

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION IN ADVANCE: The year, (by mail postage paid) \$7 00...

OUTLINES.

Hon. George S. Houston's credentials as Senator from Alabama were presented to the Senate and filed. Senator Salisbury submitted a resolution calling for the amount paid bankers, brokers, &c., for services in negotiating the sale of U. S. bonds or securities from 1863 until now.

According to Rowell's Directory there are 8,763 periodicals in the United States. There are 13 more daily and 307 more weekly newspapers than were reported in January, 1878.

Mr. P. S. O'Brien, the man who was spirited away from Raleigh, has turned up in San Francisco, accompanied by two women, claiming to be his wife and daughter.

Rev. Dr. Sprigg will remove his excellent paper, the Southern Churchman, to Richmond, Va. He has accepted the call to the Moore Memorial Church of that city. He is a wise man.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, denies he has spoken harshly of the South. He says he has no sentiments but those of kindness and friendship.

Governor Pillsbury, of Minnesota, has given notice that he will veto all appropriations where the money is not already in the treasury.

The New York Sun says that the body of the late A. T. Stewart has been delivered to Judge Hilton, who paid \$50,000 for its recovery.

The Supreme Court of New York has decided that a mandamus should be granted, compelling the Comptroller to pay to the trustees of the East River bridge one-third of eight million dollars, it being New York's appropriation for building the bridge.

The Columbia (S. C.) Register of the 16th inst. gives the following agreeable information concerning Gov. Hampton.

Col. Charles Marshall, of Baltimore, Gen. Lee's Adjutant General and biographer, made some kind remarks about Grant, whereupon he was reported in the Baltimore American as being a Republican convert, and as being for Grant in 1860.

The annual circular of Messrs. R. G. Dunn & Co. is out. From it we learn that the total number of failures in the United States for 1878 was 10,478, with liabilities amounting to \$234,000,000.

The bankrupt law had no little to do with the increase. In the South there were 96,997 in business. Of these 1,416 failed. Amount of liabilities, \$26,922,061.

easy to account for the increase of 1,571 failures among 700,000 business men within a year in which the circumstances have been peculiarly influential in encouraging casualties of this character. These circumstances are stated at six in number, as follows: 1878 was the fifth year of a depression unparalleled in extent, character and duration; the weather for the first quarter of the year was unseasonable, and thus most unfavorable for sales and collections; the discussions in and out of Congress as to financial matters and the tariff impaired confidence for the time being; the notable decline in the value of staples the world over; the existence of the epidemic in the South, and, finally, more influential than all others, was the abolition of the bankrupt law and the long delay permitted to elapse before its repeal.

A special from Charlotte to the New York World dated January 15th, gives an interesting account of the convention of Northern settlers. The exact truth about the South is set forth. Mr. Dumont had received hundreds of letters in response to the circular letter he had sent out. We copy one paragraph, not without interest to us in this part of the State. The correspondent says: "With four exceptions (and I have examined all of the letters) they are of the same general tenor. In more than a hundred of these letters the writers pledge assistance at this convention, and all of them, with the few exceptions noted, declare the entire satisfaction of their writers with their Southern friends; declare that they find the soil more fertile than they expected, the climate delightful, and the social relations altogether agreeable. They cordially endorse the convention; hope the attendance will be large, and that through its instrumentality others may be induced to follow the example and settle in the South. Of the four writers who dissent from the majority, one is Joseph C. Abbott, of New Hanover county, N. C., a leading Republican politician of this State after the war, and for one term United States Senator; another is A. W. Shafer, of Raleigh, United States Register in Bankruptcy, a ward politician and a well known stirrer-up of strife. It may be here noted that the leading Republican paper of the State has attacked the convention and its promoters, and this is the full extent of the opposition which the movement has encountered."

The list of names attached to the resolutions passed at the late Convention of Northern settlers in the South held at Charlotte, is published in the Observer, and it embraces a large number of intelligent, thrifty and worthy gentlemen. Their testimony in behalf of the South is extremely valuable and ought to have great weight and influence. It will be gratifying to many to know that the Democrats of Missouri have nominated Gen. James Shields as Senator, to succeed David Armstrong, for the short term. This must be especially pleasing to the old hero.

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rape. This should be at defendant's own request, and his failure to make the request should not be presumptive against him. Passed its third and final reading. S. B. 72, amendment to the law to allow reclamation of real estate sold under execution, lien or mortgage, was by recommendation of Judiciary committee indefinitely postponed. A S. B. 38, to punish incest, was reported favorably by Judiciary committee, and passed its several readings, and ordered engrossed for the House.

S. B. 26, to punish abduction of children under eighteen years of age, was amended to read 16 years' imprisonment instead of 20.

Mr. Ormond offered an amendment, provided this does not apply to persons who abduct females with a view of marriage. Amendment was lost.

The bill then passed its third and final reading. Senate bill 35, in regard to the practice in criminal actions. No bill of indictment or judgment, shall be quashed because a grand juror has failed to pay taxes, or was party to an action pending. Passed second and third readings and engrossed for House.

Senate bill 14, to revise and digest the public laws of North Carolina. Mr. Mebane moved to amend, to appoint three commissioners, at a salary not to exceed \$1,000 each, which was lost, when the bill passed its third reading.

Mr. Dortch, by consent, introduced a bill to amend laws of 1876-77, to secure holders of policies for fire insurance in North Carolina.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. By Mr. Armstrong, a bill to incorporate the Burgaw Male and Female Academy in Pender county. Committee on Corporations.

The bill to abolish the January term of Cumberland Superior Court, was on motion of Mr. Blocker, seconded by Mr. Coffield, taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Berry, the resolution to raise a joint select committee to investigate the affairs of the Western North Carolina Railroad and Western Inmate Asylum was taken up, the substitute adopted by the Senate concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Lynday moved that the rules be suspended and the resolution to raise a committee to investigate the State's interest in works of internal improvement be taken up. The motion prevailed and the resolution was read. Mr. Turner moved to amend the resolution so as to give the committee authority to investigate all alleged frauds. After some discussion the amendment was voted down. Mr. Turner then moved to amend by providing that if any evidence of fraud be discovered by the committee the parties against whom the evidence was should be arrested. On this amendment the yeas and nays were ordered and the amendment prevailed. The resolution was then adopted.

A message was received from the Governor covering a report from W. L. Saunders, Secretary of the Trustees of the University, in relation to certain vacancies in said Board.

On motion of Mr. Vaughan, it was ordered that the message and accompanying document be transmitted to the Senate, with a proposition to go into an election to fill the vacancies on Wednesday next at 1 o'clock.

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with him for the last three or four days. The tobacco factory of Mr. W. H. Winslow, of Roxboro, with its contents, was destroyed by fire a few nights since.

Weldon News: Mrs. John A. Houghton, formerly of Scotland Neck, died at the residence of her son, Mr. W. W. Anthony, near Hamilton, Martin county, and was buried in Scotland Neck last Monday.

Goldboro Mail: A friend from Rocky Mount, under date of 15th inst., writes: The new bridge across Tar River broke last night and floated down to the bridge at the Falls, and this morning the Falls bridge broke. The centre and went down, and we think it will go soon, as the river is higher than it has been for several years, and still rising.

Oxford Torchlight: The Heraldsites will petition the Legislature to form a new county from portions of Franklin, Watauga, and Grassville, and also the portion of the County of Washington, to be known as the County of Oxford. We are glad to learn that the spring session of Prof. Foster's School—Oxford Male Academy—begun with an unusually large number of pupils, and that a good many more are expected to form the remainder of the year.

Elizabeth City Economist: On Thursday night, about 12 o'clock, our citizens were aroused by a cry of rock, charge, and the like. It was the residence of the late Mrs. W. J. Peindexter and Water street, was on fire and it was soon communicated to an adjoining building. Both buildings were entirely consumed.

Greensboro Patriot: A petition is in circulation praying the Legislature to make a new county from the southwest of this county and a portion of the southwest of the county of Orange. The petition is also in circulation. From the statistical reports of the North Carolina Friends we quote: Number of churches 50, number of members 4,837; additions during the past year 1,025; total membership 5,862; number who use tobacco 84, number who use liquor 87; number of ministers 38.

Greenville correspondent of Goldboro Messenger: Levi Dawson shot and killed a negro on the 7th inst. in a dispute. Not long since, on the 10th inst., James W. C. Overturf was forced to close his business. He was the prominent Radical candidate for sheriff of this county last August, but was happily defeated.

Martha C. Mebane vs. Maria C. Mebane, from New Hanover; argued by A. T. & J. London for plaintiff, and E. G. Haywood for defendant.

Wadesboro Herald: The late cold spell was the longest and severest that has occurred in this section since 1864. Some fields of cotton and guano at Lilesville depot recently—so a gentleman from that place informs us. The Agricultural Institute will open its spring term on next Monday, the 20th inst. Our agricultural friends tell us that more meat has been "salted down" in this county this winter than at any time since the war.

The official record at the City Hall was not largely illustrated yesterday. The incorrigible, irrepressible Scipio Hillius, corrupted into Hill, by the fact that the Latin race is not predominant in New Hanover. Scip was up on the chronic charge of drunkenness, and the Mayor adjudged that it would be conducive to his health for him to remain indoors for ten days.

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W. W. R. R. "Hiding on a rail" enables the Goldboro Mail to testify as to the condition of one of our railroads. That paper says: "It is certainly pleasant to make a trip over the W. & W. R. R. The road had in its splendid condition, the newly fitted up magnificent passenger cars glide over it, without a jolt, and with all, and not the least important in addition, comfort to passengers, it has a corps of polite, attentive and gentlemanly conductors."

The Baltimore Steamship Line. A telegram to Mr. A. D. Cassus, received here yesterday, shows that the ice blockade is fairly broken up north of us, so far as Baltimore. The steamship Raleigh, which has been prevented by the frozen condition of Patuxent river from making her connections at this point, will follow in the afternoon. The steamer, and its familiar old pilot, Captain Oliver and Price, will be glad to welcome them.

Sheriff Manning has made his settlement of taxes with the State for the year 1878. Public taxes... \$11,209 15 Special taxes... 7,787 63 Total... \$19,000 78 Besides, he has paid in the following county taxes: For the School Fund... \$3,019 89 For General Fund... \$4,269 75 For Sinking Fund... 6,049 27 Total... \$13,338 91 This leaves him a clear six

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Local Notes. — There is an unmailable letter in the city postoffice for Larry LaGrand, Hamlet, N. C.

Magisterial citations were too dull yesterday to justify quotations. The market was inactive, without a criminal arrest, even on a basis of fine and cost.

The hop of L'Athos Club, at Germania Hall last night, have been an enchanting affair, as, at 8 o'clock, the H. R. and D. C. had not put in his appearance.

We learn by telegraph that the crew of the barque Maggie Vandermeer, from this port, for Baltimore, which was found on the 10th inst., water-logged, and rudder gone, have arrived at New York. Two of the crew were frost-bitten.

There was another store robbery Thursday night, but the particulars have not been transmitted. Two such occurrences in one night would seem, however, to justify the inference that the police force of this city is entirely too weak, numerically.

The Leonard Grover Combination. Theatre-goers would be somewhat piqued if there was a probability of being denied the privilege of witnessing the presentation of "Our Boarding House." The Savannahites, who have had liberal opportunities of seeing the very best actors and actresses in comedy and tragedy, appear to have been well pleased with its rendition in that city. The News says: "We have not the space to say in detail of the company, but we can truly say that there is not an inferior actor or actress in the combination—the majority of them having just left the Grand Opera House, New York, where they have been playing to immense houses. They give an excellent performance, and are deserving of the patronage of all theatre-goers. The house last night was well filled, and the demonstrations of applause and laughter were abundant. It is a genuine American comedy, filled with characters that grow only on our side, and with scenes that could not occur elsewhere."

New Hanover in the Supreme Court. Among the call of appeals in the Supreme Court at Raleigh, Thursday, were the following from this District: W. J. Sutton and wife vs. James T. Schonwald et al., from New Hanover; argued on Thursday. Concluded. W. S. & D. J. Devane and D. L. Russell for plaintiff's, and A. T. & J. London for defendant.

Eliza A. McLive et al. vs. Marsden Bellamy, administrator, et al., from New Hanover; argued on motion to dismiss. Motion allowed.

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Another Robbery—Probable Intended Incendiarism. Recently shows itself in our midst, every now and then, in a most audacious and heinous form. Night before last a thief or thieves made a diversion against Mr. W. H. Grogton, whose place of business and family residence are in the same building, on the northeast corner of Front and Castle streets. About half-past 12 o'clock Mr. G. was awakened by a strong odor, and getting up, found the bed-chamber enveloped in a kind of fog or smoke, the product of what he could not determine. He then proceeded down stairs, and searching the residence and store, was unable to discover any sign of fire, though the presence of the mysterious smell was evident there as well as in the second story. He resolved to retire, but could not sleep, and between 2 and 3 o'clock heard a slight noise below, which decided him to make a second reconnaissance. He did so, and, as might have been anticipated, the prowlers beat a hasty retreat.

An investigation in force was thereafter made and developed the fact that the entrance had been made into the kitchen, adjoining the house and store. There, in the stove, the chemical or substance which produced the offensive odor was found. Small light wood splinters had been placed in a cupboard, and were arranged as if for rapid ignition, leading to the supposition that incendiarism was one of the purposes of the raiders. They failed in this demonic scheme, and the timely inspection of Mr. Grogton sent them away before half their work was done. They carried off, however, clothing, among other articles an overcoat, a ladies' cloak and cape, a considerable quantity of crockery and other articles. The extent of the loss is not yet known, but will doubtless prove in the end to be considerable.

North Carolina Bonds. Last Thursday, in New York, North Carolina bonds were quoted thusly: Sixes, old Jan. and July... 124 20 April and October... 104 124 N. C. R. and July... 85 Do. April and October... 85 Do. C. of J. and July... 65 Do. C. of J. and Oct... 65 Funding Act, 1868... 214 New Bonds, Jan. and July... 187 Do. Aug. and Oct... 187 Spec. Tax, class 1... 3 3-16 Do. class 2... 3 Do. class 3... 92

Thermometer Record. The following will show the state of the thermometer, at the stations mentioned, at 4.31 yesterday evening, Washington mean time, as ascertained from the daily bulletin issued from the Signal Office in this city: Atlanta... 46 Key West... 77 Augusta... 58 Mobile... 65 Charleston... 55 Montgomery... 69 Charlotte... 49 New Orleans... 78 Columbia... 49 Frankfort... 76 Galveston... 65 Savannah... 83 Havana... 79 St. Marks... 87 Indianapolis... 71 Wilmington... 50 Jacksonville... 69

Practical direction is being given to these pleasant affairs in some instances, and we are glad of it. A gentleman informs us that the members of the First Baptist Church have adopted the plan of having them for the poor. The distributions, in the meantime, are not confined to their own congregation. This is a good move, and if generally carried out here would relieve much real distress.

HIVE AND WAXINE ITEMS. — The British schooner Revere, Lawrence, was at Queenstown on the 15th inst. — The schooner Dian, Patterson, cleared from Boston for this port on the 14th inst. — The schooner John Doughty, from Nassau, came inside the bar yesterday, and will probably be in port this morning. — The Norwegian bark Arzons, Gabrielson, from this port, arrived at Liverpool on the 14th inst. — Feats are anticipated for the safety of brig C. O. Van Horn, now out forty-nine days from New York to Liverpool, with a very valuable cargo.

CITY ITEMS. — Chew Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco. CARBOLINE, a deodorized extract of Petroleum, is now presented to the public as the best Restorative and Beautifier of the hair the world has ever produced. It performs what others only claim for their preparations.

FOR UPWARDS OF THIRTY YEARS Mess WHEZOW'S SODIUM STRENGTH has been used for children. It corrects acidity of the stomach, relieves flatulency, dispels the worms, restores the bowels, and cleanses the system, whether arising from teething or other causes. An old and well-trying remedy, 25 cents a bottle.

WINE ENGLISH GUNS.—The attention of sportsmen is invited to the advertisement of Messrs. J. & W. Tolley, manufacturers of the breech-loading guns, Birmingham, England. Their guns are made to order according to specifications and measurements furnished, thus ensuring the right crook, length of stock, &c.

STABS IN THE DARK.—Every At of Coupling in the night watches of the night, in a dark room, is a fearful sight. It is a fearful sight, but one that can be avoided. It is a fearful sight, but one that can be avoided. It is a fearful sight, but one that can be avoided. It is a fearful sight, but one that can be avoided. It is a fearful sight, but one that can be avoided.

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Table with 3 columns: Description of goods, Price per unit, Total price. Includes items like Flour, Sugar, Coffee, etc.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

M. CEOLY, Auctioneer. BY CEOLY & MORRIS. Extra Bunches Superior Bananas, Cocoa Nuts and Tomatoes at Auction. THIS DAY (SATURDAY), AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M., we will sell, on board Schooner, at Wharf, near our Sales Rooms, some of the CHOICEST BANANAS, from main branchway.

Medicated RED FLANNEL SHIRTS AND DRAWERS ONLY \$1.00 EACH. MEN'S WHITE SHIRTS, 40c and upwards. CANTON PLANNED DRAWERS, 50c and upwards. The best WHITE SHIRT in the city for 75c. Jan 18 11 MUNSON.

Pianos and Organs

NEW PIANOS from \$25 to \$600. SECOND-HAND PIANOS from \$40 to \$100. NEW ORGANS from \$70 to \$300. SECOND-HAND ORGANS from \$20 to \$100. Instruments sold for Cash or on the Installment Plan.

Neat and Pretty.

Our New Styles of SLIPPERS & OPERA BOOTS for Ladies' Wear. These OPERA BOOTS are just nobby. Call and see them at GEO. R. FRENCH & SON'S, 39 N. Front st., Wilmington. Jan 18 11

NEW CROP.

200 Bbls. New Orleans Molasses. For sale low by Jan 18 11WATSON HALL & FARMER.

Ship Notice.

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY cautioned against trading or bartering with the crew of the British Brig "THE ALASKA," as no bills contracted by them will be paid by the Captain or Consignees