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OUTLINES.

Cardinal Capalti is dead. Half million of property in West Chester county, N. Y., belonging to Tweed, has been attached. Return of Sharkey. Petition in British Parliament for dismissal of Judges who tried the Tichborne case was dismissed.

THE FIRE AT CHARLOTTE. Some particulars of the destructive conflagration which took place at Charlotte yesterday are given in another place.

We deeply sympathize with our friends of the Centennial City. Their losses are great. At this time they are peculiarly entitled to sympathy.

THE PUBLIC DEBT BILL. The Raleigh News says: It will be gratifying to the people generally, and members of the late General Assembly especially, to know that some Northern creditors of the State generally approve of the act to compute, compromise and settle the public debt.

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THE MORNING STAR.

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THE CITY.

The Malls. 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.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. HEINSBERGER—New Novels. S. L. FREMONT—C. C. Railway. J. I. McREE—Wil. Light Infantry.

The Boney Bridge Nuisance—An Accident That Might Have Proved Fatal. While a colored boy was driving a horse and cart over Boney Bridge yesterday evening, about 6 o'clock, the animal suddenly became frightened and shied to one side.

The Rail Road War. The New York Tribune of Tuesday says: The Pennsylvania and New York Central Railroads reduced their rates of fares for passengers to the South-west yesterday, their tariff being the same as that adopted by the Erie road at the meeting on Saturday.

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DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATION.

Fire in Charlotte Yesterday—Large Amount of Property Destroyed—Details of the Sad Calamity. Much excitement existed in this community yesterday, in consequence of intelligence being received that a destructive conflagration was raging in Charlotte.

The following dispatches were received by Col. S. L. Fremont, Superintendent of the Carolina Central Railway: "The fire is not as destructive as at first reported to me. Our platform and buildings are safe. The platform caught, but Mr. Lindsay subdued the fire with buckets.

The fire has not yet been subdued, though Mr. Lindsay says he will save us from further loss with his buckets and force. He has worked manfully. Nothing on this side of the railroad has been insured, beyond the N. C. R. R. platform this way.

The loss up to now is estimated at between three and four hundred thousand dollars. The wind is still blowing hard. The second dispatch received by Col. Fremont is as follows: "I am just from the scene of the great fire. The C. & A. & D. R. R. depots and platforms, with the exception of the transfer house and ticket office, are wholly consumed.

The Very Latest. 3,000 Bales of Cotton Burned—Eighteen Houses Destroyed—Heavy Losses, but Mostly Covered by Insurance—Names of the Losers and Amount of Losses—The Fire Under Control. [Special Star Telegram.]

CHARTER, April 16—11 P. M. EDITOR STAR: A very destructive fire occurred here this afternoon about 3 o'clock. It originated on the public platform at the general depot of the several railroads.

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MOTION FOR DISCHARGE.

We learn that Ex-Sheriff Schenk will have a hearing before the Clerk of the Superior Court this morning on a motion to discharge from arrest on civil process, on the ground that he has long since fled his petition in bankruptcy, and, on the additional ground, that the laws of North Carolina prohibit the bringing of a person here from another State on a criminal process for the purpose of serving civil precepts upon him, as is alleged to be the case in this instance.

The case will probably go up before His Honor, Judge Kerr, in the Superior Court, on an appeal. The Light Artillery Company. At a meeting of the Light Artillery Company, held last evening, the constitution and by-laws for its government were adopted, and the following civil officers elected: Chairman—Walter G. McRae.

Magistrate's Court. Tom Myers, colored, was arraigned before Justice Cassiday, yesterday, charged with assault and battery on the person of Isaac Jones, also colored, and with violating a city ordinance by creating a disturbance on the streets. Case dismissed on the payment of costs, in default of which defendant was committed to jail.

Republican Council. A Republican meeting was held at the Court House last night to consider the Convention question. The speakers were Henry Brewington, colored, late Representative in the Legislature, and John Evangelist. Our informant, one of the "fire-tried," says the meeting was very insignificant in numbers and that it turned out to be a "flash in the pan."

The Election in Fender. In another part of this paper we publish returns, official as far as they go, of the election in Fender county. To-morrow we will give the full vote. GAUGE. EDITORS OF THE STAR:—Will you at the request of "Some other Citizens" publish the following communication: On a subject so vital to the interests of Wilmington and Charlotte, ought not the newspapers of both cities to speak out with no uncertain sound.

Many Citizens. [From the Journal.] Railroads—Gauges, &c. Messrs. Brown and I am one of those who believe that the change in the gauge of the North Carolina Railroad a great "outrage" has been committed against the people and the material prosperity of the State.

Why do I think so, some of your readers may say. Because, with few exceptions, the well known North Carolina gauge is the gauge of this country north of us, and it is not desirable to continue the difference, but rather to bring all to the same gauge. How can this be done, but by changing the few remaining railroads to the old English gauge of 4 feet 8 1/2 inches—nine-tenths of the railroads in America now being of that gauge.

Again, the State long ago virtually fixed this gauge and required all her railways to conform to it except—now what were the exceptions? They were in the cases of the Wilmington & Manchester (now Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta) Railroad, the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta and Atlanta & Richmond Air Line Railroads, and the Piedmont Railroad. Why were these railroads allowed to use a five foot gauge? The answer to this question shows the policy and interests of the State as indicated by her wise and far seeing statesmen of a former day.

The thing won't do! The matter is too important. It is not a "seven days wonder" to be forgotten in a week. No! No! The business men of North Carolina see it in its proper light, and will not let it go. Read the Asheville and Piedmont country papers and see what they say, viz: That this change makes it easy to go with their carts to Richmond, and that Richmond merchants are very polite to them, and they don't see why they should not go, &c., &c.

THE VOTE OF PENDEN.

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CITY ITEMS.

BOOK BINDERY.—THE MORNING STAR BOOK BINDERY does all kinds of Binding and Ruling in a workmanlike manner, and at reasonable prices.

TRANSFER PRINTING.—Invaluable to railroad companies, steamship companies, banks, merchants, manufacturers and others. They are enduring and changeless, and will copy sharp and clear for an indefinite period of time.

COFFEE OF TESTIMONIAL.—HANNIBAL, Mo., May 30, 1874.—Messrs. J. & W. Tolley, 30 Maiden Lane, New York.—Genl.: The 12 Gun which you built for me, No. 2093, has arrived safely to hand.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Wilmington Light Infantry Attention. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a special meeting of your Company at your Armory, over Messrs. Carpenter & Millard's Saddlery Store, this evening at 7 o'clock.

New Novels. SAFELY MARRIED, A NOVEL BY the author of "Castle Colonel Dancer, &c., &c." Mrs. Vaughan's Hair, A NOVEL. By Frank Leo Benedict, author of "My Daughter Miss Van Korland, John Washington Name, &c., &c."

THE CAROLINA CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, WILMINGTON, N. O., April 16th, 1875. FREIGHTERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT Freight, to the extent of five car loads per day each way, will be carried between Wilmington and Charlotte through in TWELVE HOURS.

Wanted. EVERY ONE TO KNOW THAT I WILL MOVE my stock of Watches, Jewelry, &c., To the Store on the Corner of Front and Princess streets, on the 1st of April, where I will open a NEW AND FINE ASSORTMENT of Watches, Clocks, Silverware and Fancy Goods.

Genuine Southern Collard Seed. CHEMICALS AND PATENT MEDICINES. ELDER FLOWER AND CASHMERE BOUQUET SOAPS, FANCY ARTICLES, COMBS, BRUSHES, &c., &c.

BUY Our Half Dime Cigar. THE BEST IN THIS MARKET, AT No. 22 Market Street. D. PIGOTT, Tobacconist.

Table listing various rates and prices for different goods and services.

MISCELLANEOUS. Spring Millinery. E. M. STROCK & CO'S. Evans' Block, Princess Street. A LARGE AND BEAUTIFUL VARIETY OF THE LATEST SPRING STYLES.

Lowest Possible Prices for Cash. Call and examine our stock before making your purchase. Evans' Block, Princess St. ARRIVED. FRESH INVOICE OF OUR SPECIALTY. "Pressed Corned Beef," Just received. All sizes.

"Best Butter in the World." This week we offer "Special" inducements in "GREEN AND BLACK TEAS." We constantly lead in bringing down the price on all FAMILY SUPPLIES.

White Vests. PURE LINEN AT ONLY \$2. THE BEST AND CHEAPEST Vests in the City. A Splendid Cass. Coat FOR ONLY \$5.00. ELEGANT DRESS SUITS.

New Style Bows, &c. At MUNSON & CO. City Clothiers. Worth Reading. A SERIES OF PROSE SELECTIONS FROM THE works of LAMB, SWIFT, GOLDSMITH, ADDISON, &c.

First of the Season. LADIES DESIROUS OF GETTING FIRST choice in New Styles. Spring Dress Goods. Can be supplied by calling at J. & H. Samson's No. 43 Market Street.

Wanted. EVERYBODY TO KNOW THAT SHEPARD, on Princess Street, has all kinds of Printing in a shorter time and for less money than ever before. Try him and be satisfied.

Du Pont's Powder, RIFLE, SPORTING AND DUCK, BLASTING AND MINING. In Whole, Half and Quarter Kegs. For sale by O. G. PARSELY & CO.

FOR THE ENSUING WEEK AT CITIZENS' MARKET, A FINE LOT OF Sampson County Stuffed Beef which I will sell at prices to suit the times. Call and see for yourself. T. A. WATSON, Proprietor.