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OUTLINES.

There are conflicting opinions relative to Eastern question; the Turks are showing a bold front, whilst Russia seems reluctant to engage in war.

By Last Night's Mail.

From Washington. [Special to the Richmond Whig.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 4-1 A. M. The South Carolina committee, of which Mr. Saylor is chairman, will report that the State has, by the face of the returns, chosen Hayes electors and Hampton Governor, and condemning the interference of the army with the State Legislature.

The Legislature.

[Raleigh Observer's report condensed.] SENATE. THURSDAY, Jan. 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Finger: Bill to provide for the appointment of a Fish Commissioner for the State of North Carolina. Referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Folk: Bill to enable railroad, mining and manufacturing companies in the State to purchase steamboats for their use. Referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

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House committee to wait on the Governor are Messrs. Pinnix, Gudgeon and Moring.

The Chair announced as the House branch of the joint committee on Public Debt, Messrs. McGehee, Moring, Simpson, McCubbins, Harris and Russell.

Mr. Pinnix, by consent, introduced resolutions in memory of the late Dr. P. M. Winchester, member from Rockingham county.

Speeches were made by Messrs. Dillard, Parish, Bledsoe, Bagby, and Reynolds, colored. The State Treasurer was ordered to pay all the funeral expenses.

Spirits Turpentine.

Salem has had its ninth snow. Seventeen deaths in Salem last year.

Fifty cases of larceny in Wake county.

Goldstein & Bro., of Durham, have failed.

Raleigh had two fire alarms on Thursday night.

The steamer Cotton Plant is frozen up at Washington.

Wake has given three more convicts to the penitentiary.

The Fair held at Salem for Oxford Orphans realized \$30.

Mr. James Harrison, of Nash county, aged 78, died on Dec. 22.

At Winston, on 8rd inst., the thermometer stood five degrees above zero.

Seven cotton thieves were committed to Cumberland jail in default of bail.

Mr. Clark, member of the Legislature from Bladen, reported quite ill at Raleigh.

Mr. George Wynne's condition is more favorable. Hundreds have called to see him.

The festival given by the ladies of the M. E. Church of Winston netted sixty dollars.

About this time look out for the annual "Carrier's Address" in the State weeklies.

Rev. Dr. Moran has been enthralled by the Wilcoxites with his eloquent sermons.

George Lloyd killed Will Thompson, in Orange county, on the 3d. It grew out of a snow-balling.

Mr. David Williams of Orange, was thrown from his wagon and had one leg broken in two places.

Three runaway couples were married on the street, in Murfreesboro, during one night in Christmas week.

Winston Sentinel: Operations at the Signal station, on Moore's Knob, have been suspended until spring.

J. T. Freeman's stables and four day night, 23d ult. The work of an incendiary.

A negro man by the name of Isaac Whittaker was burned to death in Nash county, on 30th ult., whilst helplessly drunk.

THE CITY.

MUNSON & Co.—Overcoats. HENNINGBERG—Cook books. GILES & MURCHISON.—Flows.

ADRENS & HAAR.—Disolution. D. PROCT.—Change in business. JOHN DAWSON.—Swedes iron, &c.

Geo. MYERS.—Whiskey, flour, &c. GRANT, HINTON & Co.—Flour, &c. JNO. W. GORDON & Bro.—Insurance.

HARRISON & ALLEN.—Hats and caps. H. BURKHIMER.—Cigars and tobacco. MEETING Fifth Ward Democratic Club.

CHAS. D. MYERS & Co.—Card to patrons. NAVASSA GUANO Co.—New cotton mixture. HAYDEN & GERHARDT.—Saddles and harness.

KERCHNER & CALDER BROS.—Lime, molasses, salt, powder, &c. Local Notes.

Rainy and warmer yesterday, with plenty of mud under foot.

Cautionary signals were ordered continued along the South Atlantic coast last night.

There were no interments in Pine Forest (colored) Cemetery during the past week.

The usual temperance meeting will be held at the Seamen's Bethel to-morrow evening.

Superior Court, His Honor Judge McKoy presiding, meets in this city to-morrow morning.

Wyoming Tribe, No. 4, Improved Order of Red Men, will install their officers for the ensuing term to-morrow evening.

A warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of one Ellen Johnson, white, charged with disorderly conduct on the streets, &c.

Higher barometer, light changes in temperature, westerly winds and clear clearing weather, are the indications for this section to-day.

The Register of Deeds issued three marriage licenses during the past week, of which two were for white and one for colored couples.

There was only one interment in Oakdale Cemetery during the week closing yesterday, which was an adult, aged 45. Cause of death, lung disease.

The Stockholders of the First National Bank of this city will have a meeting on Tuesday, at 11 o'clock, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, &c.

The proprietors of the Wilmington Cemetery Company will be held at the office of the Secretary and Treasurer to-morrow evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

The sale of real estate for city taxes for 1876, will be continued to-morrow (Monday) at 12 o'clock, m., in front of the City Hall. Those interested would do well to call at the Treasurer's office and settle at once.

We have received the Transylvania Tribune, a large and attractive weekly paper, published at Chatham, Va., by Messrs. H. Davis, L. H. Pigg, and J. J. Hardwick, editors and proprietors, whose salutatory appears in the number before us. Mr. Davis was formerly a resident of this city, and is a near relative of Hon. Geo. Davis.

Board of Aldermen. At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held at the City Hall yesterday evening, a communication was presented from Mr. George Chadbourne, setting forth that his premises had been much injured and his flower garden greatly damaged, recently, by hogs breaking into his enclosure, and therefore claiming compensation of two hundred dollars for such damages. After a long discussion of the whole matter, the claim of Mr. Chadbourne was rejected. Alderman Cassidy thereupon offered his protest, and it was ordered spread upon the minutes of the Board.

The Board then adjourned. Colored Odd Fellows. At a meeting of Golden Lyre Lodge No. 1,908, G. U. O. F., held Thursday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: C. A. Foreman, N. G.; Wm. J. Stewart, V. G.; G. Willis, Treasurer; A. A. Dudley, P. S.; Edward Green, E. S.; L. H. Davis, Marshal; Peter W. Lawrence, Chaplain; C. A. King, R. S. to N. G.; Hampton Sanders, L. S. to N. G.; Robert Burton, R. S. to V. G.; James Holt, L. S. to V. G.; David N. F.; Shade Conner, R. S. to N. F.; Caroline Jones, L. S. to N. F.; John Dudley, O. G. J. R. Banks, I. G.; John Galaway, Warden.

The County Poor, &c. We learn that the Committee on Poor House and Hospital of the Board of County Commissioners have received a proposition from a responsible party to keep the county poor, insane and hospital patients at twenty-five cents a day. It is claimed that if the proposition be accepted it will result in a saving to the county of from \$350 to \$400 per month, which is a considerable item.

A Threat. We learn that a lady of this city received an anonymous letter a few days since, purporting to be from a colored woman, in which the threat is made that if she (the lady in question) did not discharge a certain servant in her employ she would burn down the kitchen.

A Daring Attempt at Robbery.

Yesterday morning, about 5 o'clock, a daring attempt at robbery was made at the residence of Col. J. G. Burr, who resides on Front street, near the Methodist Church. It appears that the thief got an empty barrel from the back part of the yard and placed it under one of the front windows, when, by the use of a chisel, which was left behind, and which Col. B. now has in his possession, he succeeded in prying open the blinds and raising the sash. He then entered the window, which opened upon the staircase, and proceeded up stairs. It happened that both Col. Burr and his wife were awake at the time, while a small lamp was burning near the head of the bed, and hearing a slight noise, their attention was attracted to the door opening into their room, the shutter of which they noticed was being gradually opened. Col. B. whispered to his wife to be quiet, and the two remained perfectly still and watched the door, the shutter continuing to move slowly but perceptibly upon its hinges until the aperture had assumed the proportions of about two feet, when, stealthily and warily, the head and shoulders of a colored man were protruded into the room, and he began to take an observation of the surroundings. If Colonel Burr could have laid his hand upon his pistol at that moment he could easily have shot the fellow, but unfortunately it was in one of the drawers of the bureau some feet from him. His clothing, the pockets of which the thief no doubt expected to search, were hanging in the rear of the head of the bed, and the wandering gaze of the burglar finally rested upon them, but in looking in that direction, and the lamp reflecting its light upon the bed, he must have realized the fact that at least one pair of eyes were fastened upon him, for he suddenly withdrew his head and closed the door-shutter. As he did so, Col. Burr sprang from the bed, rushed to the door and seized the knob to open it, but found that the thief had hold of it on the outside. He finally released his grasp upon it, however, and with almost one bound was at the bottom of the stairway and out at the window by which he had entered. There were no indications that the fellow, who was barefooted, had visited any other room than the one which Col. B. and his wife occupied.

How He Won Her and How He Lost Her. We heard a joke on a certain party in this city which is too good to be lost, though of course we shall suppress names. It seems that the gentleman, who is a very worthy widower, had wisely come to the conclusion that "it is not well for man to be alone" and that a state of "single-blessedness" was not to be his lot, but to himself a wife. The resolution was no sooner formed than he went to work to put it into execution at the earliest possible moment. He sought the lady of his choice, went through the usual preliminaries, propounded the important question, was accepted and was happy. An early day was fixed for the consummation of his earthly bliss, and he went straightway and purchased a fine turkey, got a No. 1 baker to fix up some choice cake, etc., and ordered the articles sent to the bride's residence. So far everything moved smoothly, but the day before the ceremony was to be performed which was to make "Two souls with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one."

he heard a whisper that something was wrong. It inspired him to investigate. He went to the office of the Register of Deeds for that purpose. He sought for something which he fondly hoped he could not find; but, there it was, staring him boldly in the face! And what was it? Nothing more nor less than the duplicate of a marriage license issued to another party, with the name of his beloved figuring as the bride. He did not faint, neither did he rush headlong to the wharf and plunge into the raging Cape Fear, but he posted to the residence of his intended with the view of giving her "a piece of his mind" in reference to her inconstancy. Arriving at the house, however, fancy his feelings when he found that the marriage ceremony had already been performed, his turkey and other fixings having formed part and parcel of the marriage supper, and that the happy bride and groom had departed for the country, where his successful rival resides. This is but another demonstration of the Shakespearean maxim, that "the course of true love never did run smooth."

Settled His Taxes. Sheriff S. H. Manning, of this county, informed us yesterday that he had completed his settlements with the State and county, and now holds receipts in full for the moneys paid. He settled in full with the State Treasurer on the 4th of December, as previously mentioned by us, paying in \$20,067 26, two hundred and forty-eight dollars and forty-one cents being for stationary charged to the county for the year 1876. He settled in full with the County Treasurer on January 5th, 1877, paying in the following amounts for the past year: Current expenses, \$28,724 67 Sinking Fund, 10,827 73 School Fund, 6,828 05 Total, \$46,380 45 State tax, 20,057 29 Total State and County, \$66,437 74

Historical and Scientific Society. The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held Monday evening next, January 8th, at 8 o'clock, in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church. A treatise will be delivered by Col. J. G. Burr on the "Local history of the settlement of the western River," which will form the subject of the evening.

Magistrate's Court. A colored man by the name of William Jones was arraigned before Justice Gardner, yesterday afternoon, on a peace warrant, and was ordered to give bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance at Court on Monday next.

Drrowned. Two young colored men belonging to Whitehall, Bladen county, were drowned near that place on Thursday last, while crossing the Cape Fear in an old bateau. At last accounts their bodies had not been recovered. There were three men in the boat, but one of them succeeded in reaching the shore in safety. We could not ascertain their names.

Mayor's Court. The only cases before Mayor Cannon yesterday morning was that of Adella Croker, colored, who was arrested Friday evening, about 8 o'clock, and taken to the Guard House on a charge against her being that of drunkenness and disorderly conduct on the public streets. Defendant was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs, or work for thirty days on the streets. The same defendant was also arraigned on the charge of resisting the police officer who arrested her and was ordered to pay a fine of \$20 and costs, or work for thirty days on the streets.

Thermometer Record. The following will show the state of the thermometer, at the stations mentioned, at 4:35 yesterday evening, Washington mean time, as ascertained from the daily bulletin issued from the Signal office in this city: Augusta, 41; Montgomery, 44; Charleston, 55; New Orleans, 50; Corsicana, 51; Norfolk, 54; Galveston, 51; Punta Rasa, 54; Indianapolis, 53; Savannah, 64; Jacksonville, 64; St. Marks, 65; Key West, 64; Wilmington, 69; Mobile, 60.

RIVER AND MARINE ITEMS. The Steamship Lucille, Bennett, cleared from Baltimore for this port on the 4th inst. The Schr. Annie R. Lewis, Lewis, arrived at Georgetown from this port on the 29th ult. The Steamship Regulator, Doane, cleared from New York for this port on the 4th inst.

It must be good, for everybody recommends it, and the doctors prescribe it. We sell it. Bull's Conch Shell.

DEED. SHERMAN.—In Georgetown, S. C., on the 14th day of October last, Mr. BESSIE COOPER, of the said city, and on the 29th day of December, his wife, Mrs. REBECCA CAROLINE SHERMAN, his wife, Mrs. SHERMAN were former residents of this city, and leave a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. To Arrive this Week! OVERCOATS. NEWLY MADE to which we invite the attention of the Public. MUNSON & CO. Jan 7-11

New and Stylish Caps. STIFF and SOFT FELT HATS. TRAVELING BAGS and UMBRELLAS. HARRISON & ALLEN, City Station. Jan 7-11

Our Own Make SADDLES & HARNESS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. Made or Repaired at Hayden & Gerhardt's, Third St. between Market and Princess. Jan 7-11

Notice. THE MEMBERS OF THE FIFTH WARD DEMOCRATIC CLUB will meet at the Hinton School House, on MONDAY EVENING, at 7 1/2 o'clock promptly. Business of importance calls the meeting. By order of Committee. E. S. CARTER, Jan 7-11

Just Received. A LARGE SUPPLY OF FINE IMPORTED and DOMESTIC CIGARS. Amongst them is the celebrated (Seed and Havana) Homocycle No. 10 Cigar, and Imported Virginia, No. 20 Cigar, No. 20 Cigar, range in price from \$3.00 to \$12.00 per box. Price of Durham Smoking Tobacco a specialty. H. BURKHIMER, No 6 Market st. Jan 7-11

Plows. Plows. IN STORE and ARRIVING DAILY, ONE OF the largest and best assorted stocks of PLOWS ever in this market. We have every kind used in this section, either Steel or Iron, for Plowing or Cultivating. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere. We guarantee prices as low as any Factory North or South. GILES & MURCHISON. Jan 7-11

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