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STATES OF ADVERTISING: One square one day, 1 cent; two days, 2 cents; three days, 3 cents...

OUTLINES.

Ex-Gov. Parsons made Assistant District Judge of Alabama. — Triennial Evangelical Alliance conference will not be held in Richmond next time, but in Pittsburg. — A residence and two children burned at Apis Hole, Md. — At the grave of Quisset, Hugo and Gambetta delivered orations. — Taylor's paper mills burned at Toronto. — French government prohibits importation of American potatoes because they are infected by beetles. — An abolitionist and a seducer were hanged in Canada for death of a woman. — New York markets: Gold, 114 1/2; spirits turpentine 98 cts; rosin \$3 07 1/2 @ \$3 1 1/2; cotton 16 1/2 @ 17 cts. — A miners' protective association has been formed in Pennsylvania. — Beecher takes the stand tomorrow. — A Catholic priest persuaded a mob that was marching on Hazleton, Pa. — One of the Grant Parish cases under the Enforcement act is up before the Supreme Court.

The learned blacksmith in our composing room who so ably "regulated" our editorial yesterday on the origin of the name America, has been "relegated" to his primal place, whence he will forge and fulminate with more satisfaction to the public at large. — The measure was decided on in full cabinet as an act of mercy to all the interested parties.

THE CITY.

The Mails. The mails will close at the City Post-Office until further notice as follows: Northern (night) mails daily, 6:15 P. M. through and way (day) mails daily, 5:30 A. M. Southern mails daily, 5:00 A. M. Charleston direct (night) daily, 5:00 P. M. Columbia, 5:00 P. M. Augusta, 5:00 P. M. Western mails (C. O. Ry.), 5:30 A. M. Smithville (via Easy Hill and Four Creek) Tuesdays and Saturdays, 6:00 A. M. Fayetteville, and offices on Cape Fear River, Mondays and Fridays, 1:00 P. M. Fayetteville by C. O. Ry., daily 5:30 A. M. Oakes, C. H. and intermediate offices every Friday, 6:00 A. M. Mails delivered from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M., and on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 A. M. Stamp Office open from 8 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 6 P. M. Money order or Register Department open same as stamp office.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

O. H. DITSON & Co.—New Music Books. MUNSON & Co.—Spring Clothing. O. G. PARSLEY & Co.—Powder. BLAKE & DANFORTH—Removal. JAS. REILLY—Light Artillery Notice. HEINBERGER—Battle's Revisal.

Local Notes.

The City Assessors commenced their labors yesterday. — Import Entries for sale at the office of THE MORNING STAR. — Both printing and ruling done in the finest grades of copying ink at the Star Job Printing Office. — City subscribers who fail to receive their papers regularly will please report the fact promptly at this office. — There was no session of the City Court yesterday morning, the docket having no cases upon it ready for trial. — As many as nine "square riggers" were reported in below yesterday, bound up, and two or three other vessels were said to be at the bar. — Messrs. Carpenter & Mallard are improving their saddlery and harness establishment on Front street by adding to it a handsome new front. — The steamship Gulf Stream, with the truck of the Fifth Ward Bucket Company on board, was expected up yesterday afternoon, but had not arrived at last accounts. — Among the persons spoken of by Republicans in connection with the candidacy for Convention in this county are Abbott, Canaday, Heaton, French, Cantwell and Moore. — Mr. J. W. Spaulding, agent of the John Thompson Comedy Company, which is to perform here on next Monday and Tuesday evenings, is here to make the necessary arrangements. — The new tax ordinance goes into effect tomorrow. It has been posted conspicuously upon nearly all the old trees and fences in town and its provisions can be examined, studied and digested without difficulty. — Elias Hanes, of Missouri, the blind Preacher and Author of "The Creation, Condition and Destiny of Man," will preach in the Second Baptist Church, on Sixth, between Church and Castle streets, to-night at 7 o'clock. — We notice that the papers of Rockingham do not speak in very flattering terms of the "Great Mexican Show" advertised to perform here on the 1st and 2nd inst. A communication received at this office from Abbotsburg is to the same purpose. — What "Old Probs" has "agin" us in particular is past our conception. See his prediction of local rains for this latitude to-day, which, we take it, are intended for our special benefit and that of our conferees on Princess street. And, then, they come so often!

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

Arrest of a Colored Man for Fraudulently Altering a Note and Attempting to Pass the Spurious Money—His Examination Before U. S. Commissioner Cassidy and Commitment for Trial.

A young colored man by the name of James Walker was arraigned before United States Commissioner J. J. Cassidy, yesterday morning, on the charge that he "did pass, utter and publish and did attempt to pass, utter and publish as true a falsely altered and spurious circulating note, issued or purporting to be issued by the Treasurer of the United States, knowing the same to have been falsely altered and spurious, in violation of the statute in said case made and provided."

It seems that on the 17th of November last the defendant Walker went to the store of the Whiteville Wine Company, at Whiteville, Columbus county, and purchased some wine. Not having the right change he informed the clerk in charge of the store at the time, a young man, that he would have to take the amount out of a twenty dollar bill, at the same time presenting a note purporting to be of that denomination. The clerk took the bill, gave it but a casual glance and proceeded to search his money drawer for the requisite amount of change. Failing in securing it he went across the street to another store, where he encountered Mr. Hayes, the Sheriff of the county, to whom he applied for the change. The Sheriff took the note, examined it and pronounced it spurious, asking where the man was that attempted to pass it. The clerk replied that he was in his store. The Sheriff immediately accompanied the young man to the store in question, where he arrested Walker and subsequently lodged him in jail. The prisoner gave his name as John McNeill and said he obtained the money in Cumberland county, but shortly after this statement was made an acquaintance called and asked permission to see James Walker, who was in jail for passing counterfeit money. The Sheriff informed him that he had no prisoner by that name, but admitted the visitor, who, as soon as he saw the prisoner, recognized him and called him James. The Sheriff then asked the real name of the prisoner and the visitor replied that it was James Walker.

Defendant was kept in jail at Whiteville, it being the impression of the authorities that he could be tried by the State Courts, but finally, they having been convinced to the contrary, he was sent down here for examination before a U. S. Commissioner.

Three notes were exhibited on the trial. One of these had the denomination of \$2, but a very bungling attempt had been made to alter it to a \$20 note. To do this the other two notes, which were of the denomination of \$1 each, had been used in this manner: The letter Q in the word "One" where it occurred on the bills had been cut out and pasted by the side of the figure 2 so as to alter the \$2 note into a \$20 note. Of course the difference in the size and appearance of the figure 2 and the letter Q, which was made to do the duty of a cypher, made the fraud easy of detection where the slightest attention was paid to the appearance of the note. In fact the whole affair showed want of skill and ingenuity on the part of the counterfeit, though he may have previously succeeded in defrauding a few of the unwary.

It seems that the authorities at Whiteville were seriously contemplating the release of Walker, he having been in jail so long and there being no actual evidence of intentional fraud on his part, but one day the jailor happened to notice the corner of a bank note protruding from a slight rent in the coat collar of the prisoner. His curiosity being excited he suddenly took hold of the corner of the note and drew that and its companion from their hiding places, when they proved to be the two \$1 notes from which the letter Q had been cut and pasted on the spurious note. The prisoner realized the strength and weight of the evidence against him and thereupon acknowledged that he had made the alterations alluded to. The defendant, who belongs in Cumberland county, but had for some time previous to his arrest been residing in Bladen, was ordered by Commissioner Cassidy to give security in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of the U. S. District Court, in default of which he was lodged in jail.

We learn that quite a number of spurious notes somewhat similar to the above have been in circulation in Columbus, Robeson and adjoining counties.

Canine Eccentricities. A dog fight was the sensation at the foot of the Market yesterday. One of the brutes, being badly whipped in the conflict, suddenly broke from his antagonist and rushed for the wharf, from the edge of which he sprang into a small boat. He then turned and faced his opponent, who had followed in close pursuit and taken up a position on the wharf log, his attitude bespeaking a grim defiance, as if confident that his late antagonist would not follow him into his place of refuge. The affair created considerable amusement among the spectators.

Unavailable Letters. The following is a list of unavailable letters remaining in the city post-office at Wilmington: W. C. Hyland & Co., F. H. Pitt, Edward Hall, R. McCallon, St. George, Bernards, Lowia Wittey, Sanford, N. C.; Sol. Williams, Warren co., N. C.; J. S. Powell, Baltimore, Md.; G. L. Sötter, 101 Smith Wharf; Richard Buchanon, Lileville.

We announce again that marriage and obituary notices are charged as advertisements, and that those received by mail will not be inserted unless accompanied with a responsible name. D. & W. if.

Hard Turpentine.

The following communication from a friend in South Carolina was received several days since:

BUCKSVILLE, Horry Co., S. C., March 22, 1875.

Messrs. Editors: As the STAR seems devoted to matters of commerce I have thought the following appropriate for its columns. Be kind enough then to give me your opinion on the following:

1. Why is it that inspectors in Wilmington require two hundred and eighty pounds for a barrel of hard turpentine when the laws of your State (Bat. Rev., page 500, sec. 54) say that "every barrel of hard turpentine shall be of the weight of two hundred and forty pounds gross." We remember full well the universal satisfaction given by a former representative of your county in the State Legislature, the late Thomas H. Williams, in securing the enactment of the present turpentine law, but cannot see how the law can now be so effectually evaded, especially when there is a severe penalty on the inspector for not complying with the law.

2. Could the inspector plead the two hundred and forty pounds requirement as a rule of the common law in the place of a direct statute?

In reply to our correspondent we would state that we have consulted with nearly all the prominent distillers and shippers of this city, some of whom have been in the business for as long a period as thirty years, and they agree in the statement that no less than two hundred and eighty pounds has ever been recognized as the standard weight of a barrel of hard turpentine, and that it is the custom throughout the world wherever a barrel of the product finds a market. One of them informs us that he frequently purchases barrels of hard turpentine from South Carolina which weigh as high as four hundred pounds, which he pays for at the rate of two hundred and eighty pounds to the barrel; and this is the custom in all such cases. After all, they argue, it would make no difference whether the barrel should weigh two hundred and eighty or two hundred and forty pounds, as the reduction or increase of price would be made to correspond. Very few were aware of the existence of such a law on the subject as that quoted by our correspondent, but readily found it upon reference to the page and section in Battle's Revisal cited in the above communication. What effect a knowledge of the law regulating the matter, as laid down in the standard publication referred to, will have, we cannot say, but all we have conversed with on the subject seem to lay great stress on the long established custom in the premises prevalent here and elsewhere. We are satisfied that our correspondent is mistaken in the supposition that there is any disposition to evade the law, but custom, as stated above, has regulated the matter for the past thirty years or more.

St. Mark's Church.

At the election held on Monday the following were elected as the vestry of St. Mark's (colored) Episcopal church for the ensuing year: M. C. Hill, A. Morgan, J. Holland, J. D. Nixon, Wm. Phinney, Rob't Davis, Samuel Reid, Samuel Stearing, S. Capps.

At a meeting of the vestry held on the 29th the following were elected delegates to the Convention of the Episcopal Church in North Carolina, to be held in Newbern on the 1st of May, 1875: John G. Norwood, H. D. Sampson. Alternates: Samuel Reid, John J. Geer.

Magistrate's Court.

Before Justice Gardner, yesterday, was arraigned Daniel Parker, colored, charged with assault and battery upon the person of Fanny Anderson. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

The same, arraigned on a peace warrant sworn out by Fanny Anderson, was ordered to give bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court, in default of which he was lodged in jail.

To City Subscribers.

Beginning April 1, Mr. Samuel Davis takes charge of the entire city circulation of THE MORNING STAR; and from that date all subscriptions will be payable to him. He will serve the paper early and regularly, and hopes all his subscribers will pay promptly, as he has to meet his engagements with the proprietor whether the subscribers pay him punctually or not. if

Tax Listing.

The labor of listing the city and county taxes commences to-morrow and will continue during the first twenty days in the month. We have been requested to state that the names of all who fail to list their real estate and personal property within the period specified will be promptly placed upon the delinquent list.

Fastor Elections.

The following is a list of the Vestry of St. John's Church, elected on Monday evening: S. L. Fremont, J. A. Willard, J. E. Lippitt, C. D. Myers, I. B. Grainger, J. L. Holmes, Wm. H. Green, T. C. DeRosset, M. A. Curtis, John C. James, J. C. Munds, Gabriel Holmes.

Light Artillery.

By reference to a notice in this issue it will be seen that Major James Reilly proposes to organize a company of light artillery. All who favor the movement and wish to connect themselves with it are requested to meet Major Reilly at the Armory room of the Wilmington Light Infantry Company this evening, at 8 o'clock.

WORDS FITLY SPOKEN.

A New York correspondent of the Christian Sun—F. A. Holmes—speaks of a very interesting lecture delivered before the New York association for the advancement of Science and Art by George Ticknor Curtis, subject, "The Nature of the American Union as the principal controversy in the late Civil War."

The lecture was so well appreciated that a resolution of thanks to the eminent speaker was made by Judge Pierpont and seconded in an able speech of Dr. Crosby, (Chancellor of the University of New York.) Dr. Prime courteously invited gentlemen in the audience to make remarks on his passage, which called forth complimentary addresses from Rev. Dr. S. Moran, late of Wilmington, N. C., David Dudley Field, and Hon. Edward Pierpont. Dr. Moran's remarks were particularly well chosen, but I have never yet heard him speak otherwise so effectively. Addressing the President (who recognized him as Dr. Moran from North Carolina), he said in substance "that though a comparative stranger among them from the Old North State, yet I feel quite at home among such an audience. 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