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OUTLINES.

General MacCarn, for the State, will make the closing argument in the Cooper trial at Nashville, Tenn., today. Judge Anderson, acknowledged to be the ablest criminal lawyer in Tennessee, made an impassioned argument in behalf of the accused yesterday and an immense crowd filled the court room.—John C. Lumsden, the North Carolina inventor, convicted of manslaughter last Tuesday night in the New York State prison.—The Chicago Tribune carried a story yesterday in regard to President Taft's future policy in the South, which marks the passing of the Southern neophyte politician as a Federal office holder.—Wade Cotran Pinson, for killing his intimate friend, Thornwell Boyce was convicted of manslaughter at Laurens, S. C., yesterday.—Joe Gans, the negro pugilist, knocked out Jabez White, the English lightweight champion, after eight rounds of slow fighting in a bout in New York last night.—A diplomatic reception was given at the White House last night by President and Mrs. Taft.—A disastrous fire occurred in the business district of Spartanburg, S. C., last night.—Wm. F. Maines, president of the Rhode Island Liquor Dealers Association, charges that John D. Rockefeller is financing the anti-saloon movement.—There is rumor of hostilities begun between Nicaragua and Salvador.—Intervention by United States and Mexico is considered necessary in Mexico.—Center-felder Seymour of the New York Nationals, is discharged for a vicious attack on Coach Latham.—The British naval estimates call for \$175,000. The building programme includes a number of new warships.—The schooner Ann J. Trainor dismasted in a storm, was towed into New York harbor yesterday.—The Democrats and "insurgent" Republicans of the House have entered into an agreement whereby they expect to take absolute control of the business of the House from Speaker Cannon.—There will be no opposition to his re-election.—New York Markets: Money on call easy 1/4 to 2 per cent., ruling rate 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, offered at 2. Flour firm, but quiet. Wheat strong, No. 2 red 1 1/4-1 1/8 to 1 1/8-1 1/8 elevator, Corn steady, No. 2 7/8-1 1/2, Oats steady, No. 2 1/2 mixed 57-1 1/2 to 58-1 1/2, Rosin quiet, Turpentine steady. Cotton quiet, 5 points higher, middling uplands 9.85, spinning gulf 10.10.

It is not always self-defense in a case of shoot first or be shot.

For a confessed swindler and embezzler Colonel Cooper is mighty particular about protecting his honor in matters political.

If, by any possibility, our people should refuse to put that extra tax on themselves, what will the schools do for money next fall?

The Columbia State paper loses its bet of a peck of sweet potatoes that Secretary Dickinson voted for Taft. He has set that matter at rest.

There does not seem to be such a demand now as there was just after the adjournment of the Legislature of 1907 for sessions every four years.

The Durham Herald wants somebody to tell it what became of the Durham county bond issue bill. That is not the only act which got lost in the shuffle.

The Durham Herald sensibly remarks that "while holding out for what it wants there is no sense in the South refusing to take what it can get."

If Floridians don't stop talking so much about need of better sanitary conditions they will frighten off the sticky Northerners who go down there to get cured.

Let the State have a highway commission and build all the good roads it chooses; but we do not want to see it meddling with the counties' work in improving their own roads.

The position of alderman of Charlotte does not seem to be much of a sinecure; not a single member of the present board, it is said, will consent to a renomination.

It's no longer so much fine and the cost for running a blind tiger, but so many months on the chain gang. The municipal courts are trying this means of breaking up the illegal sale of liquors.

Mr. Washington, counsel for the defense in the Cooper-Sharp case, must have an idea that the court will expire by limitation and that if he can keep the trial going until that time his clients will go free, as was the law in former days.

Where is the money coming from to pay all the appropriations made by the last Legislature? The people have about all the burdens in taxation they can stand now, and there has been a large increase in town and county bonded indebtedness all over the State.

THE STRAWBERRY SEASON

Outlook For Present Crop Reviewed by Truck and Fruit Growers' Journal.

LITTLE DAMAGE BY COLD

Reports From Leading Points in This Section of Belt—Getting Ready For Shipping—Other News Notes.

In its issue of this week the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal prints a symposium of reports from the strawberry belt in this section to the effect that the cold snap of the past week did little, if any, general damage to the crop and reviews the outlook for a successful shipping season in a most interesting way. The Journal says editorially:

"Special reports from all the leading strawberry and vegetable shipping points in North and South Carolina and Virginia show but little, if any, real damage done the fruit and vegetable crops by the cold snap of last week. Here and there the strawberry blooms were killed, but the vines were so burdened with blooms that the slight damage wrought will undoubtedly prove a blessing to the industry rather than a harm. At no place was the damage done in excess of 15 per cent., while in many instances the damage was so slight as to practically amount to nothing at all. This will unquestionably be good news to the dealers in all the great consuming and distributing centers.

"Our reports cover such well known points as Wilmington, Chadburn, Whites, Mt. Tabor, Cerro, Gordo, Whiteville and other points along the W. C. & A. railroad in North Carolina; and Conway, Marion, Florence, Lake City and Charleston, S. C.; Clarkton, Abbottsburg, Bladenboro, Maxton and other points on the Seaboard Air Line; Currie, Atkinson, Parkersburg, and Fayetteville on the A. & Y. division of the Coast Line; Rocky Point, Burgaw, Willard, Wallace, Rose Hill, Warsaw, Faison, Clinton, Mt. Olive and Goldsboro on the W. & W. Railroad; Newbern, Oriental, Kinston and other points in the northeastern section of the State, and Norfolk, Va., in the Old Dominion territory. These reports are official and come direct from responsible growers who are familiar with the situation, and therefore speak with accuracy and authority. This indeed is information of special importance and peculiar value to the growers and shippers, as well as the dealers and handlers in the consuming and distributing end of the belt.

"The old time air of activity and hustle characterizes the situation, and every man is on the move to get things in apple pie order for the shipping season when it arrives. The fields are being thoroughly strawed in order that every precaution possible might be taken to minimize the damage and protect the blooms and vines against damage by cold waves, frost, etc. The fields are spotted with laborers coming and going, the crate factories are all working day and night, and everybody wears a smile of bright anticipation over the flattering prospects for one of the most successful crops in all the history of the strawberry and vegetable industry of these three States. Crates and truck packages are being distributed over the fields and everything is being put in readiness for an active season when the band begins to play.

"Labor engagements are being entered into and the necessary quarters for housing and feeding the extra help that will be needed for harvesting the crop is being put in order. The railroad companies are making special rates for a given number, and those who have witnessed the scenes of activity along this line in the past can appreciate the bright outlook for the future. As a matter of fact the increase of acreage has been great enough this year to stimulate enough activity among the buyers and dealers to insure enough competition to make it interesting while on the other hand the disposition to improve the grading and packing of the fruit will insure for the growers and others interested, prices and values more in accord with what the people are thinking about.

"In conclusion we would like to admonish the growers to refrain from anything like forcing the market, or picking and shipping green berries in the hope of obtaining the cream of the market. We can appreciate the anxiety and desire of every grower to be the "early bird" with the first strawberries in the hope of finding the worm in the shape of high prices, but our observation of past experiences has been that too often the market has been forced with green berries, which has often than otherwise resulted in breaking the market and establishing a lower standard of values than might have been fixed had the growers waited two or three days for the berries to ripen. Last year there was a noticeable improvement in the grade and pack, and as a result of which higher prices were uniformly received for the berries. In reality, the improvement in the picking, packing and grading last year, was so great over all previous years that strawber-

ATHLETICS AT CASWELL

Quarterly Field Meet—Baseball League Organized Among Companies. Barracks Being Completed. New Steamer—Ball.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fort Caswell, N. C., March 11.—The quarterly athletic field meet was held at this post today in which all the men in the three companies of Coast Artillery stationed here took part.

Individual prizes are given at these meets for first and second place in each event, and also a prize to the company winning the most points during the day, which makes it very interesting to those who belong to the different organizations, even though they may not be able to compete.

The first honors went to the 19th Company, C. A. C., commanded by Captain A. Hasbrouck, winning 32 points against 21 points by the 79th Company, its nearest competitor. The 31st Company won 17 points.

The winners were Evans, 19th, throwing baseball 295 feet; Foust, 19th, putting 16-lb shot, 31 feet; Smith, 31st, 100-yard hurdle, 17 seconds; Hale, 19th, running high jump, 5 feet, 7 inches; Greble, 19th, 100-yard dash, 10 2-5 seconds; Hinkle, 31st, sack race; Hale, 19th, running broad jump, 17 feet. The 31st company won the three-legged race, and the relay race of 880 yards, four men to a team, was won by the 19th Company in 1:56. The 79th Company won the football game against the 31st by a large margin.

Since last writing the baseball outlook in this post has undergone a great change. Instead of a post team, as was at first intended, a league is to be organized here consisting of three teams, one out of each company, to play a regular schedule during the season. The champions will be awarded a beautiful cup by the officers of the post.

The 19th Company met today and elected Sergeant Davis as manager and Corporal McCumber as captain of their team, which will begin practice at once.

The large new company barracks being built at this post is nearing completion. Mr. Schad, the contractor, expects to have them completed about April 1st.

The new steamer which has been built for this post is expected to arrive here in a few days. It is about 90 feet in length and is claimed to be very fast, reports as to her speed varying, however, from 18 to about 40 knots per hour. We do not venture to predict which is right.

The 19th Company basketball team will play the Y. M. C. A. second team in Wilmington Saturday evening. The Fort Caswell Band will accompany the boys to Wilmington.

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS.

Rev. T. F. McRea Heard at First Baptist Church—To Speak Sunday.

A good sized congregation gathered at the First Baptist church last night to hear Missionary T. F. McRea, of Chinkiang, China, tell of "The Joys of a Missionary's Life." He did not follow the beaten paths usually taken by returned missionaries in their addresses to the home congregations; but, under the head of the joys that come from obedience and service and harvest, he presented some facts that were put in a fresh, happy way that stirred his congregation to a desire for participation in his work for the uplift of China.

On Sunday morning Mr. McRea will speak on the wonderful opportunities, and the many open doors for service and usefulness in that wonderful land that is just waking up to its possibilities and that is just really beginning to turn its face to the light in every sense of the word.

Mr. McRea will occupy the pulpit at the First Church on Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., who expects to leave today for Savannah, Ga., where he will be engaged for two weeks in revival work.

BIG STURGEON CAUGHT

One Weighing 300 Pounds Landed by Cape Fear Fishermen.

The largest sturgeon caught on the Cape Fear river in many months, is reported to have been successfully landed yesterday after a struggle in which he came near getting away from two colored fishermen, Abe Wright and his son, near Big Island, ten miles down the river.

The sturgeon was caught in the nets of the Union Fish Company, by fishermen working in their interests, later brought to the city and by actual weight is said to have tipped the beam at 300 pounds. The big fish in making his way up the river went through several shad nets, these being not strong enough to hold him. When he became entangled in the Union Fish Company's net, which was very well filled, fishermen near at hand were in readiness to land him, and after a struggle of some time four men got him into the boat. This one is known as of the cow sturgeon species of fish.

LEGISLATIVE ERROR

One Defect in Insurance Law Growing Out of General Assembly Rush and Confusion.

A DAY'S DOINGS IN RALEIGH

Pardon Granted to Convict Under Unusual Conditions—Presentation of Portrait to State of North Carolina—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 12.—The first "mix-up" of any importance that has yet come to light in connection with the rush and confusion of the closing hours of the General Assembly is that involving "an act to amend Chapter 100, Revisal, as to domestic insurance companies."

This bill was enrolled and ratified as No. 1319, the very last bill ratified, whereas, in reality, the bill was tabled in the House in due form the last day of the session. The facts seem to be that the bill had passed the Senate and came over to the House, where it was on the calendar for quite a while. Then on Monday night it passed its readings and was ordered enrolled. Then the next day Representatives Turlington and Lee raised some issue about not understanding the provisions of the measure and moved to recall and table the bill. The House was in a mood to table most anything as the Journal will show, and to the table the bill went. The outer fold of the bill was already covered with the previous entries and the stamp and endorsements as to the tabling of the measure were put on the inner fold. It was due to this fact that the bill in the end landed in the enrolling department, was enrolled and actually ratified, receiving the signatures of the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House, and now, in fact, has its place in the files of the Secretary of State among the acts of the Legislature of the year.

The bill was an important one, too, and was prepared and urged for enactment by the State Insurance Department. It provides that domestic life insurance companies can establish guarantee funds for according extra safe-guard for the insurers or policy holders. They have the right to do this now, it seems, and this change was merely to give State sanction and authorize the commissioner of insurance to recognize this policy. The funds authorized, or that would have been authorized if the act had clear passage, range from \$25,000 to \$200,000. It is not thought that there will be any steps to test the legality of the act. It is the opinion of quite a number that the tabling of the bill was really a mistake anyway for the reason that it was intended to recall an entirely different bill from the enrolling clerk's office for "sacrifice" and this one about the guarantee fund was mistaken for it in the rush and confusion of the closing hours.

A distinguished company gathered in the Senate chamber of the State House at 11 o'clock today for the ceremony of presenting to the State a handsome oil painting of David Paton, the distinguished architect of the splendid North Carolina capitol building in which the ceremony was held. The presentation address was by Capt. S. A. Ashe and the acceptance by Governor Kitchin. The painting is the work of Mr. Jacques Busbec, of this city, and is the gift of Mrs. C. E. Foy, of Newbern, and Mrs. Shute, of New York, daughters of the architect. The address by Capt. Ashe reviewed the career of Mr. Paton, treating especially the designing and construction of the State house which was completed in the Summer of 1840 at a cost of \$520,000. Capt. Ashe extolled the design and symmetry of the structure which is modeled after the greatest Grecian structures. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Foy, of Newbern, and a number of other out-of-town people were here for the ceremony.

That the convict pay to his brother's widow \$100 is the remarkable condition to a pardon just granted by Governor Kitchin for Bob Medlin, serving one year for fratricide in Union county. The killing is generally believed to have been accidental, but the case had an element of criminal carelessness in handling the gun. The Governor's exaction of a payment of \$100 to the widow of the brother that the prisoner killed is at the suggestion of friends of the widow.

Four other pardons are to D. B. Pendleton, who has served six months of an 18 months' term in Wayne county for retelling; Litz McKinney, 18 months, for an affray in McDowell, in which he used a gun; Willis Carlston, four months for trespass, and two months for escape in Tyrrell county, and Rufus A. Hagins, six years in Union county, for barn burning.

Baseball at League Park Today.

A game of baseball will be played at League Park this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, between an aggregation picked from the office force of Alexander Sprunt & Son and the Wilmington High School team and a snappy, interesting contest is promised. This will be the second game of a series being played between the two teams, and an admission of 15 cents will be charged.

THE RECORDER'S COURT

Mayor Will Try No More Cases After Today Noon—New Tribunal Begins Its Sessions on Monday. Jurisdiction of Recorder.

The session of the police court today at noon will witness the passing of that tribunal and no longer will the Mayor try cases for violations of the law, all this machinery of the city government being transferred to the Recorder's Court, which will have its first sitting on Monday, Recorder John J. Furlong presiding, in the county Court House.

The Recorder will not only have exclusive jurisdiction of all violations of the city ordinance but he will also have the additional powers of a magistrate and additional final, exclusive original jurisdiction in cases of carrying concealed weapons, gambling, disorderly houses, larceny and receiving where the value of the goods stolen does not exceed \$20, assault and battery with a deadly weapon or where serious damage is done, abandonment, non-support, cruelty to animals, trespassing, retailing liquor, nuisance, etc., and in all others where the punishment does not exceed a fine of \$200 or one year's imprisonment, either or both in the discretion of the court. Cases from magistrates' courts in which the Recorder has jurisdiction are returnable to the Recorder, from whom in all cases there is the right of appeal to the Superior Court under proper bond.

Contrary to reports, it appears that no civil jurisdiction was conferred upon the Recorder other than that enjoyed by him as a magistrate and civil proceedings will be a small part of his duties.

Recorder Furlong has announced that daily sessions of his court will be held at 11 A. M., continuing during the day until all the business before the court is disposed of. As previously announced Mr. F. T. Skipper will be clerk of the court, he being a magistrate ex officio as stipulated in the act. The inauguration of the new court will be watched with interest by the people of Wilmington, such a tribunal having been in successful operation in many other cities in the State and having been discussed here for a number of years.

NEWS AT CLARKTON.

Musical by Miss Gertrude McFadyen. Court at Elizabethtown.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Clarkton, N. C., March 12.—The people of Clarkton had a rare treat in the musical given here under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society by Miss Gertrude McFadyen, assisted by Miss Farrow, of Kenansville, and those present feel that the praise given Miss McFadyen's singing elsewhere was not in the least extravagant.

Her many friends in North Carolina and lovers of music will be pleased to know that Miss McFadyen will arrange several engagements in the State during her sojourn with her father here. She has just returned from two years' training in Europe and those who have been so fortunate as to hear her attest to her complete mastery of the art.

At Elizabethtown court today, a jury was secured and trial instituted against Henry Spivey, the negro who is charged with so brutally murdering Frank Shaw, his father-in-law. Spivey has a strong array of attorneys and the case promises to be hard fought.

MRS. CORDELIA BOSWELL.

Died Yesterday After Long Illness.—The Funeral Today.

The death of Mrs. Cordelia Boswell, wife of Mr. E. A. Boswell, occurred at the family home, No. 509 Hargett street, yesterday at noon, following an illness from dropsy, and friends in the city will be deeply grieved to learn of her death.

The deceased was 40 years old and has long been a resident of this city, having moved here from Bladen county. She is a daughter of Rev. A. J. Bordeaux, who survives her. Besides a husband there are surviving of the immediate family four children, Mr. Eddie Boswell, Miss Ivey Boswell and two small children, all of whom reside in the city.

Mrs. Boswell was a consistent member of St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, from which the funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Geo. S. Bearden, the pastor. The remains will be interred in Bellevue cemetery.

LET OFF WITH COSTS.

Participants in Street Fight Before Mayor Yesterday at Noon.

Messrs. B. B. Jackson and T. D. Meares, Jr., who engaged in a rather fast and furious fist-cuff in front of The Orton Thursday afternoon, submitted to an affray before the Mayor in the police court yesterday at noon and were dismissed with the costs and an admonition to let their grievances abate. Speaking generally of the feeling engendered between friends of the two respective parties, culminating in two street fights in as many days, the Mayor stated to all the young men concerned that they were now engaged in "popping off a few firecrackers" but they had better cease their fireworks lest it come, figuratively speaking, to a charge of dynamite later. And the advice was generally regarded as the best that could have been given.

HOSPITAL BENEFIT

King's Daughters Present Opportunity of Helping to Merchants and Business Men.

THURSDAY WILL BE THE DAY

Certain Percentage of Cash Sales for Worthy Cause of Maintaining and Equipping James Walker Memorial Hospital.

The merchants and business men of the city generally are being interested by the Hospital Circle of the King's Daughters in a big benefit for the James Walker Memorial Hospital on next Thursday, which will be officially known as "Hospital Day."

On that date, under the plan devised by the Hospital Circle, each merchant and business man will be given the opportunity of devoting a certain percentage of his sales for that day to the worthy benefit of the hospital. The ladies have been making a canvass of the city for several days and have been gratified at the prompt and generous responses from the leading dealers in nearly every line. There is the kindest feeling in the community toward the hospital and Hospital Circle, which has done so much for the institution, and "Hospital Day" promises to be quite popular with the generous and charitably inclined people of the city. The ladies will continue their canvass until the day of the benefit and when this is completed they will publish a list of those who have joined them in their effort to maintain and enlarge the splendid work of the institution in which they are so greatly interested.

In addition to the merchants, "Hospital Day" will also be for the general public and any contributions will be thankfully received. Before the day set apart for this work the public will be acquainted with every merchant and business man who has joined in the effort of the ladies and the public may assist by making their purchases as large as possible on that day so the percentage to be received by the Hospital Circle will be commensurately large. The percentage will be on cash sales only therefore, those who do shopping on that day will be asked to take their purses with them.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds Which Appear From Record Filed at Court House Yesterday.

Roland A. Wright and wife to J. D. Bowen and wife, for \$100, property on Scott's Hill road, adjoining lands of J. B. Mercer and others.

Edward H. Kidder and others, trustees, to Thos. H. Wright, for \$1 and other considerations, property on east side of 11th, 150 feet south of Princess street, and on west side of 12th, 150 feet south of Princess street.

T. H. Wright and wife, of Portsmouth, to Roland A. Wright and wife, for \$1 and other considerations, property on east side of Fourth, 66 feet south of Chesnut street, 66x165 feet in size.

F. A. Lord, commissioner, to J. O. Smith, for \$1,100, property on east side of Surry, 165 feet north of Castle street, 32x165 feet in size.

Robert S. Register and wife to Jesse T. Mathews, for \$250, property 99 feet north of Second and Martin streets, 138x147 feet in size, more or less.

J. T. Mathews and wife to Fannie J. Reville, for \$10 and other considerations, property at northwest corner of 12th and Market, 49 1/2x142 feet in size.

HIS "SEVENTY-FIFTH."

Venerable Rector Emeritus of St. John's Reaches Another Milestone.

The venerable and much beloved rector emeritus of Saint John's Protestant Episcopal parish, of this city, the Rev. Dr. James Carmichael, will on tomorrow attain the seventy-fifth year of his age, rounding out three-quarters of a century of a life that has been devoted to the Master and to humankind. The doctor will receive the felicitations of his many friends and these are circumscribed only by the circle of his acquaintance and those who have come under the influence of his kindly presence. Although a little feeble and sometimes strained to give up the more active duties of life, no appeal was gone unheeded at the hands of Dr. Carmichael and his life in Wilmington has been a benediction upon the community. The Star joins all in wishing the venerable rector emeritus many years of continued life and usefulness in the community.

For Larceny of Steel Trap.

Samuel Bordeaux, a colored man, who lives at Rock Hill plantation, was given trial in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday, on the charge of stealing a steel trap from the premises of William Croom, who lives in the same neighborhood and was the prosecuting witness. The defendant was discharged for lack of evidence.

Messrs. J. W. Fleet, W. G. A. Otersen, J. Love Davis and Geo. C. Jackson have returned from Charlotte, N. C., where they attended the W. O. W. meeting. Charlotte entertained the visitors royally and Mr. Otersen says "The Twilight Committee" will report promptly two years from now in Greensboro, N. C.