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## OUTLINES.

The Russian consulate at Kais was attacked by some Turkish soldiers.  
The Serbian press is growing hostile to Turkey.  
Austria reserves to itself absolute liberty of action.  
Russians have occupied Jassy.  
Archbishop of Ferrara is dead.  
Russia will not develop her intentions until 29th; the roads are bad and she has not enough troops ready.  
The Sultan will command in person.  
The Russian Embassy were to leave Constantinople on 23d.  
Ben Wade makes a bitter attack upon Hayes in N. Y. Times.  
The New Orleans pacification is absolute; Packard will retire without resistance.  
Journal of Commerce office, New York, damaged \$25,000 by fire.  
Three army officers drowned in Columbia river, Oregon, by capsizing of a boat.  
It is said Packard will be appointed Collector of Port of New Orleans.  
Agricultural Department publishes report as to the condition of cattle in various States.  
New York markets: Money 2 @ 1/2; percent; gold stronger at 107 1/2; cotton quiet at 11 3/16-11 5/16 cents; spirits turpentine firm at 33 cents; rosin firm at \$1 95/100 for strained.

## Latest By Mail.

The Battle Won—The Contest for the Senatorship.

[Special to the Baltimore Sun.]

NEW ORLEANS, April 22.

The Democrats regard their fight won, and are thinking now only of the Senatorial election. The caucus will probably be held Sunday. The three leading candidates are Spefford, Gibson and Jonas. The Republicans, if they come over from Packard in a solid body, will nominate a candidate of their own, but if the secession is not general those now in the Nicholls Legislature will vote for a conservative Democrat like ex-Lieut. Gov. Penn.

## Very Sad.

[Newbernian.]

NEW YORK, April —, 1876.

Sunday morning, four weeks ago, Wm. H. Finch, one of North Carolina's sons, left his home, No. 9 West 21st street, of this city, for a walk, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of him. He left, in a dying condition, his wife, a stranger without money or friends. Dr. Frank M. Deems, another North Carolinian, found her in this state, and kindly and generously administered to her wants, supplying her with a nurse and giving her his professional services, and through his influence has had her placed in St. Vincent's Hotel—a Catholic institution in charge of the Sisters of Charity—where she has every comfort that such a place can supply. Poor Finch was special agent for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company and was doing well, receiving a very handsome salary for assisting in building up a splendid business for his company. His loss will be greatly felt, not only by the John Hancock, but also by his numerous friends both here and elsewhere. I write you this, hoping that you may, through your valuable paper, inform his friends and relations in the "good old North State" of his mysterious disappearance, and of the sad condition of his poor wife, who cannot live very long.

J. GIVON.

## The Oxford Orphan Asylum.

[Raleigh Observer.]

This noble charity calls aloud for help, and unless it receives aid from some quarter speedily the little orphans will actually be in want of food. In consequence of the falling off in the contributions within the past two or three months the Superintendent was forced to take a heavy load of the orphans and go through the country giving concerts with the hope of raising funds sufficient to meet bread and meat contingencies. With what success he is meeting with we are not advised, but we do know that since he left some of the teachers, if not all, have advanced to the Asylum every cent of their own money, and three days ago there was only \$50 in the Treasury, and the oil and flour were out. There never was a time when the Asylum was as much in need of assistance as at present, and if you have anything to give, send it on at once. A barrel of kerosene oil and a barrel of flour would be very acceptable just now. If you don't feel able to give as much as that, a dollar or two towards it would help wonderfully.

## Spirits Turpentine.

Raleigh is luxuriating in roses.  
Two more stores for Morganton.  
Raleigh sold 403 bales of cotton last week.  
The seventeenth snow fell at Salem on the 13th inst.  
S. D. Brady dropped dead in Edenton on the 20th.  
The Raleigh cattle have the "freedom of the city."  
A twenty-four pound turtle caught near Morganton.  
The financial matters of the State Fair have been settled.  
Farming operations are very backward throughout the State.  
Morganton is to have a tobacco factory and warehouse. May be.  
The lower part of Morganton court-house is used for a cow shed.  
L. D. Perry, of Bertie county, fell dead on the 19th of heart disease.

## Chronicle: There is something in a name.

Whiskey is now called "stagger juice."  
— W. H. Finch is still missing. The poor fellow has probably gone the way of all flesh.

— Mr. Ramsey, one of the new editors of the Statesville Landmark, is from Columbus, Miss.

— The Morgantown Methodists have resolved to erect a spire on their church 98 feet high.

— A man named Brown was mysteriously murdered near Campbell C. H., Va. He was from North Carolina.

— Edenton, N. C., boasts the possession of a lunatic who has been in that State "for twenty-three long years."

— Revenue collections in Raleigh District last week \$30,000. And yet the South does not pay any taxes. Oh, no!

— Chapel Hill students have formed an association, a Young Men's Christian Association, which is working much good.

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## THE POSTAL COMMISSION.

Preparations for the Reception and Entertainment of the Commissioners, &c.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Produce Exchange and Board of Trade, was held at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of making suitable arrangements for the reception of the members of the U. S. Postal Commission, who are expected to arrive this morning.

Mr. A. H. VanBokkelen was called to the chair, who explained the object of the meeting, after which the following committees, representing the various organizations, &c., were announced as follows:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.  
A. H. VanBokkelen, President; Messrs. A. Sprunt, E. E. Burruss, G. W. Williams, R. E. Calder, R. E. Heide.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE.  
D. G. Worth, President; D. McRae, J. L. Grainger, W. L. DeRoset, Geo. Harris, J. H. Currie.

BOARD OF TRADE.  
Clayton Giles, President; G. R. French, J. L. Boatwright, H. A. Burr, Sol. Bear, F. Heinsberger.

CITY OF WILMINGTON.  
W. P. Canaday, Chairman ex officio; B. F. Mitchell and J. W. Atkinson.

BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.  
W. L. Smith, Norwood Giles, T. C. DeRoset, E. W. Manning, John W. Gordon, J. A. Byrne.

The meeting for consultation with our business men will take place at the rooms of the Wilmington Library Association this morning at 11 o'clock.

The special mission of the Commission is to inquire into the present mail service, and to learn whether any additional facilities are required by the South.

The Commission was appointed in 1866, by act of Congress, to report rules and regulations for the transmission of the mails by railroads, and the compensation for such services. By a subsequent act it was also directed to report upon the transmission of the mails by steamboat and stage lines. It consists of Gardiner G. Hubbard, of Boston, Massachusetts, Chairman; Daniel M. Fox, ex Mayor of Philadelphia; and Geo. A. Bassett, of New York. Hon. J. W. Marshall, for many years First Assistant Postmaster General, and now General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service of the Southern States, accompanies the Commission as the representative of the Post Office Department.

Their object is to inquire, first, whether a faster mail schedule between New York and New Orleans is necessary; second, whether the railroads can afford to put on such a schedule; and third, whether the business is sufficient to warrant the Post Office Department in making such change.

We learn that Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Marshall, Miss Hubbard and Miss Bassett, accompany the gentlemen of the Commission on their tour.

We learn that a trip to the Sound is in the programme of arrangements.

Mayor's Court.

The following cases were disposed of by the Mayor yesterday morning:

A. E. Myers, charged with drumming without paying his taxes; judgment suspended on payment of costs and taxes. In another case against the same defendant judgment was suspended on the payment of costs; and the same, charged with resisting a police officer, was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 and costs.

Benjamin Lane, charged with disorderly conduct, was ordered to pay a fine of \$30 and the costs or work for thirty days on the streets.

Owen Hayes, charged with disorderly conduct, was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs or work for thirty days on the streets.

Jack Watkins, charged with being drunk, was discharged on payment of costs.

Two or three other trifling cases were tried or continued over.

Good Shooting.

A correspondent at Laurinburg, alluding to the various feats of marksmanship mentioned in this paper lately, calls to mind several instances of good shooting not heretofore mentioned, which he enumerates as follows: Hon. Lauchlin Bethune, of Cumberland county, who represented the Democratic party of his district in Congress more than thirty years ago, killed three large deer at one shot with a small rifle; D. Ray, of Moore county, killed thirteen wild turkeys at one shot with a musket; Lauchlin McKinnon, of the same county, killed seven large turkey gobblers at one shot, and another individual killed thirty-nine squirrels out of forty shots.

Will Get an Engine.

The young gentlemen, alluded to in our last as having determined to get up a new hook and ladder company, request us to say that they have since been advised by Col. Roger Moore, Chief of the Fire Department, to get a chemical engine instead of a hook and ladder truck, which will be likely to prove more serviceable to the department. We hope they will meet with much success in their well-meant endeavors.

Unamiable Letters.

The following are the unamiable letters remaining in the city postoffice:

Miss Matilda E. Clark, Hertford county, N. C.; Julia Moore, care Edward Full; W. H. Owens, Saratoga P. O., via Wilson, N. C.

Free of charge. Your druggist will refund your money if Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup does not give you satisfaction and cure your cough.

## THE LATE PILOTS.

The Sad Fate of the Mary K. Sprunt, Her Captain and Crew—Timely Suggestions, &c.

There can hardly be a doubt lingering in the mind of any one conversant with the facts that the missing pilot boat Mary K. Sprunt went down in the late severe gale or cyclone, one of the most terrific that has even visited our coast, and that Captain Doshier and his four companions found a watery grave amid the angry billows. The *Timmons* and the *Sprunt* left Smithville on Wednesday morning and the last seen of the latter by the former was on Thursday evening, before the great storm that raged so fearfully the following day had fairly commenced, making nearly two weeks since her disappearance.

As we have heretofore stated, there were five persons on the ill-fated boat. Charles Doshier, who was in command, and who was a son of Mr. Charles Doshier, Sr., was about 25 years of age and leaves a wife and one child. Thomas B. Grissom was about 35 or 40 years of age and leaves a wife and two children. Christopher Pinner was aged about 25 years and leaves a wife, but no children. Robert Walker was aged about 24 or 25 years and leaves a wife, but no children. Florence C. Gillespie, who has not long been a resident of Smithfield, leaves no family, we understand. Messrs. Pinner and Walker married sisters of Captain Doshier; so Mr. Charles Doshier, Sr., loses by this sad calamity, a son and two sons-in-law. The families of the unfortunate men were all, we understand, dependent upon them for their support, and Mr. Grissom also leaves an aged mother, as well as wife, who looked to him as her only earthly help.

The *Mary K. Sprunt* registered about twenty-five tons, was valued at about \$2,500 or \$3,000, and was owned by the Messrs. Doshier, Walker and Pinner.

We cordially endorse the suggestions contained in the following communication from Dr. Curtis, and hope they will meet with a cheerful response from our citizens:

SMITHVILLE, April 23, 1877.

Mr. Editor: There seems to be little doubt that the pilot boat *Mary K. Sprunt* is lost with all aboard. Four pilots have found a watery grave, in the discharge of the perilous duty of their profession, and with their lives has also gone all the property of which they were possessed. Poor helpless widows, some of them with young children, are left behind to mourn their loss.

It is not well for those who live, and are prospering, in callings which do not involve them in constant danger and hardship, to think of the probable destination of these poor families, and contribute out of their abundance means to their relief.

Do you not think it well to suggest in your paper, which circulates so widely, and is read by so many happy families, the propriety of getting up a purse for the benefit of those poor people, who know not where to turn for the necessities of life? The merchants and others in your city are generous, and it has but to be suggested to be accomplished. And to those who contribute to this worthy object it will be a comfort, when the tempest howls and the waves dash, to think that their abundance they have remembered the poor and friendless.

To the pilots themselves, whose profession is a hard and unremunerative one, it will give renewed vigor and faithfulness to give renewed vigor and faithfulness to see that the wives and children of these unfortunate ones are not left to suffer.

Very truly yours, &c., W. G. CURTIS.

Jewish Lectures.

Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne, a learned and eloquent Jewish Rabbi, of Illinois, will deliver two celebrated lectures here during the present week, at the Opera House, on Wednesday night and another on Thursday night. His subject on Wednesday evening, April 25th, will be "The Talmud, its Ethics and Literary Beauty," and on Thursday evening, the 26th, "The Crucifixion and the Jews, or, Have the Jews Actually Crucified Jesus of Nazareth." One half of the net proceeds of these lectures are to be donated to the Jewish Orphan Asylum Fund. The Montgomery (Ala) Journal has the following in reference to one of Dr. Browne's lectures:

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A Handsome Donation.

Messrs. D. Appleton & Co., the great publishing house of New York City, in connection with Rev. H. W. Bellows and Dr. C. R. Agnew, have presented to Miss Amy M. Bradley, for the use of the Tilton Normal School, a copy of Appleton's Encyclopedia in sixteen volumes, handsomely bound in calf skin. This valuable work, costing \$12, was accompanied by a note from Rev. H. W. Bellows, stating that one-half the cost was borne by the Messrs. Appleton and the other half by Dr. C. R. Agnew and himself, who embraced this method of testifying their appreciation of Miss Bradley's long and honorable labors in the cause of humanity.

Magistrate's Court.

Wm. Mallett, Sr., was arraigned before Justice