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OUTLINES.

Passenger train between New York and Albany thrown from the track by misplaced switch, but no one hurt. — Fox, the pantomimist, committed to lunatic asylum. — On Reading Railroad, Penn., desperado's boarded train, beat the conductor and shot brakeman in the leg. — Bank at Westchester, Pa., closed without explanation. — Catholic Church at Passaic, N. J., burned. — New York markets: Gold, 112½@113½; spirits turpentine, 36½; cotton, 13 5-16@13¼. — Emperor of Brazil will start for the Centennial in April, leaving his daughter as Regent. — In New York, Rubenstein convicted by coroner's jury of murder of Polish woman Alexander and her unborn child.

Spirits Turpentine

— Raleigh is to have a graded school. — The State Agricultural Journal appears to have suspended. — Col. Thomas M. Holt is the latest nomination in the newspapers for Governor.

— Rev. Dr. Pritchard, of Raleigh, has recently lectured acceptably at Graham on the "Literary Attractions of the Bible."

— The Weldon News says a little daughter of Mrs. Faulcon, of Garysburg, pulled a mantel piece down, which falling on her inflicted fatal injuries.

— A negro girl about 12 years of age, living at William Royster's, Granville, was burned to death on the 10th inst. She came too near the fire-place.

— Monday morning the gin house and sash and blind factory of W. H. Underhill, of Goldsboro, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$4,000; partly insured.

— The Southern Home says Capt. S. D. Pool, Jr., withdraws from the Newbern Journal of Commerce to devote himself to the practice of law and the culture of a pair of centennial twins.

— Asheville Pioneer: A rape case has just been developed here which, for mendish atrocity, has few parallels. On the 25th ult. Edward Lucas, aged 19, committed an outrage upon a negro child aged 9 years, upon the premises of Mrs. Lester Chapman, where the mother resided in the capacity of a servant.

— The News says that on Saturday night last two desperate thieves were captured at Mr. Joseph Gilmore's, about a half mile from Egypt, Chatham county. Their names are Beale and Connor. As they were heavily armed a ruse was resorted to to effect their capture. Beale is from Indiana and Connor from Virginia.

— At Asheville Methodist Episcopal Church South, Wednesday night last, by the Rev. H. H. Banks, late Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Murfreesboro, Tenn., Rev. George Sumney, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Covington, Ky., and Miss Lizzie Worth, daughter of the late Dr. Worth, of Wilmington, N. C., were married.

— Three fires are mentioned in this week's Monroe Enquirer as having occurred in Union county: A smoke house on the premises of Mr. W. D. Byram, on the 12th, incendiary probably; the dwelling of Mr. T. J. Huntley, on the 2nd, loss \$700—no insurance; on Tuesday in Monroe, the incendiary dwelling of Mr. B. D. Heath, carelessness. Loss, \$500.

— Weldon News: Mr. John Deberry, of Weldon, has one of the best trained dogs in the State. Some time ago it flushed a turkey which Mr. F. shot, disabbling the fowl in the wing. It flew over a mile off, the dog following. In a few minutes, Mr. Deberry's agreeable surprise, he saw the dog returning, bringing along the turkey, which was held by the neck in the dog's mouth. Now if anybody has a more sagacious dog than this one we don't want to hear of it.

Two Jolly Couples Too Tightly Married by a Jolly Alderman.
(N. Y. World.)

Three Brooklyn girls went with others on a picnic to Spring Grove last summer, accompanied by three young men, and had a jolly time. An alderman was at the picnic, and he had a good time too. Somebody proposed that they should have a mock marriage, and the alderman consented to perform it. The three young ladies and three young men stood up, each with their respective witnesses. The ceremony was performed, all had a laugh, separated and went home. Now, however, there is a serious aspect given to the matter. It is held, and plausibly enough, that the action of the alderman was legal and binding, and that the parties are really married according to the law of the State.

A Woman Kills a Woman in Virginia.

In Pittsylvania county, Va., last week, a Mrs. Adams had a quarrel with a man named Harker, who had been visiting her, the result of which the latter was ordered to leave her house and never to return. A few evenings afterwards Mrs. Adams saw Harker approaching, and fearing he was coming to beat her, she ran into the house and fastened the door. Harker approached and ordered her to open it, when she told him to go away, and threatened to shoot him if he did not. He refused, and placing his head at a crack near the door, dared her to shoot, when she fired on him, the ball taking effect in his head, from which he died on Tuesday last. Mrs. Adams afterwards made her escape and has not been apprehended.

An Indiana County Sensation.

The Johnston (Pa.) Tribune says: Diamondville, Indiana county, enjoys a legitimate sensation. Some years ago a lady was arrested for supposed infanticide, but at the trial of her case she was acquitted, and the prosecutor was compelled to pay the costs. A few days ago the tenants occupying the house in which the McCluskey resided at that time had occasion to repair the kitchen floor, and upon removing some of the boards a small pine box was discovered. Upon opening it the skeleton of an infant was revealed, and in the box was also found a case knife, a pair of scissors and an awl.

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.
Charleston, 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 Shallotte, 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-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.

HARRISON & ALLEN—Silk Hats, &c.
D. PIGOTT—Christmas Presents in Cigars.
N. JACOBI—Great Bargains in Hardware.
SHERER BROS.—Christmas Presents.
KERCHNER & CALDER BROS.—Coffee, &c.
A. DAVID—Christmas Presents.
J. F. RUECKERT—Pianos and Organs.
P. HEINSBERGER—Christmas Presents.

Local Notes.

— The river is getting low again.
— Several vessels reported in below, bound up.
— The tooting of horns reminds us that Christmas is close at hand.
— Southwest winds, warmer, and cloudy or partly cloudy weather predicted.
— Prof. Bailey has arrived here and will re-open his dancing school in a few days.
— Messrs. Myrover, Pool and Stallings, of the State press, were in the city yesterday.

— Every body, yesterday, appeared to appreciate the fact that it was warm for the season.

— The Mayor's Court, after a two days' intermission, is expected to be in session this morning.

— Tournament and Ball at Whiteville to-day. A number of Wilmington folk go up.

— Quite a number of our business men contributed articles for the late fair of the ladies of Whiteville.

— Chinese lanterns flashed gaily and brilliantly in front of the fancy stores on Market street last night.

— Owing to light orders in the hands of mill men at present, this market is just now glutted with timber rafts.

— Rev. B. F. Marable, of Clinton, to meet whom it is to be his friend, and who has met our people many times, has accepted the call lately extended him by the Presbyterian Church in Goldsboro.

— The officers of St. John's Lodge F. & A. M., for the ensuing year, elective and appointive, will be duly installed on Monday, St. John's Day. There will be no public celebration of the day by our Masonic friends.

— The Christmas tree of the Front Street M. E. Sunday School, we learn, was a source of much pleasure to the youngsters and their grown-up friends. The receipts of the Fair for both evenings were something like \$250.

— The W. & W. Railroad pier is to be so sheltered, we understand, that cargoes can be loaded dry into vessels alongside in all weathers, thus saving much damage to goods, detention of vessels and waiting time of laborers on wet days.

— Much of the new work receiving by the jewelers is said to be gotten in on orders for presents for some of the happy souls who can afford to get married these hard times. Honnet had the furnishing of some pretty plate, &c., for bridal presents at the big wedding which, on account of its general interest and public character, we went out of our usual course to chronicle the other day.

Fender Superior Court.

The following State cases have thus far been disposed of at the present term of Fender Superior Court:
Jesse Hill, (col.) assault and battery. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.
Thos. Messick (col.) and A. Southerland, affray. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.
Lawyer Dockery (col.), larceny, guilty, 5 years in penitentiary.

Fred. Jones (col.), larceny, guilty, 3 years in penitentiary, or give bond of \$50 for good behavior, and pay fine of \$100 at next term of Court.
Walter Cherry, larceny, not guilty.
C. A. Galloway, refusing to qualify a Magistrate, not guilty.

Rufus Garrison, assault and battery. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.
Andrew Mills (col.) and James M. Kelly, misdemeanor, submitted and judgment suspended on payment of costs.
Wm. Murphy (col.), illegal voting, guilty. Judgment not rendered.

David Boylan, not keeping public road in order, not guilty.
Henry Wallace (col.), larceny, 10 years in penitentiary.
Henry Langston (col.), larceny, 10 years in penitentiary.

Arnold Corbett (col.), larceny, 3 years in penitentiary.
Noah Hicks (col.), larceny, 3 years in penitentiary.
Caesar Alkers (col.), larceny, 3 years in penitentiary.

Henry Monroe (col.), larceny, 3 years in penitentiary.
Eliza Lee (col.), larceny. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.
All the above parties, who were convicted, except Eliza Lee, were brought here yesterday and committed to the jail of New Hanover county by Sheriff Horrell, of Pender.

A Ludicrous Mistake.

An old stager in the business of naval store brokerage recited to us yesterday quite an amusing incident that came under his observation, in connection with the business, some time before the war. A gentleman of this city, who was well known in those days as one of our most successful brokers, called at the office of a prominent merchant on a certain occasion to see him on some business. An old English sea captain, a somewhat "strict constructionist" in matters pertaining to gentility, but a very clever old rat, was seated in the office at the time, and after our friend, the broker, had gone out he remarked to the merchant that it was a little queer that a strapping fellow like that (referring to the broker) should be treated as a gentleman; if he had his way with him he would put him to work at something that would develop his muscle. "Why," said he, "I've seen that individual going about the streets for several days past engaged in peddling fiddle vau?" The fact of the matter was that he had met our friend several times with his tin pan full of rosin samples, and at that time had not fully comprehended the usefulness of the article nor the importance it had even then attained in commercial circles.

Appointments

of Rev. W. S. Black, Presiding Elder, for first round of Quarterly Meetings on the Wilmington District for the Methodist E. Church, South, the present Conference year:
Wilmington, at Fifth Street, Dec. 12-19, 1875.
Kenansville, " Kenansville, Jan. 1-2, 1876.
Clinton, " Clinton, " " 5-9
Magnolia, " Magnolia, " " 15-16.
Bladen, " Prospect, " " 22-30.
Topsail, " Prospect, " " 29-30.
Wilmington, " Front Street, Feb. 5-8.
Cokesbury, " Wesley Chapel, " 12-18.
Whiteville, " at Whiteville, Feb. 19-20.
Smithville, " Union, " Feb. 26-27.
Elizabeth, " Elizabeth Town, Mar. 4-5.
Onslow, " Swansboro, " 11-12.
District Steward's Meeting at: Front St. M. E. Church, Feb. 8.
Wilmington, at 11 A. M.

CITY ITEMS.

Mr. J. D. POTTSFIELD, General Traveling Agent for REMINGTON SEWING MACHINE, TYPE WRITER and FIRE ARM, is in our city stopping at the Manning House. His object is to establish Agencies. Call and see him soon as he will not remain long.

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

There is but one vendor, and that is that in thirty-three years Dr. Bell's Cough Syrup has never failed to cure a Cough, Cold, or general Hoarseness. At drug stores. Price, 25 cents; five bottles, \$1.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR Christmas Presents,
— to —
THE LIVE BOOK STORE.
These you will find
The Greatest Variety in the City.
YOU CAN GET THEM TO SUIT YOUR
FATHER, your Mother, your Wife, your Brother,
your Sister, or anybody else's Sister; and
"Oh! So Cheap."
Call at Once and Secure the Best at
HEINSBERGER'S
Live Book and Maps Store.
dec 23-tf

Attention, Attention!

Christmas Presents
— AT —
A. David's.
Call and get one for your friends, who will appreciate it if a great deal more than some trifling bauble. Nothing better than a nice Open coat and you can buy splendid ones at \$10.00 at
dec 23-tf

Red Men's Ball.

The warriors of the Improved Order gathered through the measures of the buffalo dance, corn dance, medicine dance, and all that, last night—at least we suppose such were such, as we don't know much about the means of distinguishing the various dances people indulge in now-a-days—and they had a right lively time of it, too; literally made things smoke, and succeeded in keeping even the sleepy-heads awake. Many of the gentlemen on the floor were not members of the Order and we presume we may say the same of all the ladies, as we understand the brethren never allow ladies to assist at the grand scalping scenes reserved only for the initiated. Dancing was kept up to a late hour. Mr. C. H. Gilbert furnished the supper and served it well. His department was decked out very tastefully.

Temperance.

The mass meeting in the interest of temperance heretofore announced to take place at Fifth street M. E. Church was fairly attended, last night, and a society was organized on the broad basis indicated in our last, with the following officers:
Geo. R. French, President.
Rev. J. M. Rhodes, 1st Vice President.
J. C. Mills, 2d Vice President.
Moore, Secretary.

— Mr. Henry C. Evans, of Messrs. Evans & Von Glahn, it seems, was visited by a burglar Monday night. He was aroused by the noise and the thief took the alarm and concluded to pursue his investigations elsewhere. We yesterday announced that the residence of Mr. H. Von Glahn was visited by burglars on Monday night, and as the thieves got nothing in either instance the partners seem to have shared equally in the profits and losses of this business.

The Out-Door Poor.

We understand that the committee on Poor of the Board of County Commissioners have adopted the plan of only extending the usual assistance in the way of monthly or for provisions, etc., to the bedridden and blind, of which latter there are now some ten or twelve receiving regular aid from this source. All others in the habit of receiving assistance from the county are offered the alternative of going to the Poor House; but, out of twenty or thirty who have applied for aid during the past week, and who have been proffered a ticket of admission to the institution over which Dr. Scott presides, not one has yet signified his or her willingness to accept the proposition.

A Suspicious Circumstance.

A fine steer was brought to market Tuesday, and, upon the man who had him in charge being questioned pretty closely by parties who had a suspicion that there was something wrong, he took the animal in front of a grocery store on Front street, hitched him and vomited. The steer was found yesterday morning as described, having remained there all night without food or water, and was taken to the city pound. The animal is black, with white stripe across back, and white belly and feet.

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IN
Cigars.
A FINE ASSORTMENT IN DESIRABLE PACKAGES OF 25 and 50.
Call and examine them.
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— FOR —
Christmas Present
TO THE LITTLE BOYS THAN ONE OF THOSE FANCY SUITS THAT WE ARE SELLING AT
ACTUAL COST.
NECK TIES, BOWS, SCARFS, HANDKERCHIEFS, NECK SCARFS
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GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,
of all kinds. All at Actual Cost.
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SHERER BROS.

Bacon, Bacon, Bacon.

70 Boxes D. S. Sides.
25 Boxes Smoked Slices.
25 Boxes D. S. Shoulders.
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Bagging, Bagging.

200 Rolls Bagging.
300 Half Rolls Bagging.
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Fire Crackers.

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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 in

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
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THE BALANCE OF OUR STOCK OF
ENGLISH GUNS
we will offer at
Importation Prices.
Likewise our stock of
REVOLVERS.
A full assortment on hand of
CARTRIDGES,
SHOT-BELTS,
POWDER FLASKS, &c.

English Pocket Cutlery,

TABLE CUTLERY, &c.,
At
NATH'L JACOBI'S
HARDWARE DEPOT,
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A GIFT FOR LIFE

— IS A —
FINE PIANO
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He offers for sale during the Holidays
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AT EXTREMELY LOW FIGURES.
He guarantees to sell cheaper than offered elsewhere.

TRY HIM!

Always Remember that
RUECKERT
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Eugene L. Harris,

Artist in
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SASSAFRAS FORE, N. C.,

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Great Inducements!

I AM SELLING GOODS AT FOLLOWING
figures:
Citron, 30 cents per pound,
LOOSE MUSCATEL RAISINS, 20 cents per pound;
MIXED CANDY,
(STRICTLY PURE) 25 cents per pound;
French Candy, Best Quality Fancy, 40 cents per pound; London Laces, Dried Figs, 9 cents per pound; Fresh Cakes and Crackers from N. Y. Acating Co.

ROD & GUN,

— LATE —
THE AMERICAN SPORTSMAN,
A SIXTEEN PAGE PAPER,
DEDICATED TO
Shooting, Fishing and Natural History.
SCIENCE, AMUSEMENT, ADVENTURE AND Field Sport articles by the Finest Scientists and Sportsmen of America. PRICE, \$1.00 3 Months. \$3.00 6 Months. \$5.00 1 Year