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OUTLINES.

Alfonso's train was fired into by the Carlists. — North Carolina has a new county named Pender, and made out of New Hanover county.

THE USURY AGITATION.

No question has excited more general interest in North Carolina since the election last year than the agitation in favor of more stringent laws concerning usury.

It will be seen by reference to our special dispatches that the Senate bill was again considered in the House yesterday without action.

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC SENATOR

One by one the Radical roses fall. Florida has elected a Democratic U. S. Senator in the place of the carpet-bagger Gilbert.

If this thing keeps on we shall have the Senate. Come, Minnesota, follow Wisconsin, Michigan and Florida.

The Legislature.

(Condensed from the Sentinel.)

FIFTY-FIRST DAY.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY Feb. 10.

Mr. Cantwell, petition from leading merchants of Wilmington protesting against the passage of the usury law.

Rules suspended and bill to authorize Carteret county to compromise its debts passed the third reading.

The Senate concurred in House amendments concerning the fence laws in several of the counties.

Mr. Waring, bill to incorporate Mecklenburg Centennial Celebration. Referred.

Mr. Bell, bill to amend charter of Newbern. Referred.

Mr. Anderson, rules suspended, and bill allowing citizens of Cabarrus to vote on the fence law passed third reading.

Mr. Buebee's bill repealing that section of Battle's Revisal requiring township trustees to report condition of the roads to the commissioners and leaving the overseer responsible, ayes and nays called and bill passed third reading ayes 19, nays 15.

Mr. Kerr, House bill to establish county of Cohara. The county to be formed from portions of Johnston, Sampson and Wayne counties. The bill leaves it to vote of the people.

Mr. Weddell presented a counter petition from citizens of Johnston county. He was undecided how to vote as representative men of his county were for and against it.

Mr. Parish presented a counter petition from the citizens of Sampson county.

Mr. Kerr pressed the bill. Mr. Waring strongly opposed it, moved it be laid on the table. Mr. Standford supported the bill. The bill was postponed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PENDER.

The unfinished business of yesterday being the bill to establish a new county by the name of Pender was taken up.

Mr. Walker advocated the passage of the bill in remarks of length. He was in principles opposed to the establishment of new counties, but he thought that this bill considering the peculiar circumstances surrounding it, contained unusual merit, &c.

Mr. Moring opposed the bill, and moved to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. Erwin favored the measure. Mr. Gudger supported the bill. Mr. Norment was opposed to the establishment of the proposed new county.

A Practical Argument.

The equalization of the value of money cannot be beneficial to one class and injurious to another class. Our country friends have no difficulty in understanding that of any commodity the consumption necessarily governs the price.

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The resolutions in favor of Judge McKoy was taken up as the second special order and passed its several readings.

USURY.

The Senate bill to regulate the rate of interest and to prevent usury was taken up as the third special order.

Mr. Candler was opposed to the reference, as was also Mr. Pinnix.

Mr. Moring favored the reference. Mr. Erwin opposed the reference. Mr. Oaksmith was in favor of referring.

Mr. Gudger argued in favor of the reference. Messrs. Staples, Mendenhall, Patton and Greene opposed the reference.

Mr. Greene moved to lay the motion to refer on the table, but when informed by the Speaker that the prevalence of that motion would carry the bill with it, asked to withdraw the motion. The House objected to the withdrawal.

The question recurred on the motion to table the motion to refer, and it was rejected by a vote of yeas 30, nays 67.

The question recurred on the motion to refer to the Judiciary Committee, and it was rejected.

Mr. Oaksmith moved to adjourn. Rejected.

Mr. Gudger moved to postpone until Friday, which motion was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Staples the House adjourned.

THE CARNIVAL.

Savannah had a masque ball. At Mobile the carnival was celebrated in magnificent style.

The parade was the finest ever witnessed there. At night three mystic societies paraded. The streets were brilliantly illuminated.

Subjects of illustration of the M. W. D. was the Feast of Esther; that of the O. O. M. Shadows from the Land of Egypt; that of the Infant Mystics; the Pilgrim's Progress. The day was devoted to pleasure.

Business was entirely suspended, and many visitors were in the city.

Special dispatches from Memphis show that even the ante-bellum displays of "Comus and his Mystic Crew" at New Orleans did never surpass the comic antics of Memphis "Uks," and the imposing pageants of Ouro and "The Memphis."

Referring to the Memphis frolic the Baltimore Sun says: If cynics will be sure to ask what is the use of such carnivals of fun and frolic and gorgefulness there are but few, even of the cynics, who will not rejoice that our neighbors of the South can laugh and be merry, it but for one day, despite the oppression they are so manfully enduring, and that they have in their enough of the old life left to make jolly Pancake Day anything but a flat occasion.

Merchants and Farmer.

We are inclined to attach more weight to the representations of those who represent large mercantile interests, who are familiar with the laws of trade and versed in the mysteries of finance, than to the demands of those who may suffer a real grievance, but who have not found the true road to deliverance.

We must give heed to the apprehensions of those who look to the enactment of the proposed law as the signal for wide spread ruin, not to themselves alone, but to the very class demanding relief. The relations of the merchant and the farmer involve a mutual dependence. What cripples one, maims the other. The merchant, hampered in his facilities for his business, is to that extent disabled from aiding the farmer.

If a mercantile community becomes alarmed it is time to pause. It is not banks or the note shaver alone that are to be restrained. It is the whole monetary system of the State. If we shock that, if we break it down, there is no other resort. The freedom of banking, like the freedom in much else, is gone. Money is a necessity, and the habits of our people have become too wedded to modern ideas to submit to what is suggested by some—a rigid economy, or the primitive modes of trade.

Newbern Not-Shell: A dispatch was received by J. Wolfenden, Esq., in this city, on Tuesday last, stating that Mr. Ned Buck, well known to the citizens of this city and surrounding country, had been killed in Florida. The particulars in the case were not given.

FROM RALEIGH.

The New County Agony Over-Ponder an Accomplished Fact—The Usury Folly—Great Debate in the House—No Vote Taken—The Convention Question.

RALEIGH, Feb. 11. The bill to create the county of Pender passed its final reading in the House today, without amendment, and is now a law. The usury bill is now under discussion.

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Spirits Turpentine

The wife of Dr. Manning, editor of the Weldon News, is very ill. Raleigh has a small forgery case with a colored individual as defendant.

A very interesting revival of religion is in progress at the Edenton Street Church, Raleigh.

John Robinson, Esq., lectures on "Atomism or Tyndalism," at the Goldsboro Town Hall next Monday evening for a Christian enterprise.

Raleigh gave DeMurska, the great singer, a large audience on Tuesday evening, and the News of yesterday told us all about it in a four-fifths of a column notice.

To-day in the House of Representatives there will be more fun when the Civil Rights resolutions of Mr. Glenn are considered. The resolutions call on white men to leave the Republican party.

Cases argued Wednesday before Supreme Court from 6th District: Jno. S. Dancy vs. Jno. J. Long et al., from Halifax, Battle & Son, Moore & Galling, Ed. Comigand, and J. B. Bachelor for defendant.

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Local Bots. Cape Fear Council P. of H. will meet in the Court House at 10 o'clock, A. M., to-day.

There will be four Ward meetings to-night, one each in the First and Second Wards and two in the Third Ward. For place of meeting see advertisement.

By reference to the Legislative proceedings of Wednesday, it will be seen that Mr. Cantwell presented a petition from leading business men of this city, in opposition to the passage of the usury bill.

We hear by passengers on the Charlotte train that ice was more than an inch thick around "The Hornets' Nest" Wednesday last. The Charlotte have had a week of bitter cold weather.

A number of young Wilmingtonians, ladies and gentlemen, returned last evening from Charlotte, where they went to attend a masquerade ball on Tuesday night. It was pronounced a splendid affair.

From Wednesday's Legislative proceedings, as reported in the Raleigh News, we learn that the bill to amend section 6 of the act to empower the Aldermen of the city of Wilmington to establish streets in the city of Wilmington, was taken up as the special order for 12 o'clock, and on motion of Mr. Walker, of Richmond, was postponed till Monday next.

The Third Ward Democratic Conservative Club South of Market street met last night at the appointed place according to notice and adjourned without action, to meet again to-night at the corner of Sixth and Castle streets. All Democratic-Conservative voters of the Third Ward, South of Market street, are requested to be present.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday: J. L. Gause and Martha Hill, both colored, were charged with disorderly conduct and fighting, both having been engaged in an affray. Both parties were fined \$5 and costs.

It will be seen by reference to our telegraphic columns that the steamship Pioneer of the Philadelphia and Wilmington Steamship Line, collided at a place called Horse Shoe, with the steamship Junonia. The Pioneer was on her way from Philadelphia to this port and lost her head gear and foremast by the collision. She returned to Philadelphia.

We are glad to learn by a letter from Capt. W. J. Potter, which reached us a day behind owing to some unknown mishap, that the water upon the bar is becoming deeper. Capt. Potter writes that the steam tug Alpha on the 8th towed the German barque Fear Not over Bald Head channel, the barque at the time drawing 16 feet 4 inches, German measurement, which is equal to fully 16 feet 8 inches of the American standard. Mr. Elijah Piver, a pilot, was in charge of the tug and Mr. Wm. Sellers was the pilot in charge of the barque Fear Not. This is thought to be the deepest water upon the bar within 60 or 80 years, and is an evidence of the thoroughness of the work of the Bar Improvements which has been going on for some time. The work is still progressing favorably.

Messrs. G. W. Williams, Donald McRae, John W. Atkinson, F. W. Kerchner, B. G. Worth, J. E. Crow and Roger Moore left for Raleigh this morning to represent the commercial interests of Wilmington on the usury question, which is now before the Legislature. This is not a squad of lobbyists, but a committee of thorough business men, whose only wish is to accomplish something for the good of the agricultural and commercial interests of our people.

THE CITY ELECTION.

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There have been gentle whisperings in the air for some days that the Rads. would probably determine to take no part in the municipal election to be held in this city March 11. As this was a rumor of considerable interest a STAR reporter has been specially charged with the duty of getting at the facts.

Last night his labors were rewarded by receiving a copy of a manifesto which we print as a matter of decided local interest.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Exchange of Circuits. We learn that an exchange of circuits has been made between Judge Kerr, of the Seventh Judicial District and Judge McKoy of the Fourth Judicial District. Judge Kerr will hold the courts of the Fourth District, beginning at Brunswick county on the 4th Monday in February, and Judge McKoy the courts in the Seventh District, beginning at Alamance on the 4th Monday in February.

A Word of Commendation. The Raleigh News says of the meeting of business men and farmers to protest against the usury bill pending in the Legislature, held in this city last Monday night: "The Legislature will not listen to dictation as to its duties, but will without doubt give respectful consideration to views so well expressed and so impressively sustained as those which will be the Wilmington delegation."

Mr. Hiden to Lecture at Lumberton. The Lumbertonian says: "We are gratified to be able to announce that Rev. J. C. Hiden, of Wilmington, who has consented to deliver a lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association in the Presbyterian church in this town on the night of the 17th inst., and will preach in the Baptist church on the day following. We promise him large audiences on both occasions."

The Weather To-Day. For Friday, in the South Atlantic States, rising barometer, colder and partly cloudy weather, with northeast to northwest winds.

Temperance Rally To-Night. In accordance with previous notice, Theo. N. Ramsey, Esq., Temperance Lecturer for the State, will deliver a lecture to-night, at Temperance Hall, on Third street opposite the City Hall.

The lecture will begin at 8 o'clock. There will be music on the occasion by a number of ladies and gentlemen of the city. All are invited to attend, and it is hoped that Mr. Ramsey will be greeted by a large audience. A lodge of Good Templars will probably be organized.

THE MAILS.

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The Postoffice Contract. We recently learned to the fact that the award of the contract for Postoffice scales to Messrs. Fairbanks & Co. had given satisfaction to the public generally. The following communication is important in this connection: WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30, 1875.

To the Editor of the New York Express: Sir—In a late number of your paper I notice an article headed: "LARGEST SCALE CONTRACT EVER AWARDED."

In this you refer to the fact that 3,000 or 4,000 postoffice scales had to be supplied with scales in a very short space of time, and the satisfaction it gave the public generally that the contract was given to the "champion scale makers of the world," Fairbanks & Co. As the office in charge of the distribution of these thousands of scales, by order of the Postmaster-General, I take pleasure in reporting the result, not that any new event occurred, but that the world-fame of the Fairbanks' standard scales, you say "is the largest contract for scales ever awarded," to which I add that it has its parallel shown in the capability and energy with which it was carried out. The department order and lists designating the kind of scales and offices to be supplied, found every scale of the thousands required made, sorted and ready for shipment.

To the letter of the advertisement was the contract filed, and but one voice came like an echo back from the people all over the country, and that it is all satisfied and gratified that they are furnished with scales of the reliable brand of the house of Fairbanks.

"Honor to whom honor is due." Respectfully, N. A. GRAY, Supt. Bldg. Agency, Postoffice Department, N. Y. Express.

Fees have been very frequent of late, and business men are examining their insurance policies, and wish of quite a number of them, the security provided for their books and papers. Fireproof safes are not all alike trustworthy, and it is well to purchase of a manufacturer that has been thoroughly proven. The "HARRISON" SAFE has kept the lead for more than a third of a century, and shows a more remarkable record of the first through which they have preserved their valuable contents, more than one thousand years have been tested. The great fire of Portland, 1866; Yokohama, Japan, 1867; Constantinople, 1870; Chicago, 1871; Boston, 1872, make evident their superior quality. The HARRISON SAFES have many late Patented Inventions, without which, it is claimed, no safe is secure against the scientific mode of attack, and tools now used by burglars.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. "Fair View" For Sale. A VALUABLE AND HIGHLY IMPROVED PLANTATION IN Brunswick county for Sale! Only 10 miles from Wilmington. I offer for sale the highest improved and

Eligibly Located PLANTATION, ON THE MAIN ROAD, leading from Wilmington to Smithville and Georgetown, S. C., 7 1/2 miles from Wilmington, N. C., containing about 1,400 acres, which is cleared, and 40 acres of which is under good fence, and under

High State of Cultivation. There is upon the premises a fine TWO STORY DWELLING HOUSE, containing 8 Rooms, with a fine place in each room, with all necessary outbuildings. There is also upon the land, immediately upon the main road, a NEW STORE, 50x200 ft. The above plantation is the same lately owned by Dr. F. W. Potter, immediately adjacent to Zion Church, and the voting place of Town Creek Township.

Terms—\$2,000 cash; balance in 1, 2 and 3 years, with interest from sale. (Feb 12-14) MARSDEN BELLAMY, Atty at Law, cor. 2d and Market sts., Wilmington.

REAL ESTATE - AND - Loan Association. THE REGULAR MONTHLY PAYMENT IS DUE - AND - PAYABLE TO-DAY, at the office of the Secretary and Treasurer. C. S. ELLIS, Secretary and Treasurer. Feb 12-14

SPECIAL NOTICE. BEWARE OF Spectacle Peddlers, Who charge you five times more than the same goods can be bought for at GEO. HONNET'S, No. 53 Market Street. Jan 31-17

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RATES OF ADVERTISING.

One Square one day, \$1.00. Two days, 1.50. Three days, 2.00. Four days, 2.50. Five days, 3.00. One week, 5.00. Two weeks, 8.00. Three weeks, 10.00. One month, 15.00. Two months, 25.00. Three months, 35.00. Six months, 55.00. One year, 95.00.

Contract Advertisements taken at proportionately low rates. Five Squares estimated as a quarter-column, and ten squares as a half-column.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

RAIN PROTECTORS. PATENTED.

For sale in different styles and material at the City Clothing Store - O - F - MUNSON & CO. Feb 12-14

Bankrupt Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has been filed in the District Court of the United States for the Cape Fear District of North Carolina, by Hill W. Nixon, of New Hanover County, duly deposed a bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1867, for discharge from a full and complete list of all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 5th day of March, 1875, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court of Hill W. Nixon, in bankruptcy, at the United States District Court-room in Wilmington is assigned for the hearing of the same, and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. Dated at Wilmington, N. C., on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1875. WM. LARKINS, Clerk.

NOTICE.

HAVING DISPOSED OF OUR SADDLE, HARNESS and Trunk Business, stock, good will and book account, to Messrs. J. H. Mallard, Carpenter & Mallard, we hereby tender our thanks to a generous public for their liberal patronage the past ten years, and ask a continuance of the same to our successors, who have been acceptably in our employ for many years, and are thoroughly posted in the trade of saddles, harness, trunk, collars, frocks, wig, and all kinds of Saddlery Goods at very low prices for cash or prompt paying buyers. We respectfully solicit patronage. JAMES S. TOPHAM & CO. CARPENTERS. J. H. MALLARD. SADDLES, HARNESS, &c. HAVING BOUGHT THE ABOVE MENTIONED stock of goods we offer a full assortment of Saddles, Harness, Trunks, Collars, Frocks, Wig, and all kinds of Saddlery Goods at very low prices for cash or prompt paying buyers. We respectfully solicit patronage. JAMES S. TOPHAM & CO. CARPENTERS. J. H. MALLARD. SADDLES, HARNESS, &c. Feb 12-14

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