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### OUTLINES.

In a scuffle between a man who was trying to kill his wife and John Armstrong Chaloner, a pistol was fired and Gillard, an Englishman, killed, at the latter's home "The Merry Mills," near Charlottesville, Va.——In a decision handed down yesterday the State Court of Appeals of Georgia declares that to call a man a liar in that State is breach of peace and means a fight——The New York Court of Appeals has decided that John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, must stand trial on the charge of perjury——At an entertainment at Pensacola, Fla., yesterday John Waxwell was shot and instantly killed by accident——Wm. Maloney, of Randolph, N. Y., after declaring he would never go North again committed suicide in the state room of the steamer Frederick, shortly before she left Savannah, Ga., yesterday——A sergeant and party of rurales in Cuba have mutined and taken to the woods for the purpose of starting an uprising——Governor Hadley says he will exhaust all the powers of the State before he will allow the three cent passenger rate put in effect in Missouri——Jack Johnson says he cannot go to Galveston just now as he must go to New York to see Jeffries about their proposed fight——Conditions in Central America necessitate keeping three warships on the Western Coast——The Virginia corporation puts railway passenger rates at two cents in that State——The officers and crew of the battleship Virginia will present the State with handsome ships colors made to order in China——The Judge's charge in the Cooper-Sharp case will be delivered today. It contains 30,000 words——Senator Gallinger will introduce a new ship subsidy bill at this session of Congress——The Assistant Secretary makes a statement showing improved conditions of Federal Treasury——The President sends Durant's name to the Senate as collector at Charleston——New York Markets: Money on call easy 1 3-4 to 2 percent., ruling rate 1 3-4, closing bid 1 1-2, offered at 1 3-4. Cotton closed quiet 15 points lower, middling uplands 9.65, middling gulf 9.90. Rosin and turpentine quiet. Flour barely steady. Wheat easy, No. 2 red 1.22 7-8 to 1.24 1-8 elevator. Corn easy, No. 2 76 elevator. Oats easy, 57 1-2 to 58 1-2.

That Southern Commercial Congress is making a mighty noise. We hope there is something more than gas in it.

The country will be surprised if it gets a surprise in the way of reduction of the tariff at this session of Congress.

Uncle Sam seems to think there is a war on down in Central America whether the people there admit the fact or not.

The Legislature did not do all that was promised, but it did so much better than was expected of it that the people ought to be content.

If Taft undertakes to act as buffer to the "insurgents" and the "regulars" he may find he has some painful bruises when the thing is over.

"How come" they didn't put the Republican brand on Dickinson right after the election instead of waiting until Taft took him into the Cabinet?

The House of Representatives had to kick up a storm of its own at its opening in order to keep up with the kind of inauguration nature gave Taft.

It took Speaker Cannon a long time to learn that the rules of the House ought to be amended along the line accomplished by the Democrats and "insurgent" Republicans on Monday.

If you go by the punishments imposed by some judges in this State they grade the violation of the prohibition law as a greater crime than larceny and even than manslaughter.

Was it because Colonel Cooper was one of the blue-blooded aristocracy of Tennessee that he was allowed to steal thousands of dollars of the public funds and not be punished therefor?

The News and Observer says Raleigh will vote the special tax for public schools. She didn't do it the last time an election was held in aid of the schools. We hope she will do better this time.

The Durham Herald says the man selected as collector of customs for Charleston does not suit, "just as was expected." Does not suit whom, the outsiders or the people who have business with the office?

If the right to embezzle public funds without fear of punishment is one of the privileges of the blue-bloods of Tennessee it is worth something to belong to that order—if you have no conscience.

The same immunity from punishment for murder is not claimed for the F. F. V's, as for the T. B. B's. In Virginia they hang a man who commits murder, whether he be the mud-sill or the ridge-pole of society.

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## [N]AL ORGANIZATION

### Loca[illegible]il Merchants' Association [illegible] Directors, Transacts Other Business.

### THE MEETING LAST NIGHT

**Hope to be in Full Working Shape May 1st—Merchants Enthusiastic Over Prospects of the Wilmington Branch.**

The Wilmington branch of the State Retail Merchants' Association perfected its organization at a largely attended and most representative meeting of dealers in quite every line at the Court House last night, pursuant to adjournment of the preliminary gathering last Thursday evening.

During the interim of the meetings, State Organizer E. E. Andrews, of Asheville, accompanied much of the time by leading local retailers, made an even more thorough canvass of the retailers of the city and those present last night were pleased to hear that he had interested in the local association 125 merchants with others expected to affiliate later.

The meeting was called to order by President A. M. Hall, who briefly reviewed the progress of organization up to that time and spoke enthusiastically of the benefits of the Association, laying especial emphasis upon the value of the credit information it will be able to disseminate among members and the moral influence of such an organization in the community. He said that while the goal had been only 100, the membership had already reached 125 and Mr. Andrews had not yet completed his canvass of the city.

The State Organizer followed Mr. Hall and spoke generally of the purposes of the Association and paid high compliment to Wilmington and the personnel of its business men. He was listened to with much interest upon the work of the Association in the State and some of the things it is striving for and some of the things it has already occomplished. He showed that while jobbers would not attempt to do business without the credit information furnished by Dunn and Bradstreet, the retailers were totally at sea as to their customers and completely at the mercy of every shark who cares to presume upon their knowledge of human nature.

The former meeting having selected Mr. Hall president and Mr. B. C. Moore, vice president, the completion of the organization was taken up with the unanimous election of Mr. Joseph A. Price treasurer, upon motion of Mr. Ike Solomon and second by several. The president explained that it was desired as nearly as possible to have the directorate represent as nearly as possible every line of business included in the Association and at the suggestion of Mr. Henderson Cole, a nominating committee composed of Messrs. Cuthbert Martin, I. W. Solomon, R. F. Hamme, Henderson Cole and M. D. Bright was appointed to retire and suggest suitable nominations. The committee reported, recommending Messrs. Geo. S. Boylan, J. M. Solky, Henry Haar, Cuthbert Martin, F. A. Bissinger and R. E. Blake and these were unanimously elected. Members of the Board of Directors are ex officio chairmen of the standing committees which will be announced later.

It was decided to refer the matter of constitution and by-laws and the election of a secretary to the Board of Directors for recommendation to another meeting to be held on the second Tuesday night in April, the 8th, at which time it is hoped to get the Association in working shape and in running order by the first of May. It was explained that the secretary of the Association, who would also have charge of the credit bureau, should be a live wire in the community and a man of good judgment and pleasing address, worthy of a good salary for effective service. The Board of Directors and officers of the Association will entertain applications until a suitable man is employed.

### BANQUET AT Y. M. C. A.

**Membership Teams in Inter-State Contest and Members Feast.**

A delightful little banquet was served last evening in the Bible Study Class Room of the Y. M. C. A. in honor of the membership teams in the recent Inter-State contest and the new members interested in the Association work as the result of that campaign. There were about 60 present, Mr. W. W. Koch, chairman of the Membership Committee, presiding and the evening passed off most delightfully for all in attendance. Mr. O. K. Lewis read the report of the contest and while Wilmington did not have the honor of sharing in the prizes, it was shown that the local Association had been considerably strengthened by the efforts of the teams and they were felicitated upon their good work. Dr. Jos. Akerman, president of the Association, spoke most interestingly and profitably on "Our Duty to the Members," and the topic, "What Next?" was very interestingly developed by Jos. W. Little, Esq., Mr. L. B. Rogers and others. The occasion is spoken of by quite all in attendance as having been one of the most pleasant of the year in Association work.

## ST. JAMES EXTENDS CALL

**Rev. Mr. Covington, of Sumter, S. C., Asked to Become Rector of Leading Episcopal Parish in Wilmington.**

It became officially known yesterday that through a committee which visited him this week, the vestry of Saint James Episcopal Church has extended a call to the Rev. Mr. Covington, of Sumter, S. C., to become rector of the parish here, succeeding Rev. Mr. Hogue, who resigned several months ago to take up work at the University of North Carolina.

Although Rev. Mr. Covington is very pleasantly situated in Sumter, having married Miss Lee, a member of one of the leading families in that city, the vestry of St. James are very hopeful of his acceptance. An answer is expected from him in a few days. About six weeks ago a committee from the vestry went to Sumter, heard Mr. Covington preach and were delighted with him as a man and as a rector. Upon the report of this committee to the vestry, it was decided to send a committee to extend him a call to the parish here and accordingly Messrs. J. V. Grainger, S. M. Heatwright and Capt. James I. Metts went to Sumter on Sunday, also heard him preach and extended the unanimous call. He is a young man in the thirties and has a small family. He is spoken of as a profound thinker, an eloquent speaker and a man of most engaging personality, being active among the young people of his parish, chaplain of his local military company and of the volunteer fire organization of Sumter. He is held in the very highest esteem by his parish in the South Carolina city and he will be given up there only with the greatest regret.

### ODD FELLOWS' ANNIVERSARY.

**Committees From Four Local Lodges Held Meeting Last Evening.**

Arrangements for the celebration of the 90th aniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows by the four local lodges on the 26th of April, were completed at a meeting of the general committee in the Odd Fellows' parlors last evening. The celebration will be universal among the Odd Fellow lodges throughout the United States and every detail in carrying out the observance will be arranged by the various committees appointed last evening.

The representatives from the four lodges, who compose the general committee are as follows: Cape Fear, Messrs. W. H. Yopp, D. K. LeGwin, D. Wilbon Davis; Orion, Messrs. C. D. Morrell, D. Rountree and E. S. Cook; Wilmington, J. F. Littleton, R. J. Shepard and P. H. Murphy; Hanover, Messrs. C. R. Spooner, J. E. Wood and J. H. Williams. Mr. Wood was elected chairman, Mr. Morrell secretary, and the following sub-committees were named:

Hall—Messrs. J. H. Williams, J. F. Littleton and E. S. Cook.

Entertainment—W. H. Yopp, P. H. Murphy and R. J. Shepard.

Music—W. H. Yopp, D. Wilbon Davis, C. R Spooner and J. W. Fleet.

Refreshments—C. R. Spooner, D. Wilbon Davis, J. H. Williams, E. S. Cook.

Printing—W. H. Yopp, John E. Wood and C. D. Morrell.

### A DELIGHTFUL EVENING

**Japanese Tea Given by Grace Church Circles Fine Success.**

Circles No. 3 and 4 of Grace Methodist church entertained delightfully a large gathering of friends last evening at the home of Mrs. W. B. Cooper, No. 207 North Fifth street, at a most unique reception entitled "A Japanese Evening," which was a splendid suchcess.

The home presented a scene of beauty, carrying out most realistically the quaint Japanese decorations; in the double parlors butterflies prevailed; the hall was made attractive with parasols, and the dining room with a profusion of red and white chrysanthemums, and the tea room in cherry blossoms.

An excellent musical programme was greatly enjoyed and included instrumental solos by Misses Agnes Chasten and Katie Ford; Japanese chorus, twenty-five young ladies; Japanese love song, Miss Eunice Tucker; piano solo, Miss Julia Post; vocal duet, Miss Marie Bonitz and Mr. William Penny; vocal solo, Miss Maude Bulluck; reading, Miss Marie Bonitz, and a piano solo by Miss Lucile Green.

**Married Last Evening.**

The marriage of Miss Hattie Vincent and Mr. Loftin Garrison was solemnized last evening, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, officiating. The marriage was witnessed by a few acquaintances of the couple and they will reside in this city.

No hats shown in New York or Paris with more style than those on display at Rehder's opening today and tomorrow. Souvenir to each lady. **

Spring display of hats at French Millinery Parlors, March 18th and 19th. **

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## SCHOOL TAX CARRIES

### Raleigh Gave 459 Majority For Additional Support in Election Held Yesterday.

### NO CLUE TO PETERSON

**His Appearance in Raleigh Subject of Much Speculation—Irate Householder Took Shot at Impudent Negro.**

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 16.—Raleigh township gives 459 majority for a special school tax of fifteen cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property and fifty-five cents on the poll to make the city schools nine months instead of six months to which they were cut by the loss of the erstwhile Raleigh dispensary revenue. The vote was against a registration of 1,849, the vote for the tax being 1,154, a majority of 459 for the special tax.

Deep mystery surrounds the alleged appearance of O. R. Peterson in this city in that he was just seen once for a few minutes by Henry Duboy who knew him well three years ago and then the young man rushed off under control of some evident hallucination due to his nervous and physical collapse. Peterson is the young telegraph operator who disappeared so mysteriously from his home in Wilmington some weeks ago and has been thought to have been lost in the swamps of that section owing to his very feeble condition. He was well known here, having served both the Postal and Western Union telegraph companies and also taken Associated Press in the office of the morning paper. Henry Duboy, himself a telegrapher knew him well and is positive that it was Peterson whom he met in the Tucker Pharmacy. The closest search by friends has failed to develop a single clue as to what could have become of the young man.

The argument of appeals from the Seventh district was begun today there being seven appeals from Cumberland, Columbus and Robeson counties. State vs. Lewis Freeman, Cumberland; State vs. L. C. Jackson, Cumberland; State vs. Julius McKoy, Robeson; State vs. Neill Britt and Ida Davis, Robeson; MacRackin vs. Atlantic Coast Line. Columbus, Melvin vs. Insurance Co., Columbus, and Ford vs. Stroud, Robeson.

Mrs. Frank Wilson, wife of a well known restaurant keeper here stirred a considerable sensation by going with a 38-calibre revolver to lecture Will Crowder, colored, the husband of her faithful cook who had come to her in tears to say that Crowder had whipped her terribly during the night. Mrs. Wilson found the cruel husband at the tenement with W. L. Sanderford, a second hand furniture dealer with whom he was negotiating for a sale of the furniture to break up housekeeping. She proceeded to send the dealer away on double quick time, he declaring afterwards that he never saw such careless handling of a weapon, and then she lectured the negro roundly and capped the climax with a shot at him as he ran off at top speed. She says he answered her impudently. It seems that the furniture is really the property of the wife, the negro Crowder having very recently come in from a service of several months on the county roads for retailing.

The commencement of the Baptist University for Women is to be held May 23rd to 25th. The baccalaureate sermon will be Sunday, May 23rd at 11 o'clock, by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and the missionary sermon by Dr. John H. Eager, of Baltimore. The literary address for the graduation exercises May 25th will be by United States Senator Dolliver, of Iowa.

### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.

**Annual Congregational Meeting Last Night—Great Progress Shown.**

The annual congregational meeting of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church was held last night and was well attended. There were reports from all standing committees and officers, showing that the past year was one of the most prosperous in the history of the congregation, the first full year of the pastorate of Rev. George S. Bearden having been singularly blessed both in the spiritual and material upbuilding of the church. The Sunday School, under the capable leadership of Mr. W. W. Koch superintendent, showed an increase of over 90 per cent. while in all lines of work a greater activity and more splendid results were shown. The finances of the church are in good shape and the congregation voted unanimously on an increase of the pastor's salary $120 per year. It was also decided to enlarge the Board of Deacons from four to six and this was accomplished by the election of Mr. J. Thomas and Mr. C. O. Morgan. Other officers of the church were elected last year for two years and no election of these was held last night. Rev. Mr. Bearden and his officers of St. Matthew's are to be congratulated upon the fine showing made in all the reports last night.

It will be too late to register after the week is gone. See the registrar at your polling place today. **

## HEAVY FROST REPORTED

**Strawberries Unprotected Damaged One-Third in Some Localities—Vegetables Receive a Setback, But Few Killed.**

From nealy all sections of the Eastern Carolina trucking belt heavy frosts are reported yesterday morning and some damage to crops has been done, but to what extent it will require several days of sunshine to determine. It is believed, however, that the damage will not be great.

Around Wilmington the frost was perhaps the lightest in the belt and will be felt perhaps no more than in a setback of only a few days for early vegetables. A long distance telephone message last night from Mr. E. D. Pearsall, who has excellent opportunities of being informed about the situation in that territory, says that strawberries are damaged about 35 per cent. where the vines were not strawed. All unprotected blooms and young berries he says were killed outright. Berries covered by straw or protected by foliage, he thinks, were not hurt. The foliage, however, is very light, which he says accounts for the heavy damage. Lettuce, radishes and cabbage in that territory were not hurt. Mr. Pearsall says that ice formed a quarter of an inch thick and that the outlook last night was for another light frost.

A special telegram last night from Lumberton says: "One of the heaviest frosts of the Winter occurred this morning, the mercury falling to 28. If any damage occurred, it cannot yet be estimated."

### THE LOCAL CAMPAIGN.

**Rallies Are Being Held and Are in Prospect—Registration Proceeds.**

With the municipal primary a week from today both parties to the very interesting campaign that is in progress for the Mayoralty are becoming quite active and the "sovereign voter" if you please, will receive many importunities between this and next Wednesday. Registration is still in progress and will continue to Saturday night and it behooves every voter to see that his name is properly entered on the books, if he expects to participate in the contest on the final windup.

Both sides are preparing for a rousing finish. Last night the O'Brien supporters from all the wards held an "overflow" meeting in Hibernian Hall and encouraging reports were received from all the divisions while the workers were inspired with renewed efforts for the last lap of the campaign.

The MacRae men are not idle and have announced two closing rallies of the spectacular nature. On the eve of the primary next Tuesday, a general meeting of all the MacRae supporters will be held in the Academy of Music and for Thursday night of this week they will hold a big open-air rally at Fifth and Castle streets, where an improvised stand has been erected. There will be prominent speaker and an old-time rally.

### COAST LINE CONDUCTORS

**General Committee of Adjustment Holds Important Meeting Here.**

The biennial meeting of the General Committee of Adjustment of the Order of Railway Conductors of the entire system of the Atlantic Coast Line, has been in session here during the past two days during which time four meetings have been held in the K. of P. hall, routine business matters having been transacted and officers elected for the ensuing two years.

In attendance were twelve representatives from various points over the Coast Line system. The only new feature decided on at the meeting is the placing of the General Chairman on a salary and in the future, or at least until this ruling is rescinded, will devote his entire time to the work of the Order.

The officers elected are as follows: S. J. Brooks, general chairman, Manchester, Va.; W. H. Pugh, vice chairman, Lakeland, Fla.; C. E. McCulloch, secretary, Wilmington, N. C.

During the two days session the following conductors were present, Messrs. C. M. Forbes, Montgomery, Ala.; L. W. Kirkland, Savannah, Ga.; J. O. Lewis, Albany, Ga.; W. R. Burt, Jocksonville, Fla.; W. H. Pugh, Lakeland, Fla.; H. A. Wells, Charleston, S. C.; B. T. Jones, Florence, S. C.; J. E. Goddard, Rocky Mount, N. C.; W. J. Hobbs, Portsmouth, Va.; P. W. Jones, Richmond, Va.; C. E. McCulloch, Wilmington; S. J. Brooks, Manchester, Va.

**Academy Team the Winners.**

At League park yesterday afternoon a good game of baseball was played between teams from the Wilmington High School and the Cape Fear Academy, the latter winning by the score of 10 to 4. The game was one with many features and was witnessed by a good sized crowd of enthusiasts from each school. Gilbert and White were the batteries for the Academy and Wessell and Branson, for the High School. On next Friday afternoon and Saturday morning the Newbern High School will play two games with the Wilmington High School at League Park.

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## CALVIN ANNIVERSARY

### Four Hundredth Year of Birth of Great Reformer to be Celebrated Here.

### WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

**Distinguished Speakers Here For Spring Session at First Church. Large Attendance Expected For the Observance.**

An event of much interest and importance to the church life of the community will be the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Calvin coincident with the Spring meeting of Wilmington Presbytery with the First Presbyterian Church, of this city, beginning on Tuesday morning at 11 A. M., April 6th and continuing for several days.

Arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary were set on foot at the Fall meeting of Presbytery and a committee in charge has arranged for a series of addresses touching the life and work of the great reformer by distinguished men of the Southern Presbyterian Church. This year is the 400th anniversary of the birth of the great reformer and these addresses will be in commemoration of that event. Among the distinguished visiting speaker will be Drs. H. A. White, of Columbia, S. C.; W. L. Lingle, of Atlanta; G. B. Strickler and T. C. Johnson, of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; W. W. White, of New York, and Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson College.

The details of the programme will be announced later and to the services the people of Wilmington will be most cordially invited. The anniversary exercises in connection with the regular meeting of Presbytery is expected to result in a very large attendance upon the sessions of the latter body besides attracting to the city many visitors from all the churches within and without the bounds of the Presbytery, which embraces a large area in this section of Eastern Carolina.

### THE DANCERS ARRESTED

**Four Colored Women Before the Recorder for Disorderly Conduct.**

A dance at the home of Amella Bradley, colored, on Sixth between Swann and Nixon streets on Monday night, proved a general scene of rowdyism, and as a consequence Officers W. R. Applebury and Frank George arested all in the house, these being besides the Bradly women, Ella Evans, Mary Scott and Lue Belle Davis, who were the principal defendants before Recorder John J. Furlong yesterday. The Davis woman was discharged and the other three were fined $5 and taxed with the costs, which they have been unable to pay and will likely be sent to the county farm for 30 days. B. G. Empie, Esq., defended two of the women, one of whom was discharged.

William Aarons, for being drunk and disorderly, was required to pay the costs, and Joe Watters colored, on the charge of disorderly conduct was discharged.

### HIS SISTER DEAD.

**Mr. J. A. Nixon Summoned to His Old Home by Family Bereavement.**

Friends will sympathize tenderly with the bereaved ones in the death of Miss Rena Nixon, a sister of Mr J. A. Nixon, of this city, and a daughter of the late D. J. Nixon, which occurred at the old family homestead on Topsail Sound yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis suffered late Saturday evening. Miss Nixon was one of four sisters living at the old homestead on Topsail and all who enjoyed her acquaintance speak of her lovable disposition and high Christian character. The sisters surviving are Misses Rachel, Mary and Hennie Nixon, of Topsail, and Mrs. Sparkman, of Rocky Point. Mr. J. A. Nixon, of this city, being the only brother. The funeral will be conducted at 2 P. M. today and the interment will be in the family burying ground on Topsail Sound.

**Demonstration of Fairbanks' Gold Dust Twins at Polvogt's.**

The C. W. Polvogt Company has given the use of one of their large show windows to Mr. O'Dell of the N. K. Fairbank Company, in which he has an elaborate display of the Gold Dust Twins Powder. The Polvogt Company will not sell the Fairbanks products, but in consideration of this favor Mr. O'Dell will give away on Thursday (tomorrow) from 10 to 12 and 3 to 5 o'clock, a pound package of this powder to the ladies visiting the Polvogt Company's store. Remember Thursday, March 18th is the day. **

**Recruiting Office Not Closed.**

Sergeant Floyd H. Schuttas, in charge of the local United States Army Recruiting Station, says in regard to the recent published report in Raleigh as to the closing of the recruiting offices in North Carolina, that he has communicated with Captain E. T. Winston, in charge of the service in this State, and is informed by him that there is no truth in the rumor but that the recruiting station here will be open until official orders are received from the War Department at Washington D. C. to close it.