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## OUTLINES.

Senator Tillman stated yesterday that valuable paper needed in his defense in the Oregon land matter had been stolen from his desk in the committee room. The postmaster at Washington is after him for \$16 on a Government typewriter franked from the Senator's home to Washington, which he refuses to pay. The official announcement of the appointment of Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster General, has been made by President-elect Taft, who has determined to keep other Cabinet appointments secret until March 4th. As a result of a feud fight on the streets of Wilmington, Ky., yesterday Miss Ethel Ransom was killed and five other persons injured. The legal attack of the saloon men on the State wide prohibition act in Alabama was begun yesterday before Judge Jones in the Federal court at Montgomery. A party of revenue officer raised the notorious York settlement of South Mountains, 30 miles south of Hickory, N. C., yesterday, capturing six distilleries and destroying 6,000 gallons of beer. C. F. King, the Boston financier, a former North Carolinian, will spend today in jail being unable to give security. According to the decision Justice Tompkins, Harry K. Thaw is entitled to a trial on the question of whether he has recovered his sanity. The House of Representatives yesterday passed five hundred pension bills. The Senate listened to eulogues on the late Senator Proctor. The Kansas Supreme Court affirms the judgments against the International Harvester Company. A delegation from Henderson calls on the President in the interest of T. P. Hicks for judge. Argument in the Hanks-Annis murder trial will begin tomorrow. The death sentence is imposed on six of the convicted night riders and the other two get life sentences. The court-martial find Commander March of the Yankee guilty in the matter of her grounding and he is to be reprimanded. The House of Representatives proposes to investigate the secret service bureau. New York Markets: Money on call nominal, time dull and heavy. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.40, middling Gulf 9.65. Flour firm. Wheat steady, No. 2 red 1.07 3/4 to 1.08 3/4 elevator. Corn steady, No. 2 68 elevator. Oats dull, mixed 54 to 54 1/2. Rosin steady. Turpentine firm.

When the parcels post is established Uncle Sam will pay the freight.

When Chattanooga is made "dry" what will Atlanta "do then, poor thing?"

Chairman Mann's plan would put a stop to good roads building in a great many counties of the State.

Editor Rhodes finds his Augusta speech does not take as well with the public as it did with his audience.

The full membership of the House, with thirty-odd exceptions, is now correlated with the "undesirable citizens."

That vote in the House of Representatives, which amounted to a censure of the President, was mighty near unanimous.

If the prohibition law is enforced as it should be some folks who voted for it will be mighty sorry they did so.

Of course Senator Overman did not seriously ask the President to appoint a Democrat to the judgeship. He is not given to foolish things.

The course the House pursued debars Roosevelt from taking any official notice of it or put himself in the attitude of a butter-in.

What Roosevelt said when he heard of that vote in the House Friday will hardly be made part of Sunday School readings in Washington City today.

If Peter Hains was insane that was all the more reason why his brother should have stuck closer to him when the latter knew Annis was present.

If a plenty of good men can be found who are willing to pay ten thousand dollars for the honor of being Governor, what's the use of increasing the salary?

An exchange says if Roosevelt had another four-year term he would be proroguing Congress before it was over. More likely Congress would be impeaching him.

Beach Hargis' conduct in shooting up his home town as soon as released on bail would indicate that he wants to get another murder case on his hands.

It looks like Tennessee will surely have State prohibition by legislative enactment, unless the Governor's proposed special message can head it off, which is not likely.

If the messages of Presidents and Governors were addressed to Congress and the Legislatures alone and not, through the press, to the people also, they would not be near so long.

## WANT MORE COURTS

Representatives of Associations of Fifth Judicial District Met at War.

### RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED

Petition Legislature For 20 Instead of 16 Districts For Entire State. Talk of Recorder's Court Locally—Notes.

Woodus Kellum, Esq., of the Wilmington bar, returned last evening from Warsaw where on yesterday he attended a meeting of representatives from six counties in the Fifth Judicial District for the purpose of considering some action looking to a relief of the congestion of the Superior Court dockets in nearly all of the counties.

The joint meeting of the representatives resulted in the adoption of a resolution pledging the several bar associations to support a petition before the Legislature to increase the judicial districts of the State from 16 to 20 and inviting the co-operation of the other districts of the State toward this end. Mr. Kellum stated that the attorneys took up no special matters of redistricting nor attempted to prescribe any lines for proposed new districts, confining their deliberations generally to "court relief" with no other purpose to be served. Elsewhere in today's paper will be found a communication from the Greensboro bar association and it is presumed that other counties and districts will take the matter up at once.

Senator Emple, of New Hanover, who arrived yesterday from the General Assembly stated in regard to a proposed recorder's court for Wilmington to in a measure relieve the conditions in New Hanover and as suggested generally for the State by the Governor in his annual message, that he had no definite plans in this regard in view for Wilmington, but could not say what might later come up in this connection. It is expected that his action in this regard will be largely guided by anything that may be done in the matter of providing more Superior Court terms locally.

The official report of the proceedings of the meeting at Warsaw yesterday is as follows: "At a joint meeting of the several Bar Associations of the counties composing the Fifth Judicial District of North Carolina, in the office of H. L. Stevens, Esq., at Warsaw, N. C., on the 9th day of January, 1909, duly accredited representatives of said Bar Association were present, as follows: "Woodus Kellum, Esq., of Onslow and New Hanover counties. "C. E. McCullen and D. H. Bland, Esqs., of Pender county. "Henry L. Stevens, Esq., of Duplin county. "Henry A. Grady, Esq., of Sampson county. "John G. Dawson, Esq., of Lenoir county.

"Meeting was called to order and Henry L. Stevens, Esq., acted Chairman and Henry A. Grady Secretary of said meeting.

"The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Kellum and unanimously adopted, viz.:

"Resolved: That the Fifth Judicial District by its representatives assembled, does hereby pledge itself to support a petition before the Legislature to increase the Judicial Districts of the State from sixteen to twenty, and hereby invite the co-operation of the other districts of the State to petition the Legislature to secure such enactment.

"Resolved: That the local Bar Associations of the several counties of the State are hereby invited, and requested to send a committee to the Legislature to urge the passage of such measures as will secure the purposes above expressed.

"Resolved: That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be furnished to each member of the General Assembly and to the public press.

"H. L. STEVENS, "Chairman. "HENRY A. GRADY, "Secretary."

### Engage in Shoe Business.

Mr. Frank P. Lamb is enlarging his store at Eighth and Campbell streets to about twice its former size and will engage in the shoe business, a part of a large and well selected stock being already on the way. The store is now undergoing the enlargement and when completed will be one of the most up-to-date and conveniently arranged stores of its kind in the city. Mr. Lamb will cater to the general shoe trade and expects to build up a large business in his chosen line.

**Concert at Lumina Today.**  
The Boston Italian String Band will give another concert at Lumina this afternoon at 3:30 P. M. Lumina will be well heated and cars will run every half hour in the afternoon. Quite a number of people attended the dance at Lumina last night.

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## SPEED OF AUTOMOBILES

Representative Morton Introduces a Bill in General Assembly Regulating Driving of Machines on Public Roads.

Automobile owners locally and those who are endeavoring to introduce this form of locomotion generally in this section of the State will be deeply interested in a bill introduced in the lower House of the General Assembly yesterday by Representative Morton to regulate the speed of automobiles and conduct of drivers on the public roads of New Hanover county.

Heretofore there has been no regulation whatever as to machines on the public thoroughfares of the county and although several grand juries have touched upon the subject in their reports in the Superior Court, the Board of County Commissioners were without power to take action in the matter. The bill of Mr. Morton is regarded by many machine drivers as too drastic and the local automobile association will likely sit up and take notice of the following special in regard to the bill, received last night from Raleigh:

"Raleigh, N. C., January 9.—Mr. Morton's automobile bill for New Hanover provides that such vehicles keep to the right so two-thirds of the road will be free and shall make not over six miles an hour on any sharp curve or crossing, the speed at other times to be not greater than reasonable to not endanger life or limb. They shall not make over 12 miles an hour in passing vehicles, motor drives to stop at the signal of "putting up a hand" by drivers of horses, and wait until the animal has passed. They also must stop the motor itself if necessary to prevent accident. Autos must carry white lights in front and red in the rear. Other ample equipment is prescribed. The machines must show registered numbers front and rear. Violators are punishable by \$50 fine or 30 days in jail.

### BACK FROM RICHMOND.

North Carolina and Virginia Hotel Men's Association Meeting.

Mr. Joseph H. Hinton and Capt. Edgar L. Hinton, of The Orton, have returned from Richmond, Va., where the past week they attended the semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina and Virginia Hotel Men's Association. The visitors were most elegantly entertained in the Virginia capital and much business of interest to the hotel proprietors of the two States was transacted. The Virginia brethren indulged in much levity at the expense of the Tar Heels on account of the recent State prohibition, the official badge for the "down homers" having been a representation of a barrel with both heads knocked out. The North Carolina Association decided to meet next in June at Asheville, N. C., and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: J. E. Kavanaugh, president, Winston-Salem; J. L. Alexander, vice president, Asheville; J. B. Rector, secretary and treasurer, High Point; B. H. Griffin, Goldsboro, chairman of the board of governors, and the following governors: J. H. Hinton, Wilmington; J. P. Saunders, Greensboro; Marion Cobb, Greensboro; C. E. Hooper, Charlotte.

### CORPORATIONS CHARTERED.

Several New Enterprises Incorporated—Gold Deposits in Orange.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9.—The Charlotte Machine Shops Co., was chartered today with \$20,000 capital by F. I. Osborne, T. M. Costello and A. M. Guillet. Other charters were to the Ramsey-Bowles-Morrison Co., Statesville, capital \$50,000 by M. E. Ramsey, and others; The Asheville Wholesale Drug Co., Asheville, capital \$100,000, by A. W. Deland and others; The Home Building & Realty Co., Washington, capital \$125,000, by W. E. Jones and others, and The Newbury Supply Company, of Magnolia, with an authorized capital of \$25,000, to do a general mercantile business, the incorporators being Mrs. M. E. Newbury, Mrs. J. H. Newbury and Mr. J. H. Newbury, all of Magnolia.

Mr. L. A. Carr, of Durham, is exhibiting to friends here four large nuggets of gold taken from a mine in Orange county during a single week and valued at \$764. The mine is 12 miles northeast of Chapel Hill. It is being operated by the North State Mining Co., of which Mr. Carr is treasurer.

### Dr. Porter at Brooklyn Church.

Dr. S. J. Porter, of Richmond, will preach at the Brooklyn Baptist Church next Sunday night. He is one of the most eloquent and impressive speakers in the South. Everybody who can possibly do so, should hear him. He is Field Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The public should not miss the opportunity of hearing him.

### Solicitor Duffy Here.

Solicitor Rodolph Duffy was here yesterday from his home in Onslow county and left last night for Burgaw where Pender Superior Court will be in session this week, Judge W. R. Aleib, of Goldsboro, presiding. Next week Judge Allen and Mr. Duffy will be here for a two weeks' criminal term of court.

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## COMPANY DECLINES

Clarendon People Will Not Accept Offer of Municipality For Waterworks Plant.

### ARBITRATION IS SUGGESTED

Figures Are Tabulated to Show Probable Losses if New System Were Installed—Arbitration Again Offered—Letter.

Again suggesting arbitration in view of the Board's admitted lack of knowledge of such values and quoting figures to show probable losses of the city in the event a new system is laid these losses, almost, if not quite enough, to put the present property in first-class shape for the future, following a meeting of the stockholders of the corporation yesterday, the Clarendon Waterworks Company in a communication addressed to the special waterworks committee of the Board of Aldermen, respectfully declines the offer of \$140,000 by the municipality for its plant in this city.

The communication was at once mailed to the committee and, although a copy of the same had not been officially received last night, it was stated in municipal circles that a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen would most probably be held tomorrow night to take some further action in reference to the matter. Just what this will be, no one can say. Some members of the Board interviewed last night, stated that they were in favor of turning the whole matter over to the Water Commission to proceed with the laying of a new system, while others were rather favorably inclined toward making one more effort at getting together by an unbiased arbitration of the only \$15,000 difference now between the parties to the negotiations.

It was pointed out yesterday that with the contract yet to run for three years, at the present earning capacity and what the company might reasonably expect to increase it from year to year, the earnings would amount to a considerable part of the \$60,000 that the company would receive net, after a liquidation of the \$80,000 bonds, from a sale to the city at \$140,000. In other words, the company with the three years yet to run, could clear a good percentage of the amount the city is now offering. It would be at least three years before the city could get in a new system and with the field clear to the company for that time, the earnings would amount to considerable. Just what action the Board will finally take, seems for the present "all up in the air." The communication of the Waterworks Company to the committee declining the offer is as follows:

"Mr. T. W. Wood, Mr. C. P. Bolles, Mr. J. A. Karr, Mr. S. J. Ellis, Special Waterworks Committee of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington, N. C. "Gentlemen:—While we have received no formal offer from you in writing regarding the purchase of the Clarendon Water Works property, the following has reference to a verbal offer made by two members of your Committee on the 5th inst. "We wish to assure you that we are as anxious to have this matter closed as are the authorities, and we regret we cannot accept the offer of \$140,000.

"As two experts have reported upon this property, and as some of our members have expressed themselves as unfamiliar with a matter of this kind, and do not feel competent to estimate its value, we feel that in justice to the city, as well as ourselves, in case our previous offer is declined the matter should be left to arbitration, a position we have always maintained, and one provided for in the contract with the city—the result of which we are willing to abide by. "We are inclined to believe that the fact of about \$40,000 worth of business going with the plant is lost sight of. Assuming that at the tremendous outlay of from \$300,000 to \$500,000 a new plant was just finished, it would be without business. The next problem would be to acquire consumers. The result estimating in a most liberal way for the new plant, would be somewhat as follows: Income first year.....\$15,000 If our plant were taken over, the income would be..... 40,000

Loss.....\$25,000  
Income second year..... 20,000  
Loss..... 20,000  
Income third year..... 25,000  
Loss..... 15,000  
Income fourth year..... 30,000  
Loss..... 10,000  
Income fifth year..... 35,000  
Loss..... 5,000

Making a total loss in five years of.....\$75,000 "Almost, if not quite enough, to put the property in first class shape for the future, giving to Wilmington a substantial waterworks plant at a saving of from \$100,000 to \$250,000 over the cost of the plants in nearby cities no larger than Wilmington, a wise economy to be welcomed by taxpayers at this time. "We would not defer these negotia-

## FOR A COALING STATION

Southport Chamber of Commerce is Alive to Possibilities of Completion of Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad.

### SENATOR MANNING'S BILL

Enlarging Powers of Attorney General—Increase of Governor's Salary Sent to Committee in House—Proceedings.

The Southport Chamber of Commerce is thoroughly alive to the wonderful possibilities of that port in view of the early completion of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad, connecting with the Seaboard Air Line at Bostic, and a committee of which Mr. M. C. Guthrie is a member, is now addressing a circular letter to the press of the State and to boards of trades of other towns and cities of North Carolina asking their co-operation in securing for the State the seacoast terminal of this important road.

A strong effort will be made to secure for Southport the coaling station that it is understood will soon be established by the road as some point on the Atlantic seaboard south of Norfolk. The letter sets out that the new road opens up an avenue for the transportation of coal to the Carolina seaboard and an opportunity to North Carolina that must be made use of now or perhaps it will be never offered again. The development of a coaling station at Southport will be the grand work for the upbuilding of a greater North Carolina port and harbor.

The letter sets forth that North Carolina saw Charleston do the business of central and western North Carolina in former days and Norfolk absorb a great part of North Carolina's business in late years because of her shipping facilities by water and rail. The question arises if we shall continue to see the commercial opportunities captured by sister States that properly belong to North Carolina. Action must be taken if North Carolina is to reap some of the benefits to follow the opening of the Panama Canal. Southport the terminus means deeper water for North Carolina shipping, larger ships, greater cargoes and lower freights—the foundation for a North Carolina competitive water point that can compete with Norfolk. The letter concludes: "We further call your attention to the following points:

"Southport offers a large, deep harbor, which is landlocked, or protected from exposure to the sea. Its harbor is only five miles from the ocean. Over the bar to the ocean she now offers 28 feet at high water and with little work can offer 35 feet to the commerce. She offers good anchorage and superior advantage for the erection of docks and terminals.

"The distance from Southport to Panama is not greater than that from Galveston to Panama, and almost as near as New Orleans. It would be convenient to the West, should this coal road terminate at Southport and give the railway connection. Southport is nearer to the Middle West than any other Atlantic port. No other point on the South Atlantic coast can offer advantages that can equal those offered at Southport for a coaling station. And, with the establishment there of the proposed station by the above named railroad, and connections made to Wilmington and to the West, perhaps no other point would then have commercial advantages to equal.

"It is for reasons such as these that we can urge this port for the purpose named. "It is because we desire to see North Carolina's wealth and commercial importance increased through the advantages that she offers and should by right enjoy, that we appeal to you to use your best endeavors to the end that this opportunity of a generation may not be lost.

"It was by this Chamber resolved that we ask the co-operation of the press and all commercial organizations of North Carolina to the end that we secure for our State this much needed coaling station:

"Respectfully, "E. B. STEVENS, President. "J. BERG, Secretary."

### Negro Accidentally Shot.

While hunting yesterday with his brother-in-law, Alex. Lawrence, on Mr. W. H. Biddle's place, five miles from the city on the Federal Point road, Tom Sutton, a young negro of the neighborhood, 18 or 19 years of age, was accidentally shot in the shoulder, neck and face by the discharge of Lawrence's gun. Dr. J. T. Schonwald, of Wilmington, was summoned and gave the young negro the necessary surgical attention. It is feared that his lungs have been punctured by some of the shot, but if not, he stands an excellent chance of recovery. He was resting very well at last accounts.

tions a day longer did we not earnestly feel that our plant was worth more than your offer and we again repeat that we are willing to leave the matter entirely in the hands of a just arbitration, in order that both the taxpayers and ourselves may be treated considerably and equitably.

"We ask your earnest consideration of these matters, knowing that your intentions are good, and believing that you are quite as anxious as we are that fairness should be done both parties.

"Yours very truly, "GEO. W. KIDDER, "For the Stockholders."

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Joint Resolution Providing For Election of Senator on 19th of January.

### SENATOR MANNING'S BILL

Enlarging Powers of Attorney General—Increase of Governor's Salary Sent to Committee in House—Proceedings.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 9.—There was introduced in the Senate today and went to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, a joint resolution by Senator Whitehead Klutz, making formal provision for the General Assembly to vote on United States Senator January 19th, General Lee's birthday.

This, of course, means the re-election of Senator Lee S. Overman. The Republican minority will within the next few days hold a caucus to decide to whom the complimentary vote of the party will be given. Spencer B. Adams, State Chairman, is quite prominently mentioned; also J. J. Britt, of Asheville, State Senator, and Representatives Moses Harshaw and A. T. Grant, Jr.

The much talked of bill by Senator Manning enlarging the powers of the Attorney General so he will have power to investigate corporations as to violation of the anti-trust law, and making him attorney of record for the Corporation Commission, was introduced today and went to the Judiciary Committee. It provides also an assistant for the Attorney General at \$2,500 salary.

Among bills and resolutions introduced were: Ormond, to allow sheriffs fees for seizing illicit distilleries. Boman, to change the mode of execution in capital felonies to be by electrocution in the penitentiary. Fry, to provide a supernumerary Judge to be available for special terms and supply for any Superior Court judge sick. Bassett, to extend State aid for the erection of a monument to Henry L. Wyatt.

Clark, to regulate the time of holding courts in Bladen county.

Matthews, to protect squirrels in Sampson county.

The president announced the standing committee on public buildings and grounds to be composed of Hanks, chairman; Lockhart, Long, of Person, Means and Starbuck.

The Senate adjourned to noon Monday.

### In the House.

In the House among bills introduced were:

Morton, relating to control and management of automobiles and other vehicles on the public roads in New Hanover county.

McDonald, of Moore, to authorize the Board of Commissioners of Moore county to issue bonds to pay indebtedness of Cartilage township for working the roads.

Murphy, to incorporate the Board of Publication in the Western Conference M. E. Church South.

Pooler, to regulate child labor in manufacturing establishments and hours of labor.

Crumpler, to repeal Chap. 313, Public Laws 1907, relative to increasing Commissioners of Sampson.

Speaker Graham announced a number of committees, the chairmen as follows: Fish, Hooper; Oyster, Parker; Health, Bolton; Immigration, Mitchell; Salaries and Fees, Wooten.

The bill that passed the Senate increasing the Governor's salary came over and was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees. Both the speaker and the chairman of the Committee on Rules, Mr. Dowd, seem inclined to look with disfavor upon the practice of suspending the rules and considering bills before they have been to committees.

The House adjourned to noon Monday.

Those Dakota Bonds.

Governor Glenn says he has received from a prominent lawyer in South Dakota a letter to the effect that he hears much insistence among the citizenship that the State money procured from North Carolina as the result of the suit over the bonds that North Carolina had repudiated as fraudulent, should be returned "with apologies" from South Dakota for having allowed herself to be used in such a way. The Governor's reply was that while North Carolina had gone into the courts and made a fight against the questionable demands of South Dakota when the suit went against the State she paid over the money and now, if South Dakota realized her mistake and unjust treatment to her sister it was up to her to do the manly thing in voluntarily returning the money. Certainly he, as Governor, would not stoop to making a request upon Dakota for the refund.

### January Clearance Sale.

Just before the full stock of Spring goods arrived, is customary at The Little Store to hold a January Clearance Sale. For 1909 this sale starts on the 11th and lasts ten days. Besides offering special inducements in the way of prices, they offer also Double Gold Bond Trading Stamps. The double inducement will no doubt be taken advantage of by scores of shoppers who are in need of goods such as are carried by Platt & Haar.