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OUTLINES.

The recent high advance in the stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio is attributed to rumors that the road will be merged with the Atlantic Coast line and Louisville and Nashville. The California Legislature yesterday voted to appropriate \$10,000 to publish a census showing the number of Japanese in that State and their occupations. Senator Knox was yesterday declared to be eligible to the appointment of Secretary of State in the Taft Cabinet, provided the salary of the office is reduced from \$12,000 to \$8,000 a year. Congress passed a resolution yesterday providing for the observance of holiday today, in commemoration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and President Roosevelt issued a proclamation making it effective. Local option is declared the slogan of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, but this will be cast aside at any time for State-wide prohibition.

The South Carolina Legislature in joint session last night elected Judge Hydrick, of Spartanburg, associate justice of the State Supreme Court. The present laws on immigration were criticized yesterday at a conference of organized labor leaders in Washington. A bomb was thrown at a train in India yesterday in which the Viceroy was supposed to be traveling. The barkentine Matanzas is in distress off Kennebec and signals a bill reducing the salary of the Secretary of State to eight thousand dollars. The schooner Richard E. C. Hartley is picked up at sea by a tug in almost sinking condition and her crew exhausted. The value of wireless telegraphy to vessels in distress is again shown in the case of the Matanzas. The schooner Evera Ball from Jacksonville strikes a sunken obstruction and is so badly disabled that her crew is taken off by a passing vessel. Taft and party reached New Orleans yesterday. The whole city turned out to welcome them. Cabinet talk was begun as soon as the President-elect landed, but nothing definite is known yet. New York Markets: Money on call steady at 1 1/4 to 3 per cent, ruling rate 2 1/4, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1/4. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.85, middling No. 2 red 1.18 3/8 nominal elevator. Corn steady, No. 2 72 1/2 elevator. Oats firmer, mixed 55 1/2 to 56. Rosin quiet.

In ordering his airship the Czar wants one that is bullet proof as well as able to fly.

Aycock and Winston, who will open an office in Raleigh, will form a strong law firm.

Why isn't somebody setting up 'possum or 'gator stake to the Vice President, too?

"Who are the greatest ten Americans?" is being asked. Roosevelt could easily answer that question with one word—"myself."

The ground-hog must have been in and out of his hole many times since the 2nd, to judge by the variability of the weather.

When Taft gets his White House auto, he will be able to knock the spots out of Roosevelt's horseback riding record.

Why not pass a law prohibiting the independent companies selling out to the trust instead of running the trust out of the State.

Taft should remember Dewey's first precautionary measure at Manila and sever all wireless connections between the White House and African nations.

So far the trial of the Coopers and Sharp has been a success in one respect. It has fully shown up the great liberality in that part of Tennessee.

And the county in which Nashville, Tenn., is situated is not embraced in the territory mentioned by ex-Governor Glenn in his Baltimore speech.

The linguists should remember that should there be real trouble with Japan the Pacific slope States alone would not bear the whole brunt of it.

As Bryan has begun his campaign for 1912 at the South and so early it must be so he fears this section will not be so easily wheeled into line for him next time.

If that California Legislature knew what it was about when it began the Japanese racket why did it back down so quickly when Roosevelt took a hand in the fight?

It is often a man escapes lynching after coming so near it as did that negro at Lakeland, Fla. It is remarkable that the crowd could have been persuaded to desist after having gone so far.

Of course the battleship fleet could not make its cruise without some idiot starting a rumor of accident calculated to cause uneasiness to hundreds of friends of men on the ships.

PYTHIANS BANQUET

Jefferson Lodge Delightfully Celebrated Fifteenth Anniversary of Its Founding Last Night

A MOST PLEASING AFFAIR

Prominent Local Pythians Respond With Past Chancellor Chas. N. Evans Presiding—Sumptuous Feast and Large Attendance.

Most delightfully and auspiciously in every respect, Jefferson Lodge No. 61, Knights of Pythias, the junior branch of the order in the city, last night in the Masonic Temple celebrated the 15th anniversary of its founding with one of the daintiest and most carefully arranged small banquets served in Wilmington in many years. The dinner was served by a well known lady caterer of the city and covers were laid for upwards of a hundred jolly Knights and their special guests, who thronged the long tables and were delighted with the feast of good things provided for their enjoyment both on the menu cards and on the programme of speakers of the evening. The tables were simply but very tastefully decorated with flowers in receptacles neatly done in the colors of the order, red, yellow and blue. Past Chancellor Chas. N. Evans presided as toastmaster and more than happily kept the interest going and the banqueters satisfied with themselves and the world.

The menu and toast cards of the evening were handsomely printed in programme form, neatly embossed in white and red and caught with silk cord. The officers of Jefferson Lodge with past chancellors were announced as follows: Canceled Commanders, Paul B. Bell; Vice Chancellor, T. L. Cromatic; Prelate W. W. Love; Master of Work, C. N. Evans; Master of Finance, W. L. Williford; Keeper of Records and Seal, A. S. Holden; Master of Exchequer, J. M. Taylor; Master of Arms, Jordan Branch; Inner Guard, E. L. Potter; Outer Guard, Geo. W. Branch, Past Chancellors Anson Allgood, H. E. Bonitz, G. W. Branch, P. B. Bell, J. H. Dreher, C. N. Evans, G. Henry Haar, A. W. King, D. D. Lennon, W. P. McLaughlin, S. P. McNair, W. O. Page, L. B. Rogers, L. O. Smith, J. H. Taylor, Jr., W. R. Taylor, T. L. Vines and W. L. Williford. The committee of arrangements: Messrs. Jaul B. Bell, W. W. Love and A. S. Holden. The menu was as follows:

Sancho—The cooks are hard at work. Sir, chopping herbs and mincing meats and breaking marrow bones. Carlos—And is it thus at every dinner? Sancho—No, Sir; but we have high doings today. Love makes a Man. Oyster Cocktail.

From the rude sea's enraged and foamy mouth.—Tweeth Night. Olives Pickles Celery Cold Roast Turkey

Can one desire too much of a good thing?—Cervantes. Potato Chips Green Peas French Rolls Beaten Biscuit Things which in hungry mortals eyes find favor.—Don Juan. Fruit Salad

Perdition catch my soul, but I do love ye.—Othello. Orange Ice I always thought cold vituals nice, My choice would be Orange Ice. —Holmes.

Coffee One sip of this will bathe the drooping spirits in delight.—Milton. Cigars. O, thou who art so lovely, fair and smell'st so sweet.—Othello. Finis

And damn be he that first cries, Hold, enough!—Macbeth. When fragrant Habanas had been lighted and smoke began to curl benignly to the ceiling, the toastmaster very cordially welcomed the Knights of Jefferson lodge and their special guests for the evening. He introduced as the first speaker of the evening Supreme Master of Exchequer T. D. Meares, who was asked to address the banqueters on the "Effect of Pythian Education."

After indulging in some levity at the expense of the other speakers who were to follow and his newspaper friends, Capt. Meares stated that he had prepared a fine "impromptu" speech but unfortunately had mislaid it. Coming to a more serious discussion, he showed the necessity of education to success in life, whether this education were acquired from books, study or gained in the school of experience. The artisan must be familiar with his instruments; the doctor must know something of medicine; the lawyer, enough of law at least to get his license; the banker, familiar enough with banking (with a shot at the toastmaster) to know how to make a 6 per cent. note pay 8 per cent. interest; the politician must know something of statecraft; the soldier, something of guns and instruments of destruction and the sailor, something of drill and discipline. He made a beautiful reference to the wireless operator hero during the recent marine disaster off Nantuxet who's shoals and referred to other deeds of training and heroism which he made apply very beautifully to the teachings of Py-

thians. (Continued on Page 5)

WANT TO DIVIDE ROBESON IN LOCAL POLITICS

Rival Delegations on All Propositions Heard by Joint Committee of General Assembly Yesterday at Raleigh—No Action Yet.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 11.—Hoke county, North Robeson county, South Robeson county and Old Robeson county delegations, warring one against the other as to the advisability of establishing one or another of three new county propositions from that splendid section of the State, took possession of Raleigh, the State House and the Legislature early this morning.

And all the afternoon and until a late hour this evening the joint committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, heard spirited arguments pro and con on the separate propositions and, in the end, adjourned without action to meet tomorrow afternoon for a final vote on the bills. The delegation from Hoke county sought to be formed from parts of Cumberland and Robeson with Raeford as the county seat, numbered about 250 and other delegations had each around one hundred, all wearing their respective badges.

The hall of representatives was packed for the hearing. Hoke county opened up with ex-Judge Thomas B. Womack, attorney, the principal speaker. He gave the Hoke county argument that it would be compact with Raeford as the county seat within ten miles of the most remote part, an independent self-sustaining county and 1,282 voters safely Democratic. Ex-Representative J. W. Moore, of Cumberland, and Rev. Thomas H. Walton were among the other principal advocates of Hoke.

For North Robeson there were notably E. L. Patterson, L. T. Cook, R. E. Lee, and others while A. W. McLean was one of the principal spokesmen for the opposition to all propositions of change, representing a petition signed by 3,500 people. He insisted that the advocates of North Robeson had pledged to retain old Robeson intact two years ago against the formulation of Greene county.

The North Robeson advocates announced a change of their bill to submit the question of the creation of North Robeson to a vote of the people of all Robeson county and all interests joined in operation to the Hoke county scheme. The committee takes action tomorrow afternoon with little prospects of either bill being reported favorably.

HARRIS BEFORE MAYOR

Waived Examination and Was Placed Under Bond of \$300—Cases.

Pierre Harris, the young white man, charged with violating the prohibition law by selling intoxicants, waived examination at the session of the police court yesterday through his attorney, Woodus Kellum, Esq., and Mayor Springer fixed his bond at \$300 for appearance at the approaching term of higher court. Harris is represented by Woodus Kellum, Esq., and L. Clayton Grant, Esq., while City Attorney Marsden Bellamy is prosecuting the case, and the outcome before the higher tribunal will be watched with interest. Dennis Thomas, colored, arrested on a like charge, and believed to have been an accomplice of Harris in the alleged illegal transaction, was given trial and the action against him dismissed for lack of evidence. Thomas will be a witness in behalf of Harris, when the case comes to trial.

Mayor Springer created something of a sensation by taking occasion to remark that he had an intimation that a State's witness had been called into an attorney's office and accused of being a spy, employed to work-up a case, and for this reason he had hoped that the details would be brought out in a preliminary trial of the case. The attorneys for Harris disclaimed any undue influence over the State's witness.

Joseph Stewart, a colored boy, was charged with assaulting John Green, the principal of Williston school. Stewart waited for the teacher after school and threw a brick at him. The Mayor suspended judgment upon payment of costs.

Joe Johnson, the young white man, who testified in the Aust case at Tuesday's session of court, has yet been unable to give a \$100 bond, and remains in jail.

A DELIGHTFUL EVENING

Silver Tea by Parish Guild Was Fine Success—Features.

The ladies of the Parish Guild of St. John's Church and a number who gave their assistance to carrying out a splendid programme, entertained most delightfully last evening in the parish house at a silver tea, which was attended by a large number, who greatly enjoyed the evening's exercises. The occasion was in every way a success and some \$40 was realized, which will be devoted to the fund being raised for the erection of a choir room to the church. The programme containing musical selections and recitations was carried out as previously given and those who took part, among whom were some of Wilmington's most talented musicians, were given hearty applause.

Lipton's tea, coffee and jelly demonstration at the C. W. Polvogt Co's store today.

KILLED AT ROCK QUARRY

Colored Convict's Neck Broken by Giving Way of Ledge of Rock at Which He Was at Work—No Inquest Necessary.

TALK OF CANDIDATES

Mayor Springer Will Stand For Re-Election and Mayor Pro Tem O'Brien Said to be Contemplating The Step—Aspirants.

With the near approach of the municipal election in May, the City Democratic Executive Committee is already casting about for a date upon which to call the primary for the nomination of Mayor and Aldermen, which under the law, has to be held a specified time before the election.

Chairman Woodus Kellum, of the executive committee, stated yesterday that a call would be issued at once for a meeting of the committee for the purpose of organizing and naming a date for the primary. The committee is composed of two members from each ward chosen at the last city primary with the exception of the first and second wards which, for some reasons failed to elect committeemen. The members elected are Messrs. W. E. Perdue and Messrs. C. W. Worth and J. H. Watters, from the Fourth ward, and Messrs. Woodus Kellum and O. H. Kennedy, from the Fifth ward. At the meeting to be held within the next few days, the committee will elect members from the first and the second wards to fill the vacancies and arrangements will then be made to issue a call for the primary and Wilmington once again will find herself in the throes of an election.

The approach of the calling of the primary naturally revives the talk of candidates and local politicians are already busy bringing their friends to the fore. Until within the past few days, it was generally believed that Mayor William E. Springer would be without opposition for renomination, but recently the friends of Alderman and Mayor Pro Tem, Martin O'Brien have been urging him to allow his name to be presented for the mayoralty and it is stated that he has about consented to become a candidate, however, no official announcement can be made to this effect. He has been particularly valuable to the city as an Alderman and his service as chairman of the Streets and Wharves Committee until his resignation some months ago is a monument to his perseverance and accomplishment.

Mayor Springer was asked last night as to his decision in regard to standing for renomination and election. He stated that after six years service on the city council, a service of several terms as Mayor Pro Tem, and two terms as chief executive of the city, at a great sacrifice of his time and attention to his personal business, certainly the element of personal interest or desire for the honor could not prompt his candidacy, but as a public spirited citizen and because of the large enterprises which were just being inaugurated with the drawing to a close of his present administration, prompted the desire to see a consummation of these public enterprises under his administration. He said that while his acceptance of the solicitation of his friends to become a candidate for another term, involved a personal sacrifice, he felt a pride in seeing the fruition of much hard work he has done during the past four years and has decided to make the race. He had very much hoped that he would not be plunged into the throes of a heated contest in thus gratifying a desire wholly in the interest of public service and stated that he still cherished a desire for a quiet campaign, but said the genial Mayor, with a twinkle in his eye, "When I am forced into a heated political fight, I generally know how to take care of myself," all of which means that he will stand for re-election without a doubt.

With the alignment on the Mayoralty question out of the way, the question of who will offer for Aldermen in the several wards is next discussed and heard. Aldermen W. A. French, of the Fourth; Alderman R. H. Northrop, of the Third, and Alderman Martin Rathjen, of the First ward, are all quoted as stating that they will not stand for re-election. They are among the most valuable members of the present Board and it is believed that their friends will constrain them to remain with the city in the official capacity. In the Second ward, Alderman T. W. Wood will stand for re-election and if Alderman O'Brien does not stand for Mayor, it is certain that his friends will see to his election to succeed himself in that ward as an Alderman. It is said that Alderman S. J. Ellis, who is filling out an unexpired term from the Third ward, will stand for re-election. In the Fourth ward, while Alderman C. F. Belles, Jr., may not be personally a candidate, it is known that his friends will place his name before the primary for councilman, his services in that capacity on the present Board having been well nigh invaluable. In the Fifth ward, Aldermen W. W. King and K. W. Jewell will stand for re-election. Among some of the new timber being talked of from the several wards are

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In the Senate. Lieut. Governor Newland convened the Senate at 11 o'clock today. Prayer by Senator Ormond. Among the new bills introduced were: Elliott, to amend the charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina; Empe, relative to the method of drawing jurors in New Hanover county so the daily venire will be on the same footing as regular jurors; Blow, to provide for registration and identification of automobiles on the highways of North Carolina; Barringer, to facilitate registration of contracts made by corporations; Nimocks, relative to lessees of tramways; Doughton, to provide for inspection of illuminating oils and fuels; Dockery and Elliott, calling constitutional convention to be held first Thursday in June, 1911; Dockery and Elliott, to amend the constitution of North Carolina by providing for quadrennial instead of biennial elections; Shaw, relative to sale of merchandise in bulk.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Which Appear From Record Filed Yesterday at Court House.

D. H. Russell and wife to S. Abramowitz, for \$500 and other considerations, property on west side of Fourth, 105 feet south of Bladen street, 33x165 feet in size.
Mrs. Martha S. King and others to Fred W. Mohr and wife and Agnes C. Mohr, for \$100 and other considerations, property on west side of Seventh, 66 feet north of Red Cross street, 33x165 feet in size.
C. S. VanAmringe, for \$10 and other considerations, purchases lot in Murphy's alley, extending from Bladen, between Seventh and Eighth streets, 33x168 feet in size, more or less.

Wm. H. Merrick and wife to Carrie B. Merrick, for \$1 and other considerations, property on west side of Seventh, 173 feet south of Ann street, 25x82 1/2 feet in size.
Walker Taylor and wife to B. F. Brittain, Jr., for \$1,250, property on west side of Third, 33 feet south of Church street, 33x50 feet in size.

Walker Taylor and wife to Albert J. Beach, for \$1,500, property at southwest corner of Third and Church streets, 33x50 feet in size.
Walker Taylor and wife to J. Fred Russ and wife, for \$1,250, property on south side of Church, 50 feet west of Third street, 32 1/2x66 feet in size.

BUSINESS MAN GONE.

Disappeared From Home in Pine View, Harnett County—Robbery.

A gentleman in the city yesterday told of the strange disappearance of Mr. C. B. Kelley, a merchant, large land owner and cotton buyer, from his home at Pine View, Harnett county, on the A. & Y. railroad, on Dec. 20th since which time he has not been seen or heard of. He bought a thousand mile book at Sanford from the Seaboard when last seen and is believed to have had quite a large sum of money on his person when he left.

The same gentleman here yesterday told of the ingenious robbery of Mr. H. L. Cameron at Pine View about three weeks ago. A man claiming to be a deaf mute asked to be taken in for a night's lodging. Mr. Cameron took him in but the stranger was gone next morning and he had taken with him Mr. Cameron's watch and about \$30 in money. Nothing has been heard of the fellow since.

ROCK BROKE HIS NOSE.

White Boy Assaulted and Badly Hurt by Negro Lad.

Luther Squires, a young white boy, had his nose broken and face otherwise injured, by a rock thrown by Henry Swann, a negro boy nine years old, at Fourth and Nixon streets on Wednesday afternoon, the assault being the result of a previous quarrel between the two.

The white boy drives a block cart and while he was loading it at the mill had some words with the negro, who ran ahead and waited for him at the above mentioned place, where he assaulted him. The youngsters are both about the same age and the negro was brought before the Mayor yesterday at the session of court and paroled in custody of his mother to await disposition of the case in court today.

Messrs. Jos. D. Smith, from the Second ward; B. C. Moore, from the First; W. E. Yopp, from the Fourth, and J. B. Fales and J. O. Brown, from the Fifth. As yet it is too early to state just what will be the "lay of the land" with respect to candidates, but the average voter may be sure that there will be plenty of them for whom to cast their ballots on election day.

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Among bills passed final reading were: To provide for a road commission in Sampson and for the improvement of roads; House bill to establish graded schools in Laurinburg; for roads in Black Jack township, Richmond county.
Senator Mills sent forward an amendment to the Barringer bill to create a new judicial district of Guilford and Alamance, the amendment prescribing that the new district expire October 21st, 1910, and asked that the bill be referred. Senator Barringer objected to reference and the bill went on final reading. It was defeated on roll call ballot by 18 to 25.
The Britt bill for the election of County Boards of Education by a vote of the people of the respective counties came up as the special order. Senator Ray moved the bill be tabled. This was lost 14 to 24. Senators Britt and Starbuck, of the minority, advocated the bill and Senators Blow and Manning were the principals for the opposition. While Senator Starbuck, Republican, was speaking Senator Fry asked him which was worse, for the Democratic Legislature to appoint school boards and justices of the peace for counties or for Governor Russell to have appointed negro aldermen and other officers for Wilmington, Newbern and Greenville. Judge Starbuck's reply was that this had been a mistake made by some baneful influence among the Republicans. It was a gross mistake and the party expiated as much, possibly as it is possible for a party to expiate. He declared that he was speaking on the bill in the light of new conditions. At 2:20 the Senate adjourned without action to 10 Friday morning.

House Proceedings.

The House convened at 10:30 o'clock, with prayer by Representative Latham, of Beaufort.

Petitions: Butler, from citizens of Columbus county against the stock law, not to abolish the office of tax collector and to abolish all acts prohibiting in Columbus; Shepard, from 3,368 citizens of Robeson county against any division whatever in the county at this time; McLeod, from ladies of Robeson county, urging division of Robeson into Robeson and North Robeson counties and complaining that present conditions with the long way "men folks" have to go to the county seat necessitates their being left alone and unprotected for days at a time.

Representative Campbell sent forward a resolution and had it read to the effect that things in connection with the office of the State Insurance Commissioner that needed further ventilation, according to a report of the examination of the recent legislative committee, the impression having been made on minds of the insuring public that the securities put up by the insurance companies are not of the character and solvency prescribed by the State law, there being distrust in the minds of the people both as to the conduct of the office and security of the people's interests in insurance as managed through the insurance office. Therefore, the resolution set out, let there be appointed a committee.

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