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OUTLINES.

The New England Methodist Conference passed resolutions concerning the murder of Rev. W. H. Scott, of the South Carolina Conference. The administration feels much strengthened because of the happy results of the withdrawal of the troops in South Carolina; the policy of the President will soon be enforced in Louisiana.

Latest By Mail.

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WASHINGTON, April 11. The following were among the minor postoffices filled by the Postmaster General to-day: J. H. Abbey, St. George, S. C.; A. M. D. Kelley, Town Creek, Ga.; Thomas M. Brown, Mt. Airy, N. C. The office at Little Rock Creek, N. C., has been re-established and Charles Slagle has been appointed postmaster.

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order to prevent unnecessary confusion in future, and then retired. Chamberlain left the Capitol at half-past eleven, after taking official leave of the heads of the various departments of his bogus government. The ex-Governor quietly drove to his residence after taking his departure.

The A. T. & O. Railroad Purchased by the N. C. Railroad. [Raleigh News.] We learn that the North Carolina Railroad Company has purchased a number of judgments, pending in the United States Circuit Court for the Western District of North Carolina, against the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad, which extends from Charlotte to Statesville. One would suppose that it was the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company which had made this purchase, but our information says the North Carolina Railroad Company. If it is true that this purchase has been made, and there seems to be no doubt about it, the control of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad will pass into the hands of the North Carolina Railroad.

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Bishop Hood, of Cumberland, moved as a substitute the following resolution: Resolved, That the Board of Education be requested to locate the Normal School as near the centre of the colored population as circumstances will permit. As to the rest, we submit to their best judgment. Adopted.

The storm in the Western part of the State proves to have been much greater and more disastrous in its results than was stated in yesterday morning's paper. From passengers who arrived in the city from Asheville yesterday afternoon, we learn that it was the most terrific storm that has visited that section in thirty years. At Asheville a portion of the roof of the Eagle Hotel was completely blown off, as was also that of the new hotel which is now in course of erection by the Rollins Bros. Trees were torn from their roots, fences blown down, and much injury done to property generally. The roads were so badly washed that it is almost impossible for vehicles to travel.

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Local Notes. To-day is the anniversary of the evacuation of Fort Sumter, in 1861. The Arabs, or Algerians, have gone to work on the plantation of Dr. J. E. Winants. Thus far sixty-eight true bills have been found by the Grand Jury of the Criminal Court.

Escape and Recapture of a Prisoner. Yesterday morning, after the adjournment of the Mayor's Court, Pompey Hill, colored, who had been sent to the sheriff under a commitment for larceny, was placed in charge of Daniel Howard, the jailor, to be taken to the county jail, where he was to await his trial at the present term of the Criminal Court. Arriving at the Eastern entrance to the jail, inside of the yard, Hill showed a disinclination to enter, when Howard seized him by the collar and was about to attempt to force him in. At this Hill asked to be released, saying he would go in without any further trouble. Howard then turned him loose, and, as he did so, the prisoner made a dash towards the back part of the lot. Howard pursued and as Hill was about mounting the fence he threw a rock at him. This seemed to have but little effect, and the prisoner was about to try the experiment again, when another rock was hurled at his head by the jailor, which knocked him down. Nothing daunted, however, he again sprang to his feet, and before another rock could be sent on its mission, he had cleared the fence and was over the hills and far away. But by this time a hue and cry had been raised, a crowd had gathered, and the prisoner was finally nabbed as he was making his exit from the premises of a gentleman on Market street. Hill then became desperate, struggling, fighting and kicking right and left in his efforts to get loose. Five or six men got hold of him, some by the feet and others by the shoulders, and as they bore him onward he would seize every rock and brick he could reach and try to beat his brains out with it, at the same time calling on persons in the crowd to cut his throat, &c. Finally a pair of handcuffs were placed upon his wrists, which prevented him from doing further injury to himself. In the meantime a large crowd, composed of both white and colored, but the latter predominating, had gathered and followed the prisoner and his escort to the jail door, into which the desperate fellow was finally forced and the key turned upon him.

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A JAIL DELIVERY. Three Women Drill a Hole Through the Wall and Make Their Escape from the County Jail--The Irrespressible Annie Speight One of the Number. Some time during Wednesday night the irrepressible Annie Speight, white, Edy Pigford, colored, and Martha Williams alias Martha Melton, colored, succeeded in breaking out and escaping from the county jail. It seems that they went to work and drilled a hole through the wall at the south end of the jail, when they emptied a mattress, tied the empty tick and a blanket together, fastened one end to a projection in the wall, lowered themselves one by one out of the aperture and escaped. The jailor knew nothing about their departure until yesterday morning. The proceedings were conducted very quietly. A gentleman living in the vicinity heard loud praying in the jail about 9 o'clock, which was doubtless intended to prevent persons from hearing the three determined women at their work of removing the bricks from the wall, which was accomplished with bits of steel wire from their corsets. The escape was made from the debtor's room, in which women are usually confined when on their good behavior. Two prisoners remained in the room, having made no effort to escape. These were Mary Williams, colored, in jail for costs, and whose time had nearly expired, and a colored girl named Ida Evans, awaiting trial for larceny. They say they were asleep at the time and were not aware that the women had escaped until yesterday morning. They were confident, however, that the work of removing the bricks was all accomplished during Wednesday night. It seemed impossible for a grown person to have squeezed through so small an aperture, but the absence of the prisoners is sufficient evidence that the feat was accomplished. Officers were immediately dispatched to look for the escaped prisoners, but up to last accounts they had not been recaptured.

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Letter from a Venerable sportsman. An old friend and former companion in field-sports, in Cumberland county, writes us as follows: Seeing the many sporting contributions to your lively paper, and my own thought to be wonderful--brings back from "memory's waste" many pleasing reminiscences of my younger days, when game was plenty and sportsmen not quite so thick "as leaves in Valambros," nor quite so green. Has "busy time wrought so many changes," and age so dimmed your memory, that you have forgotten the pleasant hunt we took together after squirrels, bagging 23, and that, too, with our "Kentucky rifles" and how, just at night, you being one ahead on score, we treed another, and, in my hurry to load, I got the ball fastened half way down the barrel, and had to stand tamely by and see you the victor!

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

M. CRONLY, Auctioneer. Valuable Real Estate at Auction. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH, 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M., we will sell at Exchange Court, THAT VALUABLE PROPERTY, known as the property of Elias H. Halsey, a wood yard, and conceded to be the most desirable location in the city for that business.

Horses & Mules at Auction. SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH, 1877. At 10 o'clock A. M. Corner Second and Princes Streets. CRONLY, Auctioneer.

Our Stock. OF FURNISHING GOODS. THAY EVER BEFORE. Call and see our 25c SILK TIES and \$3 LINEN COLLARS. MUNSON & CO.

Wilmington Cotton Mills. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Wilmington Cotton Mills will be held at the Bank of New Hanover, at 11 A. M. TO-DAY. Election of officers and other important business will come before the meeting.

Wanted, A Pair No. 1 Platform Scales. THE SEASON IS SEVERAL WEEKS BACKWARD. There is ample time to procure and use it. The backwardness of the season creates a greater necessity for me.

Bankrupt Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has been filed in the District Court of the United States, for the Cape Fear Division, in Bankruptcy, by Abraham Ellison, of Cumberland county, duly declared bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1867, for the discharge of his debts.

An Ordinance in Relation to Dogs. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN of the City of Wilmington, N. C., and it is hereby ORDAINED by the authority of the same: Sec. I. Every owner or keeper of a dog, shall annually, on or before the first day of May, cause his dog to be registered, named, and placed in the office of the Clerk and Treasurer, and shall cause it to wear at all times around its neck, a collar distinctly marked with the owner's name, and its registered number, and year, and the letters "W. C." and "N. C." and the name of the dog.

CITY ITEMS. It has been repeatedly shown that one gets better results from less than two-thirds of Dooley's Flea Powder than from full amount of any other barking powder in the world. Housekeepers have found out this fact, and the books of grocers all through the country prove this immense popular preference absolutely.

DIED. HIGHSMITH. On Sunday, the 8th inst, at his residence, near Burgaw, Funder county, SAMUEL A. HIGHSMITH, Esq., aged 73 years. There has been taken another good man. He leaves a number of children to mourn his loss, but they mourn not as those who have no Father in Heaven. He was a sincerely good man. In all the relations of life he commanded the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. Weep not children, but prepare to meet your Father in Heaven.

Artificial Eyes. A LARGE ASSORTMENT. From the celebrated manufacturer of BATHON & GOUGLIMAN. For sale at less than New York prices. GREEN & FLANNERY, Druggists, Market Street.