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OUTLINES.

The British Parliament was opened by the Queen in person; the usual address from the throne was read by the Lord High Chancellor...

THE PRESIDENTIAL STRUGGLE. The situation at Washington, while not so favorable as was expected by the Democrats, is by no means discouraging...

Our latest telegraphic reports from Washington indicate a decision in the Florida case to-day. Next in the list of disputed States will come Louisiana...

Oregon will follow Louisiana, and the Democrats are exceedingly hopeful that the line of procedure adopted by the Electoral Tribunal will result in a decision that Watts, the Oregon postmaster, was ineligible...

On the whole, we repeat, the Tilden outlook is favorable. Hayes must get every contested vote to give him a majority, and this we do not believe he can do.

THE USURY BILL A LAW. The Usury Bill, of which we gave an analysis soon after it passed the Senate, yesterday passed the House on its third and final reading by a vote of 57 yeas, 38 nays...

By Last Night's Mail. Important News from the Federal Capital.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM A VICTORY. FROM HON. JOHN GOODE. [Special Telegram to the Virginian.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 11:30 P. M.

The effect of the decision is that the Commission will not go behind the action of the Returning Board, except to consider the question of the quo warranto proceeding, and the eligibility of Humphreys, one of the Hayes electors.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. The decision is not final, but is considered favorable to Hayes and Wheeler.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. The ruling of the committee to-day only excludes new testimony. That is, it does not go behind the Returning Board, but embraces all three returns in the hands of the Vice President; the quo warranto, and the decisions of the Courts of Florida.

Gen. Terry Harris, Tucker, Wadell, of N. C.; George W. Carter, and others, think it favorable to Tilden.

Beck, of Kentucky, John Ambler Smith, of Missouri, and others, think it favorable to Hayes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. The case is really very fair for each side. The decision admits the certificates issued by both Drew and Adams, and the record of quo warranto proceedings by which the ac-

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tion of the Republican Canvassing Board was declared illegal, and under which a recount was had with due form of law. The Republicans, in accordance with the position they have held from the first, voted to allow no new testimony, and the Supreme Court judges, in voting to consider no new evidence, acted in accordance with the rule of the Supreme Court not to receive evidence presented outside of the record.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Resolution in regard to the State Geologist, requiring that officer to furnish 150 copies of his report and authorizing him to put them on sale, was taken up on its several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and adopted.

Senators Bayard and Thurman say neither party has carried all the points they claimed. The Republicans succeeded in excluding the Thompson report and testimony, but failed to obtain a ruling in favor of the Hayes certificates as prima facie legal.

At Colonel Pelton's Democratic headquarters everybody is in high spirits, and Merrick, O'Connor and Black say they are perfectly satisfied to rest their case upon the evidence laid before the joint convention.

Mr. Hewitt, Governor Walker and Mr. Goode are satisfied with the decision. [Special to Richmond Whig.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—12:50 A. M.

Republican members of the Commission boldly avowed the doctrine that the certificates of the Governor and the State canvassers were final, and could not, even in the case of acknowledged error or palpable fraud, be corrected by the State or by Congress.

The Louisiana question presents a very different issue, and many Democrats are hopeful of a righteous decision. There is little hope now that Florida will be counted for Tilden, though it is barely possible Justice Bradley may recoil from doing the work of Morton and Sherman.

THE LEGISLATURE. [Raleigh Observer's Report Condensed.] SENATE. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7. CALENDAR.

Bill to incorporate the town of Laurinburg, in the county of Richmond, was put upon its several readings and passed.

Bill to punish the fraudulent use or embezzlement of funds entrusted to persons in a fiduciary capacity, was put upon its several readings and passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Graham, the Jones county bill, defeated on yesterday, was reconsidered and made the special order for to-morrow at one o'clock.

Bill to punish injuries to railroads and canals was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Mabson, the bill in relation to the appointing of a joint committee to visit the asylum in Edgecombe county and report its fitness for a State institution, was taken up.

Mr. Dortch moved to amend so as to substitute the Female College at Goldsboro. The amendment was adopted.

Bill to change the days of sale was taken up and passed its several readings.

Resolution of instruction to Senators and Representatives in Congress, relative to the Southern and Pacific Railroad, was taken up and passed.

Bill to incorporate the Sovereigns of Industry, Lodge No. 1, Columbus, of Pender county, was taken up and passed its third reading.

Bill to incorporate Lillington Academy, in Pender county, was put upon its several readings and passed.

Bill in relation to the probate of

deeds and conveyances, and the privy examination of married women, was taken up. Mr. Dortch offered an amendment to strike out "notary public" wherever it occurs. Adopted.

Mr. Justice offered two amendments, that the Register of Deeds should not prove a deed, nor adjudicate it. Adopted. Mr. Mebane offered an amendment prescribing a form. Adopted.

Mr. Liles offered an amendment fixing the fees. Adopted. The bill was then put upon its third reading and passed.

Lloyd, colored: The petition of certain citizens of Pender county to submit the question of changing the county site to the qualified voters of the county. Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Davis, of Lenoir: The petition of certain citizens of Lenoir county in regard to the scheme of colonization of the colored race. Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. McLean presented two petitions, one from the American Iron and Steel Company and the Delaware Car Wheel Company, and one from the owners of mineral property in Chatham county, in regard to the improvement of the Cape Fear river. Propositions and Grievances.

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Resolution in relation to a colored insane asylum. Resolution of instruction to our Senators and Representatives in Congress in relation to the Freedman's Saving and Trust Company.

Bill to consolidate the charters of Great Falls Manufacturing Company of Rockingham, Richmond county, was taken up and passed its second reading.

Bill to require the weighing of beef cattle offered for sale in the city of Wilmington was taken up, with a Senate amendment. The amendment was concurred in and the bill passed its second reading.

The State Grange convened at 11 o'clock yesterday. Worthy Master Mills presiding. One hundred and fifty members are present. No business of importance was transacted yesterday.

The report of the committee relative to asking a loan from the State of \$15,000 was debated at length, and the vote on the question resulted 80 yeas, 53 nays.

The report of the committee on Cooperative Associations was read and adopted. The committee having in charge the subject of a Grange organ reported progress and asked further time.

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Old Person Hall, at Chapel Hill, is burnt. It was built through the liberality of the late General Thomas Person, of Granville county, after whom it was named. It took fire from a stove-pipe.

Major Augustus Barton, of Lincoln, has had a paralytic stroke. He is a son of the late Judge Robert Burton, a native of Granville, who was a son of Col. Robert Burton, of the Revolutionary War. Major Barton is also a nephew of the late Gov. Hutchings Burton, who was born in Granville.

Wadesboro Herald: We are pleased to learn that Colonel R. T. Bennett has consented to deliver an address in connection with a number of War Scenes (rendered in a life-like manner by a pair of highly magnifying lanterns, which will be exhibited in this place, on the night of the 12th inst., by the Wadesboro Dramatic Association.

MUNSON & CO.—Overcoats. Meeting Howard Engine Company. BRINFORN, CROW & CO.—Seed potatoes. Statement of condition Bank of New Hanover.

Baltimore and Wilmington Steamship Line. New York and Wilmington Steamship Line. Local Notes. Yesterday was a very pleasant day, notwithstanding previous prognostications to the contrary.

The Wilmington Light Infantry, Capt. Taylor, had their regular semi-monthly drill yesterday evening. Rising barometer, colder, northerly winds and clear or clearing weather, are the indications for this section to-day.

The pavement on the north side of Princess, between Second street and the Court House, has been "reconstructed." The following general order has been issued from these headquarters: "If any Democrat calls at the STAR office for a 'chin-snap,' 'shoot him on the spot!'"

We learn that the ball given by Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., last night, was very largely attended, and of course all who were present enjoyed themselves. It should have been stated that the exports from this port for the month of January, 1877, referred to in our last, were confined entirely to foreign shipments, nothing coastwise being included.

It is roughly estimated that four hundred gentlemen in this city are now feeling "how sharper than a serpent's tooth it is" to reside in a Ward that don't appreciate true greatness when it comes to recommending Justices of the Peace.

The soft places in the pavement on Third street, between the City Hall and the corner of Chesnut street, were not intended to lie down upon, as the party who tried it the other night must have discovered, as he was noticed upon his feet immediately afterwards.

WARD MEETINGS—Recommendations for Appointment. At the Democratic meeting in the Second Ward, held last night, Mr. Norwood Giles was recommended for appointment as a member of the Board of Finance and Audit, and the following gentlemen for Magistrates: John S. James, Henry Nutt, Sol. Bear and David E. Bunting.

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Appointment Recommended. The Chamber of Commerce of this city have recommended Capt. I. B. Grainger as one of the Directors of the Western North Carolina Railroad. The recommendation is equivalent to his appointment, and will give general satisfaction. Capt. Grainger's qualification for this position are so fully known and recognized, as to make it unnecessary to refer to them here.

For some time past he has served with great acceptability as one of the Receivers of the Carolina Central Railway. The proper management of the Western North Carolina Railroad is of vital importance to the commercial interests of Wilmington, and we feel sure these interests could find no more watchful or capable advocates than Isaac B. Grainger.

Narrow Escape. Yesterday, about 12 o'clock, a little colored child, who had been left on the sidewalk for a moment by its mother, on Fourth, between Church and Castle streets, ran out into the street just as a car was passing, when the little one was struck on the head by the car, and knocked violently to one side of the track and severely bruised, narrowly escaping death. Parents, both white and colored, should be very careful how they allow their small children to run at large on the street, when not under their especial supervision.

A Robbery of Long-Standing—"Murder will Out"—The Thief Discovered and Committed. Alonzo Elv alias Tom Johnson, who was committed to jail a few days since, in default of bail, to stand his trial on the charge of robbing Mr. Reeves' workshop of tools, &c., was taken out yesterday and carried before Justice Gardner to undergo a preliminary examination on the charges of robbing the meat-house of Mr. Moses D. Mott, residing a short distance from this city, on the night of the 29th of February, 1876, an account of which appeared in the STAR at the time.

Owing to the desperate character of the accused, and his noted proclivity for attempting to give "leg ball," a posse of some half dozen persons were sent to escort the prisoner from the county jail to the magistrate's office, the extra precaution being taken of handcuffing him to a police officer, which had the effect of subjecting the latter to the unpleasant position of being himself considered a prisoner by those who were not posted.

Mr. Mott testified to the fact that the meat was stolen, and that his mule, which was a white one, had been taken to convey the meat to the city, the tracks indicating that two trips were made. On discovering the loss of his meat and the disappearance of his mule, the following morning, he started to town and discovered his mule loose in the neighborhood of Little Bridge. Taking the animal in charge he proceeded, and, upon arriving at the store kept by his son, Mr. M. discovered that the thief had been before him and had sold his son some of the meat, which he recognized by the white hairs upon it, which had shedded from the mule, and also by other marks.

He also went to two other stores in the same section of the city and found portions of the meat which had been sold by the thief, and which Mr. M. identified in the same way. This testimony was corroborated by the evidence of Mr. Mott's son and one of the other storekeepers, and also by a witness who helped to butcher the meat and knew it by certain marks. Two of these witnesses swore positively to the identity of the prisoner with the party who sold them the meat. The evidence, taken altogether, tended very strongly to establish the guilt of the prisoner, and Justice Gardner ordered defendant to give a justified bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance at Court, and he was re-committed. The prisoner, who was very cool and collected, conducted himself in a very impudent manner, and upon leaving the court-room he gave vent to his evil passions by cursing one of the witnesses and saying that only his manseled condition kept him from doing him violence.

Bank of New Hanover. Pursuant to notice the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of New Hanover was held this day at their Banking House.

The meeting was called to order by the President, on whose motion A. H. Neff, Esq., was called to the Chair, and Robert Henning, Esq., requested to act as Secretary.

A committee was then appointed to ascertain the amount of stock represented, and on their reporting that there were 3,108 shares represented in person and 3,500 by proxy, the Chairman declared that the meeting was ready for business, as a majority of the 12,000 shares of the bank was represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The President of the Bank then made a report stating, among other things, that although the past year had not been a very favorable one for the general business of the country, the business of the Bank had been steadily progressing, the amount of deposits being much in excess of what they have ever been heretofore, and had declared two semi-annual dividends of four per cent. each and made no losses whatever during the year. He submitted a detailed report of the condition of the bank and each of its branches.

On motion the report of the President was received and adopted. On motion an election of Directors for the ensuing year was gone into, (J. W. Atkinson and William Calder being appointed tellers) resulting in the election of the old Board unanimously, as follows: I. B. Grainger, John Dawson, D. R. Murchison, Donald McKee, H. Vollers, R. R. Bridges, J. W. Atkinson, C. M. Stedman, J. A. Leak, B. F. Little, E. B. Borden, M. Weddell, O. M. Motion, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. NEFF, Chairman. ROBERT HENNING, Secretary. WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 8th, 1877.

MAYOR'S COURT. The following cases were disposed of yesterday morning: Jno. Melvin, colored, arraigned on the charge of stealing a bunch of fish from the cart of Richard Farrow, in the Market, on Wednesday evening last, having been detected in the act, was ordered to give a \$100 bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court, whereupon he was turned over to the custody of the Sheriff.

Two other important cases of drunkenness, &c., were disposed of. SNAKE-BITES. The residence of Mr. Robert Morrison, on Front, between Mulberry and Walnut streets, was entered Wednesday night, while the family were at tea, and robbed of a hat belonging to Mr. M., and a fine shawl and hat belonging to his wife. The door had been left open for a few moments by a member of the family, and the thief slipped in and out with his booty during the interval. The loss of the articles was not discovered until yesterday morning.

CITY ITEMS. BOOK BINDERY.—THE MORNING STAR BOOK BINDING company, of Binding and Ruling in a work-manlike manner, and at reasonable prices. Merchandise and other goods, Receipts, Books, or other work, may rely on promptness in the execution of their orders.

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THE CITY. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. MUNSON & CO.—Overcoats. Meeting Howard Engine Company. BRINFORN, CROW & CO.—Seed potatoes. Statement of condition Bank of New Hanover.

A Long Separation and a Happy Reunion. About twenty-five years ago, as we learn from a gentleman conversant with the facts, the mother of a colored individual by the name of Holloway, living at Lumberton, who was then only about five years old, but who is now a route agent on one of the railroads connecting with this city, was sold to some party in Virginia, since which time, until a few days ago, mother and son have received no tidings of each other.

Finally Holloway got the notion into his head that by instituting a search he might possibly discover his long lost parent. The object was at least worthy a trial, and, acting upon his hastily formed resolution, he started for the "Old Dominion." Arriving at Richmond he at once instituted a diligent inquiry and search for the old woman, and his patience and perseverance in the cause he had so much at heart were finally rewarded with success. He found his mother, from whom he had been separated for so many long and weary years, greatly to their mutual satisfaction and joy, as may be supposed, and took her home with him.

During the interval which marked their long separation, the mother had been married twice, and was at the time of their reunion once more a widow.

The Concert this Evening. We take occasion once more to remind our readers that a grand vocal and instrumental concert, for the benefit of Professor Van Laer and the Cornet Concert Club, will be given at the Opera House this evening. To those who are fond of good music (and who is not?) an opportunity is here afforded to enjoy the efforts of the best amateur talent in Wilmington, and those who were present at their recent entertainment need not to be told that a rare musical treat awaits them this evening. Weather permitting, there will doubtless be a crowded house, and the proposed recipients of the benefit deserve it.

"A Beecher of a Fellow." The Charlotte Southern Home, in copying our paragraph in reference to John H. Miller, the Life Insurance Agent and forger, who absconded from Augusta, Ga., about the 1st of December last, and for whom a large reward is offered, says: "This gay, smiling, musical genius is well known about Charlotte. He is said to have robbed the Southern Life Insurance Company of a large amount of money, and by his recklessness in taking policies he involved the company heavily. He is a oily, tongue-darting, sharp, unscrupulous Beecher of a fellow, who can make you believe that black is white or white is black."

Death of an Alleged Centenarian. A correspondent, writing us from Middle Swamp, Bladen county, N. C., informs us of the death, on the 29th ult., of Mr. William Lambert, claimed to be the oldest man in the county, being, our correspondent states, 109 years of age. He served 18 months as a soldier in the war of 1812, was married at the age of 45 years, and has been a faithful member of the Baptist church for the last fourteen years of his life. We would be glad if our correspondent would furnish the record of Mr. Lambert's birth, if it is accessible.

Thermometer Record. The following will show the state of the thermometer, at the stations mentioned, at 4.55 yesterday evening, Washington mean time, as ascertained from the daily bulletin issued from the Signal Office in this city: Augusta, 64; Montgomery, 65; Charleston, 67; New Orleans, 65; Corsicana, 67; Norfolk, 62; Galveston, 65; Punta Hessa, 60; Indianola, 68; Savannah, 60; Jacksonville, 61; St. Marks, 68; Key West, 74; Wilmington, 67; Mobile, 63.

Temple of Israel. Owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. S. Mendelsohn, who has been called to Norfolk, Va., to officiate at the funeral of the late Mrs. S. W. Seldner, wife of his former pastor, no services will be held in the Temple this afternoon or on Sabbath.

RIVER AND MARINE ITEMS. No arrivals or departures below yesterday. The John H. Kennedy cleared from Savannah for this port on the 6th inst.

A brig, name and nationality unknown, was reported off the bar yesterday. The German brig Castor, Barghoun, arrived at Antwerp from this port on the 4th inst.

The Lucy Holmes, from Boston for this port, arrived at Vineyard Haven on the 5th inst. The Norwegian barque Fenale, Finkelsen, arrived at Antwerp from this port on the 3rd inst.

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RATES OF ADVERTISING. One Square one day, \$1.00; Two days, \$1.50; Three days, \$2.00; Four days, \$2.50; Five days, \$3.00; One week, \$5.00; Two weeks, \$8.00; Three weeks, \$10.00; One month, \$15.00; Two months, \$25.00; Three months, \$35.00; Six months, \$50.00; One year, \$75.00.

Statement of Condition of Bank of New Hanover, including Branches, on February 1, 1877. RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts, \$698,068.85; Real Estate, \$3,449.79; Office Furniture and Safe, \$7,944.85; Bonds and Stocks, \$1,475.00; Check Books, \$1,831.33; Cash in other Banks subject to check, \$121,848.94; Cash on hand, \$2,456.18; Total, \$908,588.00.

Statement of Condition of Bank at Wilmington, February 1, 1877. RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts, \$338,378.94; Real Estate, \$3,449.79; Office Furniture and Safe, \$7,944.85; Bonds and Stocks, \$1,475.00; Check Books, \$1,831.33; Cash in other Banks subject to check, \$121,848.94; Cash on hand, \$2,456.18; Total, \$777,908.97.

Baltimore & Wilmington, N. C. Steamship Line. The Steamer D. J. FOLEY, Capt. PRICE, WILL SAIL FROM BALTIMORE ON SATURDAY, February 10, To be succeeded by Steamer RALEIGH.

Clyde's New York and Wilmington, N. C., Semi-Weekly Steamship Line. The Steamer PIONEER, Capt. WHALEY, WILL SAIL FROM NEW YORK ON SATURDAY, February 10, To be succeeded by Steamer REGULATOR, ON WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14.

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