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OUTLINES.

The Supreme Court of Missouri handed down a decision yesterday indicating the Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, and the Republic Oil Company, of the State, and forbidding them ever again to do business in Missouri—Thomas F. Ryan, one of the greatest financiers in the world, yesterday announced that, yielding to the advice of his physicians, he has resigned from the directorate of 34 corporations—Six witnesses were examined yesterday before Judge Hart in Nashville, Tenn., on the application for bail for Col. Duncan B. Cooper, son, Robin, and former Sheriff John D. Sharp, charged with murder of Senator Carmack—The United States Government has resumed friendly relations with Venezuela after an interval of eight months and William L. Buchanan has been sent to look into the situation and make a report—Frederick B. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Company, was found dead at his home in New York yesterday as a result of inhaling gas—The jury in the Samuels case returned a verdict of murder in the second degree in Danville yesterday—Jail sentences were passed yesterday in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the Federation of Labor, the Court held them to be in contempt of Court for defying an injunction against the labor organ for defiantly urging the boycott of the Bucks Store and Range Company, of St. Louis. The defendants appealed, and labor unions are petitioning President Roosevelt to interfere with the sentence of the Court—A thunderbolt of sensation was exploded in Pittsburg yesterday over the exposure in court of wholesale municipal corruption; sixty members of the Common Council are accused of accepting bribes for their votes and bankers are convicted of bribing its members—All of President-elect Taft's family will spend Christmas with him at Augusta, Ga. Mr. Taft yesterday held a conference with Sir Horace Plunkitt, head of the Irish Department of Agriculture—in the trial of the Night Riders at Union City, Tenn., yesterday, for the murder of Captain Rankin, several members of the band gave damaging evidence for the State. The accused hope to prove an alibi—As the cruiser North Carolina can cross the bar at Charleston, President-elect Taft will sail from there January 25 on his Panama trip.

Speaker Cannon knows when to talk and when to keep his mouth shut.

The Star wishes a merry Christmas to each and every one of its readers and patrons.

Castro seems to be having a good time in Europe. He escaped the racket at home just in time.

Tomorrow is Christmas. We hope you have made up your mind to observe the day in a proper way.

We suppose those who think Bryan can be elected next time will insist on his nomination by the Democratic convention.

If the farmers reduced the acreage in cotton last year, as they said they were going to do, they increased the production to a wonderful amount.

The Durham Herald says it is for a Recorder's court or anything else that will give relief. Durham must be in a bad way.

We hope Mr. Lee H. Battle will be able to explain his way out of the dilemma in which he has been placed by the grand jury of the Federal court.

When Raleigh gets rid of her Mayor and establishes government by a commission we hope the papers of that city will stop kicking against the city government.

That committee of the House is going to hold meetings during recess. It is not going to give the President a chance to get ahead of it on the secret service matter.

With the New Year the State officials will have to tackle the prohibition law and then we will see what the sheriffs and their deputies can do in the way of stopping blockade distilling.

We hope the President in choosing a man for judge in place of the late Judge Purnell will have regard for the fitness of the man he appoints and will not be governed entirely by political interests.

President-elect Taft surprised the whole country by announcing his appointment of Senator Knox as Secretary of State and he gave it a still greater surprise by keeping quiet as to other Cabinet appointments.

The Democrats of the South seem to think that because Taft is going to spend the winter among them he will necessarily make up his Cabinet of Southern Democrats. We can't see why he should be expected to do so.

SEMINOLE AFFAIRS

Insurance Commissioner Young Talks of Investigation in South Carolina.

SOUTHERN LIFE RIGHT

Annual Report of Corporation Commission—State Treasurer Talks of North Carolina Finances. Other Raleigh News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—"After going into the matter thoroughly, there is no doubt in my mind and in the mind of Commissioner McMasters, of South Carolina and others with whom I talked in Columbia, that the whole Seminole Securities Co., was a swindle from its inception," was the statement of Hon. J. R. Young, North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance, on his return from Columbia tonight.
The Commissioner went all in North Carolina who bought stock in the corporation to furnish him with names of agents and he will undertake to prosecute them through Superior Court grand juries in counties where the stock was sold.
Concerning the muddle the Southern Life Co., of Fayetteville, has gotten into with the Seminole Co., in the sale of Southern stock at rather fancy prices, Commissioner Young says the Southern Company is solvent and policy holders are fully protected by more than \$100,000 reserve deposit in his hands. He is gratified at the course the officers of the Southern Life are taking to clear their connection with the Seminole deal and show that they have done nothing to be criticised for beyond selling Southern stock at quite high figures, for which they cannot be blamed.
The North Carolina Corporation Commission, in its biennial report to the General Assembly, renews its recommendation that \$300 instead of \$25 personal property be exempted from taxation; that poll tax be not levied except as a State and county tax and that in no case shall these combined exceed \$2 per capita, that statutes authorizing a tax rate greater than 66 2/3 cents on the \$100 valuation, State and county tax combined, not be enacted; that the municipal tax rate be so limited that when added to the county tax rate on property, it will not be confiscatory of any class of property; that the constitution be so amended as to allow the General Assembly to segregate the sources of taxes as to specify upon what subjects there shall be State and up on what subjects local taxation. The Commission says oppressive taxation in this State grows largely out of the State and county, township or district and towns levying on all property. The Commission declares that the result of the inheritance tax was disappointing in that it fell off from \$16,000 in 1905 to \$4,673 in 1907, due largely to the Commission's failure to enforce the law. It is recommended that some central State officer be directed to see to its enforcement, clerks of the Superior Courts being required to report to him all qualifications of executors and administrators together with copies of inventories of estates.
That North Carolina State banks be allowed to invest some reasonable part of their legal reserve in State bonds is a notable recommendation by State Treasurer B. R. Lacy to the General Assembly to convene January 6th. He thinks this would create home competition for outside bidders for State bonds so bonds can be disposed of to better advantage. He reminds the Legislature, too, in his report just filed with the Governor, that extravagant appropriations have a decided tendency to impair State credit. The readiness with which he borrowed from a New York bank \$250,000 with which to meet a deficit in the current expenses the past biennial term is mentioned as evidence of North Carolina's fine commercial standing. This will be due next June and the Treasurer tells the Legislature if there are no appropriations at the approaching session for permanent improvements to over-tax the treasury, there will be ample funds from current revenue to pay off the debt. The balance sheet of the treasury with outstanding obligations shows the \$59,542 deficit reported in his correspondence some days ago. The Treasurer wants the present revenue act re-enacted with little change as possible and believes that with only conservative maintenance appropriations the State will have ample funds for the next biennial period.

Whereas, the office of district judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina is vacant and such vacancy is to be filled by an appointment made by the President of the United States by and with the consent of the United States Senate, and deeming it a privilege as well as the duty of every member of the bar in this district irrespective of political affiliations to use his influence and support in securing the appointment of a man thoroughly competent and well equipped intellectually and temperamentally and, whereas, we are of the opinion that a Republican will receive the appointment to the said judicial office, be it therefore,

Resolved, That the members of the Whiteville bar in the county of Columbus, confident that Honorable James Byron Schulken, a member of our bar is a Republican of such legal training and ability, well balanced judicial temperament and patriotic devotion to duty as renders him worthy of the honor and the confidence of believing that his appointment would be a credit to his party and an assurance that the bench of the district would maintain a high standard of legal excellence, meriting the respect of our people and winning a place in the judicial records of our country worthy of the able bar of the district, we do therefore, unanimously ask that he be given the appointment to this high office and that the bar of the Eastern District join us in requesting his appointment.

(Signed) David J. Lewis, Jackson Greer, Homer L. Lyon, Donald MacRaakan, E. M. Toon, J. R. Williamson, Irvin B. Tucker.

It is believed here by the members of the bar and other friends of Mr. Schulken that his chance of receiving the appointment is good. It is urged that in addition to his unquestionable ability, high standing in the legal profession and spotless character as a man that his political activities and party zeal in years past will add no little in influencing his appointment. Mr. Schulken is 51 years of age and has been an active practitioner at the Whiteville bar for 26 years and is held in very high esteem by all who know him. He represented his county several times in the State Legislature where he took a very prominent part in the passage of several laws many of which have become a permanent part of our statutory law. In 1896 he was a prominent candidate before his party convention for the nomination for Congress from the Sixth Congressional District coming within a fraction of a vote of receiving the nomination on several ballots and was finally defeated by Mr. Martin, who received the nomination and was elected. He was the Republican candidate for Congress from this Congressional district in 1906, making material gains for his party; was a delegate from this district to the National convention at Chicago which nominated Judge Taft for president and was Republican elector from this district at the last election. In devoting his time and talents trying to uphold the Republican party in his section of the State, he has made himself many strong party friends throughout the State, who his friends here believe will bring strong pressure to bear upon the administration in his behalf.

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RED CROSS SOCIETY

THE DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

Ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams Now Said to be Leading Race—Party Machinery Behind Him—J. B. Schulken Endorsed.

A dispatch late last night from Raleigh states that there is a strong impression among leading Republicans there, this impression amounting almost to a conviction, that ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, Republican State Chairman, will be appointed to the vacancy in the Eastern District of North Carolina, caused by the recent death of Judge Thomas R. Purnell. The dispatch states that party leaders are united for Adams and that his appointment is daily expected.

This will be very disappointing news to the many friends among the bar and among the public of Colonel Harry Skinner, the present district attorney, who until now seemed to be the leading candidate in the race and entitled to the place by right of succession and his splendid qualifications for the bench. In the event of Colonel Skinner's appointment to the judgeship, it was generally regarded here that Mr. Irell Meares, of Wilmington, would be appointed to the district attorneyship.

That there will be some delay in the appointment is indicated by an order received yesterday at the office of the clerk of the United States Court in Raleigh, appointing Judge James E. Boyd, of the Western District, to hold the courts of the Eastern District until a successor to Judge Purnell is named. The first court is appointed to be held at Newbern on January 5th.

In the same connection, it will be of interest to know that the Columbus county bar has given its unanimous endorsement to Mr. J. Byron Schulken, a leading Eastern North Carolina attorney, the following telegram having been received last night:

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the Whiteville bar held here today at which every member was present, the following resolution was unanimously and enthusiastically passed:

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SATISFACTORY TEST

Section of Water Pipe Removed Yesterday Found in Most Excellent Condition.

TO UNEARTH STILL OTHERS

Bond Sale Probably Consummated and Negotiations to be Resumed Shortly After Holidays—Six-Inch Test Yet to be Made.

A thoroughly satisfactory test of the condition of a section of four-inch pipe removed from the system of the Clarendon Water Work Company on Dock, between Front and Water streets, was made yesterday by the Water Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The main was excavated and a section cut from the pipe in order that the committee might inform itself fully as to the condition of the material in the light of charges that after remaining under ground so many years the pipe had become so corroded and filled up by electrolysis or other chemical action that its former carrying capacity was materially impaired. The removal of the four-inch pipe yesterday demonstrated, even in the minds of members of the committee, that the material was apparently as good as the day it was laid. In fact, several persons familiar with iron stated that the pipe was even better than the same class of material as furnished now and this, too, after it has been under ground 27 years. It was at first thought that a section of the pipe would be removed from lower Princess street, but after consideration, the committee believed that the precipitation there would be so great as to militate against a fair test of the condition of the pipe under a low surface, therefore, the low, flat section of Dock street was determined upon.

After looking at the pipe, members of the committee freely admitted that they were surprised at the condition of the material and one of them said that if the section had been underground for 27 years, it looked to him like it would be good for at least a hundred yet. As a matter of fact, engineers themselves have no data upon which to base a reasonable estimate of the life of cast iron pipe underground.

The committee will later excavate and take up a section of the six-inch pipe, probably on Fourth or Sixth, between Princess and Chesnut streets, and if the same favorable conditions are found, it is expected that negotiations will again be opened with the waterworks company for a purchase of its plant.

An inquiry by telegraph to the City Clerk and Treasurer yesterday as to the form and engraving of the bonds is taken to mean that the purchasers of the securities were recently sold are satisfied with all the preliminaries and that the money as proceeds from the sale will be forthcoming in a few days. Soon after the holidays, at any rate, it is expected that the Aldermen will conclude the waterworks question one way or another.

IN MAYOR'S COURT.

Two White Men Will Have to Serve Time on Suspended Sentences.

In the police court yesterday noon, Joe Yates and Tom Brown, young white men, released by the Mayor some time ago on suspended judgment for 30 days on the roads pending their good behavior, were tried for an affray and the Mayor ordered that the former sentence be imposed. Another alleged participant in the fight, was Louis Yates, who was released by the court after he had proven that he did not actually take part, but acted the part of peacemaker. Clayton Grant, Esq., appeared for the two Yates and took an appeal to higher court in the case of Joe Yates.

Sis Lucas, Peter Evans and Geo. Anders were charged with the larceny of \$20 from A. D. Wells, all parties colored, and were discharged for lack of evidence.

"Kid" Lloyd and Charles Burnett answered to the charge of an affray, the latter being fined \$5 and the costs, while the case against Lloyd was dismissed. He was represented by Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq.

APPEAR BEFORE MINISTERS.

Superintendent G. M. Fomy Appeals From Judgment as to Home.

Mr. G. M. Fomy, who with Mrs. Fomy, is in charge of the Rescue Home, in the southern part of the city, against which a report was recently made by a committee from the Wilmington Ministerial Association, upon the basis of which the Mayor revoked a permit hitherto granted for the solicitation of support for the institution in the city, returned to the city this week and took cognizance of the action of the ministers. He has made a request, which it is understood has been granted, to appear before the Ministerial Association at its regular meeting at the Y. M. C. A. on next Monday at which time he hopes to vindicate the character of the institution over which he presides and for which he stands sponsor.

FIVE-MASTER IN PORT

Schooner Kineo Largest Sailing Vessel to Enter Harbor of Wilmington—Outclasses Fitzjames by Less Than 35 Tons.

The largest sailing vessel which ever entered the port of Wilmington, stretching hundreds of yards of canvas and outregistering by only 35 net tons, the schooner Fitzjames, which was here only a few months ago and which held the record up to this time, is the five-masted schooner Kineo, 1,867 tons, Captain F. W. Patton, which arrived yesterday from Carteret, N. J., with cargo of acid phosphate for the Pocomoke Guano Co.

The Kineo is built of steel, modernly equipped and fitted in every respect and is owned by Arthur Seawell, the millionaire shipbuilder of Maine. She is 250 feet long, 45 feet beam and 22 feet depth of hold. She draws 21 feet of water and entered yesterday in tow of the tug Sea King with 3,037 tons of acid phosphate for the Wilmington consignees. The Fitzjames, which previously held the tonnage record of sailing craft for the port registered 1,832 tons. The Kineo is consigned to C. D. Maffitt and passed in over the bar Tuesday and will begin discharging cargo at the Seaboard Air Line today or tomorrow. While passing up the river on an unusually low tide yesterday morning she drifted slightly ashore down the river, but the Sea King expected to get her off without damage on high water last evening.

There were two other port arrivals yesterday, the schooner Joel F. Sheppard, Captain Sheppard, from Elizabethport, N. J., with cargo of fertilizer constituents for the Armour Fertilizer Works, and the schooner John H. May, Captain Stille, with cargo of salt from Jersey City, N. J., for the D. L. Gore Co. The vessels are consigned to C. D. Maffitt.

HAWES-HOGGARD.

Pretty Wedding Yesterday Afternoon at Atkinson, N. C.

(Special Star Correspondence.)
Atkinson, N. C., Dec. 23.—Of much interest to a large number of friends here and elsewhere was the pretty marriage this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock of Miss Virginia E. Hawes and Dr. J. T. Hoggard, both popular and highly esteemed young people of the county. The church was beautifully decorated in white and green and was thronged with friends and admirers of the couple. The groom was attended as best man by his friend, Capt. C. H. Cansey, of Burgaw, and the bride as maid of honor by Miss Mattie Hawes. The bridesmaids were Miss Lillian Colvin and Miss Annie Hubbard, and the groomsmen were Messrs. E. A. Hawes, Jr., and Will Hoggard.

The bride was prettily attired in white messaline silk and carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor was pretty in pink silk and carried white carnations. The bridesmaids were handsomely gowned in white silk and the scene at the marriage altar was one of great beauty. The ceremony was performed in St. Thomas' Church, the Rev. Edward Wooten, of Wilmington, officiating. The wedding marches were admirably played by Mrs. C. C. Hoggard, of Ahooskie, N. C., a sister of the groom, the party entering the church to the tuneful music of Lohengrin's bridal chorus and during the ceremony "Hearts and Flowers" was softly played with beautiful effect. The exit from the church was to the strains of the ever-popular Mendelssohn's Wedding March. After a most enjoyable reception at the home of the bride's father, Mr. E. A. Hawes, Sr., the bride and groom left on the 7 o'clock train via Wilmington for a bridal trip to Cuba and points in Florida.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, while the groom is a leading young physician of Atkinson, formerly of Aulander, N. C. They received a large number of useful and handsome wedding gifts, evidencing their great popularity at home and abroad.

A Business Transfer.

A business deal consummated yesterday, according to a bill of sale at the court house, conveys the confectionary business of P. Pateo, which has been conducted for some time at No. 605 North Fourth street, to Geo. Kanavia and Hrest. Koutho for the sum of \$500, the purchasers also assuming the indebtedness of the former owner in the transfer.

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Pastor Fred D. Hale to Speak on New Conditions of Prohibition.

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The address will deal particularly with the origin, purpose, principles and work of the recently organized, "Law Enforcement League."

The invitation to the service is as follows: Representatives from all classes of people are invited to hear the address, Jews and Gentiles, Democrats and Republicans, Prohibitionists, citizens of all shades of belief, a common brotherhood, will be interested in a review of the city's history under the reign of the Saloon, and a study of the difficult problem of enforcing the Prohibition Law.

Regular Interest Period of the People's Savings Bank begins January 1st. If you deposit now with this bank you will receive your interest in Three Months.

ONLY A SUSPENSION

Former Order of Dismissal in Case of Capt. F. B. Rice Revoked By Department.

LAID OFF FOR NINETY DAYS

Order is Effective on January 1st and is Confirmed by Proper Authority. Pernicious Activity in Politics.

The many friends of Captain Fred B. Rice, of this city, government inspector of steamboat hulls for the district including Wilmington, will be interested and pleased to know that he was successful in his effort for a revocation of the recent order of the United States Civil Service Commission, dismissing him from the service for alleged pernicious activity in politics during the recent campaign.

Instead of the peremptory dismissal of the inspector, the department in Washington has made a mere order of suspension for ninety days, which will be effective on the first of January. This news is contained in private advices received in Wilmington and also in a special from its Washington correspondent to yesterday afternoon's Charleston, S. C., Post, as follows:

"The order of the Civil Service Commission to suspend Fred B. Rice, inspector of hulls, for ninety days for political activity has just been approved by the Department of Commerce and Labor. The suspension dates from January 1. The original recommendation of the Civil Service Commission was for removal, but Captain Rice was strong enough politically to have his case reopened."

Several weeks ago a telegram from Washington announced that the civil service commission had recommended the expulsion of Captain Rice from the department and later this was followed with a statement that the case had been reopened and that instead of dismissal Captain Rice would probably simply be suspended. This later conclusion has been borne out by the facts and it will be a source of pleasure to Captain Rice's many friends to learn that since he was to be penalized it has come in the form of a ninety days' suspension from January 1 rather than a dismissal from the service. Captain Rice has held the position of inspector of hulls for several years and has given satisfaction in the office.

Captain Rice during his term of office has spent most of his time in Charleston because of the centrality of the location in the district, but he has continued his residence in Wilmington and it was out of his alleged political activity in this county that the charges were presented to the powers that be in Washington.

FOOTBALL TOMORROW.

Savannah and Wilmington to Line Up on League Park Gridiron.

One of the fittest games of football witnessed in Wilmington this season is promised in the meet tomorrow afternoon of the strong eleven of Wilmington and Savannah, Ga., on the gridiron at New League Park, beginning promptly at 4 o'clock. The Wilmington team, which has already attained a large measure of success on the field this season, will emerge tonight from hard practices during the past week and are confident of winning from the Georgians. The Savannah team will arrive tonight on the late train and after a night's rest will be in excellent trim for the battle tomorrow. The Wilmington team has been considerably strengthened by the addition of several college players and the Savannahians have doubtless also taken the same opportunity of adding strength to their line, so that nothing short of a glitche article of sport may be expected. The hour for the game has been made 4 o'clock in order that all will have ample time to get to the grounds after the traditional abundant Christmas dinner.

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