

OUTLINES.

The name of Gov. Patterson was mentioned yesterday for the first time in the trial of the Coopers, at Nashville, Tenn., when a witness declared on the investigation of the charges against Juror Whitworth that the latter had stated that he believed that the Governor was a party to the murder.—The American battleship fleet arrived at Gibraltar throughout Sunday and yesterday, where they will receive coal for the home voyage, and were accorded a hearty welcome by the other nations in that port.—The weather reached a freezing temperature with a killing frost, in parts of Florida yesterday.—The Senate passes a bill to pension all widows of soldiers of the Civil war, the war with Mexico and the Indian war.—The belated messengers with the Presidential votes from South Carolina and Montana reach Washington.—The Senate adopts a resolution to amend the constitution so as to provide for succession to the Presidency in certain contingencies.—The Crum appointment was taken up by the Senate yesterday and laid over until today.—Brandenburg fails to appear for trial on the charge of forging that Cleveland letter.—Russia breaks the deadlock between Bulgaria and Turkey by a proposition of settlement which both accept.—The committee to standardize cotton grades meets in Washington to begin its work.—Reid is acting as pacifier between the two political factions in Panama. He is much pleased with conditions of the canal work.—Interest in the Panama Canal purchase libel causes is increased by the cessation of Federal grand jury investigation.—The Federal Supreme Court decides that trusts can sue in the courts to recover a debt.—New York markets: Money on call easy at 1 3/4 to 2 percent, ruling rate 2, closing bid 1 3/4, offered at 2. Flour quiet but firm. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.11 1/8 to 1.12 1/8 elevator. Corn firm. Oats steady, mixed 54 to 54 1/2. Rosin quiet. Turpentine steady at 45. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.85, middling gulf 10.10.

It looks like both Roosevelt and Tillman are willing to let the matter drop.

The question is: Will Congressman Rainey be able to prove his statements?

Will the ground hog see his shadow when he comes out today? That's the all important question.

The New Orleans people should not take it as a personal affront if Taft should draw the line on alligator steak.

Bulgaria seems to think she would not need any help were she to go to war with Turkey; but that isn't what the Powers want.

It is very magnanimous in Fish Commissioner Meekins to be willing to let the matter drop if the Legislature will agree to do so.

If Bryan gives another chance it should be given him. The people are always interested in his explanations of the causes of his defeats.

A Republican newspaper in this State which is run in the interest of the party rather than of its bosses would probably do better.

The State Senate should have sent Mr. Compers an engrossed copy of that resolution to adjourn in honor of his birthday and of its action thereon.

Now comes Florida with a request for a visit from Taft in order that he may get a taste of Pensacola gopher sumbo. What will they be feeding him on next?

Of course Taft and Obaldia came to a complete understanding during their conference the other day. The latter, no doubt, knows exactly what is expected of him and is the man to do it.

The Durham Herald says "Wilmington seems to be taking it hard but she will have to stand it." You are wrong. Things are running mighty smoothly down this way.

Will somebody tell us what interest is back of that anti-trust bill? Surely not the tobacco manufacturers or growers if the newspapers published in their sections express their views.

Under the Prohibition act the Yackin County Commissioners had the right to grant Glenn Williams a license to sell whiskey to licensed druggists; so what's the use of making such a fuss about it.

Governor Kitchin does not feel legally or morally bound by any agreement his predecessor made with the railroads; therefore he can't be expected to recommend to the Legislature that it carry out that agreement, if it is to be any benefit to the railroad.

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A DREADFUL TRAGEDY

Edward A. Mize, Fatally Shot Young Wife Then Turned Pistol on Himself.

GRUESOME SUNDAY MURDER

Quiet of Sabbath Afternoon Broken by Horible Affair at Second and Nun Streets—Returning From Sunday School.

Evidently enraged toward her because she would not consent to return with him to Atlanta where they were clandestinely married two and a half years ago or to surrender to him their 17-months-old daughter, Edward A. Mize, a young white man living here the past nine weeks and employed at odd jobs about several pool rooms in the city; Sunday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock, at Second and Nun streets, in a prominent residence section, intercepted his young wife, a daughter of Mr. John H. Land, a well known carpenter residing at 617 Surrey street, as she was returning from Sunday School at the First Baptist church, shot her twice, resulting in her death an hour later at the hospital then turning the pistol on himself, blew out his own brains.

The tragedy broke the quiet of the usual Sabbath afternoon in Wilmington and notwithstanding the bitter cold of the day, hundreds of people soon collected on the scene to view the gruesome sight on the sidewalk where the young people lay gasping for breath, blood pouring from their wounds and congealing upon the frozen pavement. Being strangers in that section of the city, it was some time before either was identified. The police were notified and at once began investigation of the shooting, the ambulance having been summoned in the meantime and a little later having carried the victims to the hospital where the young woman died within an hour and Mize succumbed to the wound in his head about 6 o'clock. Dr. J. T. Schonwald and several other physicians who first arrived saw from the beginning that both were fatally wounded.

Small boys on the street heard the man remonstrating with the wife about the child and a few minutes later the shots rang out, Mize having first fired on the young woman, a mere girl, one ball entering just below the lobe of the left ear and the other in the small of the back, piercing the lungs, as she seemed to turn as she fell from the first wound, either of which would have been fatal. As she fell Mize placed the muzzle of the pistol, a 38-caliber Iver Johnson, just above his right ear, pulled the trigger and sent the ball crashing through his brain. As he fell, he is said to have crawled a step or two toward the prostrate form of his young wife, the scene being a gruesome one for those who hurried out of adjoining residences and hurried from a distance at the successive crack of the pistol.

The young woman, 23 years of age, was married to Mize two and a half years ago in Atlanta while she was at a business college there. The marriage was kept a secret from the parents here for a few months until the young wife became in distress and she telegraphed for money to come home. While on her first visit here, the infant was born, but notwithstanding her former experience with her young husband, she returned to him after a few months until abandoned again and she was again sent money to come home. Finally she induced her father to send her husband money to pay transportation to Wilmington with the hope he would get employment here and provide for her. He came nine weeks ago and had lived with his wife and child at the home of her father, but Mr. Land said he had contributed little or nothing to the support of his wife and child nor to himself, the wife having been forced to seek employment herself. She was above the slightest approach, but it seemed to rankle his evidently diseased brain that she would not consent to return with him to Atlanta nor permit him to take the child, where it is said to have been his intention to bind the little girl out to a physician there for the sum of \$1,500. He was employed in the opening of several amusement parlors opened here just after January 1st, in erecting pool and billiard tables and frequently complained of being "down and out," saying that he could end it all by blowing his brains out. He had made threats generally about killing his father-in-law but had no unkind word for his wife, expressing every confidence in her. He bought a pistol some days ago and displayed it in several stores, stating his intentions, but his threats were

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CLOSE TRACK OF WALKER

Fugitive Desperado From Southport Jail Seen Near Lockwood's Folly and Sheriff and Posse Gone in Pursuit.

A telephone message to Mr. J. W. Brooks, of this city, from County Commissioner Asa Doshier, of Brunswick, states that a report has reached Southport from an authentic source that J. P. Walker and his accomplice, Dudley, charged with the killing of Sheriff Stanland last November and who broke jail at Southport Friday night after a murderous assault upon the jailer, had been seen on Mr. Richmond Galloway's place, three miles from Lockwood's Folly bridge, in a remote part of the county, yesterday morning and that it is believed that it is only a question of 12 to 24 hours before the fugitives will be taken.

Sheriff J. J. Knox and a posse of men with the bloodhound from Chadborn at once put out for Lockwood's Folly and it is believed that the dog will be able to strike a trail of the men from a camp fire around which they slept Sunday night or from a spot on Mr. Galloway's place where the men were seen. Commissioner Doshier says the report received at Southport is perfectly reliable and that the sheriff and his men will capture Walker dead or alive. The Board of County Commissioners of Brunswick, in regular session yesterday, under authority of Representative Taylor's bill in the Legislature, which was rushed through yesterday, offered a reward of \$400 for the capture of Walker dead or alive and with the \$100 reward for Walker and \$25 for Dudley, offered personally by Sheriff Knox and other private parties, it is said that the sum of \$62 all told has been placed on the heads of the escapes. The officers telephoned last night that if they did not capture Walker during the night, they hoped to get him early this morning.

Yesterday morning a long distance telephone message came to police headquarters here from Mr. J. W. Hall, of Hallsboro, Columbus county, stating that he had just been informed by a man that Walker had been seen Saturday morning just after he had crossed Lake Waccamaw in a boat and that he confessed that he was one of the Southport jail breakers and that bloodhounds were after him but he would burn the woods behind him before he would be taken. There is believed to be some mistake about this as the report from Lockwood's Folly is more authentic and Walker had been living in that section near Shallotts, where he married. Those who know the man and of his bravado believe that it would be just like him to return to his former haunts and defy arrest, as for several years he lived in that neighborhood a fugitive and would not hesitate to take his chances there again.

It develops now that the negro in jail charged with house burning did not escape with the two other prisoners as first reported. The negro was in a separate part of the jail and did not escape. Though Walker and Dudley were under guard day and night, the guards were not in the corridor of the jail next to them. Walker in some way secured a spur from a steel cotton hoop and it was with this that he succeeded in filing his shackles, an ordinary trace chain, it is said, by which he was fastened to the floor of his cage. It is said that he would heat the links of the chain with fire started in his bed clothing, softening the metal, and working industriously, but quietly so the guards could not hear him. He is a professional locksmith and burglar anyway and his accomplice Dudley is said to be equally accomplished in this respect as a belt of keys were found on him when he was captured. It seems that the door opening from the cell to the corridor was not locked or was only fastened with a trace chain, so that it was a comparatively easy task for Walker to get in the corridor. Dudley was also in a separate cell and it is thought that when one of the number got out, he assisted the other in effecting his way to the corridor. The noise heard in the corridor and which attracted Jailer Fountain when he was struck down in the door by Walker, it seems, was not made for the purpose of attracting the attention of the jailer, as it was afterwards found that they had dug nearly a cart load of brick from the side of a window through which they would have made their escape anyway in a short time but for the appearance of the jailer and the necessity of getting him out of the way. Jailer Fountain is still laid up with his injuries but it is stated that he will recover. He has no knowledge of what has happened since he was struck down in the door and has been able to give no definite account of how he was assaulted, further than that he was knocked senseless the moment he opened the door leading to the corridor.

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A LENGTHY SESSION

Board of Aldermen in Regular Monthly Meeting Three Hours Last Night.

MANY MATTERS CONSIDERED

Sale of Near-Bear on Sunday—Seaboard Terminals—Street Bonds to be Advertised For Sale. Park Enterprise.

The Board of Aldermen at its regular monthly meeting last night at the City Hall was in session nearly three hours, during which a variety of matters were considered. It was decided to place on the market \$200,000 of the recently authorized \$400,000 bonds for street improvement; the Mayor was authorized to appoint a special committee on the question of municipal ownership of a sewerage system; certain dockage rights previously granted to the Seaboard Air Line at foot of Brunswick street for the extensive improvement of its terminals here were recommended to the Legislature for the passage of a special act covering the occupancy of the desired property; the city attorney was instructed to draw an ordinance for immediate adoption, preventing the sale of near-bear on Sunday and a large number of other matters of more or less public interest were passed upon.

It was 8:30 o'clock before the Board was called to order, members having been slow in assembling. All members were present except Dr. Bolles, member from Fourth ward. Minutes of preceding meetings having been read, the regular order was suspended on motion of Mr. French and Attorney Woodus Kellum was heard upon a request to lease Queen street dock for a client who desired to use it for boat purposes and with reference to imposing a city license tax on the International Correspondence Schools. The latter question was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act upon an opinion by City Attorney Bellamy that the inter-State feature of the International Schools, exempted them from the local tax. Aldermen Jewell, King and Wood opposed the lease of the Queen street dock on the ground that it is the only dock in the southern part of the city through which the people received their wood, etc., from flats on the river. Alderman O'Brien thought it depended altogether on what use was to be made of the dock; if the right of ingress and egress was not cut off from the general public, he saw no objection to the city's receiving some revenue therefrom. It was on this condition that the other docks had been successfully leased and improved by the lessees. Mr. O'Brien made an extended statement in regard to the docks, saying the city should open all of them up and take possession, disposing of them to the best advantage with the rights of the city properly safeguarded. Upon motion of Mr. King, the Board declined to lease the Queen street dock.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., addressed the Board, referring to the action of the Board in September 1906, agreeing to build a road out Red Cross street to the Huttaff property in lieu of the thoroughfare made impassible by the laying of a network of tracks by the Atlantic Coast Line. He had recently induced Chas. S. Riley & Co., of Philadelphia, to rebuild the Hannah Box Shook factory here at a cost of something over \$100,000, and had given the firm assurance that the city would do everything possible to encourage this enterprise. He asked that this large property interest be given fire protection by placing a hydrant at the plant, extending the water main from Eighth and Bladen streets. Chairman French, of the Fire Committee, suggested that the private 8-inch main of the Coast Line run within a block of the box factory and the city might arrange with the railroad company to make the required connection. Mr. Northrop, however, suggested that the city hoped soon to own its waterworks plant and the connection might be desirable for the private consumers it might serve. The entire matter was referred to the Fire Committee with power to act.

Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, counsel for the Seaboard Air Line, appeared before the Board in the matter of dockage facilities wanted at foot of Brunswick street for the extensive enlargements of the company's terminals at this port. It will be recalled that the dock was previously leased by the Board to the Seaboard for these improvements, but the judge of the Circuit Court under whose authority the receivers are operating the Seaboard refuses to approve the appropriation in such a large amount for terminals to be built on leased property, therefore, it was desired to get legislative authority to condemn the property in the same manner as railroads generally acquire private property, a jury of citizens to pass upon the value of the property. The railroad now has the authority to condemn private property but there is a question as to the right to condemn public property and Mr. Bellamy stated that the railroad desired to remove the doubt by an act now before the Legislature awaiting introduction by Senator Emple upon

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AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY

Regular Monthly Meeting of Board of Commissioners—Recorder's Court Endorsed—Other Legislative Matters.

The endorsement of the principle of a Recorder's Court for New Hanover; the passage of an order preventing the display of advertising signs along the public thoroughfares, both of which matters were recommended in the recent report of the grand jury in the Superior Court, and a provision whereby the physicians of the county generally will co-operate with the superintendent of health in the treatment of the outdoor poor of the community, were the leading features of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon.

All members of the Board were present except Commissioner Robertson, who came in labor. A committee from the County Medical Society composed of Drs. E. J. Wood, J. C. Wessell and T. M. Green, appeared before the Board and read a resolution adopted by the Society, regarding co-operation with the county superintendent of health in the treatment of the outdoor poor, and asked the use of a room next to the office of the superintendent of health in the basement of the Court House. Upon motion of Mr. Vollers, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, the Board granted the request.

A number of complaints as to errors in listing taxes were heard and disposed of. A request from the Carolina Transportation Company to correct an error it had made in listing its steamboats for taxation, was referred to the chairman of the Board.

Alderman W. A. French appeared before the Board and secured the consent of the Commissioners to build a macadam road out Castle street from Eighth street to Delgado, provided the city will do the grading inside the city limits. Mr. French stated that he would report the result of the conference to his Board and he hoped the improvement would be undertaken at once.

Captain A. D. Cazaax appeared before the Board and his request for an improvement of a section of the old military road in Masonboro township, was referred to the Roads Committee. The Register of Deeds reported 23 marriages licenses issued during January and the payment of \$21.85 into the treasury as revenues therefrom.

R. G. Strickland, of Delgado, was granted \$2 per month on the outdoor poor list subject to investigation for continuance monthly hereafter.

The Superintendent of Health reported two cases of smallpox, two of scarlatina and one of diphtheria quarantined during January. Three cases of fever in the camp constituted the acute sickness in the county institutions. During the month 129 patients were treated in the office and eight were visited at their homes.

Road Superintendent Houtt reported 1,200 feet of the Masonboro road completed during the month; made heavy fill at Whiskey Creek; removed 15,000 cubic yards of earth from cut to fill; 2,700 feet of 16-foot roadway and 1,600 feet of 12-foot roadway built and completed on Princess street and graded half mile of the same road. The total is one mile and 220 feet of macadam road built and completed during January, 2,700 feet of same being 16 feet wide, this work being done with a road force of 26 men and 14 carts. On account of sickness, 72 days were lost on the entire force by sickness and two days by 81 men on account of rain during the month.

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QUIET IN ASSEMBLY

Both Branches of Legislature Transacted Little Business of Interest Yesterday.

SPEAKER MORTON PRESIDES

Reward For Brunswick Officer Authorized—Robeson and Burlington Enabling Acts Passed— Committee Work.

(Special Star Telegram.)
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 1.—Both branches of the General Assembly were remarkably quiet today. There was less than a quorum in the Senate but the point was not raised and the work proceeded. The House bill by Representative Taylor authorizing a reward of \$400 for the murder and jail breaker, J. P. Walker, was placed on immediate passage and enrolled for ratification. There were only three or four unimportant bills on the calendar and a short session was held.

In the House Speaker Pro Tem. Morton presided. The Robeson county bond bill passed second reading with the section exempting the bonds from taxation stricken out. It will pass third reading tomorrow. The Burlington public utility bill also passed second reading with the objectionable feature exempting the municipality from liability for insufficient water pressure and defective electric service stricken out. The bill to allow convicts to serve on the roads pending trial and have time previously served credited on their sentences when finally convicted was re-committed for inclusion with another bill of same tenor.

In the Senate.
The Senate convened at noon with prayer by Senator Lee, of Wilkes. Among new bills introduced were:

- Clark, for protection of fish in Bladen.
- Clark, protect squirrels in certain townships of Bladen.
- Clark, to amend Chapter 65, Public Laws of 1903, relating to public roads in Bladen county.
- Fry, to amend Section 982, Revisal, relating to mortgages and deeds, register bills of sale.
- Ray, to amend Revisal relating to carrying concealed weapons.
- Fry, to amend Revisal, as to demurrer or reply.
- Fry, to render forests secure from damage by fire, through forest wardens.
- Fry, to amend Revisal as to the use of dynamite in killing fish.
- Fry, to amend Revisal to entry taxers.

Passed final reading: Authorize Commissioners of Brunswick to offer reward J. P. Walker, who murdered the Sheriff; protect fish in Bladen county; protect squirrels in Central and Elizabeth townships, Bladen county; amend Revisal relating to public roads in Bladen county; House bill, to permit guardians to cultivate lands of their wards.

The State drainage bill, previously set as the special order for Thursday of this week, was moved up to Wednesday noon on motion of Senator Clark.

The House.
Speaker Pro Tem. Morton convened the House at noon with prayer by Rev. A. J. Moncrief, of Tabernacle Baptist Church. Senator Currie sent forward a protest from the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., and others, addressed to the General Assembly against the passage of the bill restricting the sale of drinks containing caffeine contending such drinks were not harmful and that the public is amply protected by the pure food and drug act.

Among new bills introduced:
McDaniel, of Moore, to amend 2613 Revisal, regarding operating freight trains on Sunday so as to allow through freight trains fully loaded to pass through the State without stopping at stations.
Perry, of Vance, to abolish the special provision in the Revisal as to negotiable instruments maturing Saturday, making Saturday the same as any other day of the week in this regard.
Kendrick, to amend Section 2, Article 10, State Constitution, as to homestead exemption.
Dendrick, to authorize married women to contract as if unmarried.
Majette, to compel timber getters to establish lines of land before cutting timber therefrom.
Pickett, to amend law as to sale of brasses and other metals.
Wallace, to amend Section 4969, Revisal, as to rates of pilotage in Old Topsail Inlet.
Smith, of Harnett, to authorize Commissioners of Harnett to issue bonds for bridges and other purposes.
Connor, to amend Chapter 1009, Laws 1907, as to expenses incurred by Governor in discharge of duties.

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