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OUTLINES.

Only 39 of nearly 1,400 of cotton claims allowed; 20 are under advisement. A mysterious stranger calling himself L. C. Tatts, suicided at Chattanooga.

THE NEW CONGRESS.

A Congress of Young Men and Lawyers—The Colleges Represented—The Southern Members.

The Forty-fourth Congress consists of 292 representatives and 74 senators—making a total of 366 members. To this number must be added 9 territorial delegates.

Of the 366 members 140 have served in previous Congresses, while the remainder, 176, are with few exceptions strangers in Washington.

It is a Congress of young rather than old heads. A very large proportion of the new members are in the early stage of middle life, one of them being only 29, and only one being over 70.

Sixty-nine of the 176 members received a college education. There are 6 graduates of Yale College, 2 of Washington and Jefferson, 3 of the college of New Jersey, 2 of the University of Alabama, 3 of the University of Virginia, 2 of the University of Georgia, 5 of Union College, 2 of Hamilton, 2 of Bethany College, and 1 representative from each of the following institutions: Harvard, Madison, William and Mary, University of Vermont, University of Louisiana, Washington and Lee, Amherst, Bethel, Williams, Illinois Wesleyan, University of Indiana, Georgetown, Genesee, University of Wisconsin, University of South Carolina, St. Mary's, McKendree, Franklin and Marshall, Kenyon, University of Iowa, Rutgers, University of Maryland, Waterville, Columbia, Duquesne, Asbury and a few other colleges.

Twenty-eight of the new members were secessionists and twenty-six of these served in the Confederate army. Mr. Throckmorton of Texas, Mr. Hill of Georgia and others were members of the Confederate Senate, and several Southern members took high rank in the Southern army.

The bar will have an overwhelming representation in the new Congress. Of the 176 new members 122 are lawyers, 31 are engaged in mercantile pursuits, 4 are physicians, 3 are bankers, 2 are editors, 6 are farmers and 2 are college professors.

All but 6 of the 17 new Senators are lawyers, Senators Christianity of Michigan and McMillan of Minnesota having had perhaps the most extended experience at the bar and on the bench. There are four ex-Governors—Mr. Booth of California, General Burnside of Rhode Island, Mr. English of Connecticut and Mr. Randolph of New Jersey.

The case of August Belmont vs. the Auditor of North Carolina has been remanded from United States Circuit Court to the State courts. This suit is brought to compel the Auditor to provide for the payment of interest on the special tax bonds.

GRAND LODGE F. A. M.

Second Day. [Raleigh News.] Brother Mills read his report on the Orphan work, which was referred. Various special committees on subjects recommended in the Grand Master's address were appointed, and resolutions offered which were referred to appropriate committees.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations reported favorably on the work of the following Lodges, under dispensation, and charters were granted to them: Numa F. Reid, Snow Creek Trap H.M., Mt. Mourne, Stanley and Apex.

The following officers of the Grand Lodge were last night elected for the ensuing year: Grand Master—Geo. W. Blount. S. G. W.—Horace H. Munson. J. G. W.—R. V. Blackstock. G. Treasurer—W. E. Anderson. G. Secretary—Donald Blain.

THE CITY.

The mails will close at the City Post-Office until further notice as follows: Northern (night) mails for all points North, East and West of Weldon, daily at 5:45 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. GIBBS & MACUMBER—Prospectus. HARRISON & ALLEN—Hats, Caps, &c. KERCHNER & CALDER BROS.—Corn, Oats, Sherrie Bros.—Bargains, Bargains. DELOSSETT & Co.—Goshen Butter. EDWARDS & HALL—Fire Crackers. H. B. EILERS—For Sale.

Local Boil.

Guard well your Christmas turkeys, or somebody else will eat them for you. Fish have been scarce in market during the past week, and the few that arrive bring good prices. A large number of foreign vessels are now on their way to this port. Send on your cotton and other "truck."

EASTERN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Dr. Cobb in the chair. Dr. Frank Duffy read an essay by his brother, Dr. Charles Duffy, (that gentleman being unable to attend.) on "The Physiological Action of Quinia."

On motion of Dr. Satchwell, visiting and city physicians not members, who might attend were unanimously invited to seats on the floor and to participate in the deliberations of the Association.

Resolved, That all papers read be referred in course to the Publication Committee, without a special motion in each case. Dr. Seawell reported a case of luxation of the humerus of an old lady by a fall.

The President, somewhat recovered from his illness of the morning, being in the chair, the subject of "Diphtheria" was resumed. Dr. Satchwell, in speaking of the domestic remedies mentioned in the morning, told how the eminent Dr. Valentine Mott used to enjoin his students to study the sayings and doings of the old women.

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OPERA HOUSE.

The Bergers and Sol Smith Buschell—Last night the Opera House was packed to greet the return of the Swiss Bell Ringers and their inimitable companion, the witty, eloquent, versatile Sol Smith Russell. A crowd stood around the doors and in the aisles, so great was the desire to enjoy the favorites.

We do not know where to begin, as we shall not know presently where to end.—Taking the programme through from the operatic overture by the Berger Parlor Orchestra to the Grand March finale by the Silver Cornet Band it was a chaste, elegant, captivating and elevating entertainment.

The music of the Swiss bells, though heard a hundred times, would still be sweet as an Arcadian dream. It is a music of the softest, purest, most exquisite character. Well, what shall we say of Sol? Two years ago he spent several days in professional and social converse with our people, who were charmed with his ability, good looks and gentlemanliness.

The President said diphtheria and diphtheroid were not generally both epidemic at one time; at least, not under his observation. Dr. DeRossett agreed with the President in this, but thought it would be well to keep in view the question whether or not the graver disease might not be communicated from diphtheroid patients. He mentioned a theory of his in reference to the cause of the local paralysis incident to the disease, which seemed worthy of consideration.

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stances now existing in this city where vaults and outhouses were placed almost at the mouths of wells, so that the sifting of the fluids through ten or twelve feet of sandy soil might contaminate the very streams which supplied the wells, and in some cases the water on standing was found to be absolutely reeking with pollution. The much vaunted salicylic acid had been valueless in his practice.

More Thievery—The Only Remedy.

Some of the chicken thieves made a raid upon the premises of Mr. W. F. Wenzel, residing on the corner of Fifth and Mulberry streets, on Tuesday night, and succeeded in carrying off light grown fowls and two fine turkeys, the latter of which were being fattened for Christmas.

The business of regular systematic thievery has become rampant in the city and there seems to be but little if any protection or safety for the property of citizens. Day after day and night after night we hear of dwellings being broken open or otherwise entered and robbed, chicken coops diverted of their contents, wood piles depleted and thievery of every description being carried on, and but few of the midnight prowlers, marauders and thieves are ever detected or disturbed in their lawless, demoralizing and despicable occupation.

As the force is now constituted it would of course be folly to look to the police for protection, except in a few of the most important localities. One More Unfortunate. A colored man by the name of F. N. Decker was arrested Tuesday night, charged with stealing a piece of meat from the store of Mr. G. C. W. Muller, on Fourth street, between Church and Castle. He was lodged in the Guard House to await a hearing before the City Court, the cases on the docket of which have been rapidly accumulating during the illness of the Mayor.

At the adjourned annual meeting of Wilmington Library Association, held last night, Mr. Norwood Giles was elected President, (Col W L Smith declining a re-election), T W Jewett Vice President, and the following named gentlemen Directors: W L Smith, W L DeRossett, R J Jones, Graham Daves, A Wronski, C E French, G C Kelley. Deserters Arrested. Wm. Leary, Chas. Roberts and Henry Williams, seamen, alleged to be deserters from the schr. Ann Daley, were arrested yesterday by Special Deputy J. A. Ashe, on a warrant issued by Justice Cassidy, and lodged in jail for safe-keeping until called for by the captain of the vessel to which they belong.

Range of Thermometer. The following was the range of the thermometer at the Signal Bureau, in this city, yesterday: 7 A. M., 50; 12 M., 52; 2 P. M., 52; 4:30 P. M., 51; 9 P. M., 48; 11 P. M., 47. Cooler, north and west winds, partly cloudy or clear weather to-day.

CITY ITEMS.

BOOK BINDERY.—THE MORNING STAR BOOK BINDERY does all kinds of Binding and Ruling in a workmanlike manner, and at reasonable prices. Mer chants and others needing Receipt Books, or other work, may rely on promptness in the execution of their orders.

Spirits Turpentine

Salem had a five-inch snow Saturday morning. Hillsboro Recorder: It is sad to see so many places of business closed. On the block facing the court house Webb's is the only store occupied. We hope to see this changed at the opening of the new year, if for that there is a prospect. Charlotte So. Home: While the young ladies of St. Mary's were out on an evening concert, some irreverent wretch climbed up all the gates, and the spectacle of seventy-five young maidens, in fashionable attire, climbing the fence in a row, was, as a victim writes, "almost sublime."

At the recent term of the Federal Court at this place, Judge Dick ordered the Deputy Marshal to "adjourn this Court until 8 o'clock this afternoon." Whereupon that officer made the following proclamation: "Oh, yes! Oh, yes! Oh, yes! He'd be known to the good people of North Carolina that this honorable Court now stands adjourned. God save the United States and this honorable Court three o'clock this afternoon!" The general impression was that after the hour of three the Court didn't need the protection of the Lord and proposed to take care of itself.

PROSPECTUS.

ON SATURDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1876, the undersigned will commence the publication of the FLYING EAGLE. The Eagle will be the organ of the Knights of Pythias in this State, the United States and the World at large.

While the Flying Eagle will be published in the interest of the Knights of Pythias, it will ever bear in mind the three great Cardinal Principles which unite us—Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. Hence, we will be glad to hear from all our friends, and we will be glad to give the latest information obtained at the hour of going to press, on all subjects of interest connected with the Order, at home and abroad. It will aim to become the constant companion of every Brother in the Land. It will also aim, through careful selections from the best writers, to become an agreeable, lively, witty and entertaining medium in the families of the entire Brotherhood, ever exerting its best influences and maintaining the general well of the Order. Its highest ambition will be to become worthy, through its writings, of the good will and patronage of all others.

The Flying Eagle will be published every Saturday at ONE DOLLAR PER ANNUM. Advertisements solicited and inserted at low rates. GIBBS & MACUMBER, Editors and Proprietors. Bargains! Bargains! WE STILL CONTINUE TO SELL AT COST. LOOK AT OUR PRICES! FINEST LINDEN COLLARS, \$1 00 per dozen; WOOLEN UNDERSHIRTS, \$1 50; MERINO UNDERSHIRTS, \$5 cent; BEST BRITISH SOCKS, \$3 00 dozen.

GROCERIES!

1000 BARRELS GOOD FLOUR, 1000 BARRELS REFINED SUGAR, 50 BAGS COFFEE. Fire Crackers, 100 BOXES FIRE CRACKERS, 80 BOXES RAISINS, 20 BARRELS APPLES. For sale by EDWARDS & HALL. Corn, Oats, Hay and Meal. 500 Bushels Corn, 1000 Bushels Oats, 2000 Bales Prime Eastern Hay, 500 Bushels Water Ground Meal. For sale by KERCHNER & CALDER BROS. Molasses, Molasses, Molasses. 350 Hhd's and Barrels S. H. Molasses, 200 Hhd's and Barrels Cuba Molasses, 500 Hhd's and Barrels Demerara Molasses. For sale by KERCHNER & CALDER BROS. Fire Crackers, Fire Crackers. 100 BOXES FIRE CRACKERS. For sale by KERCHNER & CALDER BROS. Coffee, Coffee, Coffee. 200 BAGS COFFEE. For sale by KERCHNER & CALDER BROS. Goshen Butter, A SMALL LOT OF GOSHEN BUTTER JUST RECEIVED, which we offer at low figures. For sale by DELOSSETT & CO. Prime Virginia Hams. A BOUT 800 OF THE VERY CHOICEST Old Virginia Hams in store and for sale by DELOSSETT & CO. For Sale. A FINE FAMILY HORSE, WORKS BOTH IN single and double harness. Can be seen at P. J. Southland's Stable. H. B. EILERS. Hats, Caps and Furs. FUR AND SILK HATS, CHILDREN'S FANCY TURBANS, TRUNKS and Traveling Bags. For sale by HARRISON & ALLEN'S, City Hat Store, 30 Front St. The REGULAR MONTHLY HOP OF THE L'ARIESO CLUB, will take place this evening at Lipton's Hall; McLane's Hall not being in sufficient repair to hold it there. R. W. ANDREWS, A. R. CAMPBELL, JAMES BOWEN, Committee. MILLINERY. THE UNDERSIGNED WISHES TO INFORM the ladies that she has just returned from New York, where she has been for several weeks making her Fall purchases. Fine French Millinery, and will be prepared in a few days to show her friends and the public generally the latest styles in FRENCH PATTERN BONNETS and HATS, and everything pertaining to the business. I have also a very fine selection of Fancy Goods, consisting of Ladies' Corsets, Hoop Skirts, POMPADOUR'S LACES, FRINGES, BUTTONS, SLIPPER PATTERNS, MOTTOS, and Frames, Linen Collars and Cuffs, Bandkerchiefs, Neck Ties, Ruching Blots, Switches, Braids, and the largest and cheapest stock of Zephyr Wares and Shellings to be had this side of Baltimore. Orders from the country solicited and attended to with promptness. Variety Store, 44 Market Street. oct 3 next MRS. L. FLANAGAN. Horses and Mules at Auction. I AM HERE, and DETERMINED TO SELL 17 HORSES and MULES at Auction, On Thursday, 9th inst., at 10 O'CLOCK A. M., At corner of Princess and Second Streets. JAMES BOWEN, CROLY & MORRIS, Auctioneers. Latest Styles. HAVING RECEIVED BY EXPRESS BLOCKS of the latest styles of Hats for Ladies and Gents, Mrs. Virginia A. Orr is prepared to alter, press and bleach work entrusted to her. Old Bonnets and Gentlemen's Hatters. Hats made by her. Look as Well as New. For particulars call on or send to MRS. ORR, on Third between 3rd and 4th streets.

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