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OUTLINES.

The North Carolina Society, of New York City, gave a brilliant banquet at Hotel Astor last night, attended by 500 members and guests of the society, who listened to a stirring address by President-elect Taft, on the South's problems.—In the Federal Suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Co., John D. Archbold resumed the stand yesterday for a brief examination and Henry Tilford, president of the Standard Company, of California, testified at length.—Due to illness of two members of the night rider grand jury making it necessary to obtain other jurors, all the testimony on which the former indictments were based may have to be repeated before new ones can be returned.—The Government dike on the Arkansas river at Pine Bluff, Ark., gave away last night and many persons in the east end of the city are moving their houses or demolishing them to save the lumber. Already five dwellings and a warehouse have been swept away and the entire eastern section is in danger.—A sensation was created in the trial of Chas. E. Davis, for the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin, when Mrs. Emily Allen testified that she saw Mrs. Abbie Rice on the street at 4 o'clock in the morning, a time which the latter and several witnesses for the prosecution said she was at home.—The Sixtieth Congress met in its second session yesterday. Both houses were in session only a short while, adjourning out of respect to the memory of members who had died since the last session.—Mrs. Florence Mybrick and her mother recover judgment in the Virginia courts for 500,000 acres of land.—The steamship Valentinia, Wilmington for Bremen, picks up the steamship Oriflamme, an oil steamer, disabled and carries her into Halifax, N. S.—The Southern Industrial Congress met in Washington yesterday.—New York markets: Money on call easy 2 to 2 1/2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1/2, closing bid 2 1/4, offered at 2 1/2. Flour steady. Wheat easy, No. 2, 1.10 1/2 to 1.12 elevator. Corn steady, No. 2, 69 1/2 to 70 elevator. Oats steady, mixed 54 1/2 to 55. Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.35, middling gulf 9.60.

Uncle Joe is in the saddle again for two months at least—and we expect for two years more.

Which one of the two do you think won the prize in that cross-examination contest between the two John D's?

If the people don't know what they want on tariff how should they expect their Representatives in Congress to know?

It seems to be a case of rivalry between Wake and Durham counties as to which can have the most murders without anybody being hanged.

News of the burning of the old Malvern Hill residence will bring to the mind's eye of many a Civil War veteran vivid pictures of the bloody conflicts which took place in that locality.

A man in Texas predicts the end of the world will come in thirty days. If he be correct in his prognostication Uncle Joe Cannon may be saved a great disappointment.

Those who have kept up with the testimony and arguments on the tariff questions before the House Ways and Means Committee can hardly blame the members for being at sea on the subject.

We are told that Mr. Bryan will not be a candidate four years hence. But that gentleman says he is still in the fight. Who knows better, he or the newspaper men who assume to speak for him?

If Democrats are going to stand for low tariff as a principle of political economy they should stop asking for exemption to be made in favor of every industry in which each one of them is financially interested.

If Cannon finds he has backers enough to elect him Speaker do you suppose he will advise those same backers to so change the rules of the House as to deprive him of his absolute power under the present ones?

Those who think that because of the extra session of the Legislature last winter there will be little business for that body at the coming session are going to find themselves greatly disappointed. Wait and see.

Whether right or wrong Dr. Styles has stirred up the Tar Heels and taken their minds of the question as to what was the cause of Bryan's defeat when he had the majority vote in his vest pocket the day before the election.

The News and Observer editor pleads an alibi on the transfer of Surry county to the Fifth district, which resulted in the loss of a Democratic Congressman in this State. Who expected him to father the action after contemplating the sad result?

COUNTY FISCAL YEAR

Board of Commissioners Re-organized and Officers Renewed Their Bonds.

FEW CHANGES ARE MADE

Mr. D. McEachern Re-elected Chairman—Mr. J. P. Montgomery, New Member, Qualifies—Business Transacted.

With the meeting of the retiring body and the organization of the newly elected Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon, the new fiscal year began most auspiciously, all officers having been sworn in, their bonds renewed and much business transacted incident to the annual meeting.

The old Board first met with Chairman D. McEachern and Commissioners Vollers and Divine in attendance. The minutes of the preceding meetings having been read and approved, the chairman tendered his annual report which was referred to the Auditing Committee with instruction to have the same published.

The old Board then adjourned sine die and the newly elected Board was sworn in by Colonel John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, the only change being the seating of Mr. J. P. Montgomery, who was elected to succeed Mr. W. F. Alexander, who declined re-election. The Board organized by the re-election of Commissioner D. McEachern as chairman and Register of Deeds John Haar clerk, ex-officio.

All county officers then came in, were sworn and gave their bonds as follows:

W. B. Savage, constable of Wilmington township, \$1,000, with W. E. Springer as surety.

Geo. R. Smith, constable Harnett township, \$1,000, with J. B. Fales, J. A. Nixon and B. B. Humphrey as sureties.

C. D. Bell, coroner, \$2,000, with Sol. Sternberger, Jr., and Julius Sternberger sureties.

H. McL. Green, treasurer, in the sum of \$60,000 for the county school fund with H. C. McQueen, Matt J. Heyer and J. V. Grainger as sureties; for road fund, \$100,000 with H. C. McQueen, Matt J. Heyer, W. B. Cooper, C. E. Taylor, Jr. and J. V. Grainger as sureties; \$50,000 for general funds with H. C. McQueen, M. J. Corbett and J. V. Grainger as sureties.

S. P. Cowan, sheriff, \$45,000 for public taxes with M. J. Heyer, J. A. Taylor, M. Rosenman and J. H. Rehder as sureties; \$50,000 for county poor school and special tax fund, same sureties; \$5,000 process bond, same sureties.

John Haar, Register of Deeds, \$10,000 with C. F. VonKampen, E. P. H. Strunck, Jurgen Haar, J. G. L. Gieschen and J. W. Duls as sureties.

Request of C. R. Kriner for \$20 and \$5 per month hereafter as spiritual adviser at the County Home, was referred to the committee.

A large number of applications for tax corrections and exemptions were heard, some were granted and others denied.

Mr. A. P. Gilbert, of the Kelley Springfield Road Roller Co., addressed the Board and the matter of the purchase of a new machine was referred to the Road Committee.

The chairman reported that he would announce the appointment of standing committees later.

During the month the Superintendent of Health reported 10 cases of diphtheria, 7 of typhoid and five of pneumonia; no acute sickness in any of the county institutions. May Ballard, colored, an inmate of the Home, died of paralysis during the month; 99 patients were treated in the office and 22 at their homes during the month. A communication from property owners immediately across Smith's Creek bridge on the Castle Haynes road, protesting against a slaughter pen of Messrs. Hopkins & Davis in the neighborhood, was referred to the County Sanitary Board, a meeting of which is called for Thursday of this week.

Road Superintendent Hootcut reported 68 cars of rock used on Masonboro road and 8 qrs furnished to City of Wilmington; built and completed three quarters of a mile of Masonboro road and graded one mile of same. Force consists of 24 convicts and 14 carts. Considerable repair work being done on Castle Haynes road. Three days were lost during the month by the entire force of 88 convicts and 112 days were lost on account of sickness.

The Register of Deeds reported 386 marriage licenses issued during the fiscal year and payment of \$386 as revenue therefrom.

The Clerk of the Superior Court reported \$95.75 in fines and forfeitures since last report and his annual report of funds in his keeping, the latter having been referred to the Finance Committee.

Bellamy & Bellamy, county attorneys, reported \$133.60 net back tax collections during the month.

Superintendent Hardee, of the County Home, reported nine white and 10 colored patients in the Home, four white and 20 colored convicts.

The annual reports of the treasurer and the sheriff as to schedule B and

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ELKS' FITTING MEMORIAL

Pretty and Impressive Service Sunday Afternoon in Academy of Music by Wilmington Lodge No. 532, B. P. O. E.

Altogether beautiful and most befitting memorial services were held Sunday afternoon in the Academy of Music by Wilmington Lodge No. 532, B. P. O. E., in honor of those members of the order who have gone before. The attendance was unusually large and the exercises as arranged were carried out most beautifully.

The address by Louis Goodman, Esq., a talented young member of the Wilmington B. P. O. E., was one of the best ever heard here upon a similar occasion, dealing largely with the beautiful tenets of the brotherhood and closing with an admirable quotation of "Thanatopsis." Mr. Goodman was listened to with rare interest and pleasure by the large and thoroughly appreciative audience. In the absence of Capt. Wm. F. Robertson, who was unexpectedly called out of the city, the orator of the afternoon was pleasantly introduced by the Rev. Dr. Jas. Carmichael, chaplain of the lodge, who asked the Rev. Dr. Mendelsohn, rabbi of the Temple of Israel, to conduct the opening devotional exercises.

The stage was beautifully set with palms and plants by Rehder, the florist, and the special quartette engaged for the service rendered delightful vocal music, which was supplemented by instrumental selections by Hollowbush's Academy Orchestra. A touching feature of the service was the release of a dove from beneath a bower of evergreens and flowers as each of the names of the "absent brothers" was tenderly called thrice by Secretary H. M. Crowell and there was no answer, the birds ascending in their flight to the proscenium of the theatre, typing the flown spirits of those whom the lodge would do honor. Members of the order assembled at their Temple, on North Front street, and attended the services in a body, occupying seats to the front of the theatre.

Exalted Ruler J. E. Leitner was master of the ceremonies and the officers who took part in the lodge ceremonial performed their duties with rare feeling and ability. The annual collection for charity was received and it is good to know that a substantial amount was received. The service was one of the prettiest held in Wilmington in several years.

IN SUPERIOR COURT

One Week Term For Trial of Civil Actions Convened.

Superior Court for a one-week term convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge C. C. Lyon presiding. A number of minor cases were taken up during the day, but none of public interest. Of the jurors summoned for the week Messrs. Frank Meier, F. B. Crowson, Wm. Gilchrist and J. N. Jacob were excused for satisfactory reasons.

The first case on the docket was that of Julia Austin and others against C. D. Gore, involving a small piece of property in the city and which was set for the first day of the term. On account of the engagement of Mr. Marsden Bellamy as county attorney, he being one of counsel in the case, the suit was placed at foot of the calendar for the day and will be later reached during the week in its order.

Judgment for divorce was given William Judge against Martha Judge and the case of Joseph Outlaw against the Creveling VanDyck Co., for personal injuries, was continued for the defendant. All the afternoon was taken up with the trial of a suit brought to recover debt, J. A. Taylor against A. P. Thomas. The jury empaneled just before the dinner recess is composed of Messrs. E. S. McGowan, O. F. Corbett, J. MacBee Hatch, A. H. Weedon, A. L. Doshier, A. T. Pendergraff, L. O. Ellis, C. D. Sykes, C. R. Mason, J. O. Brown, D. McC. Johnson and M. H. Penny. The case was still in hearing when court took a recess for the day at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

ROBBED OF \$400.

Wake County Merchant Held Up Near Raleigh Last Night.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—T. B. Holt, a prominent merchant of Holly Springs, was held up and robbed of \$400 this evening in a lonely section of the road, four miles from Raleigh, by two highwaymen, a negro and a white man. The negro stopped the horse and the white man presented his revolver and ordered "money or your life." Holt gave up an envelope containing \$400 that he carried in his coat pocket and the highwaymen went off with this without searching him further. They left his hip pocket book, which contained \$100 cash and a quantity of checks.

Holt came on to Raleigh and reported the robbery, but says he cannot identify the highwaymen, as they were well disguised and masked.

Sheriff's Deputies Reappointed.

The terms of all deputies by his appointment having expired with his first term yesterday, Sheriff Cowan has re-appointed the following: Office Deputies Jas. H. Taylor, Jr., and T. O. Bunting; field deputies, W. H. Cox, H. Hootcut, John M. Branch, H. W. Howe and E. S. Piver. Others will be appointed or re-appointed as their need may appear during the year.

BRING GOOD PREMIUM

Sale of \$400,000 City Waterworks and Sewerage Bonds-Effectuated Here Yesterday.

AWARDED NEW YORK HOUSE

Securities Command Premium of \$13,272 on Four and Half Per Cent. Basis—Local Institution Strong in the Market.

Among eight competitors for the issue, N. W. Harris & Co., of New York, were the successful bidders for the \$400,000 city waterworks and sewerage bonds, proposals for the sale of which were opened yesterday noon by the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, the securities having been floated at the substantial premium of \$103,318 and accrued interest from October 1st to date of delivery. The sale of the bonds at this substantial figure over 96 at which the sale was all but consummated only a few weeks ago, is very gratifying and means that negotiations will at once be opened with the Clarendon Waterworks Co., to ascertain if the established plant can be purchased at an equitable figure, and that arrangements will also be made toward providing the city with an up-to-date sanitary sewerage system, either using the present plant as a nucleus, if the same is purchased, or the laying of an entirely new system.

Nearly all the bidders were represented in person and the competition was quite lively. Among the bidders were the Southern National Bank and the Merchison National Bank, of this city, the bid of the former having been one of the highest and most satisfactory of those presented. The bid expressed confidence in the present and future prosperity of the city and entire satisfaction as to the validity of the bonds. The sale at the price named, yesterday nets about \$29,000 more than the former proposed sale to Seasongood & Meyer, just before the election, and shows that those who objected to a sale at that time planned even more wisely than they knew. Being for a longer term, 40 instead of 25 years, the city securities sold a little higher than the \$50,000 issue of county road bonds recently. Among the personal representatives of the buyers present at the opening of the bonds were Messrs. George C. Hannahs, of N. W. Harris & Co.; William S. Glenn, president of the Security Trust Co., Spartanburg, S. C.; J. Gist Search, of Trowbridge & Niver Co., Chicago; Theo. M. Kerchoff, of Macdonald, McCoy & Co., Chicago; Harry E. Weil, of Weil, Roth & Co., Cincinnati, and R. L. Forrest, of R. L. Forrest & Co., Philadelphia; Chas. N. Evans, cashier of the Southern National Bank, Wilmington, and Messrs. H. C. McQueen, president, and Mr. J. V. Grainger, vice president, of the Merchison National Bank, Wilmington.

The bids were opened by the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, composed of Chairman C. P. Bolser and Messrs. Ellis and O'Brien. There were also present Alderman T. W. Wood, Alderman R. H. Northrop and City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr. A record of the proceedings was kept by City Clerk and Treasurer John J. Fowler. Chairman Bolles, of the Finance Committee, first made a statement as to the sale of the bonds and all bidders having acquiesced, the proposals were opened as follows:

N. W. Harris & Co., New York, \$103,318 and accrued interest, which figures a premium of \$13,272 on the entire issue. No bond blanks furnished.

Macdonald, McCoy & Co., Chicago, par, accrued interest and \$5,209 premium and blanks, attorneys having already given preliminary opinion that bonds are legal.

Forrest & Co., Philadelphia, \$102,679 and accrued interest, the proceeds as may be required by the city to make payment of the award on the arbitration for the property of the Wilmington Sewerage Co., in pursuance of that company's written proposal to the city, and to pay the price the city may agree to pay the Clarendon Waterworks Co., for its property and also any extensions and improvements to the property acquired. Conditions declined by committee.

Security Trust Co., Spartanburg, S. C., par, accrued interest and a premium of \$5,430 and furnish blanks.

Trowbridge & Niver Co., Farsons Sons & Co., Thos. J. Bolger & Co., Chicago, par, accrued interest and a premium of \$7,065 with blanks. For 5 per cent. bonds, par, accrued interest and premium of \$28,000.

Weil, Roth & Co., Cincinnati, par, accrued interest and \$8,300 premium, no blanks.

Merchison National Bank, Wilmington, par and accrued interest for half or \$200,000 of the issue.

Southern National Bank, Wilmington, par, accrued interest and premium of \$5,325 and blanks, payment to be made all upon delivery or at option of city, \$200,000 January 1st, 1909, second \$100,000 March 1st, 1909 and third \$100,000 April 1st 1909. The bidder agrees to furnish free of charge the blank bonds and calls attention to the saving in delivery of bonds and in interest, if deferred deliveries are preferred, all of which should, of course, be computed as premium.

All the bids were on a basis of 4 1/2

SERVICES AT ST. THOMAS

Solemn Ceremonies Incident to Forty Hours' Adoration Participated in by Bishop and Many Visiting Priests.

The services of the Forty Hours' Adoration on Sunday at St. Thomas' Catholic church were carried out with all the richness of the Roman rite. High Mass was celebrated with Father Hacon as celebrant; Father Marrion, deacon, and Father J. Gallagher, sub-deacon. It was a touching and impressive sight to see the little girls in the procession which took place after Mass. It recalled to mind the street scenes of Europe, where Catholic pageants are of such common occurrence. They were decked out with white wreaths of flowers and flowing veils resembling the old country scenes of the "May Queen." All were impressed of the importance which the church places on the young taking part in the religious ceremonial.

Bishop Haid preached at the morning and evening services. The discourse in the evening was of the most practical heard here in years. It was on the platform of our common Christianity and all his auditors could well apply some of its lessons to themselves. At the morning services large numbers approached for Holy Communion. On Monday evening the Bishop also sustained the interest of the congregation by his elegant sermon.

At the evening sermon the Rev. Father Kunnecke, chaplain of the garrison at Fort Caswell, assisted by Fathers Marrion, Hannon and Gallagher conducted the benediction after the sermon.

Today after Solemn High Mass the Bishop will impart the Sacrament of Confirmation to a class of adults including some converts. The concluding services will take place this evening at 8 o'clock, when Bishop Haid will again preach after which the Litany will be chanted and the devotion of the 40 hours concludes with Solemn Benediction.

J. J. KNOX SHERIFF

Elected to Succeed Late Jackson Standland in Brunswick County.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 7.—The County Commissioners in session here today elected J. J. Knox, of Town Creek, to fill the term of Sheriff Jackson Standland, deceased, and Asa Doshier, of Southport, was appointed by R. S. Newton, Clerk of the Superior Court, to fill the vacancy on the Board of County Commissioners by the resignation of Mr. Knox. The Commissioners organized and one of their first acts was to ask the Governor for a special term of court for the trial of J. P. Walker, the alleged murderer of Sheriff Standland, the regular term not coming until March. Mr. Doshier, the new Commissioner, was formerly Deputy Register of Deeds and is well qualified for the position. The election of Mr. Knox as sheriff will give very general satisfaction.

Howard Relief Company.

The Howard Relief Company last night elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President J. G. L. Gieschen, Vice President J. W. H. Fuchs, Secretary and Treasurer E. Schuklen, Marshals H. T. Duls, J. D. Doshier, Jr., and H. L. Vollers. Guard Martin Brunjes. A committee was appointed to arrange the annual New Year ball and arrangements were made for the installation of the officers the first meeting in January.

Rivers and Harbors Congress.

President Jas. H. Chadbourn left last evening and Secretary Meares Harris and other Wilmington delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington this week, will leave this evening for that great meeting. President Chadbourn and the vice presidents from this State will be the guests at dinner of Hon. John E. Ransdell in Washington this evening.

Fire Near Chadbourn, N. C.

The barn and stables of C. R. Leonhart, 2 1/2 miles east of Chadbourn, were destroyed by fire Saturday evening about 6 o'clock. Mr. Leonhart had just finished housing his winter's feed and did not have enough left to feed over Sunday. The barn was one of the best in that section and the loss is about \$1,000 with small insurance.

per cent, except where noted otherwise, bonds to be dated Oct. 1st, 1908, and to run for 40 years, without option of prior payment, interest payable semi-annually, practically all of them in New York or Chicago.

After the bids were opened, the committee went into executive session with the Mayor and after about an hour, came out and announced that the award would be recommended to N. W. Harris & Co., the highest bidder. The cost of Wilmington and New York delivery and the engraving of the bonds was calculated and the New York house was declared the highest in any aspect of the case. The exceedingly liberal terms afforded by the Southern National Bank ran its bid up to something over \$8,000 premium and it was regretted that the local institution could not have been successful. The influence of its bid, however, is bound to have a salutary effect on future bond sales by the county and municipality.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance Both in Session.

BOND SALE IS APPROVED

Large Number of Matters Before the Council Last Night—Reports From All Departments—Lease of Opera House.

Both the Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance were in session in their respective council chambers last night, the sale of the bonds as recommended by the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen being affirmed and numerous other matters of interest and importance being taken up by the legislative branch of the co-ordinate boards.

The Board of Aldermen was called to order shortly after 8 o'clock with all members in attendance except Mr. Karr, who was unavoidably detained. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. A report of the Finance Committee on the bond matter was first taken up as a special order and the recommendation that the contract be awarded to N. W. Harris & Co., of New York, was unanimously adopted, a report of the opening of the proposals being published elsewhere in today's paper. The action was upon motion of Mr. French, who took occasion to highly compliment the Southern National Bank for the spirit of progressiveness and its faith in the city as evidenced by its bid on these securities.

The action of the Aldermen in appropriating \$10,000 for the drainage of Macomber's ditch at its meeting on October 7th, was rescinded at the suggestion of Chairman Ellis, who read a substitute proposition, instructing the Streets and Wharves Committee to open 14th street and secure from abutting owners on both sides of the street the necessary releases, etc. The substitute proposition, also carrying a \$10,000 appropriation, was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Bolles, of the Finance Committee, reported for the present that there was no need of the proposed block book.

Alderman French reported for the Wilmington delegation to the recent Carolina Municipal Convention at Charlotte and introduced a resolution commending the work of the Association and carrying an appropriation of \$75 for the city's annual membership in the organization. Mayor Springer also commended the work of the Association and cited concrete examples of how the Association would redound to the benefit of the municipalities of the State. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Ellis, of the Sanitary Committee, reported the laying of 1,987 feet of drainage in the eastern part of the city from Castle to Grace streets and the opening of numerous ditches. He reported further in regard to the Fifth Ward drainage and said the pipe furnished to replace defective material on this work was not worth putting under ground; that in the opinion of some, it was not as good as that first put down. Alderman Northrop made the point that the City Engineer should be called on to inspect the material first and then take the matter up with the contractor. This was the disposition finally made of the matter, the committee being instructed to secure the inspection of the pipe by Capt. Walter G. MacRae and upon his passing the material to proceed with the laying of same.

Chairman Rathjen, of the Market Committee, reported the renting of the hall over the Fourth street fish and huckster market to S. T. Lee, of the Gospel Missions, at \$100 per year. The tinning of the shed at Front street market has begun and will be completed in about ten days. The report was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Northrop reported the city lighting as very satisfactory.

Chairman French reported for the Streets and Wharves Committee, the completion of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth street bridges and some of the lumber used in repairing the docks of the city. The dilapidated condition of the fences at Third and Hanover streets was discussed at length and the Mayor stated the committee would do what is possible to remedy conditions.

Chairman Wood, of the Waterworks Committee, said that in view of the bond sale, he would get to work at once and if a water plant cannot be found for sale, the committee could give the city a new system. Alderman French suggested that in negotiating for the purchase of the waterworks plant, the committee be empowered to employ an expert accountant to assist the members in their investigations. The suggestion was embraced in the form of a resolution and unanimously carried, after the method of proceeding with the negotiations was discussed at length, the committee to wait upon the Clarendon Waterworks Company and ascertain if the company is still ready to sell and, if so, at what price.

Chairman Jewell, of the Public Building Committee, reported that he had gone over the opera house with Secretary Boatwright, of the Local Board of Underwriters, who had rec-

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