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OUTLINES.

Both parties in the Senate caucused this morning on the electoral bill. No opposition was raised in Democratic, but in Republican caucus there was considerable.

The Legislature.

[Raleigh Observer report, condensed.] SENATE. FRIDAY, Jan. 19. PETITIONS. Mr. Stanford presented a petition from citizens of New Hanover and Pender counties asking for such legislation as will protect their stocks from the depredations of thieves.

Spirits Turpentine.

Pneumonia is prevailing about Salem. Mr. E. J. Parker, an esteemed citizen of Tolson, is dead. About this time look out for nominations for Judgeships.

THE CITY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. COMPRESS CO.—Notice. GRANT & HINTON.—Notice. JOHN DAWSON—Dixie plows.

The Duo!—Almost Another Bennett & Blair—Two Colored Men the Principals—A Disappointment, &c., &c.

We learn from Mr. I. M. Powell, Register of Deeds of Columbus county, who was on a brief visit to the city yesterday, that there was considerable excitement in and about Fair Bluff, in that county, on Friday, caused by the fact that two colored individuals from South Carolina were expected to engage in a duel in that neighborhood, which is on or near the line between the two States.

A Whole Family Make a Narrow Escape from Being Poisoned.

An entire family in this city made a narrow escape from being poisoned, a few days since, under the following circumstances: It appears that the lady of the house was having a quantity of bread baked and was using a certain preparation to make it rise properly, which was nearly out.

THE PRESS ON THE REPORT.

The New York Journal of Commerce, and Herald, Philadelphia Ledger, Baltimore Sun, Gazette, and American, favor the report. The Philadelphia Press partially favors it. The New York Sun is silent.

By Last Night's Mail.

From Washington. [Special to the Richmond Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—1 a. m. The compromise bill on the electoral vote was the common topic of discussion to day among the members.

SPECIAL ORDER.

By an understanding of the Senate all the bills relating to the subject of regulating the legal rate of interest were made the special order for this hour.

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Probably a Sensational Report.

No further information was received yesterday relative to the report that Mr. F. M. James had been found murdered on Myrtle Grove Sound, and the public mind has been settled down to the belief that the whole thing was a grave hoax, gotten up by some mischievous party, who ought to have been in better business, and who deserves to be punished if he could be found out.

L. Q. W.

In the House the current of opinion among the Republicans seems to be setting against the bill, while the Democrats who at first opposed seem disposed to take further time to consider.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

By Mr. Wilson, of New Hanover: A bill to be entitled an act to protect owners of storehouses, warehouses and factories. Judiciary. By Mr. Clark, of Bladen: A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within three miles of Bladen Union Church, Bladen county. Propositions and Grievances.

Concord Sun.

While the late heavy snow was on the ground, a sportsman fired his gun at a rabbit in a hole under a stump, and, on going up to the place, found six rabbits dead as a hammer, and frozen hard that the shot could not penetrate the rabbit fired at. How's that for cold weather.

Haverly's Minstrels.

This troupe, it will be remembered, are to give an entertainment at the Opera House to-morrow evening. The Raleigh News, referring to their appearance there, says: "The performance was excellent and refined in every particular from the first part to the concluding farce," and adds that "before closing, a note was addressed the manager signed by many of the audience asking a repetition."

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, 70; Montgomery, 72; Charleston, 64; New Orleans, 73; Corsicana, 44; Norfolk, 67; Galveston, 68; Punta Rasa, 74; Indiana, 62; Savannah, 73; Jacksonville, 75; St. Marks, 63; Key West, 84; Wilmington, 64; Mobile, 65.

Meeting of Tax-Payers.

The County Commissioners call for a meeting of the tax-payers of the county, to be held at the Court House in this city to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock, to hear a statement of the financial condition of the county, and to advise with them as to the best method of extricating the county from its present financial difficulties.

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Elizabeth City Economist.

On the 30th of December Ephraim Meekins, Jr., found on the beach, at the northeast side of Roanoke Island, a strange fish, 4 feet long, 4 1/2 feet wide, and 1 foot thick; skin smooth, resembling that of a porpoise or whale; small mouth, large eyes, one long fin on each side near the gill, one small fin on the top and bottom near the tail, making the fish nearly or quite square, having no tail as other fish, but in place of a tail something resembling a lady's ruffles. It weighed 160 pounds.

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U. S. Commissioner's Court.

Jacob Sherrod was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Van Amringe, yesterday, on the charge of violating the Revenue law by selling liquor without a license. The case was finally continued until Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, on account of the absence of material witnesses. Riley Mosely was arraigned on the same charge and ordered to give bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of the U. S. District Court in this city.

Magistrate's Court.

Nick Debose, colored, was arraigned before Justice Cassidy, yesterday, on the charge, in two separate cases, of violating section 7 of the general ordinance of the city, which relates to disorderly conduct, &c., on the public streets. He was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$5 and costs in each case.

Our Churches To-Day.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets: Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., Pastor. Regular service at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. Second Presbyterian Church, corner of Fourth and Campbell streets. Rev. C. M. Payne, Pastor. Services to-day at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. Sabbath School and Bible Class at 3 p. m. Young men's prayer meeting Monday at 7 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p. m. Seats free. First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets. Rev. James B. Taylor, Pastor. Services to-day at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. Sunday School at 9 1/2 a. m. Young men's prayer meeting Tuesday night at 7 1/2 o'clock. Regular church prayer meeting Thursday night at 7 1/2 o'clock. Second Baptist Church, on 6th, between Church and Castle streets. Preaching at 11 o'clock, a. m., and 7 1/2 o'clock, p. m., by Rev. J. B. Barlow. Regular prayer meeting Tuesday at 7 1/2 p. m. Fifth Street Methodist E. Church (South), situated on Fifth, between Nun and Church streets: Rev. J. M. Rhodes, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. Sabbath School at 9 1/2 a. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock. Young Men's Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock. Front Street M. E. Church (South), corner of Front and Walnut streets: Rev. J. E. Mann, pastor. Service every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 1/2 p. m. Sabbath school at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7 1/2 o'clock. Young Men's Society, Friday night at 7 1/2 o'clock. St. James' Church, corner of Market and Third streets. Rev. Dr. A. A. Watson, Rector. Third Sunday after Epiphany. Celebration at 8 a. m. Morning Prayer at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Evening Prayer at 4 o'clock. Evening Prayer at St. John's Home at 4 o'clock. St. John's Church, corner of Third and Red Cross streets. Rev. George Patterson, Rector. Third Sunday after Epiphany. Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock. Evening Prayer at 7 1/2 o'clock. St. Paul's (Episcopal) church, corner of Fourth and Orange streets. Rev. T. M. Ambler, Rector. Services at 11 a. m., and 7 1/2 p. m. Sunday school at 3 o'clock, p. m. Weekly service Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Seats free. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of 6th and Market streets. Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor. Preparatory service (English) at 10 1/2 a. m. English service and Communion at 11 a. m. German service at 7 1/2 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Weekly service Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Ebenezer Baptist Church (colored), 7th, between Orange and Ann streets. W. H. Banks, pastor. Services at 10 1/2 a. m., 3 p. m., and 8 p. m. Quick Work. George Fox was arrested Friday morning on the charge of stealing three bags of shot, had a preliminary examination before the Mayor yesterday morning, was turned over to the sheriff a little after 10 o'clock, and before 3 o'clock in the afternoon had undergone a final hearing before the Superior Court, the jury had returned a verdict of guilty, and His Honor, Judge McKoy, had sentenced the prisoner to five years in the penitentiary. This is what we call quick work, leaving no chance for complaint on the part of the condemned that he did not have a speedy hearing. The Express. Capt. E. C. Woodson, for many years local editor of the Raleigh News, and latterly one of the editors of the Wilson Advertiser, has begun the publication, at the latter place, of a weekly and semi-weekly paper called the Express. The first number promises well. It is full of spice and news, and has well considered editorials, and is cheap at \$3 for the semi-weekly and \$15 for the weekly. May the rotund figure of the editor never grow less, and may the subscribers who pay outnumber the fraudulent Radical votes in the last election. RIVER AND MARINE ITEMS. The schooner Albert Mason, Rose, cleared from New York for this port on the 18th inst. The Norwegian barque Success, Jahnson, arrived at Hamburg for this port on the 18th inst. The Dutch brig Constance, Capt. Hollis, heretofore reported aground on the shoals near Bald Head, arrived in this port yesterday. She was not leaking, there was no evidence of any strain upon the vessel, and it is not believed that she sustained much if any damage. CITY ITEMS. LATE PAYERS.—To Harris News, Stand, south side Front Street, are we indebted for copies of the New York Ledger, Chesney Corner and Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper for the current week. The stand will remain open until 11 o'clock this morning. 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