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OUTLINES.

Summer declined to address the Civil Rights Convention. — Carpenter elected President pro tem. of the Senate. — It is said that the Secretary of War makes charges of fraud and malfeasance against Gen. O. O. Howard. — Indians killed 24 persons on the Neponset. — Agassiz in seriously ill. — The Cuban press and authorities talk of a quiet compliance with the protocol. — No action on the salary bill. — Mr. Stephens spoke at length on the question of back pay and increased salaries. The speech was an apology for those who had voted for the measure and those who had accepted the pay. — Assistant Bishop Lyman consecrated. — Hon. Weldon N. Edwards seriously ill.

THE CITY.

The mails will close from this date as follows: Northern through (night) mails, 8 P. M. through and way (day) mails, 5 A. M. Southern mail, 8 P. M. Carolina Central mails, 5 A. M. Smithville, Saturdays and Tuesdays, 6 A. M. Fayetteville, river, Mondays and Fridays, 1 P. M. Fayetteville by O. & R. W., daily 5 A. M. Onslow C. H., (horse mail) every Friday, 6 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. G. R. FRENCH & SON.—Boots & Shoes. F. W. KIRCHNER.—Bacon, Pork, &c. Adv. H. MORAIS.—Good Templars.

Magistrate's Court. The following cases were disposed of by Justice Van Amringe, yesterday: James Hunt, charged with assault and battery on the person of John Haggett. — Case dismissed at defendant's cost. J. W. Westbrook was arraigned on an action brought by David James, charging him with making an unlawful arrest. It was in evidence that Mr. Westbrook was a lawful officer, he producing the papers to establish the same, and the case was therefore dismissed at complainant's cost.

Before Justice Gardner, last night: A white man, charged with forgery, or obtaining money under false pretenses, from the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, sometime since. The defendant was required to give bond in the sum of \$400 for his appearance at Court. He subsequently attempted to effect his escape from Officers Neil Gerken and J. W. Whitney, in whose custody he had been placed while seeking bail, but was recaptured by the officers and lodged in jail.

A Hostler and His Employer in Trouble. A man by the name of Wm. Chance, who had a horse at Currie's livery stables, corner of Second and Princess streets, found one of his employes drunk yesterday morning and charged him with the punishment by throwing him into the street. Both parties were arrested and the hired man was lodged in the Guard House. The other gave security in the sum of \$50 for his appearance before the Mayor's Court this morning.

To the Citizens of Wilmington. The fate of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association depends upon your patronage. Upon you will rest the disgrace of its failure. You can save it by a general attendance on Friday and Saturday. It is your interest, not the interest of its officers. The country meets scarcely any of the town upon its grounds. Come all, who have enough interest in the city to spend fifty cents for its support. By order of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Prisoner Shot and Killed. We learn from a passenger on the Carolina Central Railway that a white man, under arrest for some crime, and who was being brought down on the stage to Wadesboro from some point in the direction of Charlotte, on Wednesday evening, jumped from the stage and attempted to escape, when he was shot by the guard and killed. Our informant did not remember the name of the individual.

A Letter from Texas. We were shown yesterday a letter from Montgomery, Texas, which states that the crops in that section have been an almost entire failure; a great proportion of the farmers not having made enough corn for bread. Many who have lately gone from other States are returning, and among the dissatisfied and homesick fraternity are many from this section of North Carolina.

County Commissioners. At a meeting of the Board, held yesterday afternoon, it was ordered that the contracts for keeping the Work House, county prisoners, feeding, clothing and caring for the same, be awarded to Messrs. Mathes & Co., for three years, on a contract to be drawn up and approved by the Board. Adjourned until next Monday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Habes Corpus. James Beatty, the colored boy charged with the murder of Ned Hill, another colored boy, on Tuesday evening last, was before Judge Russell at the Court House, yesterday morning, on a writ of habeas corpus. Mr. E. B. Sanders appeared for the prisoner. The decision of His Honor was reserved until this morning and Beatty was remanded to jail.

A youth by the name of Warren Gilbert had his pocket picked of \$5 in greenbacks on the Fair grounds yesterday.

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CAPE FEAR AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

Fifth Annual Fair.

THIRD DAY.

Early yesterday morning the sky was partially overcast and considerable apprehension was for awhile felt that rain would materially interfere with the Fair prospects for the day. Happily, however, we were not doomed to such a disappointment, as the clouds soon disappeared to a great extent and the sun shone out brilliantly the remainder of the day. There was considerable increase in the number of spectators on the grounds, including a fair proportion of ladies, who lent their charms to the attractiveness of the scene.

Among the articles in the Hall, not mentioned in previous reports, we noticed some hand-made spind barrels, two of them entered by J. L. Barden & Bro., and made by B. Frink and J. G. Follock, and one made and exhibited by W. R. Skipper. J. W. Farnet has, on exhibition, specimens of plows, castings, wagon boxes, andirons, &c.; Mr. A. Oldham, samples of pearl onion, flour, &c., manufactured at his mills in this city; a lot of plows, &c., from F. G. Cook & Co., of Warsaw, exhibited by Dawson, Tool & Hanning; a straw cutter by W. D. Usary, of Richmond county; a box of fine chewing tobacco, exhibited by J. Y. White, of Hillsboro, to be found among C. D. Myers & Co.'s choice collection of groceries, &c.; a fine open buggy manufactured and exhibited by P. H. Hayden, of this city; a fine specimen of cotton, exhibited by J. M. Henry; several fine specimens of cotton yarn and batting, exhibited by J. C. Oakman, of Rockhill Manufacturing Company, of Fayetteville; a bedstead manufactured at Albemarle by the Cape-Fear Building Company, &c.

On the grounds outside we noticed the "New American Steam Washer and Bleacher," patented by Messrs. Williams & Harrison, of Raleigh, which is a novel invention and deserves the special attention of housekeepers. It is a very simple and useful contrivance for washing and bleaching clothes by steam and must be seen to be appreciated. In the machinery department, one of Wheeler & Wilson's sewing machines, being run by steam, attracted no little attention. It is said to have made twenty-five hundred stitches in a minute.

FLORAL HALL. Floral Hall presents no new attractions, but still continues to win its full share of admiration from the throngs that daily visit the Fair. One beautiful feature of the hall, of which we neglected to speak before, is a handsome collection of different colored shells and vases, together with a choice collection of plants, bulbs, crocus stands, &c., artistically arranged on a wooden pyramid. These were exhibited and were arranged by Mr. Geo. P. Lamb, who has done much to render the hall so beautiful, the floral decorations having been under his direction.

LIVE STOCK. This department of the exhibition is very superior, including some of the finest thoroughbreds, &c., ever exhibited at any Fair. We promised to speak more fully of this department to-day, and we proceed to do so now. Among those to which our particular attention was called are the following: "Red Dick," a thoroughbred stallion, by imported Lexington, a splendid animal, costing \$2,000. Gen. M. W. Ransom, exhibitor. "Fannie Ransom," a thoroughbred mare, a splendid animal, stylish and handsome, and which attracted much attention during the parade around the course yesterday. Capt. W. A. Manning, exhibitor.

"Rebecca Ruffin" and her five colts, the property of Mr. James Norwood, of Orange, attracted much attention. "Jack Reulhaer," a thoroughbred saddle horse and a fine hurdlie animal, was exhibited by the same gentleman. "Cad," a thoroughbred bay colt, a very promising running horse, from imported "Warminster." Exhibited by Mr. Geo. Wyane, of Raleigh.

Trotters and Runners.—Among the splendid trotters and runners on exhibition we noticed the following: Jim Hinton, Washington Boy, Lightwood, Piney Woods, Nellie, Lady Malisey, Huntress, Goshin Maid, Spotted Tail, Cad, Prince, Quixey, Nellie Barton, Lost Lamb, Unknown, Belle of Baltimore, Mary Long, Jack, Capt. Jack, Shive Fly, Charles Smith, Little Mac, Frank Hampton, the latter owned by Gen. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina.

SHOOTING MATCH. An interesting feature in the morning's programme was the shooting match, which took place about 11 o'clock. Some fifteen names were entered on the list, and a number of pigeons were furnished by the Association for the purpose. The premium was a double-barrelled breech-loading shot gun, each contestant being allowed one shot at each of five birds at twenty-five yards distance. It proved to be an interesting sight and was witnessed by a large number. The score was as follows:

T. C. Leak, of Rockingham, killed each of the five birds; T. J. Johnson, of Wilmington, killed four out of five; R. M. Houston, of Wilmington, killed four out of five; DuRouty Cutler, of Wilmington, killed four out of five. The remaining seven contestants, after failing to fill the first bird, declined to make any further effort, and consequently their names were withdrawn. The gun was awarded to Mr. T. C. Leak. Mr. W. H. Green acted as referee, performing his duties to the satisfaction of all parties.

TROTTING RACE.

Next followed a trial of speed of trotting horses, the premium being \$400, viz: \$300 to winning horse, \$75 to second, and \$25 to third, for best three in five, mile heats. J. A. Chambers entered "Lady Malisey," W. Boyce "Spotted Tail," Mr. Trout "Goshen Maid," and A. A. Harrington "Charles Smith." The first heat was won by "Lady Malisey" in 3:38, "Goshen Maid" coming in second, and "Spotted Tail" third, and "Chas. Smith," being distanced, was ruled out.

The second heat proved to be intensely exciting. "Goshen Maid" taking the lead for the first half mile, followed closely by "Lady Malisey," while "Spotted Tail" was making great effort to come into line. A slight break by "Goshen Maid" in the second half mile, placed the two horses in a tie, and "Lady Malisey," making an sudden start, came in first, winning the heat in 3:38. "Goshen Maid" being second and "Spotted Tail" third.

The third heat, after close running between "Lady Malisey" and "Goshen Maid," was won by the latter in 3:34, "Lady Malisey" coming in second, "Spotted Tail" again being third, thereby necessitating a fourth heat, in which was displayed some fine trotting, the jockeys seeming to have full control of their different charges. In this heat, however, the contest seemed to be mainly between "Lady Malisey" and "Goshen Maid," both horses for some seconds, finally being covered by the following resolution by Mr. G. Z. French, which was unanimously carried:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President to wait on the life members of this Association, and solicit from them a surrender of their privilege of electing the Grounds of the Association during the Annual Fair for a year; it being understood that any such surrender shall not be operative unless a majority of such life members shall concur. Annual elections for officers being next in order, Col. A. A. McKay was placed in nomination, but declined to run in a speech of some length. He was allowed to withdraw and several other nominations were made, resulting in the election of Col. W. L. DeRosset as the President of the Association, when, on motion of Wm. H. Bernard, the election was made unanimous.

Mr. C. Z. French was elected Vice President for New Hanover county, and the following gentlemen were elected Executive Committee: Mr. Shines, Duplin; H. B. Short, Columbus; T. C. Leak, Richmond; H. T. Clark, Edgecombe; T. D. McDowell, Bladen; A. D. Farmer, Wilson; Mr. Taylor, Onslow; W. T. Alderman, Cumberland; R. M. Geddy, Marion; L. A. Powell, Sampson; Peter E. Smith, Halifax; A. J. Galloway, Wayne; B. Godwin, Robeson, and J. A. Leak, of Anson.

Mr. G. Z. French offered the following, which was adopted: Resolved, That the Association has learned with regret of the determination of Col. A. McKay not to serve another term as President, and as a slight testimonial to his merit he be made a permanent Vice President and be entitled to all the privileges pertaining to that position. Col. J. W. Atkinson declined renomination as Treasurer. Several names were placed in nomination, resulting in the election of Mr. Owen Fennell, Jr. Dr. Ennett declining renomination as Recording Secretary, Mr. J. B. McPherson was placed in nomination and unanimously elected. The meeting then adjourned.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Navassa Guano Company. At the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Navassa Guano Company of Wilmington, held at their office yesterday morning, the following gentlemen were elected directors to serve for the ensuing year: R. R. Bridgers, Edward Klidder, Walter E. Lawton, Winfield S. Danan, Francis W. Kercher, John C. Grafflin and Samlle A. Gregg.

The exhibit of the Company's affairs was satisfactory to the stockholders and reflected credit upon the managers. Before adjourning the following tribute of respect was paid to the memory of J. H. Gregg, Esq., deceased, who had been a director of the Company since its organization: Resolved, That the stockholders of the Navassa Company of Wilmington hereby desire to express their high esteem and regard for their late associate, J. H. Gregg, of Mars Bluff, S. C., who was prominently connected with this Company from its organization, and the Secretary is requested to convey this expression of their respect, regard and sympathy to the family of our late friend.

The directors of the Company will meet next Friday, 19th inst., for the appointment of officers and transaction of other business. This interesting and important feature of the Fair will come off to-day, the drawing to commence in Floral Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M. There are 800 prizes, including \$150 in gold, and over \$1,000 in other things. Tickets \$1.

Arrives of a Gray Woman. A gray-colored woman by the name of Member Price, who was creating a great deal of disturbance in the vicinity of Meant Dudley & Eln's store, yesterday afternoon, was arrested and lodged in the Guard House until more suitable provision can be made for her.

The Chapman Sisters played to a large audience last night, who enthusiastically applauded throughout the performance. They give another entertainment this evening. Go and see them.

Tournaement Day.

To-day, Friday, is the Grand Gala Day of the Fair, and among the attractions to be offered is the Grand Tournaement Fair. The following is the order of procession: Chief Marshal of Tournaement and Aide. Chief Marshal of Fair and Aide. Bank. Uniformed Knights of Pythias. Knights of the Tournaement. Orator of the Day in Open Carriage. Tournaement Committee. Officers and Members of Cape Fear Agricultural Association.

The procession will form in front of Tournaement Headquarters, on Princess St., between Front and Second. LINE OF MARCH. Down Princess to Front, down Front to Nun, up Nun to Third, up Third to Market, up Market to Fourth, thence to the Fair Grounds. The lines will be formed promptly at 9 o'clock. Coronation takes place on the field.

CITY ITEMS. OTTUMWA.—Go to Gilbert's and get some of his fine New River Hides. NOTES.—James E. Caswell notifies persons who attend the Tournaement Hall this evening that he will be present to check their Coats and Hats and dress their Hair. FAYETTEVILLE.—We now have in stock over 2000 lbs. of new paper, the stock, weight 20 lbs. per ton. It is good, rag paper, and will be sold, in lots to suit, for cash, or sent by express C. O. D.

The consolidation of the Carolina Farmer and the Weekly Star having largely increased the circulation of the latter, we will send it an admirable medium of communication with the farmers and planters of the two Carolinas. BOOK REVIEW.—THE MORNING STAR BOOK BINDER does all kinds of Binding and Re-binding in a workmanlike manner, and at reasonable prices. Respects and orders Book, Bibles, or other work, may be on promissory in the execution of their orders.

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METHODIST CONFERENCE. Proceedings of the First Day. [Special Correspondence of the Morning Star.] GOLDSBORO, N. C., Dec. 10. The thirty-seventh session of the N. C. Conference of the M. E. Church South convened in the Methodist church of this place this morning at 9 o'clock, Bishop John C. Keener presiding, and was opened with religious exercises conducted by the Bishop. The Bishop briefly addressed the Conference, expressing pleasure in being privileged to meet the brethren, and presenting a hopeful view of the present condition and future prospects of the church.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, Dr. Craven, and the following answered to their names: R. O. Burton, W. C. W. Jones, M. J. Jordan, J. W. Lewis, Samuel Leard, Gaston Farrar, Henry Gray, I. T. Wyche, John T. Ricketts, W. B. Shaffin, O. F. Deems, T. P. Riccard, N. H. D. Wilson, T. H. Moses, T. E. Reeks, J. B. Marshall, W. H. Bobbitt, L. S. Burkhead, P. J. Carraway, H. H. Gibbons, O. H. Phillips, T. W. Gutierrez, H. T. Hudson, S. D. Adams, G. M. Pepper, J. H. A. Kent, D. C. Johnson, J. E. Mann, J. P. Moore, P. B. Robinson, B. F. Long, F. Keenan, C. W. King, J. S. Nelson, E. W. Thompson, W. B. Black, J. B. Bobbitt, O. J. Brent, J. A. Cunningham, M. J. Hunt, J. W. Pratt, M. C. Thomas, Jos. Wheeler, J. L. Wood, R. G. L. Irvin, W. H. Craven, S. B. Hoyle, A. W. Mangum, D. R. Bruton, B. Craven, J. W. Jenkins, R. A. Willis, B. B. Culbreth, T. H. Edwards, P. L. Herman, E. H. Wood, T. J. Gaskin, W. M. Robey, A. R. Haven, E. A. Yates, C. Dodson, M. E. Sherrill, J. R. Griffith, W. H. Call, B. C. Phillips, L. W. Crawford, T. P. England, W. R. Ferguson, I. F. Heltman, E. A. Howard, J. L. Penn, A. A. Boshammer, R. Brown, J. T. Harris, T. Harris, A. M. Long, W. B. Maness, P. L. Reid.

The lay delegates were called and the following answered to their names: J. N. Mann, R. P. Troy, F. C. Robbins, J. M. Ray, W. W. Cole, W. J. Parker, J. H. Leggett, K. C. Council and B. Hooker. Dr. B. Craven was elected Secretary and I. T. Wyche and O. W. Carr, Assistant Secretaries.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were appointed a constitutional committee to consist of the standing committee to be composed of one minister and one layman from each Presiding Elder's District. Rev. R. O. Burton, J. E. Mann and Dr. J. Miller were appointed a Committee on Divine Worship. The hours of meeting and adjournments were fixed at 9 A. M. and 1 P. M.

The following laymen were appointed on the Joint Board of Finance: J. W. Hays, S. W. Webb, P. B. Robinson, B. F. Long, F. Keenan, W. T. O. Smith, W. W. Cole, W. J. Parker, Dr. D. C. Robbins, and S. J. Gardner. On motion of Dr. Moore, the bar of the Conference was lifted. The resolution of Dr. J. H. Ford, it was agreed that the constitution of the Conference be with open discussion, and to be held by Dr. T. O. Sum-

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Book Editor will read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals. A communication from Dr. Redford, the Book Agent, exhibiting the condition of the Publishing House, was read, and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals. A communication from Dr. McFerrin, the Missionary Secretary, was read and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals. A communication from Dr. R. Abbe, including a petition to the Congress of the United States for damages done to the Publishing House by the army of the United States, and on motion it was laid on the table for the present. A communication from Dr. Redford was read in reference to the debt of the Publishing House, requesting each presbyter to purchase one hundred dollars worth of books, referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals. The Bishop made some very interesting and practical remarks on the subject of christian liberality. The Committee on Committees reported, including Committees on the following subjects: Education, Sabbath Schools, Books and Periodicals, Church Property, Bible Causes, Missions and Missionaries. On motion the report was adopted. Dr. Redford, Agent of the Publishing House, was introduced to the Conference by R. O. Burton and others offered a resolution requesting Bishop Doggett to preach a sermon in memory of the late Bishop Early, at his estate, Fayetteville, during the week of the Conference, which was adopted. A resolution was offered by H. H. Gibbons, and adopted by the Conference, setting apart Monday next to hear the report of Missionaries, and requesting Rev. N. H. D. Wilson to preach a sermon in memory of the preachers who have died during the year. Question 20th was taken up and the following superintendent presided, and the examination of character was continued in a supernumerary relation, D. C. Johnson, B. T. Blake, J. W. Floyd, S. B. Denton, Dr. May, O. E. Land, G. E. Wylie, and Henry Gray, M. C. Thomas and C. W. King passed the examination of character and were placed on the effective list. J. D. Buie and W. D. Meacham passed the examination of character and were placed on the supernumerary relation. J. C. Thomas, S. M. Davis, J. B. Rogers, J. H. Hill and W. C. Wilson passed the examination of character and were placed on the effective list. Question 21st was taken up and Miss Fay was readmitted. The following Local Preachers were elected to Deacon's Orders: J. N. Payne, Wm. Wine and J. A. B. Kilpatrick. The following Local Preachers were elected to Elder's Orders: J. M. Jordan, Redding Moore, C. Westbrook and W. H. Cunningham. Conference adjourned.

Spirits Turpentine. The kitchen of Mr. Jno. C. McLaurin, of Laurinburg, was burned last week, says the Southman. A correspondent writes: The Professor of the death in Moore county of Mr. Booker Parrish, near St. Andrew's Church, on the 4th ult., whose years numbered over one hundred.

Raleigh News of the 11th: Mr. Worth introduced a bill in the Senate yesterday concerning the State debt, which was characterized by Mr. Troy, who moved that the bill be printed, as the most practical and tangible appropriation to be proposed. Mr. Worth's bill proposes to issue \$5,000,000 of coupon bonds and levies a tax to pay the interest semi-annually and directs the Treasurer to offer for the whole of the old anti-war bonds and interest not funded, 33 cents on the dollar, and one for three, (not including the N. C. Railroad bonds and interest) for all bonds issued since the close of the war, at special tax and accrued interest, 90 cents in the dollar or one in five; for bonds issued with interest improvement purposes after May the 29th, 1851, and prior to May 1855, with interest due on the same, 90 cents in the dollar or one for five.

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