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## OUTLINES.

The trial of Thornton J. Hains, at Flushing, N. Y., charged with aiding and abetting his brother, Captain Hains, in killing William E. Annis, practically closed yesterday with testimony favorable to the defendant—instead of closing its case against the Night Riders at Union City, Tenn., yesterday, the State offered more evidence by former night riders, going to show who were in the raid when Lawyer Rankin was killed at Reelfoot Lake, and that certain night riders threaten to kill the court officers and night riders who turn State's evidence. 14 men in Humphrey county, Tenn., have been arrested for white capping.—Further developments in the sensational corruption in Pittsburg, show that certain banks paid \$178,000 in bribes to the councilmen in order to secure the city's deposits of funds.—Because of protests, 550 moving picture shows in New York have been closed because they exhibited immoral pictures.—For his Christmas dinner President-elect Taft, at Augusta, Ga., will have pheasants sent to him from Ambassador Reid at London.—In the United States Circuit Court in Atlanta yesterday, Georgia prohibitionists won a victory in a case involving the constitutionality of the prohibition law.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade reports that conditions are improved and that manufacturers are confident.—Scores of telegrams from prominent men and labor leaders are being sent to President Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, the labor leaders under jail sentence at Washington, expressing sympathy and indignation. William J. Bryan says the labor leaders did their duty and Judge Alton B. Parker declares that the Judge's decision abridges the right of free speech and a free press as guaranteed under the constitution.—Miss Florence Jones, a prominent Richmond woman, was attacked and almost killed in her home by an unknown assassin last night.—Dr. M. C. McCracken, a dentist of Cameron, W. Va., shot his wife and attempted suicide.—New York markets: Money on call steady at 2 1/2 to 3 1/4 per cent., ruling rate 3, closing bid 3, offered at 3 1/4. Flour dull but steady. Wheat irregular, No. 2, 1.05 3/8 to 1.06 3/4 elevator. Corn firm, No. 2, 65 to 65 1/4 to arrive elevator. Oats quiet, mixed 54 to 54 1/2. Rostin steady. Turpentine firm. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.30, middling gulf 9.55.

## NO PAPER TOMORROW.

In order that employes of the Star may enjoy the Christmas holiday, following a long precedent with the daily newspapers of Wilmington, there will be no issue of The Morning Star tomorrow. We wish each and every one of our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, promising to greet them as usual on Sunday morning.

We hope you will have a merry Christmas.

Next week the saloons will go out of business. The question is: Will the blind tigers take their place?

The best wishes of the season to the readers of the Star. May you have a happy and joyous day.

The blind tiger is a new animal in this section of the State; but we are afraid our people will soon form his acquaintance.

The judge, who is trying those night rider cases is doing his duty; but in this case as in all others, it rests with the jury. Will the jurors do their duty? is the important question.

Today week the force of revenue officers will be greatly reduced. There will be the time for the law and order league members to get busy, for there will be a plenty of work for them to do.

We do not see why the President should have struck the horse ridden by a young lady unless he wanted to gain for himself notoriety for a character entirely different from any he has yet enjoyed.

The House committee is in session awaiting to hear what the President has to say about that secret service matter, but he does not seem to be in a hurry to explain what he meant. That's Roosevelt's style.

Today is the time to test human nature. The man who has any "milk of human kindness in his soul" will be apt to let it be shown today. Remember that there are a great many people who will have no Christmas pleasures except such as are contributed by the charitably inclined.

We suppose the public will know in a few days who will be the new Judge of the Federal court in this district. Of course the appointee will be a Republican. We do not see any use in going out of the district for a man to fill the place. As good material can be found in the district as anywhere else and we do not see why the President should look to any other section for a candidate.

## WITH THE PYTHIANS

Delightful Christmas Entertainment Given by the Clarendon Lodge.

## PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN

Annual Affair of This Order Which Proved Delightful to Large Number Given at Pythian Hall Yesterday.

One of the most enjoyable events in connection with the Christmas season was the entertainment and Christmas tree given early last evening by the members of Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, at their palatial hall on North Front street, complimentary to the wives and children of their living and deceased members.

There were a large number of ladies and children in attendance and the occasion proved one of the most pleasant ever given by the Pythians. In the lodge room the interesting impromptu exercises were held, these having been in charge of Col. Walker Taylor, chairman of the judiciary committee of the Grand Lodge, and an ardent member of Clarendon Lodge who acted as master of ceremonies.

In welcoming the guests of the evening Col. Taylor spoke most eloquently of Pythianism, its aims and objects, and what it means to its members. He urged on the wives that they should insist on their husbands attending the meetings and predicted fine things for the lodge if the united membership would work together.

Following Col. Taylor's address Miss Veve Fales very beautifully rendered "Angels and Shepherds," and this beautiful poem, so appropriate to the season, was greatly enjoyed and heartily applauded. Little Miss Eunice Tucker then charmingly recited "So Was I," and the clever effort of this little lady brought down the house.

As tokens of appreciation of their efforts a fine copy of Emerson's poems was presented to Miss Fales and a box of stationery was given to Miss Tucker.

## MR. C. H. DOLLAR DEAD

End Came Wednesday at Home of Parents in Durham.

Friends in this city were sincerely grieved yesterday to learn of the death of Mr. Claude H. Dollar, which occurred in the preceding afternoon at the home of his parents in Durham, he having gone there only a few weeks ago in the hope that the change would result in better health. Mr. Dollar was, until his departure a short time ago, a well known and well liked citizen of Wilmington and the news of his demise has brought sorrow to many friends.

The deceased was in the 32nd year of his age. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and of the Typographical Union. During his residence in Wilmington Mr. Dollar was employed by the Wilmington Stamp Works and the Morning Star, he having been highly esteemed by his employers.

The funeral over the remains of the deceased will be conducted in Durham and the interment will take place there.

Promotions at the Murchison Bank. Recently several changes of an interesting nature have taken place at the Murchison National Bank, which has resulted in the merited promotion of several of the bank's faithful employees. Mr. John Sprunt, who was the head bookkeeper, recently accepted a position with the Royster Guano Company in Norfolk, and he was succeeded by Mr. W. L. Smith, Jr., the assistant bookkeeper. Mr. Smith having been succeeded by Mr. Adair McKoy, who was promoted from the mail table. Taking the vacant positions are Messrs. L. B. Smith, Clayton Smith and Mr. Gallagher.

New 'Bus For The Orton. A handsome new bus for the Orton Hotel was received yesterday by the Orton Livery Company from the manufacturers, Wrenn & Son, in Norfolk. The new vehicle has a seating capacity of sixteen. It has a dark green body and the lettering is in white. It is equipped with rubber tired wheels.

Come, hark to the sound of trumpet call! It is speaking to you; indeed to us all: "Fall into rank," Fall into rank, And put your Christmas money In The Peoples' Savings Bank.

## AS A MARK OF ESTEEM

Beautiful Bronze Tablet Placed in Jas. Walker Memorial Hospital in Appreciation of Interest Shown by W. H. Sprunt.

Several days ago a handsome bronze tablet was placed in the annex of the James Walker Memorial hospital, in appreciation of the generosity of Mr. W. H. Sprunt, the donor of the building. The tablet was a personal gift from the members of the Board of Managers of that institution, acting as a body, and it was intended as a mark of the esteem in which Mr. Sprunt is held by those who have in charge the management of that institution.

In acquainting Mr. Sprunt with their action, the following letter was sent to him by the secretary, Mr. Geo. R. French:

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1908. Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt, Vice President, Board of Managers of The James Walker Memorial Hospital, City. My Dear Sir: Your associates members of the Board of Managers are appreciating your great interest in the hospital work, and the zeal you have always manifested in increasing its efficiency and enlarging its capacity and especially recognizing your great liberality and benevolence in the donation of the Building for the use and benefit of the Colored people, thereby aiding in their better care and comfort and enlarging and extending the benefits of the Hospital to that class of our fellow citizens, have had prepared and placed in position on said building, a bronze tablet commemorative of this act of generosity on your part, and to be a monument and memento to future generations of this public benefaction from your hands. The Board of Managers have thought it a pleasant thing for them to do at this season of "Good will to all Men" to present this tablet memorial to you, as an expression of their admiration of those qualities of mind and heart which you have displayed in this and other acts of Christian Kindness, and to ask that you accept of the same as their free will offering.

Your associate members of the Board desire that I state they all join in wishing you a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Permit me to add my personal regards and well wishes for your future health and prosperity.

Very truly yours,  
GEO. R. FRENCH,  
Secretary Board of Managers James Walker Memorial Hospital.

## CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Thomas McLaurin is Arrested—Interesting Trial Next Wednesday. Accused of forging the name of Emma Brown, a colored woman, by which means he obtained money on an insurance policy, Thomas McLaurin, colored, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Piver and was recognized for trial in Justice Bornemann's court next Wednesday.

An interesting trial is promised, counsel being employed to represent both parties. Joseph W. Little, Esq., will appear for the Brown woman and Marsden Bellamy, Esq., will represent the accused. The Brown woman alleges that McLaurin forged her name to the policy left by her sister, Betsie Brown, and that he obtained the entire amount the policy called for, and refused to surrender the money. McLaurin denies the charge.

Burnett Held For Higher Court. A case of some consequence investigated at the session of the Mayor's court yesterday, was that charging Charles Burnett, colored, with being a nuisance, the case originating from the fact that Burnett, when arrested for an affray with "Kid" Lloyd had a number of obscene pictures in his pocket and it was later proved that he had been showing them to various people. Mayor Springer placed him under a bond of \$50 and in default of same he was committed to jail to await trial in higher court.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers in The Morning Star, especially those using yearly contracts, are earnestly requested in future to furnish us with copy for their changes for the Sunday edition certainly not later than Saturday at one o'clock. Where large space is used, copy for changes should be furnished not later than Friday afternoon, this not only for the convenience of the office but because in handing in early copy, patrons receive a more artistic display of their announcements and fare much better as to position in the paper on the day that the advertisement appears. The Star would very much dislike to make any arbitrary ruling as to the lateness which advertisements would be received in change of copy, but the tendency with so many advertisers recently has been to put off the matter until the latest moment Saturdays and Saturday nights that it has been impossible to give them the care and attention which patrons have a right to expect and several times changes have had to be deferred altogether. We believe that this notice will be sufficient with most advertisers to assist us in the present dilemma of an over-run of changes on Saturday, especially at night.

## REPORT OF JOYNER

Summary of Two Years Progress in Education in North Carolina.

## MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

Biennial Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction—Farmer Commits Suicide—Saturday a Legal Holiday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—A summary of two years progress, summary of general outline of two years progress and a statistical summary of two years progress, are features of the biennial report of State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner to the State Legislature, filed with Governor Glenn today. He asks that there be as little change or interference with the present school law as possible. He wants each county required to expend at least \$200 annually for county teachers institutes, asks that the special appropriation of \$200,000 to help make four months school terms be continued with an amendment requiring each school district aided out of the second hundred thousand to raise as much for the purpose by special tax as is received from this State fund; make terms of county boards of education six years; empower county boards of education to order compulsory attendance for any school district where the majority so petition; that "farm schools" be established, one such school now near the A. & M. College, he believes could be established for ten or fifteen thousand dollars with the cost of maintenance about \$5,000, the institution to be managed along lines observed by Wisconsin.

The report shows a total increase of \$490,442 in the annual school funds raised by taxation, State, county and school. In addition there were raised by bonds \$551,096, and by private subscription \$193,875; 252 new special tax districts have been established, making 719 for building and improving school houses \$1,008,604, have been expended; gain in rural libraries 500, making 2,050.

Superintendent Joyner asks the Legislature to add \$1,200 to the superintendent of colored and Indian normal schools, filled by the late John D. Duckett, so the position can be changed to "Inspector and Director of Teacher-Training Work," and a man of the best professional training and experience appointed who could supervise the entire teacher training work of the State and look after the county teachers institute work, co-operating with the State Superintendent and being under his direction.

On his return from Washington and Greenville today Governor Glenn is observing a proclamation relative to the observance of Christmas Day as a legal holiday in this State, and making an appeal to the people of the State to observe the day as becomes the celebration of the birth of the Savior.

Bennett Wall, an aged and highly respected farmer, took his own life by blowing off the top of his head with a shot gun at home, two miles from Raleigh this morning. He was beside himself with grief over the conduct of two drunken sons, who had brought three gallons of whiskey to the house the night before, making a "rough house." Wall was in poor health.

A proclamation by Governor Glenn designates Saturday, December 26th, as well as Friday the 25th as a legal Christmas holiday. The proclamation was declared by the Governor to be at the earnest request of various business institutions throughout the State.

## MRS. ADELAIDE COLEMAN

Aged Lady Passed Away Yesterday After Short Illness.

Friends in the city will learn with sincere sorrow, of the death of Mrs. Adelaide Coleman, which occurred yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the James Walker Memorial hospital, where she was carried early in the day, death resulting from dropsy of the heart a few hours later.

The deceased was 70 years old and had been living with her daughter, Mrs. M. V. Ward at Delgado. Surviving, besides her daughter, are a number of relatives in this city.

The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, officiating. The remains will be carried to Whiteville on the early train today, and the interment will be in the family burying ground.

## Christmas on the Seminole.

The officers and crew of the Revenue Cutter Seminole will enjoy Christmas in this port and while no special exercises will mark the day, yet it undoubtedly will prove a happy occasion to all.

Various athletic contests which were anxiously contemplated for today will take place at another time. A swell and elegant dinner has been prepared for the men and few in the city will fare better than those on the Seminole.

## CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH

Football Game For Amateur Championship Between Wilmington and Savannah This Afternoon at League Park.

At New League Park this afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a football game between the Wilmington and Savannah teams, for the amateur championship of the South, and it is expected that there will be a record breaking crowd in attendance. Both of the elevens have made exceptionally good records this season and the contest between them, it is believed, will be the hardest fought and most cleverly played ever seen in this city.

The local team is in the finest possible condition for the game and the men are prepared to put up the game of their lives. Although the locals have played some hard games this Fall they have not met a single defeat, and they are determined to end the season without marring this record. The Savannah team, which reached the city on the late train from the South at an early hour this morning, is reported to also be in the pink of condition, and this means, judging from the team's record, that they are prepared to put up a strenuous struggle for the championship.

The coaches of both the elevens have been putting the men through some strenuous work recently, and the game today will be one of the best exhibitions of football, as played under the new rules, that has ever been witnessed in Wilmington.

Captain Smith of the locals has the following splendid material to choose from, and the eleven selected to do battle for Wilmington this afternoon will undoubtedly be the most aggressive aggregation that has ever been seen on the local gridiron: Smith, VanGlab, Paschau, Tucker and Parsley, of the A. & M.; Nine, of Maryland; Grainger, of Princeton; Grant, of Sewanee; Wilkinson, of Davidson; and Williams, Grant, W. Terry, Newkirk, Jacobs and Hashagen, of local fame.

The game will be called at 4 o'clock and this will give all lovers of the sport ample time to finish their Christmas dinners and then attend the game. The admission will be 50 cents, with children half fares, and no extra charge being made for vehicles.

## ROCKY POINT NEWS

Graded School Has Carolina Day Exercises—Other Notes. (Special Star Telegram.)

Our neighbor Mr. "Jim" Turner had a severe case of acute indigestion last night. His sufferings were alarming for a while but we are thankful to state that he has entirely recovered. The Rocky Point Graded school went through the "Carolina" exercises yesterday before a large and appreciative audience under the tutelage of Prof. Jerry Jerome and Miss Jeannet Moore, everything passed lovely and "the turkey hung high."

Miss Sarah Pick Hines, of Faison, delighted our people Tuesday night with readings, impersonations, etc. She is truly an artist in her line. Several quarts of ripe strawberries were shipped this week from here, and the plants are white with blooms. Farm and mill work are suspended for the holidays.

The forecast today is for a cloudy Xmas. A large Xmas tree will be pulled or plucked off by the children Friday night. No collection, a free show and no hat passed around, no oyster stew, nor ice cream for sale. Everybody can come free!

## Wedding in "Colored High Life."

William Johnson, dean of the staff of Atlantic Coast Line porters in the general offices in this city, is soon to relinquish "single blessedness" for "conjugal bliss" according to very neatly printed invitations with which William's friends about the big building were favored yesterday. The bride-elect is Ida Tate, daughter of Elijah Tate, a highly respectable colored citizen of Willard, N. C., and the home of the bride's parents there will be the scene of the wedding on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30th, at 3 o'clock.

## Handsome Christmas Presents.

As a mark of esteem and high regard, the clerks in the local freight department of the A. C. L. yesterday presented handsome Christmas presents to Mr. A. J. Moore, local agent, and Mr. E. A. King, chief clerk, consisting of a beautiful silver service of five pieces, as a gift to Mr. Moore, and a cut glass berry set to Mr. King. They were presented with the compliments of the clerks, and were received with heartfelt words of appreciation.

## Returns From Show Cruise.

The revenue cutter Seminole arrived in port yesterday after a cruise of a few days down the coast as far as Wingate Bay. This was one of the periodical winter cruises and no wreck or other obstruction dangerous to navigation was sighted. The cutter will remain in port until the New Year and shortly afterwards will leave for a cruise of several weeks down the coast.

May your Christmas be merry, And full of good cheer; So bring all of your pennies And deposit them here, "The Peoples' Savings Bank" Interest from January 1st.

## XMAS EVE IN CITY

Lively Day in Wilmington With Merchants Doing Big Business.

## GOOD ORDER PRESERVED

No Special Events for Christmas Day Except Football Game—Church Services This Morning. Quiet Christmas Eve.

This is Christmas day, the big day of all the year, looked forward to and celebrated alike by old and young, the season when every person gives himself up to the pleasures of the holiday, seeking as each one does in many thousands of ways to get all the happiness and brightness and to give all the joy and pleasure that are naturally associated with the yuletide season.

In many of the churches there will be special Christmas services and these will be of an appropriate and impressive character, in several of them the choirs having arranged elaborate and beautiful programmes of music, while the sermons will breathe the spirit of the day. In many homes this is indeed a festive day, made joyous by the return of absent loved ones and the presence of welcomed guests, and everywhere there is the Christmas spirit in the air. In the homes where children live the visit of Santa Claus is even at this hour being eagerly anticipated in sweet dreams, and the kindly generosity of the old saint will in a few hours be the signal for such scenes of merriment and happiness as no other occasion ever affords.

Yesterday was a fairly good day for Christmas shoppers and tardy buyers thronged the many retail stores from early afternoon until late at night. Until nearly midnight the downtown streets were thronged with merry-makers, every person in all the crowds seemingly bent on having all the fun that was possible. The sharp, harsh crack of the bursting fire-cracker was rivalled by the ear-splitting din of the coarse-sounding horn, the unearthly clang of the cow bell and the shrill screech of the squeedunk. It appeared to an onlooker that every person—man, woman and child—seemed to be a duty to out-do his neighbor in the production of noise. With it all there was fine order preserved on the streets, and there will be no unpleasant memories to mar the recollection of Christmas eve.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the brightly decorated stores were crowded with Christmas shoppers and it is believed that practically every merchant who caters to the holiday trade did a flourishing and satisfactory business. Despite the oft repeated advice to "Do your shopping early," it was apparent that even more persons than usual had delayed in the purchasing of gifts until the last. Until this week the indications were that the holiday trade would not be nearly up to the standard, but since Monday business has been brisk in nearly all lines and it is believed that the record will compare most favorably with that of the past two years, when prosperity was at its height.

Until closing time last night, when wearied clerks got their first chance for a moment's rest, the tardy buyers were making hurried selections from rapidly diminishing stocks, while the stores were sending out in express and delivery wagons the late purchases, it being the aim to have the gifts in every home by Christmas morn. Crowds of young people thronged the streets and in every place there was ceaseless movement of the crowds.

Today, as is natural with the observance of Christmas, business will be practically suspended throughout the city. The city and county offices, the banks, the Chamber of Commerce and nearly all business enterprises will be closed, and the hundreds of employees, together with the small army of Coast Line men, who always have a holiday, will be given the day for pleasure-making and enjoyment.

Although no special events have been arranged for the members of the Cape Fear Golf Club, yet the club house will undoubtedly be a popular retreat during the day and doubtless many exciting and enjoyable contests will be played during the day.

The event of greatest interest today, aside from the usual pleasures of the day, will be the football game to be played at League Park at 4 o'clock, between the Savannah and Wilmington teams for the amateur championship of the South, and this is expected to be one of the hardest fought gridiron struggles that has ever taken place in Wilmington.

The scores of ardent nimrods will betake themselves to nearby sections where they will indulge in a day's sport and return laden, perhaps, with quail, robins, and other birds.

Nearly everybody has some plans for the day and the time will pass, undoubtedly, in a pleasant and delightful manner.

The Star wishes to all its readers and friends a merry, merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

A Merry Christmas. To all our friends and customers, The Peoples' Savings Bank.