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OUTLINES. M. C. Kerr, of Ind., nominated in Democratic caucus at Washington for Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Adams, of Ky., for Clerk, last night.

THE CITY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. W. P. CANADY, Mayor—Special Notice. A. DAVIS—Simply Enormous!

The ladies were out shopping yesterday in force, after the long rainy spell. Poultry-thieves robbed Mr. W. M. Monroe, at Fifth and Mulberry streets, Friday night.

The Register of Deeds issued only 3 marriage licenses during the past week, all for colored couples. The Board of County Commissioners meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, in regular monthly session.

The Building Committee having in charge the construction of our beautiful new Hebrew Temple make an earnest appeal to the subscribers for funds needed to push on the work.

A white man, terribly overburdened with "benzine," or, in other words, very much "fatigued," was carefully and tenderly conveyed to that sure and safe resting place the Guard House, yesterday afternoon.

Two circulars were received at the office of the City Marshal yesterday morning, one from Detectives Bishig & Thomas, of Indianapolis, Ind., offering a reward of \$150 for the arrest of John A. Blair, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, and one from Chas. W. Allen, Chief of Police of New Haven, Conn., offering a reward of \$200 for the apprehension of J. M. Martin, charged with stealing a large number of pistols of various kinds, both of whom are believed to have come in this district.

The cry of "Stop him!" "stop him!" followed by a sharp report from what was supposed to be a revolver, was heard on Chesnut street, in the neighborhood of Fourth, about 9 o'clock Friday night. Immediately afterwards a scuffle was heard on Fourth street, just beyond the corner, together with much loud and excited conversation, leaving the impression upon those who heard it that "an important arrest had been effected; but after diligent inquiry yesterday we were unable to find any one who could give us any information in relation to the affair further than what we have stated.

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increase of 4,085 during the year; infants baptized 1,990, a decrease of 41; adults baptized 2,668, a decrease of 218; number of Sunday Schools 634, increase of 38; number of churches in the Conference 706, valued at \$465,155; number of parsonages 54, valued at \$71,100.

The committee on public worship made appointments for the several churches to-day which appear in the list of church notices. The Bishop made a few remarks congratulating the body upon the excellent condition of Methodism in North Carolina, as shown by the statistics read.

The Doxology was then sung, and after Benediction by the Bishop, the Conference took a recess until to-morrow morning. The meeting called by Conference Committee on Public Worship to hear addresses on the subject of missions was held last night at Front Street Church.

At the appointed hour the house was filled almost to overflowing, and the meeting was organized under the direction of the Conference Board of Missions, with the President, Rev. Paul J. Carraway, in the chair and Rev. Frank H. Wood and Col. Leak acting, respectively, as Secretary and Treasurer.

Rev. Dr. Closs read a chapter and prayed, after which the Secretary made a statement of the work and necessities of the Board. Bishop McTyeire and the Rev. Dr. Duncan, President of Randolph Macon College, had been announced to address the meeting, but the Bishop was unable to be present owing to the late adjournment of the afternoon session of Conference.

The address of Dr. Duncan was excellently well conceived and adapted to the purpose had in view, alternately swaying the great congregation as with a master's hand from one extreme of emotion to the other by its happiness of illustration. A collection for the cause, estimated by the Treasurer to amount to about \$325, was then raised, and after the grand old missionary hymn "From Greenland's icy mountains," the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. A. W. Mangum.

Wilmington Retail Market. The following prices ruled yesterday: Apples, (dried) 12 1/2 cents per pound; dried peaches 25 cents per pound; walnuts, 25 cents per peck; pickles, 20 cents per dozen; lard, 18 cents per pound; butter, 40¢/55 cents per pound; cheese, 25 cents per pound; grown fowls 50¢/60¢ a pair; geese 1 1/2 per pound; beef 10¢/10 1/2¢ per pound; veal, (corned) 12 1/2¢/15¢ per pound; beef, 12 1/2¢/16¢ per pound; mutton, 12 1/2¢/16¢ per pound; ham, 18¢/20¢ per pound; shoulders, 12 1/2¢/14 cents per pound; tripe, 30¢ per bunch; clams, 25 cents a peck; open clams, 20¢/25¢ per quart; soup, bunch, 5 cents; eggs, 25¢/30¢ a dozen; starch, 25¢ a chunk (5 lbs); potatoes, new Irish, 40¢ a peck; new sweet 20 cents a peck; fish-trout 25¢ per bunch; mullets 10¢/25¢ per bunch; turkeys, 10 cents a bunch; onions, 50 cents a peck; cabbages 16¢/25 cents a head; Bologna 20 cents a pound; wild ducks 50¢/75 cents a pair; parley, 5 cents a bunch; onions, 50 cents a peck; carrots, 15 cents a dozen; green field peas 10¢ per quart; apples 50¢ to 60¢ per peck; liver pudding, 20 cents per lb; blood pudding, 25 cents per lb.; oysters (New River) \$1 25 per gallon or \$1 a bushel; do. Sound, \$1 25 a quart.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons. The Grand Lodge F. and A. Masons of this State meets at Raleigh to-morrow, and will be in session for several days. The delegation from this city will consist of Messrs. H. H. Munson, who goes as Junior Grand Warden, S. B. Everett, as Master, Eugene Martin, as proxy for the Senior Warden, F. G. Robinson as Junior Warden, and Thos. H. Gardner as Past Deputy Grand Master and Representative of Pythagoras Lodge of Smithville and King Solomon Lodge of Lenoir, Pender county. The session on, we learn, is expected to be a very interesting and important one.

Range of Thermometer. The following was the range of the thermometer at the Signal Bureau, in this city, yesterday: 7 A. M., 49; 9 P. M., 52; 2 P. M., 56; 4:30 P. M., 53; 9 P. M., 52; 11 P. M., 50.

THE A. M. E. CHURCH—A BRIEF SKETCH OF ITS RISE AND PROGRESS. The following sketch, furnished by J. E. Sampson, of this city, will likely prove of interest: The African Methodist Episcopal Annual Conference of North Carolina, now in session in this city, represents the largest colored organization of Christians in the world, as well as the oldest, and prides itself, too, on being as legally set apart as any religious denomination in the world. It did not come into existence as the result of the late war, nor any other war, but dates its origin from the introduction of Methodism in the British colonies, when led by Revs. Phillip Embury and Heek. In the early history of Methodism the idea of being a divided or an independent body was never thought of. The colored people continued as a