

OUTLINES.

The so-called tobacco trust was declared an illegal combination in a final decree handed down by the United States Circuit Court in New York yesterday, naming nine companies and their subsidiaries as members of the combine. The selecting of the jurors to hear the cases of eight alleged Tennessee night riders on charges of murder, will begin at Union City tomorrow. Yesterday was spent in summoning veniremen and witnesses for the State and defense. Chas. M. Schwab, former president of the United States Steel Corporation, gave valuable testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee at the tariff hearing yesterday. The jury was secured in the Hains-Annis murder case yesterday and the taking of testimony will begin today. The decree in the Federal court declaring the American Tobacco Company and others an illegal monopoly was filed yesterday. Shippers are about agreed with the Interstate Commerce Commission on the proposed standard bill of lading. Many prominent men of this Nation and of foreign countries participated in the banquet of the National Geographic Society in Washington last night. The Federal Agricultural Department yesterday gave out revised figures showing the amount and value of the chief farm products of this country. The President's special message to Congress, read in both houses yesterday, on the charges of graft in the purchase of the Panama canal caused much amusement and there was a good deal of laughter at several of his statements. A Dutch battleship arrives at Willemstad towing a captured Venezuelan warship. Last night a Mrs. Moss was attacked by a negro in her home in Stanly county. Her screams brought twenty out and her assailant was captured. New York Markets: Money on call firm and higher at 2 3/4 to 4 per cent, ruling rate 3, closing bid 2, offered at 1 1/2. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.10, middling gulf 9.35. Flour quiet and barely steady. Corn steady no 2 66 elevator. Oats steady, mixed 55 1-2. Rosin and turpentine quiet.

It seems that State prohibition in North Carolina will put some others besides saloon keepers out of a job.

That Bladen county negro must have mistaken the sex of that one of his wife's parents, he shot the other day.

Don't you reckon Castro knew what was coming when he concluded to take his trip to Europe? At any rate, he has gotten out of the way just in time.

Does anyone expect such a big Government deal as the purchase and building of the Panama canal to go through without some graft or anyone getting a rake-off?

If some of that canal purchase money did stick to the sides of the channel it will not delay the work of its construction. So why make so much fuss about it on either side?

It is said Mr Cortelyou will go from the Cabinet to the Presidency of one of the big trusts. This is a promotion that most of the Cabinet officers look for these days.

If Chairman Adams can't convict Marion Butler of malicious libel he is going to have the satisfaction of giving him a lot of trouble before he gets through with him in the criminal court of Guilford county.

The cartoonists seem to think Speaker Cannon has discovered, or perhaps knows that he made, a hole in that Taft agreement big enough for him to crawl through—and we bank on the cartoonists being right.

Why should our Government interfere with the action of the Netherlands in forcing Venezuela to be honest? It was never intended that the Monroe Doctrine should be put to such use.

Those Democrats who are announcing themselves as candidates for the nomination in the Fifth and Eighth Congressional districts two years hence must expect the Legislature to do some redistricting at the coming session.

For a charge which has no semblance of truth in it President Roosevelt seems to be mightily worried about what those two newspapers have said in reference to the Panama canal purchase. You know Sam Jones used to say it was the hit dog that howled.

Isn't Brother Harris, of the Chronicle, of Charlotte, "a leetlebit" off with his figures when he says his city "already has one macadamized street forty miles long without a break"? If that be the case the Queen City must have swined more of the territory of surrounding counties and adjoining States than was supposed when she extended her corporate limits.

AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH

Father of W. McC. White, Formerly of Petersburg, Va., Passed Away Yesterday.

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PARDON FOR THOS. W. DEWEY

Ex-Judge Robinson Urges it Before Governor—Several Charters Are Granted—State Board of Pharmacy in Session.

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Ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, was in conference some time this morning with Governor Glenn, urging that he pardon Thomas W. Dewey, who is serving a six years' sentence for defalcations as cashier that caused the wreck of the Merchant's and Farmers' Bank, Newbern. Some months ago there was a hearing on a petition for pardon that resulted in the Governor's declining to grant the pardon.

The Acme Hosiery Mills Co., Ashboro, is chartered with \$100,000 capital authorized and \$15,000 subscribed by O. R. Cox, J. E. Walker and others for a general knitting business. Other charters are to the North Carolina Pine Co., Durham, capital \$35,000 by T. L. Setzer, G. O. Potts and others, for lumber business; and the Red Blood Tonic Co., Goldsboro, capital \$100,000, by A. R. Morgan, H. M. Melpass and others for special and general drug business.

Fifty pharmaceutical students spent the day in Representatives Hall of the State House being examined by the State Board of Pharmacy for the issuance of licenses. The young men came from every section of the State. The State Board is composed of E. V. Zoeller, Tarboro, president; W. F. Hancock, Oxford, secretary; W. W. Horner, Fayetteville; C. D. Bradham, Newbern; C. B. Miller, Goldsboro.

The annual examination and comparison of the books and vouchers of the State Treasurer and the State Auditor by the Legislative Committee regularly appointed by the Legislature for that purpose began today in the State Treasury and will require about all the remainder of the week. J. A. Holt, Guilford, is chairman of the commission and the other members are R. W. Turner, Elizabeth City; M. B. Stickley, Cabarrus; T. W. Blount, Washington, and T. E. Owen, Sampson.

There is general gratification among Raleigh masons over the fact that the joint committee from the local lodges and the grand lodge Masonic Temple committee have reached an agreement as to the rental for the Grand Lodge hall in the splendid \$125,000 temple—whereby the local lodges will use the hall for local meetings.

CHILD DIES FROM BURNS

Little Robert Craig Fearfully Burned, Succumbed to Injuries After Lingered Through the Day—Distressing Affair.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—Sustaining fatal burns in a most unfortunate manner early yesterday morning, little Robert Craig, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Craig, of No. 924 North Fourth street, died last night at 9:15 o'clock after lingering in a hopeless condition throughout the day.

ITS SCENERY ABLAZE

James K. Hackett Company Appeared Under Difficulties at Academy Last Night.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—Undaunted by an earlier fire which at one time threatened the complete destruction of all its scenic effects, piled high in a sixty-foot baggage car of the four that compose a special train in which the company was traveling yesterday morning from Fayetteville and in which the present Southern tour is being made, Mr. James K. Hackett, the eminent American actor, and his original New York cast, gave a very fine production of "The Prisoner of Zenda" to a large and thoroughly delighted audience at the Academy of Music last evening.

Although one entire stage setting for the production was completely ruined and other pieces were more or less damaged, to the average person in the audience last night the misfortune would have been unnoticed but for the brief response of Mr. Hackett to a certain call after the first act in which he regretted the handicap under which the company was appearing for the night's engagement and hoped that the performance, which perhaps not up to its standard, would be pleasing. Fortunately one setting for the house equipment perfectly met the emergency and the difference was hardly noticeable to the lay spectator.

The fire occurred early yesterday afternoon soon after the regular train from the South on the Atlantic Coast Line to which the four cars were attached, had left Chadbourn. The cars had been handled as a special over the Coast Line from Fayetteville to Elrod and thence down to Chadbourn in time to catch the regular train due to arrive here a little after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. While the train was in motion, smoke was discovered issuing from the top of the sixty-foot baggage car, owned by the Southern Railway and formerly used as a Southern Express coach. The fire evidently started from a gas lighting arrangement such as is usually used in railway coaches and the train was run with all possible haste to Evergreen station where the hose from a large saw mill plant in operation there was turned on the car and the flames extinguished after a delay of a couple of hours.

Upon the arrival in Wilmington the car was shifted to the lower yards of the Coast Line and the scenery unloaded. It was found that many of the settings were burned through, though the principal damage was to the effects of "The Crisis," which is also being played by Mr. Hackett on tour this season. The car was badly damaged near the top and temporary repairs were necessary at the Coast Line shops in this city, another being furnished to the company by the Coast Line. But for the fact that all the scenery was made of fire-proof material the loss would have been much greater. The damage is now being adjusted between the management of the company and the railroad, the amount not yet having been determined.

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DO NOT COUNTENANCE IT

Committee From Pastors' Association Makes Investigation of Rescue Work Recently Undertaken in Wilmington.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—A committee of Protestant ministers appointed by the local Ministerial Association yesterday issued to the press a statement in regard to a recent investigation of the Rescue Home being conducted in the southern part of the city and for which aid has been asked from time to time by those in charge of the institution.

BAGGAGE ON FIRE IN TRANSIT

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W. S. COURT SESSION

Several Cases of More Than Passing Interest Disposed of Here Yesterday.

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MAY FINISH DOCKET TODAY

Well-to-do Cumberland Man Charged With Several Irregularities But Found Not Guilty—Verdicts of Not Guilty.

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Yesterday the case of most interest and one that consumed the greater part of the forenoon session was that of Mr. John Smith, a well-to-do citizen of Cumberland county, charged with violation of the internal revenue laws, what the deputy marshals regarded as an "undue" amount of liquor having been found in his possession at one time. The State law in certain counties provides that the possession of over a certain amount of liquor in possession of a person at one time is prima facie evidence of retailing, but in the Federal Court, Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, counsel for the defendant, showed that there was no such provision and dealers in Wadesboro, which recently went dry, were introduced to show that Mr. Smith had purchased the liquor for legitimate purposes. The charge against the defendant was retailing, concealing and rectifying. Revenue Officers Foote, Holland and Downing testified to having raided Smith's premises and having found 30 or more gallons of liquor, empty jugs, empty barrels, coloring matter, etc. Mr. Smith, who lives near Hope Mills, runs a large vineyard and makes about 2,000 gallons of wine per year. He went on the stand and told of the legitimate use of the vessels and liquids found on his premises. Capt. Jas. D. McNeill, Capt. Robeson and others testified to the high character of Mr. Smith. The jury took the case after argument by counsel and returned a verdict of not guilty at 3:45 P. M., after being out over the dinner recess and receiving additional instructions from His Honor, Judge Waddill.

Dave White, colored, on trial Monday afternoon when court took a recess, was acquitted by the jury upon completion of the trial yesterday morning. The defendant was one of several arrested some time ago by South Carolina detectives in the raid at Fayetteville. He was represented by John W. Bolton, Esq.

James White, board of Cumberland and charged with retailing, was likewise found not guilty.

James Powell, Columbus county, violation of postal laws, was found guilty but judgment was reserved.

Ernest McKinnon, Cumberland, retailing, was found not guilty. He was represented by J. W. Bolton, Esq., of Fayetteville.

Nunnie Manning, Robeson, retailing, was found guilty but judgment was reserved.

Case of H. C. Carter, Robeson charged with retailing, was continued, it being understood defendant is now serving a term from the State courts.

John Dudley and Caesar Clayton, Scotland, charged with damage to rural mail box, were both discharged, it appearing that both have been in jail about six months.

During the day William M. Bellamy, Esq., and Thos. L. Johnson, Esq., were presented to the court by Col. Harry Skinner and J. G. McCormick, Esq., and after taking the prescribed oath, were duly admitted to practice in the Federal Courts of the district.

ALDERMEN MEET TONIGHT

Special Session to Hear Report From Waterworks Committee.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—Mayor Springer stated yesterday that at the request of the Special Waterworks Committee of the Board of Aldermen he had decided to issue a call for a special session of the Board tonight at the usual hour. It is presumed that at this meeting the committee will have a report to make on the progress of its negotiations for the purchase of the Clarendon Waterworks Company to be enlarged and operated plant. The committee has had several meetings and conferences with the waterworks officials and while it is stated that nothing definite has been reached, a report will be made and the Board will then be at liberty to take such action as it may deem best. It is the present plan to close up the negotiations so that in the event it is decided to purchase the established plant, it can be taken over on the first of January, the beginning of the quarter when there will be no unexpired contracts or rentals due, adding complications with which the committee was much hampered during the former negotiations.

REWARD FOR EVIDENCE

Twenty-five Dollars Offered in Case of Abandoned Infant.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—The Mayor stated yesterday that in the absence of a definite clue upon which the police can work to a conclusion, he had decided to offer a reward of \$25 for the arrest and evidence sufficient to convict the parties responsible for the heartless abandonment of the infant on the doorstep of Mrs. Howard, on Castle street, last Wednesday night, the child having subsequently died as the result of the exposure. The crime is a very grievous one and it is to be hoped that the reward will result in bringing the guilty party or parties to justice. The police have been steadily at work on the case since the abandonment and death of the child but Chief Williams stated yesterday afternoon that it seemed impossible to get a clue that was at all well defined.

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