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OUTLINES.

The Louisiana outlook is hopeful; the Commission will probably fail in accomplishing anything, but the troops will be withdrawn, and no moral or physical support will be given to either government; the State will be left under the control of Nicholls. The offices and records at Columbia, the custody of which depends upon legal proceedings, will be placed under seal until a decision is reached. It is thought the President will issue very soon his proclamation convening Congress on June 4. The latest from the Commission was that there was a chance of an agreement between the two parties. Colonel Casey, of the army, has been appointed to the office of Master of Ceremonies at the White House. Hostilities between Turkey and Russia are very imminent; the Austrian Premier sees not the remotest chance for peace. Five hundred Cheyenne Indians give themselves up. Spotted Tail speaks eloquently for his people. The Republican Legislature have unanimously rejected the proposition of the Democrats, and will stand by Packard to the last. Hidalgo won the New Market handicap. The Russian Grand Duke called upon the President. The Sixth Auditor is sending out circulars to claimants for ante-bellum pay for carrying the mail. New York markets: Money easy at 2 1/2 per cent; gold quiet at 106 1/2; cotton quiet at 1 1/4; wheat quiet; strained rosin easier at \$1.95; turpentine easier at 3 1/2 cents.

Latest By Mail.

A Panic in Cotton. New York, April 17. There is a semi-panic in the cotton market, beginning late yesterday. Prices have run down with unusual rapidity, touching the lowest figures that have been reached in many months. The depression is primarily due to the threatened war in Europe, by which the consumption may be checked and manufactures interrupted. But, in addition to this, stocks are excessive here and in Liverpool.

Letter from Charles Francis Adams.

By telegraph to Journal of Commerce. NEW YORK, April 17. The following remarkable letter is now made public for the first time. As will be seen it was written on the day of the inauguration of President Hayes:

Boston, March 5, 1877. Hon. S. J. Tilden, New York.

DEAR SIR: On this day, when you ought to have been President of the United States, I seize this opportunity to bear my testimony to the calm and dignified manner in which you have passed through this great trial. It is many years since I ceased to be a party man, hence I have endeavored to judge of public affairs, and men rather by their merits than by the name they take. It is a source of gratification to me to think that I made the right choice in the late election. I could never have been reconciled to the elevation, by the smallest aid of mine, of a person, however respectable in private life, who must forever carry upon his brow a stain of fraud for the first time triumphant in American history. No subsequent action, however meritorious, can wash away the letters of that record. Very respectfully yours, CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

Bullet-Proof Passenger Car.

[From the Baltimore Sun.] There has just been completed at the car shops at York, Pa., the first bullet-proof car ever manufactured in the United States. The car is 31 feet long, 8 feet high, and furnished with all the latest improvements in ventilation, etc. The body below the windows is covered with 3/4 inch iron, and the panels between the windows and the body above them are covered with 3-16 inch steel. The windows can be closed with steel slides, and when they are down the entire car is bullet-proof. The interior is richly ornamented, and in appearance inside and out resembles a first-class passenger coach. It weighs about 6,500 pounds, and was ordered by the Spanish government for use in Cuba.

The Mountain Meadows Massacre.

A correspondent of the New York Herald has had an interview with Mrs. Eliza J. Webb, the mother of Ann Eliza, the recently divorced wife of Brigham Young. Mrs. Webb is one of the original Mormons, and claims to be conversant with the details of the Mountain Meadows massacre. The correspondent met the lady at Lockport, N. Y. She insists that Brigham Young suggested and probably ordered the slaughter.

The Storm at Newbern.

During the recent storm the high tide at Newbern did great damage. It was one of the highest and most destructive ever known. The Nit Shell of Monday says: "The two streets, South Front and East Front, were almost completely submerged in water by daylight Saturday morning, and the tide penetrated far up other streets. Boats drawing one and two feet of water, heavily loaded with furniture, goods, etc., were floated to the doors of buildings which were situated hundreds of yards from the usual level of Neuse and Trent rivers; business men, in many instances, had to wade knee deep in their stores to procure goods which they were saving from destruction."

tion, and those who had dwellings on the water side of East and South Front streets were compelled to move their furniture in upper stories in order to insure its safety. It is impossible to arrive at any definite estimate of the entire loss, but we think \$10,000 can be put down as a low calculation. Mr. Daniel Stinson's loss, by damage to the machinery of his steam saw mill and the floating away of lumber, staves, etc., will probably reach \$700; Mr. Samuel Radcliff and Mr. D. Congdon, who also owned steam saw mills on the east side of East Front street, probably lost about \$500 each; Messrs. Blakely, Williams and Jones, dealers in shingles, lost some \$200 or \$300 each; Mr. William Salter, who had on hand 300,000 shingles, lost about one-third of his stock; we are informed Mr. Alex. Justice's loss, by damage to moveable property on his premises, will reach \$250; Mr. Elijah Ellis probably lost some \$350 or \$400 by damage to his wharves and still, and the floating away of wood, staves, etc.; Mr. John Peterson's loss will not fall far short of \$1,000, the large and costly bridge leading to his wharf being badly damaged, the wharf being considerably torn up, and a lot of naval stores, etc., being washed away; it will take at least \$600 to repair the damage to Messrs. Wade & Howard's ship yard; cotton brokers lost some \$100 or \$200, in all, by damage to stock; Mr. Thos. A. Green lost over 200 sacks of salt; Mr. A. R. Dennison's loss, by damage to steam cotton gin, and other property, will reach \$100; several chimneys attached to small dwelling houses on South Front street, were washed down. A great many other citizens sustained losses, but we were unable to learn them. The terrible tide which caused all this trouble remained at a standstill, after reaching its greatest height, for many hours, and it was quite amusing to see washed-out inhabitants of East Front street huddled together on high spots, around improvised tables taking their meals, and to witness the curious spectacle presented by inhabitants of South Front street in paddling small canoes about the neighborhood to console with unfortunate neighbors, and to reach their homes in order to respond to the dinner or supper call. A small building, which was floated from its foundation during the day, was seen going up Trent river with a sole occupant, a rat, which was perched upon the roof. A large barn on Mr. A. Justice's premises was taken from its foundation and carried some distance up into the yard. After nightfall the waters began to recede, and at 10 o'clock there was only a moderate high tide.

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Torchlight: Mrs. Conway, of Franklinton, has a child that has three grandmothers on its mother's side living, and one on its father's.

A little eight page paper, called the Oxford Free Lance, and published by Williams & Jackson at \$1 year, has been received. It has our best wishes.

Southern Home: The death of that bright and devoted Christian, Mrs. Robt. Gibson, has cast a gloom over Charlotte, such as few events could cast.

The Asheville Citizen got off a heavy hoax about the killing of nine convicts, and so on. "Cruel, cruel, Jordan Stone, to treat me so, to treat me so."

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Spirits Turpentine.

Farming is very backward in Wayne.

A good fruit prospect in Mecklenburg.

A horse in Union had his tongue bitten off by a mule.

Mr. Wm. Boyles, of Mecklenburg, aged 85, is dead.

Granville court next week, Judge Buxton to preside.

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The Gatesville Baptists are having their church painted.

Mrs. Julia McIlwain died at Newbern on the 10th, aged 68.

There are seventeen Baptist churches in Alexander county.

The Wilkesboro Witness is to be an independent paper hereafter.

Henderson was on a big drunk the day the Forepaugh did not show.

Two antited visitors are now in Raleigh. Will wonders never cease?

A false alarm of small-pox created quite an excitement at Newbern.

The Oxford Presbyterian ladies will give an entertainment next week.

The Republican Commissioners of Granville have resigned their places.

Prof. Phillips, of Chapel Hill, has been confined to his bed for two months.

The Torchlight wants to give Oxford a whitewashing. Oil has run out.

Observer: The charity ball cleared \$90 for the Charlotte Home Hospital.

Union criminal docket at last accounts stood 209, with a prospect of increase.

The Raleigh ministers are devoting their abilities to find out where "the church" is.

Eighty cases disposed of at Craven Court, just closed. Forty still on the docket.

Some one is writing a sketch of the famous Newbern Academy for the Newbernian.

Some thieves robbed the Good Templars' lodge room at Clayton. They have been arrested.

The steamer Newbern, South-gate, lost her deck-load in Pamlico Sound during the late storm.

A young lady in Oxford says the intermediate state is half way between a young girl and an old maid.

The passenger fare on the Atlantic road has been reduced to four cents a mile for first class and three cents for second class.

Danbury Reporter: The U. S. Coast Surveyers will again visit this section in a day or two, and will remain about six weeks.

A very large and fashionable audience greeted Rigold at Charlotte. The Observer speaks in high praise of the performance.

The Raleigh News says that the old Board of Commissioners of the Insane Asylum will attempt to hold over in accordance with the law of the Legislature making the expiration of their term March 1, 1878.

Local Dots. Two seamen, who were confined in the guard house for non-payment of fines and costs, were released yesterday, the same having been settled.

Col. Chas. R. Jones, of the Charlotte Observer, is here as a delegate of the Knights of Honor. We wish him a pleasant stay in our city.

The Superior Court, we understand, will not open until next Tuesday. Monday, the 23d, is the regular day for the commencement of the term.

Capt. Garrison, of the steamer D. Murchison, reports that many cattle and sheep were drowned along the line of the Cape Fear during the late severe weather.

The Signal Service telegraphic wires between this city and Smithville, which were prostrated by the late gale, are now in working order again, the finishing touches having been given to them yesterday.

Capt. R. B. Saunders, of the Raleigh Observer, is on a short visit to our city in the interest of that journal. We wish the Captain the greatest success in his efforts to promote the prosperity of the Observer.

The jail physician examined the wound of Thomas Johnson, mentioned in our last as having been shot by the jailor while attempting to escape, and finding that no secondary hemorrhage had taken place, and that the wound was doing as well as could be expected, he was taken with the other prisoners to Raleigh yesterday morning.

From Smithville. A correspondent at Smithville, writing under date of Tuesday, the 17th, says: "The Timmons arrived here safe and sound, with all of her crew, at 11:30 this morning. On her entering the harbor, she was received with every manifestation of joy by the people. The shore near Mr. Prigge's store was lined with people. The Timmons, during the gale, lost one of her hatches, but retained both of her hulls, to the surprise of every one. The largest had her bows stove in. They say the boat went under double reefed sails, until the storm, becoming more severe, rendered it necessary to take in all sail except the fore-sail, and that had three reefs in it. The waves rolled mountains high, the wind blowing so fierce as to some times flatten the sea. The boat remained at the mercy of the waves until Sunday morning, when they ran into Georgetown. They say that the last time they saw the Sprunt was on Thursday last. The Sprunt being farther off shore than the Timmons it is expected she will be in to-morrow. Every one has strong hopes of seeing her once more. The light ship dragged twenty odd miles. She was towed in this afternoon, near Mr. Malley's lighthouse, outside, and anchored. She is anchored in sight of Smithville. The Nef was gotten out of the marsh without damage. The Steiff still remains on the rock she struck on."

Last night an entertainment with a magic lantern was given by a colored man, in the interest of the A. M. E. Church. The scenes were principally scriptural. A good crowd was present at the exhibition.

The weather here since Sunday morning has been pretty fair, with occasionally a few clouds passing over. Now and then it looks like rain."

Produce Exchange. At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange, held yesterday, Col. J. L. Cantwell was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, and the following standing Committees were appointed and confirmed: Arbitration Committee—D. McRae, Chairman; C. P. Mcbane, B. F. Mitchell, B. G. Worth, A. Martin. Finance Committee—Geo. W. Williams, Chairman; R. E. Calder, Jno. L. Cantwell. Law Committee—Roger Moore, Chairman; James Sprunt. Information and Statistics—E. Peschau, Chairman; W. L. DeRosset, C. H. Robinson. Marine and Shipping—D. R. Murchison, Chairman; A. D. Cazaux, A. J. Howell. Inspectors—J. D. Woody, Chairman; Jas. A. Willard, G. J. Bonney. Cotton Classification—C. P. Mcbane, Chairman; Roger Moore, E. Lilly. Naval Stores Quotations—J. D. Woody, Chairman; S. M. Chastan, G. G. Barker. Cotton Quotations—D. R. Murchison, Chairman; W. Calder, S. R. Birdseye. Cotton Statistics and Information—E. Lilly, Chairman; James Sprunt, B. F. Hall.

Mayor's Court. The following cases were disposed of by the Mayor yesterday morning: Antonio Swain and Victoria Swain, charged with disorderly conduct, judgment suspended on the payment of costs in the case of the former; the latter required to pay a fine of \$20 and costs. Hattie Lee, charged with the larceny of \$5, was ordered to give a justified bond in the sum of \$200 for her appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court; the same, charged with living in a house of ill-fame, was required to pay a fine of \$20 and costs, or work for thirty days on the streets.

German Pic-Nic. We learn that the first German pic-nic of the season will take place at the Wilmington Garden on the 9th of May, under the auspices of Germania Lodge No. 4, K. of P., and the committee, Messrs. W. H. Gerken, C. Vonkampen and John Werner, intend to spare no pains to make it an attractive and pleasant affair. The dancing will commence at 2 o'clock, and refreshments of all kinds will be served at city prices.

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The Alleged Bigamist, &c., Again. Hagood, the alleged bigamist, also charged with grand larceny, whose arrest here last week has been referred to more than once in this paper, having been released by Mayor Canaday after a detention of six days, was recaptured at Goldsboro' on Monday evening last, but we now learn that he succeeded in making his escape on Tuesday night and is now again at large. The Charleston News and Courier of yesterday morning, referring to this matter, says: "Yesterday morning a dispatch was received from the Mayor of Goldsboro, N. C., by Captain Hendricks, notifying him that the bigamist, who had been released by the Mayor of Wilmington, had been recaptured at that place, and asking for advice. Captain Hendricks replied by wire that an officer with a requisition from the Governor of Georgia would leave by the next train." The same afternoon the necessary papers were placed in the hands of Officer Nipson, who was to leave for Goldsboro as soon as some necessary information could be received from Rome, Ga.

Knights of Honor. Delegates of Knights of Honor had a meeting in this city last night for the institution of a Grand Lodge for that order for the State of North Carolina. Marsden Bellamy, Esq., was chosen to deliver the address of welcome to the visiting delegates, among whom were the following: Colonel C. R. Jones, of Charlotte; Rev. T. J. Alston, of Tarboro; H. T. Tull, of Kinston; Dr. D. Cogdell, of Goldsboro, and Messrs. W. Geo. Brinson, of Newbern, and P. C. Carlton, of Statesville.

Mr. J. A. Ege, Supreme Dictator of the order in the United States, was expected to arrive last night.

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, 77; Montgomery, 70; Charleston, 71; New Orleans, 73; Corsicana, 74; Norfolk, 71; Galveston, 79; Punta Rasa, 73; Indianola, 81; Savannah, 73; Jacksonville, 79; St. Marks, 69; Key West, 80; Wilmington, 70; Mobile, 68.

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Up to a late hour yesterday afternoon no news had been received at Smithville in reference to the missing pilot boat Mary K. Sprunt. A Savannah dispatch of the date of April 17th, says: "The steamship America passed the Flying Pan light ship off Romain, steering northwest; also passed one-half of the deck of a pilot boat ten miles northeast of Romain, and off Hatteras, ten barrels tar, shingles and other drift stuff." The portion of a pilot boat here referred to may possibly have belonged to the Sprunt, but, as there is no certainty about it, we will continue to hope that the missing boat will yet turn up all safe.

The pilot boat Urah Timmons, Capt. C. C. Morse, arrived here yesterday afternoon. Having been an object of much interest for several days past in connection with the uncertainty as to her fate, she was of course the observed of all observers and many flattering compliments were paid to the handsome and gallant little craft for the manner in which she successfully withstood the great storm that proved fatal to so many vessels of large size. Capt. Morse, whose skill and good management is due much of the credit for the safety of the Timmons and those on board, was also the object of much interest and very general congratulation on the part of his many friends and acquaintances in this city. He confirms the statement already published, that the last he saw of the Sprunt was on Thursday before the storm commenced, at which time she was in the neighborhood of the light ship. The same evening he saw a boat beating in towards the bar, and thought at the time that it was the Sprunt, and that she had succeeded in getting inside. He declines to express an opinion as to the probable fate of the missing boat, but it is easy to see that he has very great apprehensions as to her safety. A good many persons visited the Timmons at the wharf between Dock and Orange streets during the afternoon.

The schooner Roamer, McFarland, cleared from St. John for this port on the 13th inst.

The schr. Traveller, Capt. Hodges, from St. Pierre, Martinique, put in here yesterday in distress, her rudder being out of order. She will repair and proceed. She is loaded with sugar.

The schr. J. R. Bodwell, Capt. Spaulding, which arrived here yesterday from Rockland, Me., reports having experienced heavy weather, having been blown sixty miles south of Savannah during the late gale, losing fore-gate, stove boat, water-casks, &c., and carried away davits.

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