

OUTLINES.

Five firemen were killed in Milwaukee, Wis., yesterday by the toppling over of a brick wall, while making efforts to save adjoining property. An employee of the concern received burns which resulted in his death and the fire loss is estimated at \$250,000.—President-elect Taft on his return to Ohio from New Orleans, made a speaking tour through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and was given a hearty welcome at the many places he spoke. He spoke strongly in defense of the Panama canal workers and showed his utter contempt for the unskillful criticisms—Edna Hopper Wallace, the actress, was married to A. O. Brown, the failed broker, at Freehold, N. J., nearly three months ago.—A sensation yesterday when indictments were returned in the Circuit court against the Mayor and several prominent citizens of Kenner, charging them with conspiracy.—The bark Matanzas was towed into Norfolk harbor by the revenue cutter Onondaga yesterday.—A new proposition for construction of a lighthouse off Diamond Shoals is presented to House Committee by Congressman Small.—The House committee yesterday voted to make favorable report on the bill to reduce the salary of Secretary of State.—Of the 13 regular supply bills annually passed by Congress only two have passed the Senate and only six the House.—Marble monuments, about 30 feet high, with suitable inscriptions, are to be erected by the Government to the Confederate soldiers buried in the cemeteries in Alton, Ill., and Indianapolis, Ind.—The reception by the populace of London of the King and Queen on their return from Berlin was more than usually enthusiastic.—The widow of Gen. Edwin S. McCook was run over by an automobile and killed in New York.—Mexico will take steps to irrigate the great Laguna cotton district.—A deserter from our army has been captured in Winnipeg. He will be extradited on charge of stealing his equipment.—20,000 elk are starving in Wyoming.—There was a bold and successful train robbery near Denver yesterday morning.—The jury in the Cooper-Carmack murder case has been secured and the trial will begin on Tuesday.—New York markets: Cotton closed quiet, middling uplands 28.55, middling gulf 10.10. Money on call nominal, time loans nominal. Flour in moderate demand. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.18 7-8. Corn steady, No. 2, 72 1-2 elevator. Oats firm, mixed 55 1-2 to 56. Rosin and turpentine quiet.

My! How New Orleans did put it on Atlanta!

You will be apt to hear something interesting when Mr. Rainey replies to Mr. Lovering.

Why are not the cotton mill operatives asked their views on proposed legislation for their benefit?

What do you suppose would happen should Taft select some place at the South for his "winter capital"?

If Roosevelt would practice what he preaches he would have greater support in his veto of the census bill.

That "anti-trust bill with teeth" does not seem to be wanted by any of the people for whose benefit it is proposed to pass it.

It seems the Mayor's remark about some lawyer trying to influence a State's witness was made in a Pickwickian sense.

Congress can raise the salary of Secretary of State as soon as Knox leaves that body, but he cannot profit by it until March 1911.

A half century from now the people will know who were right, the advocates of a lock canal or those who wanted one on a sea level.

It seems strange to read these days of a delegation of citizens going to Raleigh to urge before the Legislature "better regulation of the sale of liquor in their county."

If the State issues \$1,500,000 in bonds for benefit of educational and charitable institutions will it be in addition to the \$500,000 authorized for similar purposes by the last Legislature?

No legislative action during the present session will receive more general approval than the adverse report of the House Judiciary Committee on the proposition to increase the number of causes for divorce.

Why does not the Democratic press urge the standing up to all the declarations of the platform by Democrats instead of harping on one and ignoring others of much more importance, especially the one in reference to the tariff?

The farmer in this country is not holding his own against the miner. In the last ten years our mineral production has more than doubled in value, while during the same time the value of farm products has increased only 65 per cent.

MEET THIS WEEK

Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, With Good Shepherd.

BEGINS TUESDAY NIGHT

Interesting Series of Services That Will Attract Many Visitors to the City—Programme Announced.

The Convocation of Wilmington, embracing a large number of parishes in this section of the East Carolina Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will be held in this city with the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets, beginning on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and continuing through Thursday.

The convocation will bring to Wilmington a number of visitors of prominence from among the clergy and laity of the Episcopal Church in this section of the State. The last meeting of the convocation was at Fayetteville, but a number of circumstances militated against a large attendance. The meeting in Wilmington, however, is expected to be a splendid one and arrangements are being made for the entertainment of a goodly number of visitors. The services of the convocation will be open to the general public and as many as can do so are requested to be present. Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, announces the programme for the Convocation as follows:

Tuesday, 8 P. M.—Church of Good Shepherd, evening prayer and sermon, preacher, Rev. W. R. Noe, Clinton.

Wednesday, 11 A. M.—St. James' Church, Holy Communion and sermon, preacher, Rev. W. E. Cox, St. John's Church.

Wednesday, 3:30 P. M.—Good Shepherd, business meeting.

Wednesday, 8 P. M.—Good Shepherd, evening prayer and sermon, preacher, Rev. J. G. Buskie, St. Stephens, Goldsboro.

Thursday, 11 A. M.—St. James' Church, morning prayer and sermon, preacher, Rev. Edward Wootten.

Thursday, 3:30 P. M.—Good Shepherd, children's service, speaker, Rev. W. R. Noe, Clinton.

Thursday, 4 P. M.—Good Shepherd, meeting of Woman's Parochial Missionary Society of the Convocation, Mrs. William Calder, presiding.

Thursday, 8 P. M.—Good Shepherd, closing service.

Discussion. Subject: "The Christian: (1) At Home—Rev. A. W. Seabree. (2) To Business—Rev. J. G. Buskie. (3) In Society—Rev. Isaac W. Hughes, Dean.

MR. WILLIAM DEVAUN

Well Known Citizen Passes Away—Funeral This Afternoon.

Mr. William Devaun, a well known Wilmington citizen, respected and esteemed by all who knew him, passed away at 6:30 o'clock yesterday evening at his home, No. 611 Wooster street, after an illness of some time with paralysis. He is survived by his wife, three sons, Messrs. Moses and J. L. Devaun, of Florida, and David Devaun, of Folkstone, N. C.; also three children, Miss Bertha and Charles Devaun, and Mrs. J. D. Bender, of this city. They have the sympathy of many friends in the bereavement that is theirs. The funeral will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. G. A. Martin, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, and the interment will be in Bellevue cemetery. Members of Jeff Davis Council No. 63, Jr. O. U. A. M., of which deceased was a valuable member, are called to assemble at their council hall at 3 P. M. for the purpose of attending the obsequies in a body.

CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS

Special Sermon at First Baptist Church This Evening by Pastor.

Pastor Fred D. Hale, of the First Baptist Church, announces a special sermon this evening on the subject "Civic Righteousness, or Law Enforcement, the Guiding Principle in Selecting City Officials at the Coming Primary." The sermon is in view of the approaching municipal contest and the invitation is general to the voters of the city at large. In announcing the service Dr. Hale says that he believes the time has come for Christian men and women to take a more active interest in affairs of government, hence the sermon he has in view and which all are cordially invited to hear.

"MAN OF THE HOUR"

Delighted Wilmington Theatre-Goers at Academy of Music Last Night.

"The Man of the Hour" delighted a large Saturday night audience at the Academy of Music last evening, many patrons of the theatre declaring the production far and away above anything seen in the local play-house this season. The pity is that the off-night prevented a larger patronage of the play, nearly all who witnessed it expressing the lone regret that others were not permitted to see it. The play itself was not only interesting and wholesome, but it was put on by a superb cast and gave the most infinite satisfaction to everyone.

TRAVELERS HOLD RALLY

Interesting Social Gathering of Cape Fear Council, U. C. T., Last Evening—Award of Handsome Prizes in Contest for Weeks.

Cape Fear Council No. 374, United Commercial Travelers, last night in its rooms on the third floor of the Murchison National Bank, held a most interesting rally which was attended by upwards of a hundred members of the organization in this city and many traveling men who came in for the occasion.

The rally took the form of a smoker and social gathering, the principal feature of which was the distribution of three handsome prizes for which the U. C. T. people and their friends have been contesting for several weeks. Mr. George W. Chesnut superintended the awarding of the prizes, which have been on display for some time in the show window of Honnet, the jeweler, on North Front street. Mr. L. C. Hubbard, of Lumber Bridge, N. C., became the fortunate possessor of the very handsome diamond ring, offered as the first prize, his number having been 8030, while Mr. L. T. Cottingham was awarded the gold watch on No. 8,406, and Mr. E. M. Nance, of Fair Bluff, received the third prize, a pretty diamond shirt stud with No. 3,303. There was much close rivalry for the prizes and the outcome was waited with much interest by the large number of travelers and many others who could not be present but who had entered the contest.

The contest was for the purpose of swelling the benefit funds of Cape Fear Council and it is gratifying to know that a goodly sum was realized from the contest. Senior Councilor L. H. Burnett was master of ceremonies during the evening and the affair passed off most pleasantly for all in attendance.

ANSWER THE COMPLAINT

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company Deny Allegations of Suits.

Messrs. Mordecai & Gadsden, Rutledge & Hagood and Rountree & Carr, attorneys for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., yesterday in the Superior Court made answer to the complaint in the recent damage suit for \$10,000 brought by Frank Davis, by his father and next friend, against the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., for personal injuries received some months ago while working as a laborer at the Almont factory of the defendant in this city. The allegations as to negligence on the part of the defendant company are denied and as to other allegations not admitted the defendant holds the plaintiff to strict proof. The case will likely be set for trial at the forthcoming session of the Superior Court in this county.

GLORIOUS SLUMBERLAND

Big Musical Extravaganza Event of This Week in Wilmington.

The event of the present week will be the production of "Slumberland," the magnificent musical extravaganza, at the Academy of Music Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday matinee. We are requested by the management to state that the production to be given at the Academy is not the version of the great play that will be shown in moving pictures during the week. The play at the Academy is entirely new and will include in its cast 500 prominent young people of Wilmington and the costumes and effects will be of the most gorgeous. The reserved seat sale begins Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock at DeRosset's bookstore. Not over ten tickets will be sold to any one person at one time.

Mr. J. L. Jackson Dead.

Friends in Wilmington and this section of the State will regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. L. Jackson, a well known citizen of Lake Waccamaw, which occurred yesterday at his home. Mr. Jackson had reached the advanced age of about 70 years and had not been actively engaged for some years, having rather retired from business to enjoy a large estate, which he had amassed. He is survived by a son and several daughters. The funeral will be conducted at Lake Waccamaw today.

Special Meeting of W. L. I.

A special meeting of the Wilmington Light Infantry is called for tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock at the armory. A full attendance is desired as business of importance will be for transaction.

Wilmington Banks in Excellent Condition.

By referring to the recent statements of the Wilmington banks one can readily see that no banks in North Carolina are in better condition than the Wilmington banks. The American National Bank of this city which only had its capital fully paid in last October now shows deposits of over one quarter of a million dollars, net profit of \$3,572.55 and total assets of \$455,218.92. The growth of this young institution is due largely to the personnel of its directors and officers. The board consists of the following well known business men: Geo. W. Huggins, Geo. O. Gaylord, Herbert McClammy, W. B. Cooper, A. G. Warren, V. Sidbury, J. T. King, J. J. Hopkins, W. B. McClellan, Cuthbert Martin and Thos. E. Cooper.

COMMITTEE MONDAY

Call Will be Issued Tomorrow Noon For Municipal Primary in March.

VACANCIES TO BE FILLED

Candidates For Aldermen Promise to be Many—Primary Must be 30 Days Before Election in May. Other Notes.

The Wilmington city Democratic Executive Committee will meet Monday at noon at the office of its chairman, Woodus Kellum, Esq., in the I. O. O. F. building for the purpose of reorganizing by the election of members to fill vacancies from the first and second wards, which failed to elect at the last primary, and for the purpose of officially calling a primary for the nomination of a Mayor and ten members of the Board of Aldermen to be voted for on the first Tuesday in May.

Mr. Kellum stated yesterday that he was notifying members of the committee of the place and hour of the meeting and he hoped to have a full attendance. The vacancies will be filled by the committee as at present constituted and it is expected that the new members will then be called in to deliberate with the other members as to the best date for calling the primary.

The primary is legalized and the law provides that it shall be held not later than 30 days before the election and not earlier than 60 days before. As the election this year falls on May 4th, being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month, the primary cannot be held later than the first of April nor earlier than the first of March. It is likely that a date between those will be selected, probably about the 15th of March as 30 days notice of the primary will probably be given and Monday is the 15th of February.

Many people have expressed the wish that in view of the fact that the city has been torn up for several months with elections of one kind and another that the campaign this year be shortened as much as possible and the committee will no doubt also take this view of conditions. The official call will be issued by the committee on Monday and then the candidates and their friends will line up for the fray, which the average citizen hopes will be "short and sweet."

From present indications there will be a warm fight in the several wards for Aldermen with two and perhaps three and four tickets. Mr. C. C. Rice is spoken of as an additional candidate in the First ward while friends of Messrs. J. F. Sellars and B. C. Moore are also spoken of from that division. Former Alderman W. E. Yopp has already announced his purpose to stand for nomination in the Fourth ward, and Mr. J. B. Fales has announced officially that he will be a candidate for election in the Fifth ward. There is also talk among friends of the nomination of Mr. Thos. B. Willard or Mr. E. P. Willard from the Fifth ward, both of whom are residing near their factory in South Wilmington. However, nothing is known as to whether or not either of them would accept.

After the formal call for the primary is issued, it is expected that the papers will contain the announcements of a large number of aspirants for councilman in the several wards of the city.

RETURNS FROM CRUISE.

Cutter Seminole Encountered Rough Weather—Leaving Again Soon.

Returning from a cruise of some ten days, as far north as Hatteras and back down the coast to Charleston and Port Royal, the revenue cutter Seminole arrived in port yesterday, after an exceedingly rough trip, part of the time being devoted to a search for vessels in distress. With favorable weather the cutter will leave again next Thursday for a voyage of a few days to destroy several derelicts seen on the last cruise, the cutter obtaining a wrecking outfit for this purpose while at Charleston.

It was expected that the dynamo, which was recently sent to Richmond for repairs would have been in readiness to be replaced immediately upon her arrival, but it will require some time yet to make the necessary repairs.

SPECIAL DAY AT BROOKLYN

Pastor C. F. Whitlock Will Deliver Two Strong Discourses Today.

Pastor C. F. Whitlock will deliver a special discourse Sunday morning on "The Most Hurtful Error of the Christian Church." All are cordially invited to hear this sermon. His theme at night will be "The Lost," who they are and how they are saved. Those who do not count themselves Christians are especially invited to hear this evening's discourse. Everybody will be given a hearty welcome to all services and today will be one of more than ordinary interest.

"Slumberland" slippers and pumps at Peterson & Rulfs.

See the new Spring goods at Rehder's.

FAYETTEVILLE WILL PLAY

Baseball Enthusiasts Will Apply For Franchise in East Carolina League. Strange Hallucination of Wilson County Boy.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 13.—At a meeting of baseball enthusiasts held here yesterday evening at which the Eastern Carolina League was represented by Mr. R. H. Gwaltney, of Wilmington, it was decided that Fayetteville would make application for membership in the Eastern League at the directors' meeting to be held at Goldsboro Monday.

It is thought here that Fayetteville has a good chance for admission to the League. Mr. Gwaltney returned to Wilmington this afternoon well pleased at the result of the meeting here.

A young man giving his name as Albert Bass, of Black Creek township, Wilson county, and apparently insane, has been taken in charge by the police of this city. The police notified his father, Mr. Jerry Bass, said to be a wealthy farmer of Wilson county, who will send for his son. The young man gave as his reason for running away that certain persons were trying to turn him into a colored man.

It has been learned here that Chas. Riddle, the 16-year-old youth, and Georgia Cain, a factory girl one year his junior, eloped from Cotton, a mill village near here, after failure to secure a marriage license in this county, were married in South Carolina and returned to their homes at Cotton yesterday.

DEBATE AT Y. M. C. A.

Literary Society Meets Tomorrow—Meeting For Men.

The regular meeting of the Literary Society of the Y. M. C. A. will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock, and preceding the debate readings will be given by Messrs. C. A. Rurak, in poetry, and D. L. Gallagher, in prose. The question for debate is, "Resolved, That all nations should now disarm and depend upon arbitration for the settlement of all disputes." The affirmative will be sustained by Messrs. J. M. Taylor and J. A. Bryson, and the negative by Messrs. J. W. Little and K. W. Price.

All men are invited to hear Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 8 o'clock. His theme will be, "The Greatest Man in the Early Church."

The Inter-State Membership Campaign of Georgia and the Carolinas commences tomorrow. The lobby of the local organization last night was bright with the red and blue buttons in the coat lapels of the workers. The members are the most interested in the effort, as it is promised them that the money secured from memberships during the campaign will be used for repairs and improvements in the building.

53RD ANNIVERSARY BALL

Interesting Bal Masque by Howard Relief Company Tuesday Evening.

The 53rd anniversary ball of the Howard Relief Company will take place in the handsome club rooms on South Front street on Tuesday evening of the coming week and it promises to be a most interesting and pleasant affair for the large number of members who will attend. Masks and costumes have been ordered by many of the members from an outfitter in Baltimore and the dance will be a masquerade with suitable prizes for the most gorgeous costumes. Music will be by Hollowbush's Academy Orchestra and an elegant supper at midnight will be one of the pleasing features. The committee is composed of Messrs. E. Schulken, chairman; H. Gieschen, Fred Banck, Charles Schnibben and Carl F'ick. Tickets are \$1 each and may be secured from any member of the committee.

NEW PICTURES ARRIVED.

Interesting Exemplification of Secret Work by Stonewall Lodge.

Thirty handsome slides for use in the exemplification of the secret work of the first rank have arrived and will be used Monday night at the regular meeting of Stonewall Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in the large electric stereopticon recently installed by the K. of P. lodges of the city. The lecture will be by State Deputy Grand Chancellor J. D. Nutt and all Pythians in the city, whether members of Stonewall Lodge or not, are cordially invited to be present and participate in the exercises of the evening.

Detained by the Police.

Acting upon urgent request of her mother, Officer D. W. Willis yesterday arrested Lena Williams, a 16-year-old white girl, at the union station as she was making preparation to leave on the Coast Line train at 3 o'clock for Norfolk. She had been forbidden by her parents and when she expressed her determination to leave the police were called on. She was detained at police headquarters during the afternoon and later taken in charge by her mother, who resides in the Delgado section of the city.

The Polvogt Co., will have their White Goods Sale this week.

See the new Spring goods at Rehder's.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House Discusses Medical Bill and General Fish Law For The State.

NO NEW COUNTY BILLS

Announcement Received With Cheers in the Legislature—Large Number of Local Measures Poured Into The Hopper.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—The session of the upper branch of the General Assembly was rather dull today and nothing of interest transpired, but in the House there was another enlightening discussion of the fish bill and a consideration of the proposition to require an educational qualification of all applicants for license to practice medicine.

The special order in the House, the bill making it necessary for applicants for licenses to practice medicine to satisfy the State Board of Examiners that they have a high school education or its equivalent before they are allowed to take the medical examination was laid before the House. Mr. Dowd offered an amendment that the educational qualification be eliminated. Mr. Doughton, to provide a first grade certificate from the county superintendent of schools could be accepted as evidence of educational qualification. After a long discussion and cross-firing the previous question was called. The Doughton amendment was adopted. The Dowd amendment was adopted 46 to 43. Then the bill failed to pass second reading on account of its declaration that physicians did not care for it with an educational qualification eliminated. Mr. Dowd moved that the vote by which the medical bill failed to pass be reconsidered and that the motion be tabled. Doughton demanded the yeas and nays. The motion was voted down, 25 to 70. Then the vote against the bill was made the special order for next Tuesday, immediately after the disposition of the Child Labor bill.

The bill to facilitate the collection of small debts by making it a criminal offense for a man to get goods upon promise to pay out of certain money due him and then fail to pay when he gets it, was voted down after a short discussion, also in the House.

Senate Routine.

Lieutenant Governor Newland convened the Senate at 10 o'clock with prayer by Rev. W. C. Tyree, pastor of the Baptist church.

Among new bills introduced: Dockery, amend charter of Aberdeen & Asheboro Railroad Company.

Nimocks, to authorize bonds and special tax in Cumberland for bridges.

Nimocks, to amend law as to Raeford school district.

Matthews, to amend law relating to the Superior Court of Johnson county, Section 1506 Revisal.

Shaw, to incorporate St. Paul, Robeson county.

The Manning bill to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds for the State bonds due in 1910, three million dollars, passed second reading.

Among bills passed final reading: Authorize certain townships in Bladen county to issue bonds to aid in construction of railroad to begin at Fayetteville or St. Paul, or between these places and extend to Elizabethtown, Bladen county. House bill relating to pay of special venemen in Richmond county. Amend charter of Bank of Lumberton. Validate acts of a justice of the peace in Sampson county.

This justice, Matthews by name, had served for 25 years as a justice and neglected to re-qualify after the election in 1906 until elected again in 1908. In the meantime he had married a number of couples and performed a great number of other magisterial duties.

Other bills passed final reading: Amend Revisal relating to the power of corporations, giving them an insurable interest in life of officers and agents in cases where financial loss would be suffered by their death. Authorize settlement of remaining five outstanding bonds of the South Dakota suit class for the construction of the Western North Carolina Railroad. House bill to authorize Duplin county to secure from the Secretary of State copies of county records lost in a fire. For relief of prisoners in jail in Richmond and Anson counties awaiting trial. House bill relative to property of insane people discharged from insane asylums and providing that a certificate of recovery by the superintendent, duly recorded in the county, shall restore such persons to rights of property. Authorize commissioners of Bladen county to establish a chain gang.

The bill relative to a Laboratory of Hygiene was laid before the House. After a lengthy discussion the bill went over till Monday.

At 1:20 the Senate adjourned till 11 A. M. Monday.

The House.

Speaker Graham convened the House at 9:30 o'clock and invocation was by Rev. W. McWhite, of the Presbyterian church.

The committee on Insurance reported favorably the bills limiting the liability of fidelity and surety companies