

# The Evening Dispatch.

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## VERDICT OF \$1,526.43

For Plaintiff in Case of Taylor vs. Thomas—Another Divorce Granted Today—Superior Court Now on Case of Murchison National Bank vs. Dunn Oil Mills.

In the Superior Court this morning judgment was given the plaintiff in the suit of J. A. Taylor vs. A. P. Thomas, the jury returning a verdict comparatively soon after it had been given the case. Trial of the case was concluded this morning, having commenced yesterday, and a judgment was given the plaintiff for \$1,526.43 with interest from December 30th, 1907. Notice of appeal was given by Hon. John D. Bellamy, counsel for the defendant.

A divorce case was next taken up, being that of Frances Hansley vs. Silvia Hansley, but was quickly disposed of, a decree being given the plaintiff. Then a continuance was granted in the suit of the City of Wilmington vs. Iredeil Meares and next the case of the Murchison National Bank vs. the Dunn Oil Mills was taken up, and nearly all the session to the dinner recess hour was consumed in getting a jury. Testimony is being presented this afternoon.

The suit is to recover \$286, with interest from February 9th, 1904, on a draft. This draft, it is alleged by the plaintiff bank, was given by the Dunn Oil Mills Company on C. R. Adams & Co., of Four Oaks, N. C., which was a solvent concern and which owed the former the money. The draft was deposited with the Farmers' National Bank, of Dunn, and was taken up by the Murchison National Bank, of this city. Then before maturity the Dunn bank was declared insolvent and the Murchison Bank left with the draft on its hands. This draft, it is alleged by the plaintiff, could have been collected as Adams & Co. were solvent and owed the Dunn Oil Mills Company the money, but that the Dunn Mills instructed Adams & Co. not to pay it. Hence, the action against the Dunn Oil Mills, which, however, denies that it is responsible and also denies other allegations of the plaintiff. Several pretty points of law are raised, and a large array of counsel are engaged in the case.

The plaintiff is represented by ex-Judge E. K. Bryan and Messrs. Rountree & Carr, who the Dunn Oil Mills are represented by J. C. Clifford, Esq., and N. A. Townsend, Esq., of Dunn, and Hon. John D. Bellamy and Woodus Kellum, Esq., of this city.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Held An Important Meeting at the Court House Yesterday Afternoon.

An important meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon at the court house, this being the first meeting of the board for the new fiscal year. All the county officers were sworn in and gave their respective bonds as outlined in the Dispatch several days ago.

A number of desired corrections in the tax list were considered by the board.

Reports were received from the Superintendent of Health, the Superintendent of Roads, the Register of Deeds, and the Clerk of the Superior Court, and were ordered placed on file.

Quite a number of positions in the county offices and institutions were filled by the board at the meeting.

### HONNET'S

Again Headquarters for Christmas Shoppers.

Today the Christmas spirit seems to have taken hold of the Jewelry Buyers and from the comments of the lookers around, the centres of attraction are Honnet's Jewelry, Diamond and Novelty counters.

From the inexpensive articles to the large prices this stock is uniformly pleasing and desirable.

The long expected "Import Arrivals" were unpacked this morning. Those who have been over the stock should call at once to see the new suggestions.

### TWO BIG CONVENTIONS.

Methodists Gather in Durham and Baptists in Wilson.

Today witnessed the going of the Methodist and Baptist clergy of Wilmington and a number of laymen to Durham and Wilson, respectively. In the latter place the great Baptist hosts will gather in annual session, while at the former place the great Methodist hosts will assemble in the 72nd yearly meeting of the North Carolina Conference.

### The Cotton Market.

New York, Dec. 8.—The cotton market opened steady. Opening, December 909 (bid); January, 869; March, 868; May, 875.

Buy your Clothing, Furnishings Goods and Neckwear from J. M. Solky & Co. and you will not be deceived, you only pay the right price and get the best quality for your money. See us before buying.

## President Sends Message Today

### Lengthy But Important Document to Congress-- Corporations and Labor Prominent Subjects

**Strongly Advocates Government Control and Argues That Such is Wisest Both for Public and The Railroads— Criticizes Labor Leaders of Last Campaign and Tells of Labor's Career Before Congress—Wants Parcels Post and Postal Savings Bank— Praises Panama Canal Work and Calls for Preservation of the Forests—Other Matters Touched Upon.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt's message went to both houses of Congress this afternoon.

The message deals with many and varied matters of Nation. It opens with a resume of the country's finances and states that the present financial standing of the nation is excellent and that the Government's management of the nation's interests during the past seven years has shown satisfactory results, but that the currency system is imperfect and the Currency Commission should propose a system that will do away with the present defects. An increase of sal-

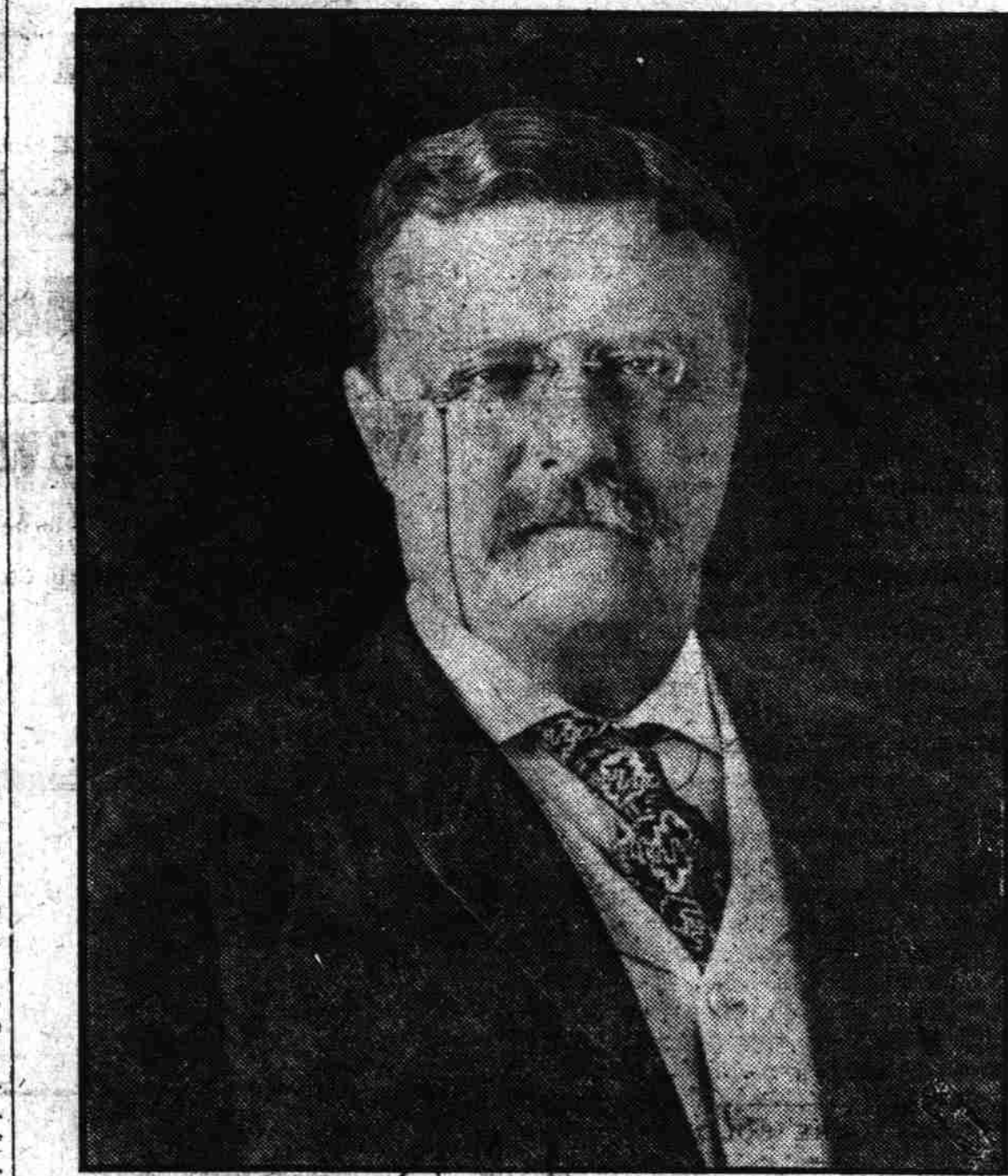
being brought about by devastation of the forests and holds up China as an example of this. The inland waterways question is strongly advocated and action is urged by the present forthcoming Congress of improvement in this direction. River improvement is also urged. The fine working of the pure food and denatured alcohol laws is called attention to. The Indian Survey is touched on also in interesting manner.

The President renews in strong manner his recommendations for a postal savings bank and parcels post. Separate statehood for New Mexico and Arizona is urged, and the work being done on the Panama Canal is highly praised.

Other matters, such as redistribution of bureaus, the census, public health, soldier's home, government printing office, etc., are briefly touched upon, but the message deals at length with the subjects of corporations and labor, the President declaring:

#### Corporations.

As regards the great corporations



PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Who Sent Lengthy But Important Message to the Congress of the United States Today.

aries of the judges is advocated and some method is urged to do away with court delays, which operates against people of small means and favors only the "very criminals whom it is most desired to punish." Criticism is made of those labor leaders who attacked the judiciary in the last campaign and labor's career before Congress is given. Then the message says:

"There is also, I think, ground for the belief that substantial injustice is often suffered by employees in consequence of the custom of courts issuing temporary injunctions without notice to them, and punishing them for contempt of court in instances where, as a matter of fact, they have no knowledge of any proceedings. Outside of organized labor there is a widespread feeling that this system often works great injustice to wage workers when their efforts to better their working condition result in industrial disputes. A temporary injunction procured ex parte may as a matter of fact have all the effect of a permanent injunction in causing disaster to the wageworkers' side in such a dispute. Organized labor is chafing under the unjust restraint which comes from repeated resort to this plan of procedure. Its discontent has been unwisely expressed, and often improperly expressed, but there is a sound basis for it, and the orderly and law-abiding people of a community would be in a far stronger position for upholding the courts if the undoubtedly existing abuses could be provided against."

Preservation of the forests is urged and the President declares this a duty owed "our children and our children's children." He cites the destruction

engaged in interstate business, and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have already again and again said in my messages to the Congress. I believe that under the interstate clause of the Constitution the United States has complete and paramount right to control all agencies of interstate commerce, and I believe that the National Government alone can exercise this right with wisdom and effectiveness so as both to secure justice from, and to do justice to, the great corporations which are the most important factors in modern business. I believe that it is worse than folly to attempt to prohibit all combinations as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and unequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good. I strongly advocate that instead of an unwise effort to prohibit all combinations, there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but shall at the same time give to some agency of the National Government full power of control and supervision over them. One of the chief features of this control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the public has a right to know, and furthermore, the power, not by judicial but by executive action, to prevent or put a stop to every form of improper favoritism or other wrongdoing.

The railroads of the country should be put completely under the Interstate Commerce Commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law. The power of the Commission should

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## WALKING BLIND TIGER

Ed Evans, a Negro, Was Arrested Sunday Afternoon by Officer Leon George on the Charge of Selling Whiskey Without License—The Defendant Was Bound Over to the Next Term of the Superior Court.

With the advent of prohibition, January 1st, the policemen are expecting to wage a relentless warfare against persons who attempt to operate "blind tigers," and the first of these, one of the walking variety, came under the observation of Officer Leon George. Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock while Officer George was on North Fourth street he observed a negro named Ed Evans walk into an alley, draw from his pocket a quart flask of whiskey, deliver the receptacle to another negro, and receive therefore a piece of money. Officer George immediately approached Evans and placed him under arrest. Evans resisted strenuously and attempted to strike the officer several times, but Mr. George soon subdued the prisoner with his club.

After hearing the evidence in the case today, Mayor Springer sent the defendant to the next term of the Superior Court under a bond of \$50 on the charge of selling whiskey without license.

James Andrews, a negro, arrested on suspicion of stealing a number of tools, was held until tomorrow. Andrews was arrested today by Officer Leon George while he was attempting to dispose of a number of valuable tools at a pawn shop. Andrews told a straight story as to the implements, claiming them as his own, and the trial of the case was postponed until tomorrow so that corroboration for his account may be secured.

Walter Wheeler, Ed Nixon and Fred Summers, three negro boys charged with an affray, were each ordered to pay the costs of the cases. Joe Stewart, charged with vagrancy, was sent to the roads for thirty days. Kate Smith, Lottie Davis, Mary King, and Rose Teachey, charged with disorderly conduct, were each fined \$5 and the costs.

### At The Bijou.

The feature film at the Bijou theatre today is called "A Mountain Feud." This picture tells of a fight between families in the mountains of the west and it is of most interesting nature.

### A BRILLIANT ATTRACTION.

New York Star in a New York Success Friday Night.

There could hardly be any better offering in the entire country than May Robson in "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," which comes to the Academy Friday night. This is not an extravagant assertion, because Miss Robson is a noted New York star and her vehicle is a famed New York success. This is indeed a rare combination and Wilmington theatre-goers should fully appreciate the importance of the offering.

Seats will go on sale Thursday morning at Plummer's.

### BONDS ARE SOLD

City Fathers Adopt Recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of aldermen was held last night and the most important business transacted was the final confirmation of the sale of the water and sewerage bonds, following the action of the finance committee yesterday. The bonds were sold to N. W. Harris & Co., of New York, at their bid of \$103.318, as outlined in the Dispatch yesterday. The board of audit and finance also held a meeting last night and affirmed the sale, so no further impediment can now present itself to interfere with the disposal of the bonds.

Various other important matters were transacted by the board. Committee reports were received and the different departments were all shown to be in a highly flourishing condition. It was stated that the promoters of the new opera house proposition had failed to finance the scheme and desired to extend the lease of the present house for a term of years, contingent upon the expenditure of about \$3,000 for improvements by the lessee. Several aldermen reaffirmed their unalterable opposition to any further lease of the city property for theatrical purposes on account of the fact that the city had never derived any revenue from the rental of the theatre, but the matter was left open until bids are advertised for in April.

### Minstrel Last Evening.

The minstrel given at the Academy of Music last night was one of the most enjoyable amateur performances ever held in the city and a large audience was thoroughly pleased and delighted. Every member of the cast acquitted himself in most creditable manner, and individual mention is rendered impossible, by reason of the fact that each and every one shared equally in rendering the performance such a success.

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Statement of the Condition of the The American National Bank (the youngest and most progressive in the city)

Of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of Business November 27th, 18908.

Resources:	Capital Stock:	Liabilities:
Loans and Discounts . . . . \$208,543.38	Capital Stock . . . . . \$100,000.00	Overdrafts . . . . . 45.63
U. S. Bonds and premiums . . . 46,684.38	Profits-net . . . . . 2,649.88	U. S. Bonds and premiums . . . 46,684.38
Redemption Fund . . . . . 2,850.00	Circulation . . . . . 45,000.00	Deposits . . . . . 222,132.21
Furniture and Fixtures . . . . . 4,580.49	Cash . . . . . 107,078.41	
	\$369,782.19	\$369,782.19

W. B. COOPER, President. GEO. O. GAYLORD, Vice President.  
THOS. E. COOPER, Cashier.

STATEMENT OF The Wilmington Savings and Trust Co. At the close of business, Nov. 27th, 1908.

(Condensed from Report to North Carolina Corporation Commission.)

Resources:	Liabilities:
Loans and discounts . . . \$1,368,390.68	Capital . . . . . \$ 100,000.00
First mortgage bonds . . . . 1,500.00	Undivided Profits . . . . . 138,102.21
Real Estate . . . . . 45,000.00	Deposits . . . . . 1,308,931.16
Furniture and fixtures . . . . . 1.00	
Cash and due from banks . . . 137,141.69	
	\$1,547,033.37
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J. W. Norwood, President. C. E. Taylor, Jr., Cashier.  
H. Walters, Vice President. J. L. Williams, Assistant Cashier.

Malaga Grapes, Large Cocoanuts, Loose Buckwheat, Seeded Raisins, Big Pineapples, Fine Bananas, Codfish Waffles, Cleaned Currants, Nice Prunes.  
**CARPENTER GROCERY**

STATEMENT CONDITION THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK OF WILMINGTON, N. C. At the close of Business November 27, 1898.

Resources:	Liabilities:
Loans and Discounts . . . \$2,574,534.92	Capital . . . . . \$ 550,000.00
N. C. State and other	Surplus and Net Profits . . 298,134.69
Bonds . . . . . 188,044.25	Circulation . . . . . 550,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par) . . . . 550,000.00	U. S. Bond Account . . . 100,000.00
Bank Buildings . . . . . 55,000.00	Deposits . . . . . 3,098,102.66
Cash . . . . . 1,228,698.18	
	\$4,596,287.35
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H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Vice President.  
J. W. YATES, Vice President. C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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