college boys to a standstill.

An attractive feature of this afternoon's game will be the presence of the Post Band from Fort Caswell and an enjoyable programme of popular selections will be rendered before and during the game. The visiting team, accompanied by the band and a large body of supporters will reach the city from the fort at 2 o'clock today and they will go at once to the park. The band will then begin its concert.

On account of the small attendance at the game on Monday last, the management of the local team failed to take in enough receipts to pay the expenses of the visiting players and a considerable debt is on the team. Those interested in the sport will have the opportunity of coming to the assistance of the locals by attending the game today, and encouraging them in their efforts to make Wilmington a football town.

It is stated on reliable authority that two or three big college games can be arranged for this city every fall if it is shown that the proper support will be given. Both the A. & M. and University teams will meet strong rivals here and one or two other good games could also be arranged. The one thing needed is that the public must show an interest in the game and support the teams. The local eleven was organized several weeks ago and the players have been practicing almost daily to get in condition to play good football, so that the attractions and excitement of the sport would be shown up to Wilmingtonians, and they ask in return only that some interest be manifested, enough at least to make their season and without any financial loss to the players themselves.

Tickets for the game this afternoon are on sale at the Mission Pharmacy and at Gerken Tobacco Co's. Store.

STOLE NUMBER OF THINGS.

According to Charges William Ratley Was Badly Wanted.

On two charges of larceny, one alleged to have been committed at Cronly, N. C., and the other in Wilmington, William Ratley, colored, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officer D. W. Willis, on Water street and placed in the guard house for trial in the police court today.

The police here have held a warrant for several weeks issued on the affidavit of William Bethea, charging Ratley with the larceny of a pair of shoes, but the arrest of the accused was not made until two colored boys from Cronly came to the city yesterday morning and made the complaint.

He is accused of stealing a coat, pair of pants, shoes, watch and 75 cents in money from the two men at Cronly. Ratley admitted that the clothes he wore formerly belonged to one of the fellows, but that he had purchased them from another party. A pawn ticket was found in his pocket showing that he had borrowed money on the watch. The watch was afterwards seen by the police in a pawn shop in the city.

CARNIVAL NEXT WEEK

All in Readiness for Owls' Fall Festival—Shows Coming Sunday.

All is in readiness for the Owls' Fall Festival which will open in all its glory on Castle street, near Fourth, next Monday afternoon. The various committees have held frequent conferences and nothing now remains but for a glorious realization of the plans so well laid. The John R. Smith shows, consolidated from Fayetteville and Dillon, S. C., will reach here late Sunday night or Monday morning and at once will begin the work of building the carnival town. It has been decided to give no parade but there'll be lots doing all the time at the midway and the Owls are determined to make one grand, great, big week of it.

To Wed in Washington.

Friends in this city have received invitations reading as follows: "Mrs. J. M. Hart respectfully requests your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Juliette, to Mr. Harry Stinson, Sunday evening, November twenty-second, nineteen hundred and eight at 8 o'clock, Saint Mary's Church, Washington, D. C." The prospective groom recently left for Washington where he will make his home in the future, having received a position as linotype operator in the government printing office.

ARCHDEACON WEBBER

First Service of Mission at Saint John's Church Was Held Last Evening.

SPOKE WITH GREAT POWER

Services to Continue Today, Tomorrow and Next Week—Man of Great Earnestness and Intellectuality—Subject.

Making a profound impression upon his hearers as a man of great earnestness, deep sincerity of purpose and a Bible scholar of wonderful comprehension, Archdeacon Percy Clinton Webber, of Wisconsin, last night in St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church here, began a mission which gives great promise of a season of deep spirituality not only in the parish but among the people of Wilmington generally.

The congregation was large and included not only members of St. John's but many from other parishes in the city and many with no church affiliation whatever. The choir of the church had arranged a special musical programme, this including a solo by Mrs. Mattie H. Longfellow, and nothing could have been added to increase the beauty and earnestness of the service. After the opening devotional exercises, the beloved Rev. Jas. Carmichael, D. D., rector emeritus of the parish, delivered a brief introductory address that breathed the spirit and desire of this good man for a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost during this series of services upon a people whom he served so long and faithfully in the active ministry.

The Archdeacon first gave a prelude to the sermon of the evening in which he spoke of the purposes and the spirit of a mission; it was an extraordinary occasion with the church and one which accentuated the ordinary services held from time to time; he hoped and reasoned and prayed with the people for their co-operation of mind and heart in making this mission the occasion of a great spiritual blessing to the community.

Rev. Mr. Webber is a magnetic speaker, his grasp of a thought, his clear conception and forceful, personal delivery at once stamp him as a pulpit orator of extraordinary talent and a man of splendid attainments as a missionary. His sermon last night was from the Gospel of St. John, in which the beauty of character, the divine love and the sympathetic nature of the Master were presented in a living picture of great beauty. The sermon was an appeal to men and women to take God with them in their lives, into their homes, into their business, into their amusements and to consider first their duties as Christians before all else—Christians not merely by profession alone but active Christians co-operating with God in his mercy, in his goodness and in his kindness. He was heard with the closest attention through a very fine discourse, which cannot be summarized in a brief newspaper account. His sermons and addresses need to be heard to be appreciated and the public of Wilmington is most cordially invited to attend any or all of the services during this mission.

There will be four services daily beginning today. Holy Communion and brief address this morning at 7:30 o'clock. Services with address, "The Renewed Life" at 11 o'clock this morning and an afternoon service at 4 o'clock, when the subject of the address will be "What it is to be Spiritually Minded." This evening the service will last but an hour and will begin at 8 o'clock. The Archdeacon will speak on "The Fragrant Life." Tomorrow there will be a special service for men at 4 o'clock and the other hours will be announced in the morning paper.

The Brotherhood of St. John's is co-operating with the rector, Rev. Wm. E. Cox, in the services and young as well as old will find in the messages of the distinguished visitor something that will do them good.

Gave Successful Musicals.

A delightful musicale was given by the Ladies' Aid Society of Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening for the benefit of the Building Improvement fund. Vocal solos were rendered by Miss Carrie Barker, Miss Louise Wise, Mrs. Walter Motte, and Mr. Frank Brittain. Instrumental solos were rendered by Misses Juliette Albright and Bertie Hanson and a monologue by Mr. George Hewlett gave pleasure and variety to the programme. The committee on music consisted of Mrs. James A. Price, chairman, and Misses Fannie Branch, Mary King and Mrs. Walter Motte. A recitation by Miss Eunice Tucker, the gifted elocutionist, was greatly appreciated by all present and the evening was well spent by all who availed themselves of the opportunity of attending.

On account of the anniversary exercises at his church tomorrow, Dr. McClure will not preach in East Wilmington in the afternoon as usual but will preach on the afternoon of the fifth Sunday instead.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Address by Miss Packard, Vice President of Department of the South. Reception Followed—Something of The Work.

A large number of members with many mothers met in the Hall of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets, last evening to greet Miss Laura Lee Packard, of Baltimore, vice president for this department of the Girls' Friendly Society of America, Miss Packard being now on an official visitation to the Wilmington branch of the organization.

After a brief service last evening led by the rector, Rev. Thos. P. Noe and most heartily shared in by those present, Miss Packard was introduced and for quite half an hour or longer held the undivided attention of the audience while she told in graphic and most attractive manner of the achievement of the society, skilfully weaving in many charming stories with telling effect. Among the interesting things Miss Packard told of the Branch over which the late Queen Victoria presided, as a part of her church work at Baltimore. She said a new light is thrown upon the Queen's life when it is known that she wrote personal letters, four times each year, in her own hand to the members of her Branch wherever they might move. One of these members had been found in the lumber camps of Michigan with quite a batch of letters in the Queen's own hand. And again, this showed the spirit that started the movement; that the women of high ideal and firmness of womanhood might aid others to retain and develop like character.

After the service and address were over, a very attractive reception was given Miss Packard by the associates and other members in the tastefully decorated rooms where the Society of the Friends of the Girls' Friendly Society. Miss Packard is just from Beaufort where she organized an enthusiastic branch of 21 members and she goes to Fayetteville where a like organization will probably be effected. It is hoped that the Girls' Friendly Society may soon number many other Branches in the diocese and in the State. Every one here will anticipate Miss Packard's next visit with very much pleasure.

The Girls' Friendly Society in America is a National organization of a large society, founded in England in 1875 and America in 1878. It now extends throughout the world wherever the English tongue is spoken, being the largest society of girls and women in existence, constantly growing in numbers and usefulness. It now numbers more than 300,000 in its membership and its object has been well expressed as follows: "The Girls' Friendly Society is a vast army of women and girls, banded together all over the world to protect and preserve woman's purity, purity's cleanliness in thought, word and deed." The motto of the Society shows its spirit: "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens."

While not much is known of the Girls' Friendly Society in this part of the country, it has done a great work in England and America, in lifting high the standard of purity among women and girls, not by reclamation but by surrounding girls and young women by friendly associates and wholesome influences, thus helping to preserve a sweetness and purity of womanhood that enables them to stand strong and against the many temptations that surround modern life, particularly in populous centres, away from the restraint of home and family.

The Society is filling a conscious need and has grown steadily. In East Carolina there are only two branches one at Christ Church, Newbern, and the other at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington, where a splendid organization has been built up slowly by Miss Susie A. Price, numbering about 60 members, including associates and candidates.

FEDERAL COURT ORDER.

Youthful Defendants to be Sent to Reformatory—Female Prisoners.

Mr. Sam P. Collier, clerk of the United States Court in this city, has received from Judge Thos. R. Fennell two important orders governing procedure in criminal cases in the District Court in the future. One provides that male prisoners, white and colored, under the age of 16 years, shall hereafter when sentenced in the court, be sent to the National Training Schools for Boys in Washington, D. C. The second order is that hereafter female prisoners sentenced to term of imprisonment will be confined in such prisons as the Department of Justice may designate upon application to that authority, instead of to the prison at Nashville, Tenn., which is no longer available for this purpose. The order is to be entered on the docket at Wilmington and certified copies of the same furnished to the clerks of the Federal courts at Elizabeth City, Newbern and Washington, N. C.

Exhibition Pool Game.

An exhibition 200-ball pool game at Candyapps on Princess street, last night attracted an unusually large number of spectators. The match was won by Mr. Tom Daniels. Mr. Frank Stafford refereed the game which was one of great interest for the many spectators.

BRIDGE BIDS OPENED

Government to Award Contract For Highway Structure Near Beaufort, N. C.

NINE PROPOSALS RECEIVED

Details to be Figured Out Later and Recommendation by Capt. Brown to be Forwarded—The Inland Waterway Project.

At the office of Capt. Earl I. Brown, captain of the Corps of United States Engineers, in this city yesterday afternoon sealed proposals were opened for constructing a steel draw-span highway bridge with pile and concrete foundations, on Core Creek, near Beaufort, N. C., in connection with the great inland waterway from Pamlico Sound, work upon which has already been commenced.

There were nine bidders for the contract ranging from around \$20,000 to \$27,000 but some of them were informal and the award will not be made until Capt. Brown, the engineer in charge, fully investigates and determines which is the best. The bridge is understood to be about 219 feet long and bids were required on excavation, embankment, cement, concrete, iron and steel, timber and piling, so that some time will be required to calculate which is the best from all standpoints for the Government. Among those who submitted proposals and the aggregate of their bids as figured by one of the bidders is as follows:

- Penn Bridge Co., of Beaver Falls, Pa., represented by Mr. R. W. Curtis, of Burlington, \$23,932.
 - Owego Bridge Co., represented by Mr. L. Moseley of Greensboro, \$27,665.
 - Nelson & Meredith, \$23,635.
 - Roanoke Bridge Company, \$26,812.50.
 - Carolina Engineering Co., \$27,962.50.
 - Sweirs & Sutton, \$21,584.25.
 - Crafts & Smith, \$20,705.
 - Merrill, Ruckgaber-Fraser Co., \$25,245.
 - New Jersey Foundry & Machine Co., \$24,736.
- Nearly all the firms had representatives here and the engineer's office was engaged for some time yesterday afternoon in opening and tabulating the various estimates, etc.

DR. NICHOLSON SPEAKS.

Addressed New Hanover Medical Society Last Night in Elks' Temple. Dr. J. L. Nicholson, of Richlands, N. C., a recognized authority on diseases of the hook worm, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and last night at the Elks' Temple addressed a large gathering of Wilmington and visiting physicians upon the particular branch of science in which he has specialized. The address is spoken of by the profession as having been one of great learning and research and was heartily enjoyed by the physicians in attendance.

After the formal exercises of the evening the physicians and their guests for the evening were served a substantial luncheon in the buffet of the club by Manager Cecil T. McKethan. It was a great pleasure for the Wilmington profession to hear Dr. Nicholson and to entertain him while here.

A DETECTIVE BUREAU.

Establishes Headquarters Here—Certificate of Incorporation.

The Southern Detective Bureau, recently organized and chartered by the State, has established headquarters in this city and the certificate of incorporation was received here yesterday. The incorporators are S. H. Renfrow, J. T. Kelly and O. J. Sykes, with a capital stock of \$5,000 authorized and \$100 paid in. The offices are located in the Smith Building, on Princess street, and are the rooms recently occupied as Democratic headquarters during the campaign.

The purpose of the bureau as given in the papers of incorporation is to maintain a force of active detectives in North Carolina and in such other States as desired, to assist the authorities in apprehending criminals and ferreting out such other matters as would require their services with the hoped results of modifying crime.

BANQUETTED THE FORCE.

Mr. G. T. Emmart at Home to Metropolitan Employees Last Night. Mr. G. T. Emmart, the clever superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in this city, was "at home" to the ten agents, the two assistant superintendents and the cashier with all other members of his staff last evening at an elegant supper given at his home, No. 205 Church street. Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church, was present as a special guest and an evening of delightful pleasure was spent by all in attendance. The relations between Supt. Emmart and his employees are the most pleasant, as evidenced by the happy affair last evening and it is safe to say that all who enjoyed his hospitality on the occasion will strive even harder in the future to retain his good will and friendship.