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OUTLINES.

The employes of the Great Eastern (Illinois), the Panhandle, Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne, Chicago, Erie and Pittsburg and the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroads have struck against reduction of wages, and also have those of the Jeffersonville, Mitchell and Indianapolis R. R. Caleb Cushing is the new Minister to Madrid. An immense revenue fraud has just been unearthed in Boston, a million and a half to three millions. Suspected filibuster steamer Edgar Stuart is detained in Baltimore. Trains at Indianapolis have stopped on account of Christmas strike. New York markets: Gold, 140.

BRIEBRY AND FRAUD.

Another Statesman Accused of Purchasing His Seat in the Senate-Serious Charges Against Spencer of Alabama. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25. The Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate will, upon the reassembling of Congress, take up the case of the contested Senatorship from Alabama. At the special session of the Senate last spring the prima facie right to the seat was decided to be with Spencer, but notice of intention to contest was served on the incumbent by Mr. Sykes. Since that time the contestant has been engaged in working up his case against Spencer, and his friends triumphantly claim that he has abundant evidence to prove that Spencer obtained his election by open fraud and bribery. Among other things it will be shown that Spencer induced internal revenue collectors and postmasters to furnish large sums of money to assist him in buying votes, and that he protected these officials from prosecution when they were discovered to be defrauders to the Government. In one case he obtained \$2,500 and in another \$12,000 from officials, when these men were arrested by the United States detectives and large defalcations discovered. Spencer's notes of hand were found representing cash. The revelations promised by a thorough inquiry in Spencer's case will, it is said, be very startling.

MRS. VAN COTT.

The Female Revivalist. (San Francisco Chronicle.) Mrs. Van Cott is a lady of commanding presence, and a great degree of personal magnetism. She is a widow, about 44 years of age, and has been a local preacher in the Methodist Conference for eight years past, during which she has been roaming about the country holding revival meetings, with great success. She has a very strong voice, which she often uses to its fullest capacity. She gesticulates freely, walks back and forth in the pulpit while delivering her discourses and smites the desk with her clenched hand as vigorously as the most demonstrative of the male members of the cloth. She has a highly dramatic manner, and says she has often been falsely accused of having been an actress. She has a good command of language, never appearing at a loss for a word, and is very impassioned in her appeals to the unconverted. She has a strong physique and a power of endurance surpassing that of any minister in the city. She yesterday discoursed from the pulpit four times, nearly an hour each time, led all the singing, prayed with great vehemence, and was thickest in the fray leading her hosts to combat with sin and Satan. This she does for weeks at a time, and never flagging in the pursuit she has adopted. Her preaching is on the high-pressure principle, and her style is as fermentable as a glass of siditz powder, but she is evidently sincere in the doctrines she preaches and deeply in earnest, and will undoubtedly do much good before she leaves. The church was filled to its utmost capacity last evening; the Methodist churches were all closed except this one, and the whole force of the denomination in this city was united in the effort to demolish the walls of the spiritual Jericho. The meetings will be continued during the week, and a general onslaught will be made on the strongholds of Satan.

Cabinet Rumors.

(Special Telegram to the Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. Several rumors have been started here about changes in prominent offices, and it has been asserted that Delano and Richardson are to represent the Government in Europe. They are, in all probability, nothing more than the common-recess rumors that generally prevail here in dull seasons. There were intimations that in consequence of the recent death of Col. Dent the President would not hold the usual reception on New Year's day, but he stated to-day that as this was purely an official matter it would not be put aside.

Spirits Turpentine.

On Christmas night an incipient fire under the stove of Messrs. Newsom & Quick, at Rockingham, was extinguished. Prof. Blake of Davidson College, charged with assisting and beating a colored woman. Judgment suspended on the payment of costs. Thos. Kline, charged with assisting and beating a colored woman. Judgment suspended on the payment of costs.

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The Mails. 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 mail, 5 A. M. Smithville, Saturdays and Tuesdays, Fayetteville, river, Mondays and Fridays, Fayetteville by C. C. R. W., daily 5 A. M. Onslow C. H., (horse mail) every Friday, 6 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. M. ALTAFFER. Attention. H. L. WINTON. Wanted. MUMSON & CO. A few more left. WILLIAMS & MURCHISON. Bacon, &c. F. W. KERCHNER. Hay, &c. CROOKLY & MORRIS. Auction sale. GEO. R. FRENCH & SON'S. Shoes, &c. CHAS. D. MYERS & CO. N. C. Hams. GILES & MURCHISON. A full line. BAILEY. Dances School. HEINENBERGER. To Pilots. THOS. B. CARR. Wil. Lodge No. 319. JOHN MEYER. German Association.

City Taxes.

The receipts at the office of the City Treasurer and Collector during the week ending yesterday amounted to \$4,056 81, of which \$881 36 were for specific and \$3,175 45 for real and personal taxes.

Encouraging.

There were 17 marriage licenses issued by the Register of Deeds during the week ending yesterday, of which 7 were for white and 10 for colored couples. This is certainly encouraging for the future prospects of our thriving city.

Mortality.

There were only 3 interments in Oakdale Cemetery for the week ending yesterday, of which one was aged 88 years and the other 3 months. The diseases were asthma and croup.

In Pine Forest Cemetery for the same period there were 3 interments, all adults.

More Effects of the Late Gale.

During the terrific gale on Friday morning last about thirty panels of the fence enclosing the City Hospital were levelled with the ground, while what is known as the "dead house" was hurled from the high foundation or pillars upon which it was built and thrown upon the ground, where it was found the next morning a mass of ruins.

That Quilt and Quilt.

Those who have taken chances in the quilt and cushion to be raffled for the benefit of the children in the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, and who have not paid in the same, are requested to call at Mr. P. Heinberger's bookstore and do so at once. We would also state that the list is still open to parties who may desire to try their luck at becoming the happy possessors of the handsome and useful articles and at the same time adding a most deserving and praiseworthy institution.

Sudden Death.

An old colored woman between 60 and 65 years of age, living in what is known as Cummins's Alley, residing from Second and Third and between Orange and Ann streets, was found dead in her bed yesterday morning. Her name was Maria, but if she possessed any other her most intimate friends and relatives could not furnish it. It being understood that Coroner Hewitt was out of the city, T. M. Gardner, Esq., was appointed a Special Coroner for the occasion and proceeded to hold and ingest over the body, a verdict being returned by the jury that she deceased came to her death from cause unknown to them but supposed to have been dropsy.

Magistrate's Court.

Before Justice T. M. Gardner yesterday: Nelson Kelly, charged with assault and battery and highway robbery on the person of Stephen Brennan, on Thursday night last, was required to enter into security in the sum of \$50 in the first and \$100 in the latter case for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court.

Dennis Smith, for implication in the same transaction as above, was required to give the same security for his appearance at Court.

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Local Notes.

Mayor Casaday will have a big docket to dispose of on Monday. Capt. George Morrison, we are glad to learn, is still improving and is now able to sit up. Regular monthly meeting of the German Association at their Hall, No. 1 Granite Row, to-morrow (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock.

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