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OUTLINES.

Oregon counted for Hayes, exceptions taken to Pennsylvania; Houses separated and a motion for recess until Monday 10 A. M. was carried.

Latest By Mail.

From the Federal Capital. [Richmond Whig Special.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 24-1 A. M. The House of Representatives took a recess yesterday afternoon and a Democratic caucus was immediately held, which lasted two hours.

It is beyond question that the feeling of resistance is hourly growing stronger. The advices by telegraph and letter to the members from the people generally indicate a very strong feeling and demand that the fraud of putting in Hayes be resisted by all available methods.

The Republicans are beginning now to anticipate a failure to complete the count by the 4th of March. They say that if this occurs the Senate will proceed to declare Hayes elected and that Grant will inaugurate him.

In this connection it is fit that the statement by whomsoever made, of any pretended bargain or contract being made between Hayes and his friends with the Southern representatives in Congress, are infamous fabrications and slanders upon these representatives.

The Democratic caucus to-night stood 60 to 40 that the House should ascertain and maintain their rights. Messrs. Hill, Lamar, Keegan and House, of Tennessee, made speeches sustaining the minority.

Supreme Court Decisions. Opinions were filed by the Justices on yesterday in the following cases: By READE, J. O. P. James, guardian, et al., vs. Owen West, from Wayne; affirmed.

By BRUNN, J. Bank of New Hanover vs. Wm. H. Kenan, from New Hanover; error; venire de novo. Wall & Leak, executors, vs. J. A. Covington et al., from Richmond; reversed and remanded.

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The Legislature.

[Raleigh News' report condensed.] SENATE. FRIDAY, Feb. 23, 1877.

Mr. Troy presented a petition from merchants of Wilmington, praying a repeal of the drummers' tax. Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Troy: A bill to amend the charter of the town of Fayetteville and to regulate the elections of Mayor or therein. Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Troy: A bill to change the names of certain townships in Fender county. [Changes Grant to Pettigrew, Lincoln to Moore, and Holden to Vance.] Committee on Corporations.

CALENDAR. Bill to amend the charter of the Mt. Airy Narrow Gauge Railroad, was taken up on its third reading and passed.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Sampson county to levy a special tax, on its third reading. Passed.

THE SPECIAL ORDER. The machinery bill, was taken up as the special order of the hour on its third reading and, upon motion of Mr. Graham, the reading of the bill by sections was dispensed with.

The bill was then considered as a whole, and sundry amendments were offered to the various sections. After a great deal of debate and many amendments, Mr. Latham finally called the previous question on the passage of the bill, and it passed its third reading.

Mr. York then gave notice of the death of John G. Marler, Esq., Senator from the 33d district, and sent forward to the clerk's desk, to be read, certain resolutions that were adopted. Addresses were made by Messrs. Cunningham, Troy, Nicholson, Graham, Wilson, Robinson, Stanford, Hughes, Col., and Moore, Col.

NIGHT SESSION. The special order, the bill to prevent discrimination in freight rates by railroad companies, was taken up. The amendment of Mr. Troy, including steamboat companies within the operations of the bill, was adopted.

Bill referred to the Judiciary committee. SECOND SPECIAL ORDER. Bill authorizing the State Treasurer to loan to the State Agricultural Society \$15,000, to be secured by mortgage on all the effects of the society, was discussed, but without eliciting a vote upon it. Mr. Field has drawn the bill, and it will very likely be reported.

THE BILL TO EXTEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF FAYETTEVILLE was taken up on its second reading. Failed to pass--yeas 18, nays 22.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Mr. Richardson presented the petition of O. G. Parsley, of Wilmington, asking that an act be passed changing the city limits of Wilmington. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

CALENDAR. The bill to provide for the support of the deaf and dumb and blind, appropriating \$40,000 for this year and a like amount for the year 1878, was taken up and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 99, nays 0.

The bill for the support of the Insane Asylum, appropriating \$60,000 for the years of 1877 and 1878, also \$5,000 for repairs upon the water works, was taken up and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 97, nays 2.

THE SPECIAL ORDER. The bill to provide for an inferior court in the several counties of the State, was taken up as the special order of the hour.

On motion of Mr. Moring, it was agreed to consider the bill by sections. Section 1 was read and Mr. Moring moved to strike out the words "civil and," so as to leave the proposed court of Justice only criminal jurisdiction.

A long debate followed, and the House adjourned. NIGHT SESSION. By Lloyd, Col.: A bill to incorporate the town of Point Caswell, Fender county. Committee on Corporations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. The bill to provide for inferior courts in the several counties of the State, was taken up as the unfinished business.

The bill as a whole then passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 52, nays 38. [Will publish the bill hereafter.--STAR.] The question recurred upon the passage of the bill on its third reading and it passed by a vote of yeas 51, nays 41.

State Militia. We learn from the Raleigh Observer that sundry officers of military companies met in Raleigh to consult concerning reorganizing the militia. The following companies were represented: Cape Fear Artillery of Wilmington--Capt. H. G. Planner. Wilmington Light Infantry--Capt. M. P. Taylor. Fayetteville Light Infantry--Capt. J. D. Smith. Newbern Grays--Capt. William Whitford. Charlotte Grays and Hornet's Nest

THE CITY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. JOHN DAWSON.--Watt plow. GEO. MYERS.--Boka tea, &c. HARRISON & ALLEN.--Hats. MUNSON & CO.--Clothing, &c. HEINSEBERGER.--Latest novels. S. G. NORTHERN.--Choice fruit. CROLY & MORRIS.--Auction sale. HAYDEN & GERHARDT.--Saddles, &c. GILES & MURCHISON.--Wedding hoes. JAMES C. STEVENSON.--Apples, peas, &c. O. G. PARSLEY & CO.--For Brunswick Court.

Local Dots. -- See fourth page for Church Directory. -- Yesterday was one of the loveliest days of the season. -- To-day is known in the religious calendar as the Second Sunday in Lent.

Somebody left an overcoat at the City Hall on the night of the firemen's ball. -- Only three more days of winter, and then for spring-time and flowers and--Hayes and thunder storms!

Rising barometer, colder north-west winds and partly cloudy weather, are the indications for this section to-day. -- The interments in Pine Forest (colored) Cemetery during the past week numbered six, all of which were adults.

Bishop Atkinson has returned to the city and will resume his lectures on the Apostles' Creed at St. Paul's Church this evening. -- There has been a good supply of eggs in this market during the past week, and the price fell to 12 1/2 cents per dozen.

The Register of Deeds issued five marriage licenses during the past week, one of which was for white and four for colored couples. -- A colored man fell in a fit on the pavement on Market street yesterday. The usual remedies were applied, and he soon got over it.

Dr. Scott is talking of "reconstructing" Paddy's Hollow by putting up a number of store buildings in the place of the shanties now located there. -- Brunswick Superior Court, Judge A. S. Seymour presiding, opens at Smithville to-morrow. Quite a number of witnesses will be present from this place.

There is an ugly hole in the wharf at the foot of Princess street, south side, which should be attended to before some luckless individual "puts his foot in it." -- A colored woman by the name of Lizzie Matlocks was before Justice Gardner, yesterday, on a peace warrant sworn out by Henrietta Stowe. Case dismissed.

Thirty days having expired since the death of the lamented Colonel Strange, the mourning in which the front of the Court House has since been enshrouded will now be removed. -- We are requested to suggest to the boys that church doors, where congregations are assembling for worship, is no place for loud talking, laughing and other improper conduct and behavior.

Rev. G. S. Jones will deliver an address to the Sunday school at the Second Baptist Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. All who are friendly to the Sunday school cause are cordially invited to attend.

It seems almost impossible for those who give the fire alarms to learn the number, location and boundaries of the different fire districts, as in the case of almost all fire bells designate the wrong district. -- Oregon having been counted for Hayes and Wheeler, the question now is: Are the plants known as "Mock Orange" destructive to animal life? We would be glad to hear from some one conversant with the matter.

For the four weeks ending with yesterday there have been no interments in Oakdale Cemetery, except one still-born infant, which the Secretary informs us is the first time such a thing has occurred within his experience. -- There is no ground for the rumor, circulated in Wilmington a few days ago, to the effect that the garrison at Smithville, under command of Col. Pennington, had been ordered to Washington. We are advised that Col. Pennington had received no such orders up to yesterday.

We are glad to learn that the condition of Mr. O. H. Kelley had somewhat improved yesterday, and it is now hoped that he received no internal injuries from the accident at the depot Friday morning. He could be moved about yesterday, with much less pain than on the day previous. -- Rev. W. M. Robey, formerly the pastor of the Front-street Methodist Church of this city, is the able and popular President of Davenport Female College, at Lenoir, N. C., which was recently destroyed by fire. The property belonged to the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and we are pleased to learn of an intention to rebuild.

The police arrested a colored boy, who gives his name as Sambo Lucas, was arrested Friday night on the charge of throwing rocks at the school house of Mr. G. W. Jewett, corner of Second and Chesnut streets, breaking a pane of glass out of one of the windows. He was locked up and will have a hearing before Justice Gardner to-day.

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Another Thief Tracked and Captured. We mentioned the fact a few days ago that the kitchen attached to St. James' mission school house, corner of Ninth and Dock streets, had been entered the night previous and robbed of a number of cooking utensils, &c. Detective Carr visited the premises the following morning and succeeded in tracking the thief to a house not very far off occupied by a colored man, the name of Henry Boone. While the officer was sauntering about in the vicinity Boone came out of his dwelling, when the detective discovered the fact that one of the shoes worn by him, which was "run down" on one side, corresponded exactly with the track; and he further took note of the fact that there was a quantity of clay attached to his shoes which resembled the soil in the yard connected with the school. With these facts as a clue, the colored woman living in the room from which the articles were taken was requested to appear at Justice Gardner's office, yesterday morning, when she made the necessary affidavit, and a search warrant was issued. Armed with this document Officer Carr repaired to the house occupied by Boone, where, stowed away under a bed, he found an axe, a sauce-pan, a bucket and several other articles which had been stolen from the room referred to. Boone was thereupon arrested and required to enter into bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance before Justice Gardner's Court on Saturday next, in default of which he was committed to jail.

"Lemonade Jim" Gets Himself into Trouble. An old colored man, hailing from Fayetteville, who gives his name as James Strawder, says he bought some shoes and several other articles yesterday morning, soon after which he was approached by the notorious colored individual known as "Lemonade Jim" Clarke, who managed to impose upon the old man to such an extent as to get him to surrender the articles into his (L. J.'s) hands to be taken care of until he (Strawder) got ready to leave on the Fayetteville boat. Shortly before the time for the boat to leave, Strawder hunted up his banker and demanded his goods, when Jim had the cool impudence and audacity characteristic of the individual to pretend that he knew nothing about them, and to deny that they had ever been placed in his hands, hoping thus to "bluff off" the old man until the boat was ready to start, when he would be compelled to leave without them. Strawder, however, had the good sense to secure the assistance of a policeman, who arrested the swindling lemonade vander and lodged him in the guard house, Strawder (who had in the meantime missed the boat) being recognized to appear against him before the Mayor's Court to-morrow morning. The articles taken have not yet been recovered.

The Fire Yesterday Morning. The alarm of fire yesterday morning, between 3 and 4 o'clock, was caused by the burning of a frame tenement house on Orange, between Front and Second streets, owned by Mr. Lubr Vollers and occupied by Mrs. W. T. Daniels. The fire was discovered in one of the up-stair rooms by Mrs. Daniels herself, who was awakened by the smoke, and who gave the alarm. She managed, with some assistance, in saving the most of her furniture, though some of it was in a damaged condition. The firemen were promptly on hand with their engines and truck, but too late to save the building, which, being old, burned like so much tinder. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue.

The house was valued at about \$500, upon which there was an insurance in the Zeta, of Hartford, represented by Mr. T. C. DeRosset, of this city, for \$250. Military Messengers. Referring to the article in our paper a few days ago, copied from the Raleigh News, in which certain suggestions of Capt. Taylor of the Wilmington Light Infantry, looking to the better organization of the white militia companies of the State, were set forth, the Charlotte Observer says: "A good move, and Capt. Taylor deserves credit for being the first to inaugurate it. If we are going to have State militia let's have it organized and equipped."

The idea of the grand military encampment seems to be growing in favor with our military companies. The more they think of it the better they like it. It has been suggested that if all the military companies in the State cannot make the necessary arrangements to meet together this year, that two or more companies, say the Charlotte and Wilmington companies, meet at some point and spend a week together."

The following cases were disposed of yesterday morning: Oscar Anderson, charged with drunkenness, was let off on the payment of \$1 and costs. Solon Stevenson, charged with the same, was dismissed on the payment of \$1 and costs. The same defendants, charged with disorderly conduct on the streets, were dealt with in the same lenient manner, being dismissed on the payment of \$1 and costs. Several cases were continued over.

Agrested for Throwing Rocks in the Street. A colored boy, who gives his name as Sambo Lucas, was arrested Friday night on the charge of throwing rocks at the school house of Mr. G. W. Jewett, corner of Second and Chesnut streets, breaking a pane of glass out of one of the windows. He was locked up and will have a hearing before Justice Gardner to-day.

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CONNELIUS HARNETT. WILMINGTON, Feb. 24, 1877. EDITOR OF THE STAR:--The people of the Cape Fear have been so indifferent to their history that one ought not to be surprised at any proof of their carelessness. But I was not prepared for the public and private inquiries as to the birthplace of Cornelius Harnett, which are now interesting this community as if, like the Athenians, they were now hearing and telling of "some new thing."

More than twenty years ago--in the consulship of Plancius--I was invited to deliver an address before the Literary Societies of the University, and I took advantage of the occasion to fulfill a desire long cherished in my heart--to pluck away the mosses which had gathered upon the tombs of some of our early heroes and patriots. It is like enough that the result was hardly worth the infinite toil and patience it demanded. But to find my labor of love so completely forgotten by the generation for which it was undertaken is--well, not encouraging. It has, however, some mistakes of history were corrected, and it was satisfactorily demonstrated, from recorded evidence that there were two Cornelius Harnetts, father and son, and that the younger--the patriot whose dust reposes in the churchyard of St. James--was born in the province of North Carolina, and in the precinct of Chowan.

The Thief Discovered. The thief who stole the picture from the front of Mr. P. Heinsberger's store, referred to in our last, has been discovered in the person of a colored boy by the name of Ned Hill, who is also accused of stealing an overcoat, on Thursday evening last, from Mr. G. F. Tilley. Several parties lodged information with Mr. Heinsberger early yesterday morning to the effect that Hill had offered to sell them the picture, and it was finally ascertained that it had been purchased by a party in "Brooklyn" for seventy-five cents. Hill had not been arrested at last accounts.

Wanted to be Locked up. A seaman from one of the vessels in port approached Officer Bender, of the police force, yesterday, and asked, as a particular favor, that he would take him in charge and lock him up, stating that he had done ashore for some purpose, and that now he was pronounced a deserter, while another man had been shipped in his place. He accompanied the officer to the City Hall, but Capt. Fitzgerald informed the man that he would do nothing for him. It was afterwards ascertained that the sailor had been absent from his ship, without leave, for about two days.

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, 63; Montgomery, 56; Charleston, 60; New Orleans, 59; Columbia, 59; Norfolk, 58; Galveston, 59; Punta Rasa, 52; Indiana, 59; Savannah, 60; Jacksonville, 64; St. Marks, 59; Key West, 65; Wilmington, 58; Mobile, 59.

Information Sought Concerning a Brother. Mrs. Sarah Jane McElrath, living at Baldwinville, N. Y., desires to find the residence of her brother, Thomas Clark, who was in the Confederate service. Any one able to give information concerning him will greatly oblige her by addressing her at Baldwinville, N. Y., or Messrs. Hart, Bailey & Co., Wilmington, N. C.

RAVER AND SEARINE ITEMS. The British Barque *Eclia* will go to sea to-day, weather permitting. -- The schr. *Adale & Nellie*, Cameron, arrived at Matanzas from this port on the 15th inst. -- The steamship *Regulator*, Doane, arrived at New York from this port on the 22nd inst. -- The schr. *St. Croix*, from Weymouth for this port, arrived at Vineyard Haven on the 21st inst. -- The steamships *Pioneer*, from New York, and *Raleigh*, from Charleston, are due and expected to arrive at this port to-day.

The schr. *Roberts Shepard*, Capt. Shepard, from Cedar Keys, Florida, for New York, loaded with lumber, herebefore reported below, in a leaking condition, came inside the bar yesterday morning and anchored. We are not advised as to her further intentions, but it is probable that she will come up to this city. "Keep a reliable friend always on hand" such Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup has eminently proven itself to be. Thousands of testimonials. Try it. Price 25 cents.

CITY ITEMS. LATE PAPERS.--To Harris' News Stand, south side Front Street, we are indebted for copies of the *New York Ledger*, *Chimes*, *Coronet* and *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper* for the current week. The stand will remain open until 11 o'clock this morning. BOOK BINDING.--Tus Morrison's Book Bindery does all kinds of Binding and Ruling in a workmanlike manner, and at reasonable prices. Mer.chants and others needing *Books*, or other work, may rely on promptness, in the execution of their orders.

TRANSIENT FRUITERS.--Invaluable for railroad companies, steamship companies, banks, merchants, manufacturers and others. They are made of durable and cheap material, and they are made of durable and cheap material, and they are made of durable and cheap material.

OVER A 1,000 BARRIS BOTTLES OF BOTTLED CHERRY BRANDY have been distributed free of charge at this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Scurvy, Rheumatism, and other Throat and Lung Diseases, as a proof of its wonderful quality in curing these diseases. The demand for this medicine is increasing, and the price is 25 cents per bottle.

LOST. A SMALL BOOK, WITHOUT COVER, containing a list of names, was lost by the First Ward. The finder is requested to return it to the office of the Mayor, or to the office of the Police Department.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

Table with 2 columns: Rate and Description. One Square one day, \$1.00; Two Squares one day, \$1.50; One Square one week, \$7.00; One Square one month, \$25.00; One Square one year, \$250.00.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GRAND MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA. At Auction. On Monday, February 26th, at 11 o'clock, A. M., we will sell at public auction, a lot of choice MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA, a specialty of the Celebrated Nursery of J. M. Bono, Norfolk, Virginia. CROLY & MORRIS, Auctioneers.

During Brunswick Court. Will run Daily, leaving Wilmington, S. C., at 8:30 P. M., Feb. 25-1. O. G. PARSLEY & CO.

Weeding Hoes. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LARGE AND well selected stock of WEEDING HOES, of all qualities and sizes. We have a Hoe that we can recommend, and it is not good can be returned. We are selling these Hoes at Extremely Low Figures. Call and examine. GILES & MURCHISON.

Choice Fruit. A FRESH SUPPLY OF FINE BANANAS, CALIFORNIA PEARS, SWEET ORANGES, APPLES, LEMONS, COCAU-NUTS, and a large variety of CANDIES, just received at S. G. NORTHERN'S, Feb. 24-1. Two Fruit and Confectionery Stores.

Only a Very Few. THE \$10.00 and \$15.00 SUITS LEFT. A few YOUTHS' SUITS at \$8.00. SIMON PURR WAMBUZZA SHIRTS, ALL COMPLETE, \$1.25 each. Feb. 25-1. HARRISON & ALLEN.

Broadway Silk Hats! AND FINE STIFF HATS! HARRISON & ALLEN, Hats.

OUR OWN MAKE SADDLES and Harness, OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. Made or Repaired at Hayden & Gerhardt's, Third St. between Market and Prince.

Baldwin Apples. EXTRA QUALITY, JUST RECEIVED. Send your orders while they are here. LADY'S PEAS and WHITE BEANS, at JAMES C. STEVENSON'S, Market Street.

The Latest Out. THE HERITAGE OF LANGDALE. By Mrs. Alexander. THE FATAL SECRET. By Mrs. Southworth. SOLE & OTHER BABIES Very Like Helen's, Only More So. THE CENTURY, ITS FRUITS AND ITS FESTIVAL. THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER. By Mark Twain. For sale at HEINSEBERGER'S, Feb. 25-1. Nos. 59 and 61 Market Street.

THE WATT PLOW. UNRIVALED IN EVERY ESSENTIAL OF STRENGTH, DURABILITY, PERFECT WORK, LIGHT DRAG, FREEDOM FROM CHOKING. WE SOLICIT A TRIAL AND WOULD BE PLEASANT TO FURNISH A CATALOGUE FREE OF CHARGE. WATT PATENT PLOW MANUFACTURING CO., RICHMOND, VA.

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BOKA TEA! Consisting of OOLONG, IMPERIAL AND JAPAN MIXED, and pronounced the most elegant Tea in the market. Only 10c per pound. 50 MORE PAKETS OF THOSE PICKLES, CHOW-CHOW AND MIXED--Costing the consumer only half the usual price. DELICATE MILK AND CREAM CRACKERS--Only 1c per pack.

NEW BUTTER, OLD SWEET MASH, FRESH SARDINES, OLD BLUE GRASS, 500 CASES CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES. All Cheaper than ever. GEO. MYERS, 11 and 13 South Front St.

Flour, Bacon, Corn, Salt, &c. 600 Bbls FLOUR, all grades. 100 Bbls D. S. SIDES & SHOULDERS. 150 " " Smoked. 1000 Bush CORN. 200 Bush FRESH WASHED WHEAT MEAL. 1500 Sacks LIVERPOOL SALT. 1000 " MARSHALL'S DO. 50 Bbls SUGAR. 100 Bags COFFEE. 100 Kegs NAILS. 100 Boxes SOAP. 75 Bbls No. 1 CANDLES. 20 Bbls No. 1 KEROSENE OIL. 100 Bbls GLUE. 200 Bbls SPIRIT CASKS. 100 Bbls GLUE. 100 Boxes CHEWING TOBACCO. 2000 Bush Straw, 20 cases Lye and Potash, Powder, Shot, Caps, Fuse, Pepper, Spice, Ginger, Wrapping Paper, Twine, Candles, Hides, &c. For sale by KERCHNER & CALDER BROS. Feb. 25-1.

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