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OUTLINES.

The California Legislature, after a heated debate lasting many hours, reconsidered and defeated the anti-Jap measures yesterday, which included the segregation of the Asiatics from the public schools. This action was the result of the persistent efforts of President Roosevelt and Gov. Gillett. Upon the discovery that Senator Knox could not serve as Secretary of State in the Taft Cabinet without violating the constitution, the Senate promptly removed the objection. The general offices of the Norfolk & Western, at Roanoke, Va., was damaged to the extent of \$75,000 yesterday by fire, which also destroyed valuable records. At a conference of prominent labor leaders a formal statement of conditions was made and President Gompers pointed out that nearly two million laborers are unemployed. The two Houses of Congress met in joint session yesterday for the purpose of counting the electoral votes. Steamer El Norte reports the bark Matanzas as in distress off Diamond Shoals. A wireless from the North Carolina says Taft declares the New Orleans programme satisfactory. Admiral Sperry maps out the programme for the hour for the arrival and review of his fleet at Norfolk on the 22nd. The cruisers North Carolina and Montana were sighted last night steaming toward the anchorage off the mouth of the Mississippi, where they anchored for the night. A northerly blow on the Gulf gave the Taft party its first experience of a rough sea. Near Tampa a mob had tied a negro to a stake to be burned when the crowd was persuaded to return him to the jail. The Virginia anti-saloon League decides in favor of the local option plan. The four masted schooner Sarah W. Lawrence went ashore off Cape Henlopen yesterday. Soon after the life saving crew had rescued the captain's wife and the crew of nine men the schooner broke in two. The Naval Appropriation bill was reported to the Senate yesterday. Several changes are made in it as it came from the House. New York markets: Money on call steady 2 to 2 1/2 per cent, ruling rate 2 1/4, closing bid 2 1/4, offered at 2 1/2. Flour quiet but firmly held. Wheat strong, No. 2 red 1.16 5-8 nominal elevator. Corn firm, No. 2, 72 1/2 elevator. Oats firm, mixed 54 to 54 1/2. Rosin quiet Turpentine steady. Cotton quiet, 15 points lower, middling uplands 9.85, middling gulf 10.10.

Taft took a "nine-mile view" of Cuba cut. Roosevelt would have galloped the distance on horseback.

What does the farmer or the wage-earner care for a tariff war with France? Increase in price of champagne would bother neither.

Let's wait to see if Roosevelt gets back from his African hunt before bothering ourselves about what we shall do for him as ex-President.

If Taft can keep the country guessing about his Cabinet until March 4th, he will establish a reputation for being able to keep his own counsel.

Iowa has solved the problem of securing accurate birth certificates. The mother will be paid one dollar for each certificate filed with the authorities.

State supervision, through a commission, of public libraries may have some good features, but it is another advance in paternalism and State interference with local matters.

Along with the increased demand for jugs in certain centers of trade, nearly "dry" territory, it is said there has sprung up a regular run on the manufacturers of corkscrews.

An exchange says that "lace yokes and sleeves continue popular in spite of their long use." Wouldn't they be just as popular if changed oftener or sent to the laundry once in awhile?

When the Legislature takes to passing laws for regulating the conduct of ministers of the Gospel as is asked by some Sampson county voters it will be time to begin preparing for the established or State church.

If Roosevelt as ex-President can win three hundred thousand dollars a year in a vaudeville show, why should our Government pension him the paltry sum of twelve thousand, as is proposed by a Minnesota Congressman?

Announcement is made that J. Pierpont Morgan has purchased the sword George Washington wore at the time he resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the army. Washington must have worn as many swords as he had body-servants.

It is a pity some of the jurors in capital cases which have been tried of late in this country were not present when the Sunrise Club of New York discussed "The Unwritten Law," the subject being "Our Imminent Reversion to Barbarism."

MORTON LIQUOR BILL

House Committee Takes All Encroachments Upon State Prohibition Law

SEVERAL BILLS ADVERSELY

New Hanover Representative Made Vigorous Speech in Advocacy of Measure to Exempt This County—Wine and Cider.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10.—The House Committee on Regulation of the Liquor Traffic met for the first time this session today with the net result of an unfavorable report for Representative Morton's bill to exempt New Hanover county from the prohibition law, turning down Representative Linney's bill to allow Alexander county farmers to sell brandy made from fruit grown on their own land, quelling Representative Myatt's bill to permit Johnston county folks to sell brandy, wine and cider manufactured from fruit grown on land whereon they live, and an adverse vote on Gaston's measure to permit the sale of wine in Upper Hominy township, Buncombe county.

Mr. Morton made quite an extended argument for his bill. He could, he said, go into evidence of fact that prohibition does not prohibit; how he had seen it violated in the mountain resorts of North Carolina and openly in cities of other Southern States where there were prohibition laws, Savannah, Atlanta and Birmingham. During the month of January \$13,000 a day in money orders payable at Richmond, Va., had gone out of the State for liquor. One Petersburg house is advertising that the loaded car every day for North Carolina. The law simply turns a stream of gold out of the State, declared Mr. Morton. But he would not base his plea for his bill on that sort of argument, but upon the broad principle of local self government. His people resented this law just as much as they did appointing aldermen and other city officers for Wilmington by the Fusion Legislature. The Democratic party had said in effect that there were counties in North Carolina that needed guardians. It had become a State law by the most remarkable provisions ever seen in that kind of legislation, perhaps. The bill had been so drawn that if the election had gone wet, only the localities already wet would have remained wet, but if it went dry, then the whole State would be dry. Would it not have been fair to say that if the election went wet the whole State would be wet?

As to liquor in New Hanover dehauling other counties, there were laws on the books strict enough to protect them. No express or railroad company would take shipments from Wilmington except out of the State. "I'll help you build a wall around Wilmington," said Mr. Morton. If he could not get his bill through as it was, Mr. Morton said he was prepared to amend it so as to leave it to a vote of the people of New Hanover at the next general election in May.

Mr. Dowd, replying to Mr. Morton, insisted that prohibition had decreased crime and improved conditions generally. As to local self government, the time had long passed when this was a local measure. If Wilmington had liquor, railroad trains would have cars for negroes full of men carrying liquor in valises to all parts of the State, or they could ship as they have done to some little town in South Carolina with a double ticket, to be torn in half and shipment sent back into the State.

Morton and Myatt, of Johnson, Democrat, both gave notice of minority reports, so the whole thing will be fought out on the floor of the House.

ST. JOHN'S BROTHERHOOD

Delightful Smoker Last Evening at the Parish House—Addresses.

St. John's Brotherhood last evening in the parish house gave a delightful smoker, which was much enjoyed by a large number of members and their guests for the evening. Mr. J. A. Floyd presided most acceptably as toastmaster and during the evening a number of exceedingly happy responses were made, principal among which may be mentioned those by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., Rev. Thos. P. Noe, Professor Washington Catlett, Rev. W. E. Cox and others.

During the evening the ladies served a delightful course of refreshments consisting of salads, coffee, etc. Excellent music was discoursed by the Mandolin Club, composed of Messrs. Wilson, Stanford, Griffith and King and guests of the delightful evening went away with only the most pleasant recollections of the smoker.

Dropped Dead on Porch.

Frank McCloy, a colored man, dropped dead early yesterday morning at his home on Third, between Brunswick and Bladen streets. McCloy ate a hearty breakfast and started to his work, without any complaint of illness, and fell dead on his porch upon opening the front door to his home.

Slippers for "Slumberland" at Peterson & Rulfs.

TEST WAS SATISFACTORY

Kanawha Combination Hose and Chemical Machine Won Out in Competition With Old Process Engine Yesterday.

Several hundred people, including the Mayor, members of the Board of Termen and other city officials, prominent local fire insurance people and many attracted by the always interesting scene of fire apparatus at work, were present at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Fourteenth and Market streets to witness an altogether satisfactory test of the new Kanawha combination chemical engine and hose wagon in competition with the chemical machine using the old soda and acid process and in the department for a number of years.

The test was for the purpose of determining relative efficiency, time, and economy of chemicals required, the new machine winning in a walk on all points. The demonstration of the new apparatus was in charge of Mr. C. R. Raynes, of the Kanawha Chemical Engine Manufacturing Company, of Charleston, W. Va., and Mr. C. Hammond, of this city, general sales agent of the company for the Carolinas. The old machine was manipulated under the direction of Chief Schnibben by Fireman John T. Yates and other members of that company. Two small buildings of equal size and well filled with kindling and excelsior over which kerosene had been poured, had been erected and at a given signal, these were touched off and fanned by the high winds were soon completely enveloped in flames. To the layman, it appeared at first that neither engine would be equal to the emergency but when Chief Schnibben gave the word Mr. Raynes grasped the hose of the new engine and Mr. Yates that of the old chemical. The new engine placed its fire under control in just 16 seconds. The new engine used less than 35 gallons of chemicals and the old engine used up the first tank of 50 gallons and about 20 gallons of a second before the fire was completely out. Both engines did remarkably fine work, but the performance of the Kanawha was simply marvelous.

The Kanawha engine uses compressed air pressure and a secret chemical formula while the old engine uses the soda and acid process through a larger hose than that employed by the Kanawha. Economy in chemicals is not only possible with the Kanawha by the use of a less amount of fluid, but any amount left in the tank of the new engine is not wasted as is the case with the old engine, the left-over portion in the tank after a fire being not usable again.

Chairman W. A. French, of the Fire Committee of the Board of Aldermen, under whose direction the test was made yesterday afternoon expresses himself as highly pleased with the Kanawha machine and is confident it will prove a valuable addition to the Wilmington department. In a recent competitive test of chemical engines in Washington, the Kanawha came out ahead of all others and appears to be the coming chemical extinguisher of the future.

The wagon and engine as brought here for the Wilmington department requires some little change in the running gear to meet local conditions and as soon as these are made at the shops of the builders in Charleston, the new engine will be formally received into the Department and will be stationed at the Sixth and Castle streets house. Two very fine horses were recently purchased by Mr. French in Baltimore for the new wagon.

GIVE SILVER TEA

Ladies of the Parish Guild of John's Church to Entertain.

A silver tea will be given by the ladies of the Parish Guild of St. John's Church, in the parish house, Third and Red Cross streets, this afternoon at 4 o'clock and tonight at 8 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited. The Guild is now bending its energies for the building of a choir room to the church and the tea is given in that benefit.

The programme in the afternoon will include a solo by Miss Hallie Rutland, with chorus of children; recitation by Master William Bunting; vocal solo by Mrs. J. S. Longfellow; piano solo by Mrs. W. A. French; vocal solo by Miss Eunice Tucker; recitation by Master James Woolvin; vocal solo by Miss Margaret Corbett and piano solo by Miss Lucy Flynn.

In the evening the programme will include a piano solo by Miss Julia Post; vocal solo, Mrs. F. W. Holden; selection by St. John's Quartette, Miss Emerson, Mrs. Barnes, Messrs. Wilson and O'Keefe; recitation, Master William Penny; vocal solo, Mrs. Taylor; male quartette selection, Messrs. W. R. Doshier, A. L. Doshier, W. A. McGirt and W. B. Muse; piano solo, Mrs. A. M. Waddell; vocal solo, Mrs. Anne deR. Harris; vocal solo, Mrs. James Wesley White; recitation, Mrs. M. J. Daur; vocal solo, Mrs. Longfellow; ladies' quartette selection, Mrs. Longfellow, Miss McIntosh, Mrs. J. D. Smith and Mrs. F. A. Muse; vocal solo, Miss McIntosh, and selection by the Mandolin Club, Messrs. Wilson, Stanford, Griffith, King and Hatch. The accompanists will be Mrs. Waddell, Mr. Wopp and Mrs. Thos. L. Splenden.

INDULGE IN POLITICS

Warm Debate in House Yesterday Over Election of County Boards of Education.

BILL KILLED BY PARTY VOTE

Governor Urges Anti-Trust Legislation and Payment of University Debt—Very Little Doing in Senate—Measures.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10.—A warm debate in the House on the bill championed by the minority for the election of members of the county boards of education by the people, which was finally defeated after a long and bitter partisan discussion, was the feature of the General Assembly today. Members of the boards of education in the counties of the State are now named by the representatives in the Legislature of the majority party and the Republicans sought to have this changed, making members of the boards elective by the people of the several counties.

The bill came up as the special order in the House and the debate lasted until 2:20 P. M., when there was an adjournment until 8 o'clock at night. Representative Harshaw, the minority leader of the House and author of the bill, made a vigorous speech in which he called upon some member of the majority party to tell just what objection there was to the bill for local self government, regarding one of the most vital elements in our civilization. He proceeded to make a red-hot political speech in advocacy of the bill.

Chairman Connor, of the Committee on Education, by whom the bill had met with an unfavorable report, said the bill struck at fundamentals and the most vital point in the whole educational system. The Democracy had pledged under the leadership of Aycock and Simmons, that when the educational qualification had been put in the constitution there would be such an educational system that every boy in the State could learn to read and write. That system could never be local.

Mr. Taylor, of Brunswick, Republican, said he could see nothing in this measure to warrant the Democratic caucus that the party held on the question. What the present status meant was that Democratic members could have some pleasure in naming members of their County Boards of Education, but Republican members could not. That was an autocratic one-man system of government. The time had passed to be afraid of the action of a majority in a locality. It was a shame that during the latter half of Governor Aycock's administration and a shame during Governor Glenn's administration and would be a crying shame during Governor Kitchin's administration that the people of the different counties should not be given the power to name their own Boards of Education.

The discussion took a wide range with many participants and sharp passages. Mr. Smith, of Randolph, finally moved the previous question "to stop this unholy discussion." Williams, of Cabarrus, asked for a ye and nay vote. The vote was 29 to 77 on the death of the bill.

There was almost a dramatic scene when the name of Koonce, of Onslow, was called. He started to explain his vote by saying that the people of Onslow wanted, but Mr. Dowd objected on the ground he had not given notice. Koonce then asked unanimous consent to explain his vote. To this also Mr. Dowd objected, and it looked for the fraction of a second as if the House was going to pass over Mr. Koonce entirely, when he said with some evidence of deep feeling, "Hold on, I have a right to vote at least. In obedience to the wishes of the people of my county I vote aye." Morton and Stubbs voted for the bill without explanation.

The Governor's message as to anti-trust legislation was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee No. 2. Senate Routine.

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock by Lieut. Governor Newland. Among the new bills were the following:

Mills, petitions for repeal of home-stead law; Manning, to authorize issuance of bonds to refund State bonds due July 1910; Elliott, to provide for selection of candidates of all political parties on the same day; Barham, to provide for chemical examination in cases of suspected poison; Nimmo, to protect employes of common carriers; Barham, to provide for the deficit in the State Hospital for Colored Insane at Goldsboro; Empe, to validate certain instruments; Matthews, to prohibit setting of dangerous traps on the lands of another in Sampson county.

Two messages from the Governor were laid before the Senate. One recommends payment of the \$5,700 claim of the State of the late David L. Swain against the State University, and the other urges an amendment to the 1907 anti-trust act such as would fulfill the party pledge in the Demo-

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ONSLOW TELEPHONE LINE

Connection With Jacksonville and Other Important Point Seems Now Certain—Traffic Arrangements With Connecting Systems.

With the proper encouragement of Wilmington business men, it now seems that it will be a question of only a few weeks until this city will be enjoying telephone communication with Jacksonville and all other important points in Onslow county.

Dr. E. L. Cox and ex-Sheriff F. W. Hargett, of Jacksonville, and Mr. S. A. Starling, of Hubert, returned home yesterday after spending a couple of days in the city in the interest of the Onslow Telephone Company, recently incorporated by the Secretary of Wilmington business men and were assured of their co-operation in building the line, which will connect by traffic arrangements with the Southern Bell in this city. The central office will be at Jacksonville and a part of the lines of the Onslow company are already built. From Swansboro to Richlands through Jacksonville there are already more than a hundred subscribers to the service. The company has already completed about 31 miles of standard line from Swansboro to Jacksonville and from Jacksonville 10 miles toward Richlands. Already a line ten miles from Jacksonville toward Wilmington has been built and the remainder of the distance, about 40 miles will be completed as early as possible. At Jacksonville the Onslow company will connect with the Home Telephone Co., of Henderson, reaching that large area between the Onslow county seat and Newbern. The Home Company line is already complete within about seven miles of Jacksonville from Newbern. The Onslow company also has a close traffic arrangement with this company. Dr. Cox, who is president of the Onslow line, expects to return to Wilmington soon and in the meantime would be glad to hear from persons interested in the enterprise, which means much not only to his county but to Wilmington as well.

FAYETTEVILLE WANTED.

Wilmington Would Like to See Upper Cape Fear Metropolis in League.

As arrangements for the opening of the season of the Eastern Carolina Baseball League proceed, there is a growing desire among patrons of the sport everywhere that the circuit be composed of six clubs instead of four and in Wilmington especially there is a strong desire that Fayetteville shall be one of the new cities included. Wilmington and Fayetteville have many things in common and there is a relationship between the two upper and lower Cape Fear cities that would make the association very pleasant. The absence of street car accommodations to the ball park in Fayetteville, which has heretofore militated against the largest attendance, is now eliminated with the new and up-to-date system there and no one can doubt the sporting proclivities of the upper Cape Fear neighbors. Rocky Mount has already organized and is knocking at the doors of the League and some other city will be the sixth. Wilmington here and now nominates Fayetteville and believes that her admission would give strength and spirit to the Eastern Carolina organization. With its unsurpassed railway facilities, its ability to support a good team in fast company and its growing importance as a city in North Carolina, the desirability of Fayetteville as a city in the League is overpowering to the "fans and fannies" down this way. It is hoped by the 15th, arrangements will be made to have Fayetteville apply for a franchise at the Goldsboro meeting.

STEPHEN BOWEN DEAD.

One of the Landmarks of Wilmington. Advanced Age of 97 Years.

Stephen Bowen, one of the most venerable and highly respected Wilmington colored citizens, passed away at his home on Eighth, between Chesnut and Grace streets, at 10 o'clock Monday night, following a stroke of paralysis suffered on the afternoon of the first of January. Prior to that time for years he had not been sick a day, and at the time of his death had reached the advanced age of 97 years. He was born at Shallotte, Brunswick county, but came to Wilmington before the war and was a cooper by trade, having been in the employ of the father of Mr. Martin S. Willard for many years. He was a remarkable man in every respect and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who formed his acquaintance. He was an uncle of Henry Brown, of the old barber firm of Brown & Pearson, and now conducting the business in his own name on Princess street. The deceased is survived by his wife, several daughters, who reside North, and one son, Robert Bowen, of this city. The funeral was conducted at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from St. Stephens A. M. E. Church, of which deceased was one of the founders. A large number of friends attended the obsequies.

Mayor Wright Sworn In.

Mayor Thomas H. Wright, elected chief executive of Wrightsville, yesterday took the oath of office before Justice G. W. Bornemann and assumes the official duties of this office. He was elected at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Wrightsville Beach on Tuesday afternoon and succeeds Mr. J. A. Arringdale.

THE POLICE CRUSADE

Developments Thick and Fast Yesterday in Prohibition Law Enforcement Programme.

AUST BOUND OVER TO COURT

Warrant For Young Liveryman Charged With Violation of Statute. Johnson Is Held as Witness. Other Notes.

Developments followed thick and fast in the prohibition violation crusade in Wilmington yesterday. Richard Aust, secretary and treasurer of the Riversides Pleasure Club, was held for the higher court to answer the charge of illegal liquor traffic in connection with that social organization; Pierre A. Harris, a well known young liveryman in charge of the baggage transfer department of the Orrell Livery Company, was served with a warrant, charging him with violation of the State prohibition law, and the police were reported to have even further developments "up their sleeves" in their crusade for law enforcement under the prohibition regime.

The trial of Aust took place in the Mayor's court at noon when a number of witnesses were heard as to the alleged illegal transactions carried on by Aust in conducting the club at Water and Market streets. He was represented by Louis Goodman, Esq., while City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr., appeared for the prosecution. The principal witness for the State was Joe Johnson, a young white man employed about the city for several months as a painter. Johnson testified that several days ago he went to the Riverside Pleasure Club and bought a pint of whiskey for a friend, C. H. Stock, paying Aust, the secretary and manager, 75 cents for the same. Payment was made with a dollar, out of which Aust gave him 25 cents change. For delivering the liquor to Stock, there was a charge against Johnson also, but this was not pushed yesterday. Johnston's statement as to the purchase was corroborated by Stock for whom he obtained the liquor.

Another phase of the charge was developed by the introduction of Harry Hoffa, a sawyer at the cooperage works in the southern part of the city and a member of the club, who was arrested Sunday evening on a charge of drunkenness and who failed to appear on Tuesday, being later arrested on a capias. Hoffa stated that as a member of the club he filled out an order for liquor and placed it in the hands of Manager Aust, later returning and finding the liquor in his locker. However, he had not paid for the liquor but the amount was charged to him on the club's books. Mr. Barth, another member of the club, testified that he filled out an order for three dozen bottles of beer but had not visited the club in three weeks and did not know whether the beer was there for him or not.

Aust went on the stand in his own behalf and testified that the club had been conducted in a perfectly orderly and legal manner as it was chartered by the State. As to the evidence of Johnson, he stated that the witness had not paid him a cent for the pint of whiskey which he received and which was represented to him to be for a sick man.

City Attorney Bellamy argued that there was probable cause and asked that the secretary of the club be held for the grand jury under bond of \$400 which he thought was not unreasonable. This was acceded to by Mayor Springer and Aust deposited two certified checks for \$400 and was released from custody.

The arrest of another, Pierre Harris created something of a sensation and was upon a warrant served by Officer R. L. Rouse. In the same connection Dennis Thomas, a colored man, was also taken in custody. Mr. Harris gave \$200 bond with his attorney, Thomas Kellum, Esq., as surety, for his appearance in the police court to day at noon. The negro was locked up at the police station. Five witnesses have been summoned to testify for the State. Mr. Harris claims that he had made out a combination order to a mill order house for some of the negroes employed at the stables and was not conscious that he was violating the law. The State claims that it will be able to show that payment for the order sent off for the employees was not made until after the packages had been delivered and the defendant will come under the law prohibiting persons from acting as agents for others in ordering liquor. City Attorney Marsden Bellamy has been employed to prosecute the cases.

The young man Johnson, principal witness against Aust in the Riverside Pleasure Club case, is held for the Superior Court as a witness under \$100 bond which he had not been able to give last night and was committed in default. It is expected that he will be able to furnish the bond today, however.

Ladies. Our new Spring Oxfores and Pumps are here. Call and examine them. Hewlett & Price.