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OUTLINES.

A half-million fire in Indianapolis. An explosion in Strassburg camp killed and wounded fifty persons.

The incendiary fire at Indianapolis will greatly cripple that city.

The District Investigation. A Washington correspondent under date of Saturday says:

The investigation of the District government by the joint committee of Congress is progressing more rapidly than could have been expected.

One contractor testified this afternoon that he netted ten thousand three hundred dollars out of a thirty-nine thousand dollar contract.

Spirits Turpentine.

Charlotte had a pantry burglary a few nights since. The Reidville small-pox case is only a mild type of varioloid.

There was quite an enthusiastic temperance demonstration at LaGrange on East Friday evening.

Senator Merrimon was one of the Congressional committee to attend the remains of Senator Sumner to Beaufort.

Mr. Fab. H. Busbes delivered a brilliant lecture at the Peace Institute, Raleigh on the "Immortality of the Soul."

A plank kiln belonging to Ahrens' saw mill at Charlotte was burned Saturday morning, says the Observer.

The Gatling-Batchelor difficulty at Raleigh was amicably arranged Saturday, and Judge Tourgeon remitted fines of \$100 against Mr. Batchelor and \$50 against Mr. Gatling.

Mr. I. W. Rogers, having offered his resignation as Keeper of the Capitol, Gov. Caldwell accepted it, and nominated Harrison Palmer for the alleged murder of Chas. Scott, a brother of the prosecutor, on the 27th of last September, was decided in favor of the defendant.

It appears that the man Hatcher, who stole a mule from Mr. John Held, of Iredell county, and sold it to Mr. Wade, of Charlotte, had a sweetheart by the name of Hickey, and was to have been married very soon.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1874.

WHOLE NO. 2,023.

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measure, we hope ere long that our waters will be enabled to extend a hearty welcome to vessels from all ports of the world, of whatever tonnage.

Responded to by Col. W. L. DeRosset. The regular toasts concluded, the following, among other impromptu toasts, were offered:

Metropolis of the South—City of Baltimore. Responded to by Mr. Janney, of the firm of Hopkins & Janney, of Baltimore.

Responded to by Capt. J. W. Galloway. Let us follow the head of Our Republic and recognize the Vice Consulate.

Responded to by Capt. W. A. Cumming, Haytian Vice Consul. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Cornet Concert Club, said it was excellently rendered.

Body of an Unknown Man Found. On Sunday afternoon, about half past 2 o'clock, the body of an unknown man was found floating in the river, opposite the ferry, and was towed by the ferrymen, who were first to discover the body, into the dock foot of Dock street.

It was at first thought that the body might be that of the sailor drowned off the Zebecca Clyde a few days since, but a little reflection served to disabuse the minds of these present of this idea.

Yesterday it was reported that the body was believed to be that of a bright mulatto, by the name of John Brown, whom it was difficult to distinguish from a white man.

Responded to by Capt. F. G. Robinson, felicitously. "Our 2nd Assistant Foreman."—We greet his installation with a degree of pride and satisfaction which fully attests the worth of the private.

Responded to by N. B. Rankin. "Our Chief Engineer."—Whose adaptability to the management of a machine that squirts water, has been satisfactorily proven. We propose a bumper of something more potent.

Responded to by Capt. E. W. Manning. "Cornet Concert Club."—Whose proficiency since their organization speaks immensely as to their assiduity to the task imposed upon themselves. Though fully able to do their own blowing, they desire assistance when they wet their whistle.

Responded to by H. N. Latham. "Our Deceased Comrade."—Though called from us, yet their memory is ever dear. Drank standing, and responded to by Jas. C. James in a very feeling and touching speech.

"The Press."—The bulwark of our liberties. It stands like a sentinel upon the watch tower to warn us of danger. A letter was read from W. H. Bernard in response to this toast.

"The Old North State."—Heaven's blessings attend her, whilst we live we will cherish, protect and defend her. A letter was read from Col. Wm. L. Saunders in response to this toast, which was followed by the song of the "Old North State" by the whole Company.

"The City of Wilmington."—May her efforts to rise paramount above all cities of the South be successfully attained, and ere long may she rank side by side with the cities of the North. We hold the good old place dear in our hearts, and will do all in our power to protect the property of her citizens.

Mayor W. P. Cannaday being absent, Mr. Geo. R. French, Jr., responded in fitting terms. "Our Invited Guests."—We extend to them a fireman's welcome.

John London, Esq., made a response abounding in capital allusions to the fraternity which prevailed among the Fire Department of the city.

"The Ladies."—They cheer us on the path of duty by their smiles and kind words. Fit companions in hours of prosperity, they render needful solace in those of adversity.

Responded to by J. C. Stevenson. "Our Marchants."—Who by their liberality to enterprises of great moment, and especially the Fire Department, have the satisfaction of seeing the busy hand of the mechanic daily at work, knowing that the result of their labors is well guarded against the ravages of the devouring element.

Responded to by F. W. Berchner. "Our Bar and River Improvements."—By the co-operation of the friends of the

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THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND. In which, not content with the old stories of "ROBINSON CRUSOE" and the "SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON," the writer undertakes to show how a party of men could upon a mysterious and deserted island, may live by their own resourceful resources alone, without the aid of any wreck to draw upon for their materials of subsistence.

Fascinated by the World. The theme of the present story affords the author the finest opportunity for the display of his narrative gifts. The story will be profusely illustrated, and is begun in the April Number.

1874. Furniture. 1874. OUR LARGE STOCK OF Furniture, Carpets, Mattresses, &c., IS NOW COMPLETE FOR OUR SPRING AND SUMMER TRADE.

Unusual Inducements. Call and examine Stock and prices. mar 24-tf D. A. SMITH & CO.

HIDDEN SIN. A SEQUEL TO "The Dethroned Heiress." BY MISS ELIZA A. DUBUY.

For Rent. THAT DESIRABLE RESIDENCE, Garden and lot attached, corner Seventh and Chestnut streets. Immediate possession. Apply at the house or to mar 24-tf JAMES A. BRADLEY.

TOBACCO. Change of Business and Location. In order to a change in Business and Location, on the 1st of April, our well-selected stock of TOBACCO, SNUFFS, CIGARS, PIPES, and SMOKER'S ARTICLES, will be sold at a concession in price for CASH or negotiable paper. A rare chance offered to the trade and consumers. D. FIGOTT, Tobacconist, Wilmington, N. C., March 15, 1874-tf

Excelsior Rock Lime. A SUPERIOR ARTICLE! FOR SALE AT Twenty-Five Per Cent. Less THAN OTHER LIME. WORTH & WORTH, KROEMER & CALDER BROS. mar 11-3m 1m

MISCELLANEOUS. PERUVIAN GUANO, Molasses, &c., 1,000 Bags No. 1 Peruvian Guano, 150 Hds & Bbls New Crop Cuba, 1,000 Bbls Flour, 700 Spirit Casks (new and 2nd-hand), 8,000 Bushels Corn, 225 Boxes No. 100 Bushels Meal, 125 Boxes No. 5 Sides, 4,000 Sacks Salt (American and Liverpool), 40 Tons Hoop Iron, 250 Paper Rives, 200 Bbls Gilt, 75 Bbls Cracker, 200 Drogen Water Buckets, 20 Bbls Corn Whiskey, 200 Cases Brandy Peaches, 150 Cases Schnapps, 150 Kegs Nails, 125 Boxes Candy, 250 Boxes Candies, &c., &c., &c. For sale by KROEMER & CALDER BROS., 77, North W. St. & State St. mar 22-tf

Commissioner's Sale. F. T. MONROE & BARROW, Commissioner's Sale. JAMES T. PETERWAY, et al. IN FULFILLMENT OF A DECREE OF FORECLOSURE, made in the above entitled case at February Term, 1874, of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, I will on TUESDAY, the 26th day of March, next, at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, at 11 o'clock, A. M., sell to the highest bidder at Public Auction, for cash, one valuable body of land, covering several tracts, containing about 200 acres, situated about four miles from the City of Wilmington, in New Hanover County, and known as the Quince Hill tract. Also a tract adjoining the same, containing 70 acres and situated on the south side of Quince Hill tract. mar 22-tf

TOURNAMENT. GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS, 30 North Front Street. mar 24-tf

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