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OUTLINES.

Autopsy of Siamese Twins about to commence. Barr, of Washington, pulls an editorial nose by telegraph.

North Carolina Legislature.

[Condensed from Raleigh Sentinel.]

FIFTY-SECOND DAY.

SENATE.

EVENING SESSION.

MONDAY, Feb. 7.

The Senate met at 7 1/2 o'clock. The bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to issue bonds passed its second reading.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, Feb. 10.

By Mr. Gorman, a resolution in regard to immigration and the celebration of the next St. Patrick's Day in the city of Raleigh. Calendar.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

EVENING SESSION.

MONDAY, Feb. 9.

By Mr. Perry, of Bladen, a bill, accompanied by a petition, to prohibit the sale of liquor within three miles of French's Creek Baptist Church, Bladen county. Referred.

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THE CAPE FEAR COUNCIL, PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY. Referred.

By Mr. Cunningham, a resolution providing for night sessions and the future meeting of the Senate at 10 1/2 A. M.; amended by Mr. Cowles that no Senator shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any one question. Adopted.

RULES SUSPENDED.

On motion of Mr. Ellis, of Columbus, the bill to amend section 30, chapter 90, laws of 1872-73, in reference to the school law, was taken up. The provisions of the bill repeal all laws in reference to free public schools, except as such contained in the above named section and chapter of the laws of 1872-73, and that section so amended as to add after the words "of each county," in line 16, the words, "and furnish the County Treasurer with the amounts thus appropriated among the school districts, and the amount that each district is entitled to." It provides further that the word "July," in section 38 of the same chapter be stricken out and October inserted therefor.

A skirmishing debate ensued on the passage of the bill, Messrs. Ellis, of Columbus, Norwood and Seymour advocating, and Mr. Murphy opposing. The bill passed its readings, engrossed and sent to the House.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The revenue was resumed at 12 o'clock as the special order, and the balance of the day occupied in the discussion of a number of amendments to various sections.

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A CANDID WITNESS.

An Amusing Episode of the Superior Court—Description of a Man Who is Subject to Fits.

During the investigation of a case in the Superior Court yesterday, in which a white man was charged with the willful abandonment of his family, a witness was called to the stand, who, in giving in his testimony, convulsed the court and spectators with laughter. It would be impossible to reproduce the evidence, or any part of it, in such a manner as to cause our readers to have an adequate appreciation of the amusement afforded, as the appearance, gestures, &c., of the witness formed the main feature of the laughable scene. We give a brief outline of the testimony, as nearly as it can be reproduced from memory.

THE CITY.

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... 6 A. M. Fayetteville, river, Mondays and Fridays... 1 P. M. Fayetteville by C. C. R. W., daily... 5 A. M. Osnlow, C. H., (horse mail) every Friday... 6 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JAMES WILSON.—Secure a Home. GERKEN & HAAR.—Mozart Saloon. CROSLY & MORRIS.—Auction sale. CHAS. D. MYERS & CO.—Golden Butter. KECHNER & CALDER BROS.—Coffin, &c. J. K. McLENNY.—Perfumery, &c. SEE Ad "Opera House."

Attempted Robbery—The Thief Taken in the Act and Lodged in the Guard House.

Yesterday afternoon four colored individuals entered the store of Mr. M. M. Katz, on Market street, and expressed a wish to look at some pants. One of the clerks proceeded to the back part of the store to show them the goods, and while engaged with three of the party the fourth slipped a pair of the pants under his coat and started towards the front door. The clerk, however, happened to glance at the fellow as he started to walk off and thought he perceived indications of an unusual bulkiness about the region of the left breast, which was sufficiently suggestive to excite his suspicions and cause him to "go for" the fellow, who, upon noticing the clerk's movements, darted for the door. The clerk seized him before he reached the sidewalk, but the thief jerked himself loose and started in the direction of Second street as fast as his legs would carry him, closely pursued by the young man. Luckily, as the fellow neared the corner he ran into the fond embrace of a policeman, who took him in charge and conveyed him to the Guard House. As he started to run the thief dropped the pants on the pavement, which were secured and carried to the station house with the prisoner to be used in evidence on the trial, which will probably take place before the Mayor this morning. The name of the enterprising youngster is Dennis McKoy, and this is probably not his first offence. With so many robberies taking place in the community all such offenders are caught in the act of committing larceny are naturally looked upon as being implicated with some of the gangs who have been committing so many depredations lately.

Superior Court.

The following cases were disposed of before this tribunal yesterday: State vs. Monroe Bird, charged with assault and battery. Guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs. State vs. J. K. Davis, charged with assault and battery. Submitted. Judgment suspended on the payment of costs. State vs. Wright Jarrell, charged with the abandonment of his wife and family. Guilty. Sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$50. State vs. Wm. Perry, charged with larceny. Verdict, guilty. State vs. W. H. Howe, peace warrant. Case dismissed at the cost of Monroe Bird, the prosecutor. State vs. John Davis, charged with larceny. Verdict, guilty. F. M. Brunson, convicted of forgery, was sentenced by Judge Russell to imprisonment for five years in the State Penitentiary.

Our Bar and River.

We learn that a dispatch has been received in this city from Washington, which states that Mr. H. Nutt, Chairman of the Committee now in this city for the purpose of securing an appropriation of \$500,000 for our Bar and River Improvement, has been accorded a hearing before the Committee on Commerce, which is considered an encouraging circumstance. We understand that the tenor of the dispatch is of a hopeful nature, though nothing really tangible has yet been accomplished.

A Scamp on the Tramp.

Under this head the Monroe Enquirer says: "A fellow professing to be an agent for a New York newspaper, the Daily Graphic, was in this place last week. We don't think he did much except to leave the hotel without paying his bill. The Argus says he played the same trick in Wadesboro, and also borrowed the land-lord's umbrella." This is the impostor known as John R. Hansen, whose operations in Rockingham we alluded to in the last issue of the STAR.

Come Birdie Come.

Charming Katie Putnam will sing two of her most admired songs to-night—"Come Birdie, Come," and "Beware, Oh, Beware." To-night's performance will be by far the most attractive given in the first four nights of Miss Putnam's engagement. As the Raleigh News man said last winter, "Let's all go to-night."

Not the least enjoyable feature of Miss Katie Putnam's performance is the piano accompaniments of Mr. Harry Saxton, who is excelled by few, if any, leading pianists of the country.

OPERA HOUSE.

Miss Putnam's Third Night.

Another fine house greeted Miss Putnam last evening. The performance was of a character suited to the display of her wonderful versatility. The antithesis of *Mercy Merrick* and *Nan the Good for Nothing* was renewed in the quick transitions from Mrs. Honeyton in the delightful comedietta entitled *A Happy Pair to Blade O'Grass* in the sensational play in which Miss Putnam assumed the title role.

Blade O'Grass is by no means the best executed sensational play that we have recently seen. The enlightened spectator never looks for literary merit in plays of the strictly sensational school, and the literary feature is by no means the best in *Blade O'Grass*. Nevertheless it supplies in unstinted quantity those accessories of startling stage effect which are the chief elements of the sensational drama.

Miss Katie Putnam does not fail to make a character of *Blade O'Grass*—a character sustained throughout the entire play, despite his Protean changes. The same remark is true of Mr. Browne as *Tom Beadle*. Mr. Browne gives the London *Gambler* as well, perhaps, as it is possible for an American actor, not strictly a dialect-actor, to render a part so entirely local and dialectic.

The support in *Blade O'Grass* was excellent. Mr. Holland, as *Oily Sweet*, gave evidence of his appreciation of a well-known character in *Ten Thousand a Year*, from which the play *Blade O'Grass* has largely drawn. Mr. Nugent did not strike us favored him in the important part assigned him. Mr. Burton gave us an exceedingly good Irishman, and Mr. Kennicott was faithful, pains-taking and genteel as he is in all his assumptions.

To-night, the most attractive bill of the week: *Meg's Diversion* and *Little Rebel*, with specialties of Miss Putnam and Mr. Browne in both pieces.

Local Notes.

— Only one trifling case before the Mayor's Court yesterday morning. — The schoer *Ben*, Captain Davis, cleared from New York for this port on the 9th inst. — Capt. Pennypacker, the lessee, is constantly adding improvements to the Opera House. — The Norwegian barque *Olaf*, Olsen, arrived at Queenstown from this port on the 8th inst. — The Steamship *Fanita* sailed from New York on Tuesday and is expected to arrive here this evening. — The three Railroads connecting with this city have subscribed \$2,500 each to the proposed railroad to the Sound. — We learn that our German friends are making arrangements to give a grand Masquerade Ball at an early day. — The weather was mild and pleasant yesterday, and still higher temperature, with southwesterly winds, is predicted for to-day. — Our Fayetteville subscribers are informed that the Postal Card notices received by them a few days since were all sent through mistake. — J. J. Cassidy, Esq., has received the appointment of U. S. Commissioner for the Eastern District of this State and was duly qualified yesterday. — The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of New Hanover will be held at their Banking House, at 11 o'clock A. M. to-day. — Two more clubs of new subscribers were received at these headquarters yesterday; one from Gates and the other from Richmond county. — Some thief invaded the premises of Mr. Gregory, corner of Fifth and Hanover streets, on Tuesday night, and carried off his axe. Mr. G. is anxious to cut the acquaintance of such visitors without delay. — Mr. Wm. Porter, an old and well known citizen, a native of Hebron, Connecticut, died at his residence just beyond the city limits on Tuesday, in the 65th year of his age. Deceased leaves many warm friends in the community. — A young man who has worked one or two years at the printing business and wishes to complete his trade, can obtain a situation, as apprentice, by applying at the office of THE MORNING STAR. — The Lutheran Church. The work of stuccoing the Lutheran Church, under the management of Mr. Henry Smyth, has been about completed, and preparations are now being made to lay a pavement from the entrance of the enclosure to the steps of the Church. The new pavement is to be laid after a plan originated by Mr. Smyth himself, for which a patent is expected to be obtained. Judging from the plan shown us it will be a very handsome one, and we learn that its durability is unquestioned. The stuccoing of the Church, which has been very thorough, even including the steps at the entrance, has wonderfully improved the appearance of the edifice, which is now one of the neatest buildings of its character in the State. The stuccoing is made to resemble blocks of light grayish stone, which has a fine effect, the artistic skill displayed reflecting much credit upon Mr. Smyth, the contractor. — Book Business.—The Morning Star Book Bindery does all kinds of Binding and Ruling in a workmanlike manner, and at reasonable prices. Merchants and others needing Receipt Books, or other work, may rely on promptness in the execution of their orders.

CITY ITEMS.

PRINTING PAPER.—We now have in stock over 300 reams of new paper, size 24x36, weight 30 lbs per ream. 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, advertisers will find it an admirable medium of communication with the farmers and planters of the two Carolinas.

JOS. PRINNING.—We call the attention of merchants, clerks of courts, sheriffs, lawyers, railroad and steamship officers and agents, and all others having orders for printing, to the facilities offered at the Morning Star Printing Establishment for the prompt and faithful execution of all kinds of Job Printing. We can furnish at short notice Cards, Bill-Heads, Letter-Heads, Programmes, Ball Tickets, Blanks, Pamphlets, Tags, Hand-Bills, Catalogues, Bills of Fare, Show-Bills, Checks, Drafts, &c., &c. Satisfaction guaranteed.

EASTERN MEDICAL CONVENTION.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE STAR.] WILSON, N. C., Feb. 10, 1874.

The Eastern Medical Association met according to adjournment, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the Court House, the President, Dr. Charles Duffy, in the Chair.

The Committee on Candidates for Membership, to-wit: Drs. Stith, Cobb and Green, retired and subsequently reported Dr. Jas. F. Long, of Newbern; Dr. Geo. S. Atmore, of Newbern; W. H. Halsey, of Battleboro; R. S. Halsey, of Williamston, applied by letter.

On motion of Dr. Kirby, the report of the Committee was received and the Committee discharged.

Dr. Long entertained the Association upon the subject of cataract, mode of operation for, &c.

The President, Dr. Duffy, described operations of ovariotomy recently seen in New York.

The Committee on Candidates recommended Dr. J. W. Vick for membership, who was unanimously elected.

The Committee of Correspondence reported a letter from Dr. S. S. Satchel, expressing his regret at his inability to attend.

Dr. Gilbert read a paper upon puerperal convulsions.

On motion of Dr. Faison, it was referred to the Committee on Publications.

The President designated the following gentlemen as said Committee: Drs. Hadley, Long, Atmore and Wooley; and it was ordered that all papers read before this Association in regular order be referred to this Committee.

Dr. Faison made some extemporaneous remarks upon the use and abuse of alcohol.

Dr. Hyatt read a paper upon the use of the aspirator in a case of poisoning by Laudanum; and this not being in the regular order of "papers read," on motion of Dr. Kirby, it was referred to the Committee on Publications.

Dr. Robinson read a paper on blennorrhagia. Referred.

The hour of 4 o'clock having arrived, the Convention adjourned till 8 o'clock P. M.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PURCELL HOUSE, J. R. DAVIS, Proprietor. E. W. Ebbetts, A. Clinchy, New York; M. Vansanger, J. H. Tomlinson, J. C. Brooks, Philadelphia; E. W. Blanche, Jacksonville, Fla.; G. D. Thomas, Augusta, Ga.; J. H. Janney, City; Arthur Williams, Louisville, Ky.; John Robinson, W. P. Kendall, Wadesboro; J. Q. Elkins, Horse Shoe; T. D. McCormack, New Orleans; J. R. Allen, Baltimore; J. D. Pease, Boston, Mass; W. T. Faircloth, H. Well, Goldsboro.

DIED.

PORTER.—In this city, on the 10th inst., William Porter, a native of Hebron, Connecticut, in the 65th year of his age.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE!

Mary McWilliams, Lessee and Edwin Browne, Managers. Thursday Evening, Feb. 13th. Last night but two of the Brilliant Young Actress, KATIE PUTNAM, and the Eminent Comedian, EDWIN BROWNE, and a Superb Comedy Company. When will be presented the beautiful pastoral drama of

Meg's Diversion;

OR, BROKEN VOWS. MEG, with the beautiful Cavatina, BEWARE, KATIE PUTNAM. The performance to conclude with the Little Rebel.

LAURA, with songs, "Come, Birdie, Come," "To-morrow belongs to KATIE PUTNAM."

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Parquet and Dress Circle, \$1.00; Parquet Circle, 75 Cts.; Gallery, 50 Cts. Reserved seats for sale at H. B. BARNARD'S Book and Music Store without extra charge. Feb. 12-14

Corn, Hay and Oats.

4,000 BUSHELS CORN. 300 Bales Eastern Hay. 2,000 Bushels Oats. For sale by KERCHNER & CALDER BROS., 27, 28 & 29 North Water St. Feb. 12-14

Flour—Flour—Flour.

600 BBLs. B. W. FLOUR. 400 Bbls. Falcon Flour. 300 Bbls. Bell Mills Flour. For sale by KERCHNER & CALDER BROS., 27, 28 & 29 North Water St. Feb. 12-14

Secure a Home.

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE IN HEALTHY and desirable localities on Church, N. W. Ann, Orange, Chestnut, Mulberry, Walnut, Red Cross, Rankin, Dickinson, Wood, Charlotte, Sixth, Seventh, Wilson, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. Satisfactory time given for payment. Apply to Feb. 12-14

Golden Butter.

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BULL BUTTER. Expected in Store THIS DAY. CHAS. D. MYERS & CO., 5 and 7 North Front St. Feb. 12-14

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DEVON COW AND CALF At Auction.

M. CRONLY, Auctioneer.

By CRONLY & MORRIS.

THIS DAY (THURSDAY) AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M., we will sell at Exchange Corner, a

A Devon Cow and Calf.

The celebrated "ASHFORD" Stock, guaranteed to give ten (10) quarts milk per day. Feb. 12-14

MOZART SALOON,

No. 1 Granite Row, South Front Street.

THE UNDERSIGNED TAKE THIS METHOD of thanking their friends and the public generally for the liberal patronage extended to them since their advent in business, and to inform them that the stock still consists of

The Best Liquors, Wines, Cigars,

LAGER BEER AND ALE,

In this city, and respectfully ask a continuance of the patronage. Feb. 12-14

VARIETIES.

PRESERVES, JELLIES, MARMALADE, Sauces, Spices, Seasonings, Colman's English and French Mustard, Preserved Ginger, Limes and Citron, Wallace's Cream Chocolate, Baker's French and Prussian Chocolate, and

A Thousand and One

Very desirable Articles for the Table and Store Room. CHAS. D. MYERS & CO. Feb. 10-14 5 and 7 North Front St.

Perfumery—Toilette Goods!

JUST RECEIVED PER STEAMER A LARGE lot of Perfumery and Toilette Goods, viz: Grand Dutch Cologne, Lubin's Extracts, genuine, Lubin's Soap, Florida Water, Bay Rum, Boquet Soap, Elder Flower Soap, Combs, Tooth, Hair, Nail and Shaving Brushes, and a full assortment of Patent Medicines, Chemicals, Acids. Sold by J. K. McLENNY, Wholesale and Retail Druggist, Lippitt's Corner. Feb. 12-14

Bacon & Pork.

85 BOXES D. S. SIDES. 50 Bbls Smoked Sides. 50 Bbls Pork. For sale by KERCHNER & CALDER BROS., 27, 28 & 29 North Water St. Feb. 12-14

Spirit Casks—Spirit Casks.

500 SELECTED SECOND-HAND CASKS. For sale by KERCHNER & CALDER BROS., 27, 28 & 29 North Water St. Feb. 12-14

Bank of New Hanover,

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 2, 1874.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-holders of the Bank of New Hanover will be held at their BANKING HOUSE on

Thursday, the 13th inst.,

at 11 o'clock, A. M. S. D. WALLACE, Cashier. Feb. 4 & 12 nac

AT COST!

At Cost! At Cost! FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY WE WILL SELL our stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES

AT COST FOR CASH ONLY. Until the arrival of

OUR SPRING STOCK.

DUDLEY & ELLIS, Sign of the Big Boot. Feb. 7-14 nac

Ladies' Belts,

LADIES' AND GENT'S TRUNKS, SATCHELS, Shawl Straps, Belt Satchels, &c., at the Saddle and Harness Factory of J. S. Topham & Co., N. O. & South Front St., may 8th nac

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The Best

12 1-2C. CALICOES

FOR CASH. Also a few more of those

Fine French Corsets,

Worth \$1.50 for 75c.

TABLE LINENS,

WHITE GOODS,

And Ladies' Vests,

AT COST FOR CASH.

A. D. BROWN,

Dealer in

Millinery and Fancy Articles.

EXCHANGE CORNER. Feb. 10-14