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OUTLINES.

Notable tributes to the memory of the late ex-President Grover Cleveland, was the feature of the opening session of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents in New York yesterday—David Way, of Mt. Olive, N. C., was arrested in New York last night on charges of grand larceny and forgery and is being held for Richmond authorities—Adjutant General F. C. Ainsworth, U. S. A., in his annual report to the Secretary of War shows the number of desertions from the army in 1908 less than any fiscal year since 1901—Resolutions were adopted yesterday at the session of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, favoring active work in the interest of laboring men and organized labor and a better distribution of churches and home missionary workers—General Simon with his army of 6,000 men have arrived at the gates of Port au Prince and will enter the capital today—It is thought that the steamer Soo City, Chicago to Texas ports has been lost in the recent storm on the St. Lawrence—The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and a shipping firm plead guilty of rebating and are fined in Richmond federal court—The cruiser Yankee, which has been aground in Buzzard's Bay for ten weeks, has been floated—The widow of General Longstreet has been appointed postmaster at Gainesville, Ga.—The Democratic caucus of the House meets tonight for organization. There will be no opposition to Champ Clark for minority leader—At a meeting of the Woman's suffrage National League held yesterday letters from President Roosevelt and Secretary Root were read, defining their views on the subject. The former said he believes in woman suffrage, but was a lukewarm advocate—New York Markets: Money on call steady at 2 to 2 3/4 per cent., ruling rate 2 1/2, closing bid 2 1/4, offered at 2 1/2. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.35, middling gulf 9.30. Flour firm. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.11 5/8 to 1.12 1/8 elevator, Corn steady, No. 2 70 to arrive elevator. Oats firmer, mixed 54 1/2 to 55. Rosin and turpentine steady.

Poor old Nord Alexis. The Haitians might have let him govern in peace for the few more years that he can live.

That was very handsome action on the part of the Massachusetts veterans toward the Daughters of the Confederacy of Newbern.

If Dr. Rustin was in such a hurry to die we do not see why he wasted so much time running around begging other people to kill him.

It is time the people of Durham and several other counties in this State were giving their sheriffs some extra work in the way of having a few murderers.

If Taft succeeds in making Cannon back-pedal on the tariff revision question, no one will any longer accuse him of having no backbone or of being Roosevelt's tool.

Can't the friends of the Appalachian and White Mountain parks induce Taft to add those schemes to the tariff revision compromise to be made with Cannon?

Roosevelt's announcement that he will reappoint Crum as collector of customs at Charleston will be expected to take some of the wind out of Senator Foraker's sails.

It looks like the Virginia authorities would have trouble in putting in effect that decision of the court in reference to shipments of liquors into "dry" territory.

Of course Taft is not going to make public announcement in favor of his brother for the Senatorship, or to openly support him, in opposition to Foraker, if he becomes a candidate.

There is much in a name when it comes to making agreements with other Nations. According to the administration ratification by the Senate is needed only when it is called a treaty.

The House Ways and Means Committee is going to turn the tables on its critics by securing the right to have some of them forced by subpoena to attend its meetings and tell what they know about the workings of the present tariff law.

If those Louisiana farmers were to succeed in their proposal for a 50 per cent. reduction in cotton acreage what would become of the cotton mills and what would the world substitute for the large amount of cotton needed, but could not be supplied?

Those Northern capitalists who are thinking about building a five million dollar cotton mill in Boston had better change the proposed location to the South, where they can secure cheap electric power and cotton grown around the mill.

STATE BOARD MEETS

Approval of \$70,000 For Work of Agricultural Department Next Six Months.

MAKE NUMBER OF CHANGES

Rewards for Murderers—Offices Moved to Fayetteville—Jealousy Among Wake Officials—Educational Affairs—News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 4.—The State Board of Agriculture provided \$70,000 in its budget today for the next six months' expenses. No material increases are made in salaries of any of the office or field force. The position of assistant State Veterinarian held by J. W. Hartman was abolished.

A committee was appointed to employ a successor to Dr. Tait Butler, who retires from the State veterinarian's office and director of the Farmers' Institute January 1st to become joint editor with Clarence H. Poe, of the Progressive Farmer and other Southern farm papers.

The department of food chemist was separated from the regular State chemist's division of work and Chemist W. M. Allen was designated as State food chemist. The Legislature will be asked to assume half the expense of this department because much of its work is for the protection of the people of towns and farmers raising their own supplies.

The Board designated Messrs. McRae, Cannon, Laughinghouse, McCullum and Dunn as a Legislative committee to urge needed legislation before the approaching Assembly. A building committee composed of McCullum, McRae, Horne, Scott, and Dunn, was appointed.

At the request of Heriot Clarkson, solicitor for the Charlotte judicial district Governor Glenn offers rewards of \$50 each for the arrest of Jim DeBose wanted for killing Archie Belk at Charlotte November 2nd and for Joe Dunham, wanted for the murder of Troy Sutton near Hoskin Mills, on the same day. Both are negroes.

A special term of Rutherford county court, two weeks for civil causes, is ordered by Governor Glenn to begin January 4th, Judge Justice presiding. The principal offices of The Southern Timber Company, and The Worth Lumber Company, are moved from Ashtore to Fayetteville, notice to this effect being just filed with the Secretary of State by C. C. McAllister, the president.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction will ask the Legislature in January, to make three changes and improvements in the prescribed public educational system of the State which, if granted, he says, will revolutionize educational activities in North Carolina and put the State in the very front rank among all the States of the Union in public education. He will not divulge just yet these recommendations which are now being prepared. One change of minor importance is the enlargement of the scope of the office recently vacated by the death of Captain John Duckett, so that his successor will have supervision of all the teaching work, both races, in which the State shares the expense, this to include this work in the State Normal at Greensboro and at the State University.

A remarkable state of rivalry and opposition exists between the county coroner and his co-workers and the city police in the investigation of the murder mystery in the death of E. W. Smith, of Richmond, here three weeks ago and the efforts to bring to justice those guilty of participation in this horrible crime. These two local departments of justice have each four prisoners being held for investigation on suspicion and no co-operation can be secured. The coroner has ordered an examination of witnesses before his jury for next Monday and in the meantime Police Justice Badger orders a hearing for his prisoners for Saturday morning. It looks now like neither side will surrender any of their prisoner suspects for examination by the other side so that it looks like two separate cases will be sent up from Raleigh to the county grand jury at the January term. Neither side will divulge evidence of any consequence before their respective hearings.

May Bring Suit Yet.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., counsel for the merchants in the carnival imbroglio, was asked yesterday what he proposed to do with his threatened suit against individual members of the Board of Aldermen in view of the effort that had been put forward by the City Clerk and Treasurer. He stated that he had not yet decided what course he would advise his clients to pursue; that he was not so certain the suit would not be brought anyway.

A warrant issued on the affidavit of John Hewitt, a white man, charging John R. Smith, proprietor of the Smith carnival with assault, was withdrawn and the prosecutor paid the costs at the session of the Mayor's court yesterday. John Turley, a white man, for disorderly conduct, was given 30 days and judgment was suspended on good behavior.

A BASKET BALL LEAGUE

Five Teams Organized Among Y. M. C. A. Athletes For Games This Winter—First of Series Will be Played This Evening.

At an enthusiastic meeting of those interested in athletics at the Y. M. C. A. last evening a basket ball league was organized from among members of the Senior classes in the gymnasium and the prospect for some interesting games between the teams, as well as some inter-city events for the Winter, is bright.

Five teams have been organized and these will play regular dates according to a schedule to be arranged later, the first in the series to take place this evening in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium at 8:30 o'clock sharp. The public is cordially invited to attend these contests and an interesting article of the sport is promised. The teams have been organized as follows, positions to be assigned later:

No. 1.—L. Hanson, captain; W. Andrews, Ed White, W. W. Miller and E. Washburn.

No. 2.—H. W. Stevens, captain; H. M. Kendall, H. Shannon, T. J. Ceeders and T. K. Kessler.

No. 3.—B. A. Thees, captain, R. K. Rutledge, H. Morris, M. B. Gore and M. LeMoine.

No. 4.—R. S. McClelland, captain, H. Woolcott, J. W. Taylor, H. Leicht and B. Silverman.

No. 5.—Dr. F. W. Burkhardt, captain, H. Howes, O. C. Fillyaw, J. Fowler and E. H. Parker.

Many of the men have already been down to practice this season and should be able to play fast ball from the beginning.

SOCIAL EVENT OF INTEREST

Baraca Class to Entertain Complimentary to the Philatheas.

The Baraca Class of the First Baptist Church at its regular monthly business meeting on Thursday evening decided to give an entertainment in the parlors of the church on the evening of December 15th complimentary to the Philatheas Class of the same congregation. Extensive preparations are being made to make the affair a delightful one, inaugurating as it will a series of pleasant social functions that are to be enjoyed during the Winter. The main feature of the evening will be an address by Mr. Marshall H. Hudson, president of the World Wide Baraca, who has been extended an invitation to be present. There will also be short addresses and recitals by various members of the Baraca and Philatheas Classes. The musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, will be a rare pleasure.

ARRIVALS OF SCHOONERS

Two Reached Here With Cargoes Yesterday—One in Distress.

With her deck load shifted, and the vessel leaking, the schooner Charles H. Weston, Captain Plummer, from Charleston bound north with cargo of lumber, was towed into Southport yesterday for repairs and to await favorable weather to proceed on her voyage.

The schooners Judge Boyce, Captain Eskridge, and Geo. F. Phillips, Captain Hammond, arrived yesterday from Carteret, N. J., with cargoes of acid phosphate for the Pocomoke Guano Company, to be discharged to the Seaboard Air Line. The vessels are consigned to C. D. Maffitt.

The yacht Marchioness, Captain C. F. Wolf, owner and master, from New York to Florida, came in port yesterday for harbor, being unable to continue her voyage on account of stress of weather.

WAS NO FOUL PLAY

Young Clyde H. Bradshaw Came to Himself in Hospital Yesterday.

Young Clyde H. Bradshaw, the stranger picked up by three tramps by the railroad track between Wilmington and Navassa, late Thursday evening, recovered consciousness in the hospital here yesterday and an examination of him by the physicians removes all suspicion that there has been foul play. He seems to be an epileptic and had slight bruises on his forehead, no doubt inflicted by a fall when he fell in a fit. He gave his age as 27 and said he was from Rose Hill but beyond that he seemed to know nothing, stating that he did not even remember being at Navassa. The three tramps held on suspicion were turned over to Justice Furlong to be tried for vagrancy, if indeed it is decided to try them on any charge as they were clearly good Samaritans when they picked up young Bradshaw and were assisting him to Navassa.

Married in Burgaw.

The Pender Chronicle of the past week contains a lengthy account of the marriage of Miss Nora Williams and Mr. Samuel William Newton near Burgaw on Tuesday afternoon of the past week. Rev. W. M. Sikes officiating. Mr. and Mrs. David Ormsby, of Wilmington, were among the bridal party and an elegant dinner at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Williams, was one of the features of the happy affair. The bride and groom will make their home in Wilmington where both are well known and much admired in a large circle of friends.

Great bargain sale still going on at Rehder's.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

In Fit of Despondency Following Nervous Breakdown, J. Frank Maunder Killed Himself.

EARLY MORNING TRAGEDY

Pressed Muzzle of Newly Purchased Revolver to His Temple and Pulled Trigger—Community Saddened and Shocked.

The community was shocked beyond expression early yesterday morning at the announcement that Mr. J. Frank Maunder, so well and so favorably known in Wilmington, had committed suicide by shooting himself through the temple in the rear yard of his residence, No. 215 North Fifth street.

Mr. Maunder had been in wretched health for several years and recently suffered a nervous breakdown, but the buoyancy of his nature and his bright, cheerful disposition in spite of his affliction, had totally unprepared his friends and acquaintances for the shock that came with the news of his rash act. Mr. Maunder at times recently had been very despondent and on the night before the tragedy in highly nervous condition, had slept but little and son after arising yesterday morning, told Mrs. Maunder that he would go for a little walk before breakfast with the hope that he would feel better. Mrs. Maunder, little dreaming of the terrible tragedy that was even then perhaps upon the mind of her husband, went about her household duties as usual. A few minutes later when the morning meal had been prepared, a servant went out in the back yard and in passing the entrance to a wood house some distance from the residence, she was horrified to find Mr. Maunder lying on his side in a pool of his own blood. She quickly gave the outcry and friends and neighbors came in hurriedly, among the first to arrive being Mr. J. T. King and Mr. W. H. Yopp. Mr. Maunder was then alive but life was ebbing very fast and physicians were hastily summoned. Dr. C. D. Bell being among the first to reach the scene but too late to be of assistance. Mr. Maunder had evidently placed the pistol to his forehead, just over the right eye and sent a ball crashing through his brain. Just under his side and a few feet from his hand lay the weapon with which he had committed the act, a 38-calibre Iver & Johnson revolver, which was later ascertained had been purchased from the hardware store of Messrs. Wm. E. Springer & Co. on Wednesday evening. Whether he then had any suicidal intent is not known, his demeanor being perfectly normal and the clerk who waited on him having not the remotest idea that it was to be used for other than the ordinary purposes. The remains were taken into the residence by Dr. Bell and the gentlemen named and hundreds of friends called during the morning to be of what assistance they could and to comfort Mrs. Maunder, who was prostrated at the terrible ordeal which she was called upon to bear.

The morning being very cold and all the doors and windows of the residence being closed neither Mrs. Maunder nor the servant heard the report of the pistol, but it was evidently a few minutes after 7 o'clock as after the tragedy several recalled having heard a muffled report in the rear of the house. It is thought Mr. Maunder lived less than half an hour after the fatal shot was fired. With the exception of the servant, Mrs. Maunder was the only member of the household present at the time of the tragedy. Mrs. E. S. Charles, Jr., the youngest daughter, had recently accompanied her husband on a trip to New York, and was advised of the distressing intelligence by telegraph, a reply having been received that she and Mr. Charles would start for Wilmington at once. Other children surviving are Mrs. W. L. Kinney, of Mississippi; and Mr. John Maunder, of Portsmouth, Va. All the members of the family are expected today and the funeral will be conducted most likely tomorrow morning or afternoon.

John Franklin Maunder was born in New York February 10th, 1854, and was, therefore in the 55th year of his age. Early in life he came to Wilmington and engaged in business. He married Miss Adelaide Orrell, a sister of the late Capt. Robert C. Orrell, and she with the children named survive him. Mr. Maunder for many years had been with the same firm of W. M. Divine & Co., and Hancock & Daggett which the first named succeeded. He was a man of great energy and perseverance, quick in action and devoted to his home, family, employers, city and State. Soon after the Wilmington revolution in 1898 he served on the Board of Aldermen and the splendid steel bridge over the Coast Line tracks on Fifth street is a lasting monument to his service to his people in that capacity. He had also been a member of the Board of Audit and Finance and had served in various other public capacities, being trusted and honored by his fellow citizens. He was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M. Stonewall Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, and of the Reserve Corps of the Wilmington Light Infantry.

In his honor, Capt. Wm. F. Robertson yesterday ordered the flag over the armory at half mast and that the front of the building be draped with mourning for 30 days. In every walk of life, Mr. Maunder was the ideal, progressive citizen and his place in the community will be hard to fill. Get your dolls and toys at Rehder's.

SALE OF THE CITY BONDS

Many Inquiries Received and Several Representatives Here For Opening of Bids Monday—Beginning of County Fiscal Year.

From present indications there will be a number of bidders for the \$400,000 waterworks and sewerage bonds which the City of Wilmington will place on the market Monday at noon for undertaking the great public improvements suggested by the name of the securities.

Not only have many inquiries by mail and telegraph been received, but several representatives of bankers and brokers are here and will submit proposals to the Finance Committee of the Board. A number of these bidders submitted proposals for the county bonds a few weeks ago and it is reasonable to suppose that the city will experience no difficulty in floating the securities at 4 1/2 per cent. with a considerable premium. Chicago and Boston brokers have entered the market against the Cincinnati houses and some lively bidding is expected. Any action taken by the Finance Committee Monday at noon will immediately go up to the Aldermen for confirmation at its regular meeting the same night and it is expected that final ratification of any sale will take place at a special meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance Tuesday.

The county begins its new fiscal year on Monday so that with the convening of the regular term of Superior Court, the day will be quite a busy one in official circles. At the meeting of the Board of Commissioners in the afternoon a reorganization will take effect and all county officers will renew their bonds while many subordinate, elective offices will be filled.

MT. ZION A. M. E. CHURCH.

Return of Pastor by Conference Welcomed by Congregation. (Communicated.)

At the close of the North Carolina Conference which convened in Fayetteville Nov. 18th, Rev. E. T. Bailey was reappointed to Mt. Zion to serve another year. All the members of the above named church seem to be delighted to have their pastor return again. This church accomplished a great deal last Conference year. This church has been burdened with debt for many years, some of them standing for 25 years, but last year the debt was nearly freed from the old debt. With an addition of 242 members the church has taken on new life and bids fair to be one of the leading churches in the State.

On Wednesday night a committee of ladies gave their pastor a welcome reception at the parsonage. It was an up-to-date affair to say the least. The choir rendered some beautiful selections, Bro. Norman Linsy acting as master of ceremonies. Bro. J. P. Bowens delivered the welcome address to the pastor which made him feel that he still lived in the hearts of the members of his congregation. In a few well chosen remarks the pastor responded to the same, after which our hearts were gladdened to hear remarks from Drs. Stroud, Capehart and Robinson and Bro. Thos. Hooper. Then supper was announced and you may know the rest.

EXHIBIT OF CURIOS.

Delightful Affair Last Afternoon and Evening by Mrs. Crowley.

The exhibit of curios from China, Cuba, Africa, the Philippines and many other foreign lands at the home of Mrs. J. S. Crowley, No. 411 South Front, proved a most interesting affair. The attendance in the afternoon was splendid but in the evening the rain kept many away and for this reason, it has been decided to repeat the exhibit next Tuesday. A number of interesting curios from foreign lands were offered for sale and a free-will offering was received for furnishing the woman's ward in the Worth Hospital in China, quite a neat sum having been realized. Mrs. Crowley was assisted in entertaining her guests by a committee of ladies from the First and St. Andrew's Presbyterian churches and the ladies at the tables were dressed in Oriental costumes. Delightful refreshments were served and the decorations were very pretty.

The collection of curios from the several lands are owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chadbourne and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Worth, of this city, and Maj. Daniel R. Johnson, of Brunswick County.

Broke His Arm Again.

If Master James Woolvin, the little son of Mr. James F. Woolvin, was not born under an unlucky star, he would like to know. Only a few weeks ago he suffered a painful fracture of one arm, following a break of several months before and yesterday while at play with some other children at school, he broke the other arm near the elbow. The latter is a very severe fracture and though he is being given the best of attention it is feared he may have the joint stiff for life.

Infantry. In his honor, Capt. Wm. F. Robertson yesterday ordered the flag over the armory at half mast and that the front of the building be draped with mourning for 30 days. In every walk of life, Mr. Maunder was the ideal, progressive citizen and his place in the community will be hard to fill.

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HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

List of Distinctions as Announced For Quarter Ended on November 27th.

ATTENDANCE RECORD HIGH

Evidence of Excellent Work in All Departments—Junior Class Has Honor of Leading All Others in the Average.

The Honor Roll at the Wilmington High School for the quarter ending November 27th, was announced yesterday by Mr. J. B. Huff, the principal. This is the longest roll ever achieved by the students at the school and shows that excellent work is being done by the students.

The enrollment of 257 at the High School is 20 in excess of the highest mark reached ever before and the percentage of attendance last month was 98.18 with but one tardy. Miss Louise Rutland, of the Junior Class, leads the school the past quarter with an average of 99.05. Other distinctions in the various classes are as follows:

Senior—First honors, Nick Post 97.7 (leads); Mudge Brand, 97.18, Robert Strange, Mary O. Green and Mary Riley. Second honors, Carrie Toomer, Lucile King, Irene King, Flossie Marshbanks, Lucile Cavenaugh, Custys Meredith, Annabel Campbell, Lucile Riley, Florence Wessell.

Junior—First honors, Louise Rutland 99.05, Ursula Willis 98.22, Emma Hazel King 97.7, Ethel Solomon 97.6, Hazel Blank 97.5, Laura Reid 97.3, Etta Stallings, Fannie Mitchell, Israel Noe, Lotie Frink. Second honors, Emmie Bell LeGwin, Wilford Pratt. Seven pupils from this class made an average of 100 on history and 10 made 99 on Latin. Thirty-seven out of 42 made 100 on deportment. Sophomore—First honor, Hallie Rutland 98.14 and leads. Second honor, Avon Blue, Leonard Wessell, Leighton Boone, Almeria Stevenson, Annie Taylor and Mary Worth.

Freshman I—First honor, Alice Sawyer 97.9 and leads, Margaret Solomon, Russell Holmes. Second honor, Mamie Brooks, Lottie Fales, Hazel Fleet, Eloise Jackson, Irene Jones, Mary Lorenz, Annie Leah Mercer, Mamie Montgomery, Ollie Rembert, Sadie Shaw, Annie Smith, Jennie Thomas, Albert Fales.

Freshmen II—First honor, Gladys Herring 97 and leads, Margaret Cronly. Second honors, Jennie Johnson, Lula Johnson, Edwin McIntire. Freshmen III—First honors, Laurens Wright and Julian Moore, each 97 and leading, Maude Frink and Annie Futch. Second honors, Isabel Garvey, Louise George, Margaret Garvey, Charles Cleap, Alice Love, Eva Pitt, Cleone Pigford, Louise Pridgen, Mary Shepard, Leon Walsh, Lassie Wilson, Lila Williams, Jeanette McDougall.

PROWLER GETS SHOT

Negro at Hamlet Tries to Enter Residence and is Arrested. (Special to News and Observer.)

Hamlet, N. C., Dec. 3.—Last night about 11:30 o'clock Mr. Henry Smith shot and wounded an unknown negro who was attempting to enter his house. Several nights ago Mr. Smith's wife heard some one around the house but thought it was her husband and a Mr. Wright, who rooms at Mr. Smith's, but upon investigation some one was seen to run off. Last night the negro came back and awoke Mr. Smith by a noise at the window.

Mr. Wright also awoke and crept out of the back door. He attacked the negro and was knocked down. About this time Mr. Smith appeared and fired his shot gun at the retreating negro.

The negro was found today under the house of a neighbor, and was placed in the lockup to await trial.

MR. LOVE PASSES AWAY.

Well Known Citizen Died at Hospital After Long Illness.

Mr. June G. Love, a well known citizen, died at the James Walker Memorial hospital Thursday night following an illness covering several months. He had been in declining health for a year or more and his condition was such that little hope was held out for recovery. The deceased was in his 60th year and was a son of the late Armand D. Love. For the past several years he had been employed by Chief Engineer Jno. H. Sweeney at the Clarendon Water Works plant. The funeral will be conducted this morning at 10:30 o'clock at Oakdale cemetery, where the remains will be interred.

FROM ROCKY POINT.

Score Three For Pender and Her Boys—Strawberries Red.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Rocky Point, N. C., Dec. 4.—Score three for Rocky Point! Master John H. Futch killed on Turkey Creek this morning a bald eagle measuring nine feet from tip to tip. Another boy tackled a big railroad conductor and ran. Another recently killed a 300-pound bear. No hook worm here! Strawberries are getting red and we are coming!