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OUTLINES.

Citizens of California organize to preserve order on the Mexican frontier. — Hon. Charles O'Connor is out of danger. — Boiler explosion on Georgia railroad killed fireman and wounded engineer. — President and other excursionists gone to Philadelphia to see Centennial arrangements. — Senate will probably re-elect Ferry President. — A resolution protesting against Congress expressing its opinion on third term question was laughed out of the House of Representatives yesterday. — New York markets: Gold, 114 1/2; cotton 13 1/2 @ 13 3/4; turpentine, 37; rosin, \$1 70 @ \$1 75.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

By Last Night's Mail.

Hon. R. H. Marr has been appointed by Governor McEnery United States Senator in place of General W. L. McMillan, resigned.

Yesterday a young Confederate who was placed on the rolls declined to take anything but the modified oath, though he was only seven years old when the war broke out. — Washington Telegram to Providence Journal.

"L. Q. W." in the Richmond Enquirer says it now looks as if Pinchback would be admitted in order to prevent the Democrats from the seat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.

The rough draft of the special message on affairs in the Southern States has already been drawn up, and partially considered by the President and some members of the Cabinet, although it has not been definitely settled whether this paper shall be sent to Congress before or after the holiday recess. Attorney General Pierpont is giving much attention to this matter, and is making use of a vast amount of information sent him by the law-officers of the Government living in all sections of the South.

[From Mr. Alfriend's Washington letter in the Raleigh News.]

THE NORTH CAROLINIANS IN CONGRESS.

They are a good set—these North Carolina Democrats—and they are not only liked, but held in high esteem. So far they have been quiet, but I have noticed that when the roll has been called the North Carolina members are always ready to answer with an emphatic endorsement of Democratic policy. Waddell says that he finds it difficult to get accustomed to voting with the majority after his long service in a forlorn minority. Senator Ransom frequently visits the House and enjoys the spectacle of Democratic ascendancy with a relish perhaps made keener by his daily contact with Radical supremacy in the Senate. Looking to the great struggle of next year, it will perhaps not be long before North Carolina Democrats will be frequently interrogated as to the outlook in the Old North State for the Centennial year. — F. H. A.

THE ISSUE WITH SPAIN.

What the United States Demands and What Spain is Willing to Concede.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.

The present distinctive point at issue between the United States and Spain is stated in non-official but usually well-informed circles, as follows: The United States ask, first, that in the future all American citizens in Cuba accused of violation of law shall be tried by the civil courts, and not by military tribunals, with all the rights in such cases as are secured by the seventh article of the treaty of 1795; and second, that all sentences where American citizens have heretofore been tried by military tribunals shall be annulled. Spain in some degree concedes the claim of the United States to the first proposition, agreeing that in the future American citizens accused of violations of law shall be tried by the ordinary tribunals, with the right to be heard by counsel, to summon witnesses and employ other necessary safeguards to the accused; but with the reservation that all such trials shall be according to the law of 1821, which provides for more expeditious proceedings than those of the civil courts for common crimes in times of peace. She also offers to revise all sentences passed by court martial on American citizens, where it shall be satisfactorily shown that such sentences were in violation of established laws. This reply is unsatisfactory to the United States, which takes the ground that American citizens accused of crime cannot be tried by court martial, but are entitled to trial before civil tribunals only as secured by treaty stipulations, without such reservation as is proposed by Spain.

On Monday Babcock gave a bond to appear for trial at St. Louis, but, though in the city, he did not himself put in an appearance at court. He keeps modestly secluded. Perhaps before long he will feel even more like withdrawing from the public view than he does now, and if he does not seclude himself the marshal will put him in a sufficiently secluded place.

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THE CITY.

The Mails.

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. through and way (day) mails daily, except Sunday, 6:30 A. M. Southern mails for all points South, daily, 5:15 P. M. Charlotte, daily, at 5:30 A. M. Western mails (C. C. R.) daily (except Sundays), 6:00 A. M. Charlotte mail closes at 4:15 P. M. Smithville (via Easy Hill and Town 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. C. R., daily (except Sundays), 6:00 A. M. Onslow C. H. and intermediate offices every Friday, 6:00 A. M. The Smithville mails, by steamboat, close at 8 A. M., daily, except Sundays. Mails for Easy Hill, Town Creek, Bell Swamp, Supply and Shalotte, every Friday at 8 A. M. Mails delivered from 6:30 A. M. to 7:30 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. Stamps for sale at general delivery when stamp office is closed. Key Boxes accessible at all hours, day and night. Mails collected from street boxes every day at 5 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. JEWETT—Church Almshouses. HARRISON & ALLEN—Holiday Hats. See ad. "Keys Found."

J. G. WAGNER—Board Commissioners.

Local News.

—Christmas one week from to-day. —Highest wind yesterday traveled 24 miles an hour. —There was quite a storm in this locality Thursday night. —The steamship Pioneer, from New York, is due here this morning. —The city injunction case was not argued in the Superior Court yesterday. —The Cape Fear No. 3 engine house is undergoing certain needed repairs. —A good fire felt particularly grateful last night when the cold wind was making things hold outside. —Wm. McLaurin, col., formerly of this city, has received the appointment of postmaster at Warsaw, Duplin county. —There was only one case for Court yesterday morning, and that being a trivial one was compromised by the payment of costs. —Harvey Brown, one of the colored members of the chain-gang, who had only about seven days of his time to serve, made his escape Thursday afternoon and is still at large. —Quite an improvement is noticeable in the City Hall lot. The old, unsightly stables have been removed, the brick fence whitewashed and the accumulations of trash, &c., have disappeared. —Next in the order of festive occasions will be the fair and festival of the little Sunday School workers of Front Street-M. E. Church, at the City Hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings. —Remarkable change of temperature between the 4:30 and the 9 o'clock observation last night—32 to 34 degrees. Still we are better off than St. Louis, where the thermometer stood at —3, or 35 degrees below the freezing point. —The steamer Waccamaw, which was slightly damaged by getting on the shoals below this city a few days ago, in endeavoring to extricate the German brig Emma from a similar predicament, came off the ways yesterday, having undergone the necessary repairs. —Magistrate's Court. A colored man by the name of Bernard Lamb, charged with stealing two oxen, the property of Mr. Richard Lewis, whose arrest was chronicled in Thursday morning's STAR, had a hearing before Justice VanAmringe, yesterday, and was found not guilty. It seems that he proved conclusively his ownership to the oxen, he having purchased them of a third party under the impression that they rightfully belonged to him. The defendant was discharged and the plaintiff left to seek other means of redress. —I. O. O. F. Election. At a meeting of Campbell Encampment No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, held last evening, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing term: A. Duemelant, Chief Patriarch. G. H. Kelly, High Priest. Jas. Fleet, Senior Warden. J. L. Keen, Junior Warden. J. A. Nicholson, Scribe. J. M. McGowan, Treasurer. —Centennial Tea Party. We understand that the Ladies of the First Presbyterian Church will have a Centennial Tea Party, instead of their monthly Festival, about the 29th or 30th inst. The costumes will be the style of 70 to 100 years ago, and a special feature of the occasion will be the singing of music used in the "Old Folks' Concerts," church music and ye songs of ye Olden times. The entertainment will be in the City Hall.

More Treasure Seeking.

Speaking of treasure seeking, a theme which we touched upon lightly a few days ago, we learn that a hole about fifteen feet in width and of considerable depth has been dug in the vicinity of the mineral spring, out Market street, near where the turnpike road commences, and that what must have been intended as a magic circle or ring has been formed from the earth around it, exhibiting indications that a series of "goophering" operations have been going on there, performed by the superstitious persons who dug the hole with the view, no doubt, of rendering more secure and certain the chances of their coming into possession of the treasure they were seeking. An old house formerly stood where the hole has been dug, and the idea no doubt entered the superstitious craniums of the party (said to be colored) who wasted so much time and labor in their foolish undertaking, that a pot or chest of gold would ultimately reward their search. We knew a man, in the town of Newbern once, who, although esteemed a sensible person generally, was a perfect monomaniac in the matter of digging for money. This man hired twenty-five hands on one occasion, spent two days in digging at a certain spot and was rewarded at last by finding a silver quarter of a dollar! In this connection we may mention the fact, which has just come to our knowledge, that about twenty-five years ago a party of men who had been imposed upon by some wag of their acquaintance were induced to try their luck at money digging at about the same spot mentioned a few days ago, near the "Drum Tree." After digging for some time they finally came to a box about three feet in length and two in width, which they carefully lifted from its resting place, put it in their boat and brought it home. Reaching Wilmington, the party took it to a convenient spot and proceeded to open it, all in the meantime gathering about the precious box with breathless interest, eager to learn the extent and value of their prize. In due time the fastenings were loosened, the lid removed and they beheld in the box the remains of a negro baby!

Superior Court.

Court met yesterday morning pursuant to recess, when the following cases were disposed of: James Wilson vs. Edward Kidder. Plain tiff called and failed and judgment of nonsuit entered. The Navassa Guano Company vs. D. Coleman & Co. Judgment for plaintiff for \$1,367 75, with interest until paid. The Bank of New Hanover vs. David S. Cowan, Ex'r of Robert H. Cowan. Case set for Wednesday, 22nd inst. Edward R. Brink vs. A. R. Black. All issues in favor of defendant. Edward Kidder vs. Mildred Stokley. Argument to be concluded to-day. The cases continued for a hearing to-day are: P. Shemwell et al. vs. J. B. Sutherland; Wm. J. Sutton vs. John T. Speight; W. A. Cumming vs. D. M. Baie, et al.; J. W. B. rades vs. Samuel C. Cannon; Bank of New Hanover vs. W. P. Pope and R. H. Grant; the same vs. the same; the same vs. W. P. Pope and L. H. Bowden; same vs. W. P. Pope and R. H. Grant.

Ladies' Fair.

The ladies of Whiteville will hold a Fair at the Court House in that place on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, for the purpose of raising funds to complete the Baptist Church there. We learn that there will be an attractive exhibition of fancy articles, the handiwork of the ladies comprising the Association, together with many articles of general utility, refreshments, &c. Several premiums have been offered, and services of good musicians have been procured. At night Rev. J. B. Taylor, of the First Baptist Church of this city, will deliver a lecture, which will be an attractive feature. Arrangements will be made with the W. C. & A. R. R. to pass visitors at 3 cents per mile for the round trip. Mrs. M. M. Memory is President and Miss F. M. Baldwin Secretary of the Association.

Vessel Sunk Off Hatteras.

Capt. Clark of the schooner J. G. Storer, which arrived at Savannah on Thursday, as we learn from the News, reports that when in latitude 34 1/2, longitude 75.20, off Hatteras, he discovered the schooner Norma, of Plymouth, Mass., bound from that place to Jacksonville, Fla., in a sinking condition. The crew were completely exhausted and desired to be taken off. Capt. Clark relieved them from their perilous position and brought them to Savannah on his vessel. The Norma is a small fishing schooner of about 13 tons. The nets and fishing tackle and part of the sails of the vessel were saved.

Appointments.

of Rev. W. S. Black, Presiding Elder, for first round of Quarterly Meetings of the Wilmington District for the Methodist E. Church, South, the present Conference year: Wilmington, at Fifth Street, Dec. 13-19, 1875. Kenansville, " Kenansville, Jan. 1-2. Clinton, " Clinton, " 5-9. Magnolia, " Magnolia, " 15-16. Bladen, " Bethlehem, " 22-23. Prospect, " Prospect, " 29-30. Wilmington, " Front Street, Feb. 5-8. Cokesbury, " Wesley Chapel, " 12-13. Whiteville, " at Whiteville. Waccamaw Mission, " Feb. 19-20. Smithville, at Union, Feb. 26-27. Elizabeth, " Elizabethtown, Mar. 4-5. Onslow, " Swansboro, " 11-12. District Steward's Meeting at: Front St. M. E. Church, Feb. 8. Wilmington, at 11 A. M.

Christmas Goods.

The dry goods and fancy stores, with the stationers, have mostly had in their holiday supplies for some little time past, and we notice they are beginning to gather the first fruits of the Christmas trade, which will reach its height by the middle of the incoming week. And now we see the jewelers are completing their stocks, and their show-windows begin to be scanned with an earnestness suggestive of business intentions on the part of the passers-by. We took occasion to look over the new stock of a Market street store last night, and were almost surprised at the variety in the stock and the number of new and pretty designs displayed. The cheap jewelry, suitable for little remembrancers to friends, seems as a general thing, we think, to be gotten up in better taste and of superior workmanship to that of former years in the same class of goods. There are some things in cuff buttons and sets that are entirely unique to us and unexpected in style and price. It seems that one is no longer to be compelled to omit making his minor presents or take the alternative of sending monotonous rags in ragged enamel and imitation of fine metals against which his own good taste rebels. We noticed, too, some exquisite toilet sets in stained glass and engine work, with silver mountings, which, when coming as a present, would serve to start almost any one off into the new year in a good humor. Then there are delicate little French clocks set in alabaster and gilt, surrounded by verd and life-like statuettes and groups in new and antique, and dazzling displays of cut glass and silverware, chased and frosted and engraved, and graceful, perhaps, as your ideal of beauty, and rings and jewels and watches on which one may spend a small fortune if he chance to have it and pleases so to do; and a variety of pretty little trinkets that, altogether, made us feel well repaid for our time devoted to their inspection.

Board of Aldermen.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last night at the City Court room. The matter of receiving bids for contract to keep the city lamps in repair was left open, and the Committee on Lights was duly authorized to make contract for same. By recommendation of the Committee on Streets and Wharves, the report of the Commissioners of Navigation to the effect that the W. & R. Railroad Co. be allowed to drive piling temporarily beyond the end of the new wharf at their depot, for the purpose of mooring a vessel in such a way as to cut out sand and secure deep water, was concurred in.

By Recommendation of the Committee on Streets and Wharves.

The report of the Commissioners of Navigation in reference to the driving of piling for a steam ferry at the foot of Market street by the Brunswick Ferry Company was non-concurred in. The following was adopted: Ordered, That no lumber, brick, wood, iron or naval stores be permitted to be piled or landed on Dock, Market or Princess street wharves; and further, that no more than one cord of wood be landed at any one time by any person on the wharves at the foot of either Orange or Mulberry streets. Any person violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$10. Alderman Hankins moved the discharge of Jacob Wise as superintendent of the street cars. Adopted. Alderman Hankins then moved to adopt an election to fill the vacancy. Adopted. Isham Sweat and Jacob Wise were nominated, and the former receiving a majority of votes, was declared duly elected. Petition of Lilly B. Love in reference to his taxes was referred to Finance Committee, and adjourned.

The Festival.

The ladies and children of St. John's parish had not quite so large a crowd at their festival last night, at the moment of our visit, as on the evening before, the cold and wind having doubtless kept many at home; still the large hall did not look lonesome, and as many kept constantly coming and going the financial result was doubtless a satisfactory one. The lack of a great jinn we must think added greatly to the enjoyment of the children, and the few extra dollars that might have been taken in were probably profitably offset by the consideration of extra pleasure to those who did attend, and which will make the occasion stand out in their memory as a milestone on life's dull way.

Range of Thermometer.

The following was the range of the thermometer at the Signal Bureau, in this city, yesterday: 7 A. M., 55; 12 M., 53; 2 P. M., 56; 3 P. M., 55; 4:30 P. M., 52; 9 P. M., 54; 10 P. M., 50; 11 P. M., 52.

Spirits Turpentine.

—A fair Castilian counts her thirty beaus. —The University Trustees were in private session Thursday. —Mr. Tobias Lentz, of Salisbury, has broken one of his legs. —Miss Fannie Thornton, of Faison, killed a hawk with a stick. —Magnolia Methodists will have a Sunday School Christmas tree. —Worsley's school house, below Rocky Mount, was burned Wednesday. —We regret the illness of Col. Singletary, editor of the Wilson Plain Dealer. —Master David Watson, of Rowan county, frightfully mangled one of his legs in a cotton gin a few days ago. —Capt. Tom Evans, late of the Vicksburg Herald, has again accepted a position on the Richmond Enquirer. —The wife of Mr. Rutjes, late

proprietor of the National Hotel, Raleigh,

left a few days ago in Greenville, Conn. —St. John's Lutheran Church, at Salisbury, have invited Rev. Dr. Dosh to preach, with the view of obtaining his services. —Southerner says Mr. Henry Shurley's residence, four miles from Tarboro, was burned Tuesday night. Fully insured for \$3,000. —Six tramps were entertained at the Wilson station house, Sunday night, last morning, they emphatically declined work at good prices. —The Wilson ladies will give a centennial tea party on the 21st, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the funds of one of the local churches. —A new paper to be started at Ashboro, Randolph county, will be edited by Marmaduke S. Robbins, which is guarantee of its ability and soundness. —Gov. Brogden, on the recommendation of the jury which convicted the prospector, has commuted to imprisonment for life Robert McDonald, the Cumberland burglar, who was sentenced to be hanged on the 17th. —A negro named Gilbert Walker, alias Alfred Johnson, was shot in the right thigh last Sunday in Fayetteville while attempting to escape from two officers. He was charged with committing a murder in Franklin county four years ago. —Wilson Advance: We regret to learn that Mr. B. D. Stith, of this place, met with a serious and painful misfortune a few days ago in Kinston. He was driving quite rapidly on the street and turning a corner suddenly was thrown from the buggy to the ground, receiving several bruises on the side and back. —Raleigh News: We learn that a few days since Levi Clark, colored, killed a negro man named Dick Ruffin, near Lewiston, Bertie county. The murderer was arrested and lodged in jail at Windsor. Whiskey and women are said to have been at the bottom of the difficulty. A negro boy named Wm. Clinton, some eight years of age, was severely beat and stamped a few days since near Edwards Ferry, Halifax county, by two negro men named John Barnes and Manuel Devereaux. The boy was conveyed to the residence of Major John B. Neal, but died from his injuries in three or four days. The murderers are now quietly resting in Halifax jail.

Board of Commissioners.

Office Board Commissioners, NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

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1000 Tons Coal, all grades,

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