

### OUTLINES.

Charles F. Wadsworth, one of the most prominent citizens in the business and social life of Charlotte, committed suicide yesterday in a hotel at Greensboro. More than two hundred negroes were arrested in Pittsburg, Pa. last night in an effort by the authorities to render a residential section of the city safe. Seventeen persons were killed yesterday as a result of an explosion in the Short Creek Iron Company, 10 miles east of Emsley, Ala. Five of the dead are whites and twelve are negroes. Captain Charles F. Quailrough, of the battleship Georgia now at Gibraltar, is held for court marshal on a charge performed by Rear Admiral Wainwright, of being under the influence of intoxicants at a reception. Thomas Posey was acquitted by the murder of Edward Fair, at Manassas, Va., yesterday. The second week of the trial of the Coopers was completed yesterday and the jury box still remains unfiled. The House insists on \$12,000 appropriation for White House automobiles. The steamship Newport entered the Pacific end of the Panama canal yesterday. The Senate yesterday devoted four hours to discussion of the Crum nomination, but no progress was made. Senators Clay and Aldrich have a spat over the National Currency Associations Act. Brandenburg says he will appear for trial as soon as he gets money enough to employ handwriting experts. Proposed change in French customs duties discriminating against the United States causes uneasiness to the American Chamber of Commerce. New York Markets: Money on call easy, at 1 3/4 to 2 per cent, ruling rate 1 3/4, closing bid 1 3/4, offered 1 1/2 to 1.11 1/2 elevator. Corn east, No. 2 71 1/2 elevator. Oats steady, mixed 54 to 54 1/2. Rosin and turpentine steady. Cotton quiet, 5 points higher, middling uplands 9.90, middling 10.15.

Nelson Cromwell has shown himself to be an apt scholar of his chief in the matter of making denials.

John W. Kern's sister in Virginia seems to have known what she was about when she tried to keep him out of politics.

It looks like somebody is in a fair way to become the owner of a newspaper plant in Greensboro who is not very anxious for it.

Russia's proposition to Turkey and Bulgaria would indicate that she is really opposed to a war between those two countries.

Wonder if the Georgians will follow Harriman's advice with the expectation of getting that ten million dollars of investment by railroads?

Castro says he wants only peace and rest. There are thousands of people in Venezuela who wish this desire had taken possession of him years ago.

There are men in this country who have taken longer horseback rides than did Roosevelt, but as they were not Roosevelt the country did not hear so much about it.

Did the Southern Railroad and the Tobacco Trust secure the appointment of Judges Boyd and Pritchard? If so they cannot be criticised as making poor selections.

How ungrateful it would be in the Democratic party not to give Bryan another chance, if he wants it, to show that he is the most popular man with the masses in the United States.

We believe only one editor in this State has gone the length of saying that no man can be appointed a Federal Judge for the Eastern District unless he has the support of the Southern Railroad and the Tobacco Trust.

By the time Taft gets through with the banquets already given and to be given him in the South he will come to the conclusion that, while the Southerners' hearts are soft their stomachs are all fired tough.

Obaldia has signed the contract to be Taft's right hand man in the Republic of Panama and the President-elect has set about making the leaders of the other faction think it is all right.

If the Republican party is gaining strength in this State so rapidly "how come" that it chooses this time to knock the props from under its State organ and let its plant go abegging for an owner?

It was by a mighty narrow margin the Voights won their case with the Wall Paper Trust and secured the decision of the court of last resort that a company violating the anti-trust law can have no standing in court. The court was as near evenly divided as it was possible to be.

## FRIENDS OF SEAMEN

### Fifty-Sixth Annual Meeting of Society Held Yesterday Afternoon at The Home.

### OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

#### Yearly Reports Show Affairs of Society in Good Shape—Standing Committees in Charge of Various Departments.

The 56th annual meeting of the Seamen's Friend Society of the port of Wilmington was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the reading room of the Home, Front and Dock streets. There was a fair attendance of members and the business transacted was very gratifying to those identified with the work in Wilmington.

Captain James I. Metts, president of the Society, presided and Mr. J. Hunter Wood was present in his capacity as secretary. The exercises opened with prayer by the chaplain, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., after which various reports were received and ordered on file. The chaplain reported very gratifying results from the change of service from Sunday afternoons to Thursday evenings, and much larger attendance at these services.

Trustees for the ensuing year were named as follows: Mr. James Sprunt, Captain James I. Metts, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., Rev. T. P. Nos, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., Rev. K. D. Homes, Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., Rev. T. Smoot, Captain E. D. Williams and Messrs. T. E. Sprunt, M. W. Jacoby, W. M. Cumming, J. H. Boatwright, James Price, J. H. Wood, S. M. Empie and Geo. R. French.

Upon adjournment of the general meeting the trustees met with Mr. J. H. Boatwright presiding and Mr. Wood as secretary. The following officers were elected and standing committees named:

President—Captain James I. Metts. Vice President—Mr. James Sprunt. Secretary and Treasurer—J. Hunter Wood.

Public Worship Committee—Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., J. H. Wood and J. H. Boatwright.

Rentals and Repairs—Captain J. I. Metts, J. H. Wood and T. E. Sprunt. Executive Committee—W. M. Cumming, James W. Price and George R. French.

Reading Room—James W. Price, James Sprunt and George R. French. Building Committee—Same as Executive Committee.

Auditing—George R. French and M. W. Jacoby.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., was unanimously re-elected chaplain; Mrs. Munds organist and Miss White soprano.

**President's Annual Report.**  
The annual report of the president was submitted as follows:

"The work of the Society during the year has been of the usual routine character. Divine service was held regularly on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock until several months ago when the time was changed to Thursday night at 8 o'clock, the reason being a poor attendance on Sundays, attributed to causes which it was thought a night service would overcome. These services have been attended by much larger numbers and are, in a way, successful, yet I think with more zeal on the part of superintendent, the Sunday service might be effective. The assistance rendered by Mrs. Neilson, and the influence of her quiet Christian example in the home is worthy of recognition.

"For reasons which were deemed sufficient, mainly the lack of co-operation by the Superintendent, there was only one ship's crew lodged last Fall during the sickly season. There has been a corresponding falling off in the Treasurer's receipts. The Society should employ a capable, active man, in full sympathy with its work as Superintendent, and the present temporary arrangement should, in my opinion, be discontinued. I respectfully commend the zeal and devotion of our worthy Chaplain, Dr. McClure, whose interest in the Society never flags.

"For additional fire protection, I installed recently, five patent fire extinguishers in the home which I trust will meet with your approval.

"The Bethel or Chapel, originally presented to the Society, by the late Captain Gilbert Potter, has for many years been in a state of dilapidation and in consequence was abandoned as dangerous. It is my earnest desire that this building be fully restored and I would recommend again, as I have done before, that its rebuilding be not longer delayed. We can do it without calling for outside assistance.

"As some of us have steadily endeavored to promote the best interests of seamen in this port, through the medium of this ancient institution, which has grown old in the service, it behooves the friends of the Society to seek the co-operation of our citizens generally in the cause so that younger men may be led to carry on the work which should appeal strongly to all right minded inhabitants of a seaport town.

**"JAMES I. METTS, President."**  
The Reading Room.  
Mr. James Price, chairman of that

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## WARD TO HANG IN MARCH

### Negro Fiend in Sampson Tried and Convicted in Superior Court at Clinton Yesterday—Under Military Guard.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Clinton, N. C., Feb. 2.—The trial of Will Ward for criminal assault upon Mrs. Mollie McLeod began here at 2:30 this afternoon before Judge W. R. Allen and ended at 6:35 when the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

George E. Butler assisted Solicitor Duffy for the State and Henry A. Grady was appointed by the court to represent the defendant, who was without counsel. At the close of the taking of testimony the case was submitted to the jury upon the evidence without argument upon the part of the State or the defense.

Ward assaulted Mrs. McLeod on January 19th and has been in the State penitentiary to prevent his being lynched. He arrived from Raleigh this morning under escort of a detail of the local military company and the entire company is on guard duty tonight.

The prisoner sat through the trial unmoved and presented a spectacle of stolid indifference. When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, he stated that he was once injured by a blow on the head which at time affected his mind, especially when he was drinking.

Judge Allen sentenced Ward to be hanged on March 3rd. The trial was witnessed by a packed court house. All disinterested spectators vacated the court room while Mrs. McLeod was on the stand at the request of Judge Allen. The crowd was at all times orderly.

The judge's charge to the grand jury and wise counsel in open court has had a good effect and encouraged letting the law take its course in this case. Ward claims to be the son of an Indian mother and to have come from Oklahoma. His appearance indicates a decided trace of Indian blood. He will be taken back to Raleigh probably tomorrow and then returned here for execution.

**AUDIT AND FINANCE BOARD**  
Regular Meeting Last Night—Action on Street Bonds Deferred.

The regular meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance was held last night, all members present except Messrs. McNair and Yates, the first named being out of the city and Mr. Yates still in Baltimore, where he is recovering from a recent operation in Johns Hopkins.

The most important matter before the Board was postponement of action on the sale of the \$200,000 street bonds, authorized by the Aldermen Monday night, it being the opinion of the members of the Audit and Finance Board that the waterworks and sewerage questions should be more nearly settled before taking action in regard to the streets. The decision not to advertise the bonds for sale at present, it is not thought, will militate against securing authority from the present session of the Legislature to carry on street improvement under the old plan.

The Board of City Clerk and Treasurer Fowler in the sum of \$500,000 as custodian of the waterworks and sewerage fund, was received and approved, subject to approval as to form and execution by the City Attorney. The sureties are Mr. J. W. Norwood, who justifies in the sum of \$200,000; Messrs. M. J. Corbett and J. A. Springer, each of whom justifies in the sum \$100,000; Messrs. J. V. Grainger and M. W. Divine, each of whom justifies in the sum of \$30,000 and Colonel Walker Taylor and Mr. C. E. Taylor, Jr., each justifying in the sum of \$20,000. The fund is deposited in the savings bank of the city at 4 per cent. interest for the benefit of the city.

No objection was made to the recommendation of the Aldermen for legislative action concerning the sinking fund and the Brunswick street property desired by the Seaboard Air Line for improvement of its terminals.

**Young Mize Buried Yesterday.**  
Edward A. Mize, principal in the double tragedy which so shocked the community Sunday afternoon, was buried yesterday in Bellevue cemetery, further advices having been received from his brothers in Americus, Ga., stating that they would honor a draft for all necessary expenses. It is said that Mize left his workman's tools at one of the pool rooms in the city with instructions that if anything happened to him that they be sent to his brother. Mize also claimed to have been a veteran of the Spanish war and it is said that he bore the mark of a bullet wound received while in the army service.

**New Fire Apparatus Arrived.**  
The new combination chemical and hose wagon for Fifth ward arrived yesterday morning by A. C. L. from the factory and has been placed at the Sixth and Castle streets station of the Department for tests that will begin today. Recently while Chairman French, of the Fire Committee, was in Baltimore two splendid horses were purchased for the combination wagon and these will also go into the service at once. The new machine is said to be a very fine piece of apparatus.

Rebder's for bargains every day.

## YEAR'S FIRE RECORD

### Annual Report of Chief Chas. Schnibben to The Board of Aldermen.

### SUBMITTED MONDAY NIGHT

#### Loss Much Smaller Than For Past Two Years—Equipment of the Department—Thanks to Mayor and Board.

The eleventh annual report of Chief Charles Schnibben, submitted at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Monday night, makes a most creditable showing for the Wilmington Fire Department for the year ended December 31st 1908. Not only has the property loss been less than for any year in the past two, but from the report it is shown that never before was the Department better equipped or more thoroughly organized.

The number of alarms during the year was 177 of which 102 were by bell, 30 by telephone and 45 still. The fires occurred 142 in frame and 19 in brick buildings while 8 were outside buildings and 8 of the alarms were false. All fires except four were confined to buildings in which they originated. While at work at fires the Department laid 32,700 feet of hose, raised 855 feet of ladders and used 1,291 gallons of chemicals. The distance traveled in answering alarms, 172 miles. The value of buildings whose fires occurred was \$678,650 and value of contents, \$644,175, a total of 1,322,825. The insurance on these buildings amounted to \$549,550 and on contents \$605,850, a total of \$1,155,400. The insurance loss paid on buildings amounted to \$18,766.80 and on contents, \$47,700.72, a total of \$66,467.52. The damage to buildings not insured was only \$830 and on contents, \$510, a total of only \$1,340. The total fire losses for the year were \$67,117.52, against \$72,338.64 last year and \$93,842.59 two years ago. The years 1902 and 1903 also exceeded the losses of this year in about the same proportion.

Speaking of the Department in general, its equipment, etc., Chief Schnibben concludes his report as follows:

"We have in service on chief's buggy, one hook and ladder truck, one chemical engine, one steam fire engine which answers all alarms; three hose wagons each carrying 1,000 feet standard hose; the fire boat Atlantic. We also have in reserve one first class Nott steam fire engine which has a capacity of delivering over 1,000 gallons of water per minute, one Button steam fire engine, capacity of delivering 600 gallons per minute. We also have one combination chemical and hose wagon, one hook and ladder truck; 2,000 feet of new fire hose has been added last year, which gives us a total of 6,000 feet of good hose. We will also have in service in a few days one more combination chemical hose wagon at Sixth and Castle streets.

"Horses—The 14 horses now in service are all with the exception of one in fine condition. One pair of horses was purchased during the year in place of two old ones turned over to Superintendent of Streets which were unfit for fire service. One pair of horses needed for the new combination wagon was bought last week and will be put in service as soon as the wagon arrives which will be in a few days.

"Fire Alarm System—The lines have been thoroughly overhauled by Superintendent John T. Yates with the assistance of other members of the Department. New plates have been put in storage battery, two new fire alarm boxes placed in school houses and one more box ordered to be placed at Fifth and Dawson streets. This makes a total of 48 fire alarm boxes.

"In closing this my eleventh report, I desire at this time to extend to the officers and members of this Department my sincere thanks for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duty.

"To the press and public in general I return my sincere thanks for the very many compliments received for the good and efficient work done by the Fire Department.

"My sincere thanks are due to His Honor, Mayor W. E. Springer, and the Board of Aldermen, especially the chairman and members of the Fire Committee, for the many courtesies shown me during the past year. The administration of the affairs of this Department has been rendered exceedingly pleasant by their generous co-operation and kindness towards the members of the Department and myself.

"Respectfully submitted,  
"CHARLES SCHNIBBEN,  
"Chief Fire Department."

**Heating Apparatus All Right.**  
The heating apparatus at the Academy of Music has been placed in condition again and there was no complaint last night from patrons as to the temperature. Manager Blomme states that the trouble Monday night was the discovery of some obstruction in the pipes too late to be repaired for the performance that evening and he greatly regrets any discomforts which any patrons of the house may have suffered in consequence thereof.

## BAZAAR OPENS LIVELY

### Fete at Boys' Brigade Armory Already an Assured Success—First Night's Attractions Pleasing to Attendance.

Brilliantly lighted from "pit to dome," its spacious apartments prettily with numerous booths and resplendent with decorations of every kind, sweet music in the air and the halls resonant with the acclaim of hundreds of merry-makers, the big Mid-Winter Fete at the Boys' Brigade Armory, Second and Church streets, was most auspiciously "inaugurated" (not "opened," if you please) last night at 7:30 o'clock.

The attendance was well up to expectations and the two remaining evenings of the joyous event promise to surpass even the opening. There are six large booths, each with its distinctive characteristics and the ever-popular country store, making a merry midway about which hundreds of young people thronged during the evening and voted Col. Walker Taylor's soldier boys entertainers after their own hearts. Native moss and Southern smilax lent effectiveness to the general scheme of decoration and the bazaar gave evidence of careful and systematic arrangement in every department.

The bazaar was formally opened by Charles C. Loughlin, Esq., who has the management under his direction, with a pleasing talk in behalf of the Boys' Brigade, extending a welcome to the general public to attend and expressing appreciation for their aid in making the affair a success.

The programme, consisting of musical selections, which will be rendered each evening during the bazaar, is quite a number of Wilmington's most talented musicians, by orchestra; vocal solo, Mrs. J. J. Loughlin; selection from "Madame Butterfly," Miss Gracie Craig; orchestra selection; vocal solo, Mrs. J. D. Edwards. A fine musical programme will be rendered each evening by the Boys' Brigade orchestra, in addition to the many other splendid musical attractions.

The various booths and those in charge, lady friends of the organization, are as follows: Candy, Misses Esbie Risley, Lucile Smith, Etta Craig; Punch, Miss Bessie LeGwin, Mrs. W. R. Doshier; Ice Cream, Mrs. J. W. Orrell, Misses Fannie Branch, Ada Singletary, Misses Lewis; Fortune Teller, Miss Gracie Craig; Japanese Tea Garden, Misses Sue Hall, Virginia Taylor, Cake, Mrs. W. A. McGowan, Mrs. B. F. King, Mrs. John T. Sholar, Misses Edelweiss King and Maggie Hall. The country store, which is rather unique in its crude construction, a distinct feature of the bazaar, is in charge of Messrs. Price, Beach and Brittain. Other ladies assisting in the booths are Misses Gertrude Sykes, Flossie Marshbanks, Mollie Holden, Louise Sholar, Lucile Riley, Louise Sneed, Mamie Brooks, Hazel Fleet and Mamie Williams.

**PORTRAIT OF MR. DAVIS.**  
Daughters of Confederacy Make Presentation to the High School.

Interesting exercises yesterday afternoon the presentation of a handsome portrait of President Jefferson Davis by Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, to the Wilmington High School. The portrait was presented in behalf of the Daughters by Mrs. R. W. Hicks and was officially received in behalf of the school by Mr. J. A. Taylor, chairman of the joint school committees. The exercises were held in the assembly hall and a large delegation of Daughters of the Confederacy and friends of the school were present. The portrait was placed on an easel to the left of the platform and bears the inscription "1861-1865, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America." A unique and pleasing feature of the exercises was the recitation of the "Confederate States of America" by two-thirds of the student body responded enthusiastically to an invitation to raise their hands if their fathers or grandfathers served under the banner of the Confederacy.

**County Teachers' Meeting.**  
An interesting and profitable meeting of the county teachers' association was held Saturday with Supt. Catlett in this city, every teacher in the county districts having been present except two in spite of the severely cold weather. Miss Lula W. Southerland, of Acorn Branch, read a valuable paper on "Interesting Pupils on Recitation and in School Generally," there being a general discussion of the subject by all present. Prof. Catlett explained fully the necessity of maintenance of the schools and the influence the teachers may exert in their respective districts toward this end. He also talked along general school matters, the meeting having been a highly interesting one.

**Grist of the Superior Court.**  
Commitments of 33 defendants at the late session of the Superior Court here to terms aggregating 25 years on the county roads and farm, were made out yesterday by the clerk and the convicts have already entered upon their time. Louis Yates, for robbery, received the longest term, two years. George Roderick, given 12 months, for an assault with deadly weapon, will go to the roads, according to the ruling of the County Commissioners with whom the matter was left discretionary by Judge Allen.

## LEGISLATIVE GRIND

### Bill to Increase Rate of Interest to Eight Per Cent Overwhelmingly Defeated.

### BOTH HOUSES YESTERDAY

#### Measures Were Largely Local—Committees at Work During the Afternoon—Agricultural Building Recommended.

(Special Star Telegram.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—No bills of general importance were considered in either branch of the General Assembly today, but many local measures were gotten out of the way for more interesting work later in the week.

The Senate was opened at 11 o'clock with prayer by Rev. A. J. Moncrief. Among new bills introduced were: Manning, Repeal Sec. 3773, Revisal, relating to failure to maintain bridges and provide a new section therefor, and to amend charter of Elon College; Elliott, of Hickory, joint resolution that the finance committee be requested to report Feb. 12th and no new bills be introduced after Feb. 15th; Turner, for relief of prisoners in jail awaiting trial; Fry, resolution fixing 15th as limit for new bills; Shaw, to fix times for holding courts in Robeson.

Senator Bassett presented petitions from Rocky Mount for and against the pending bill to prevent garnisheeing wages of railroad employes.

The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the bill relating to the sale of cross-ties found adrift in streams of New Hanover and Brunswick. Senator Manning's bill to repeal Sec. 1205 of the Revisal, relative to pay of witnesses, was reported without prejudice but was voted down on third reading.

Among bills which passed final reading was one to amend Revisal relating to sales under execution, providing that newspaper advertisement be four instead of five weeks. Senator Fry moved a suspension of the rules and that his joint resolution limiting introduction of bills to Feb. 15th be put on immediate passage, but this was voted down, Senators demonstrating that they are not yet ready to limit the session short of the full 60 days.

The Senate entered upon a long discussion of the Senate bill to amend the Revisal and allow 8 per cent. interest instead of 6 in cases where special private contracts are made.

Senator Fry, the principal advocate said nearly all banks in the State now charge 8 per cent. in a round-about way and charged that the 6 per cent. law was enacted during the political revolution by the Republicans of the Fusion Legislature.

Senator Empe opposed the bill. He wanted to slow down this movement for 8 per cent. interest and said the banking interests in Wilmington aggregate seven million dollars and it was easy to borrow money there at the present legal rate. The cry that had been made years ago that a 6 per cent. law would injure business had proven signally false. Times have changed and the people and business conditions have changed with them. A 4 per cent. rate of interest was considered a good investment now. He regarded the proposed change in the law almost a step back to barbarism. The previous question was called and the bill was voted down 29 to 3, after which the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock tomorrow.

**In the House.**  
Speaker Pro Tem, Morton called the House to order at 11 with prayer by Representative Latham, of Beaufort. Among the new bills were: McDonald, appoint justices in Moore county; Mitchell, compensate J. W. Baker, of Wayne, for injuries received in service of the State; Martin, protect game in Pamlico; Grant, to make it unlawful for any employer or agent to prevent employees from joining labor organizations, punishable by fine or imprisonment, and to make it unlawful to assign claims against employees for the purpose of suits out of the State, and still two others, to prevent blacklisting employees by making it a misdemeanor for an employer to seek to prevent employment of a discharged employee under penalty of fine of \$500 besides liability for penal damages, and to establish public employment agencies by requiring every city of more than 5,000 to provide such an office, expenses to come out of the city revenue and reports to be made annually to the Labor Commissioner.

Bills passed third reading to amend charter of Burlington; establish graded schools in Laurinburg; amend road law in Chatham; enable Sanford to issue bonds for water and streets; authorize Robeson to issue bonds for outstanding indebtedness; incorporate town of Buie, Robeson county; regulate registration sale and inspection of confidential stock foods, condition powders and stock medicines; incorporate N. C. Public Service Co. to run street railway from Greensboro to High Point; to establish the office of treasurer in Duplin county; amend Revisal relieving fertilizer manufacturers of unnecessary requirements as to printing labels on bags; to supply certain records of Duplin county.

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