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OUTLINES.

France is to take an active part in opening up Central Africa. Members of the Orleans family met at Geneva on Saturday. A heavy failure at Manchester, England. Bismarck's policy towards the Vatican does not work any change in principle, but only in the manner of administration.

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black vomit, contact with which is almost certain death. If there are many families in Memphis that are using the bedding of persons died of yellow fever, it will not be difficult to explain the reappearance.

Cox's lawyers will try to establish, first, that he is not responsible for his actions, being a "homicidal maniac;" second, that Mrs. Hull did not die at his hands, but of apoplexy, heart disease or syncope.

The great meteor which fell in Emmet county, Iowa, on May 10th, is indeed a great curiosity. We notice that a piece of it weighing 500 pounds has been taken to New York and has been thoroughly examined at the Government assay office.

The metallic portion, separated as far as possible from the rocky part, gave 83.6-100 per cent. metallic iron, 10 per cent. nickel, with a trace of cobalt.

Secretary McCrary is reported as deciding to appoint three more Confederates to good fat offices in the War Department. What is the matter with the old Salt? Is he too aspiring?

The last story about the Zulu King, Cetwayo, is to the effect that he is a Pennsylvania mulatto. How he turned up as boss of Zululand is more than we know.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat—a cantankerous Gabe paper—has done one good deed that should not die tongueless. It started an ice fund for the poor.

The full accounts of the killing of the Prince Imperial do not relieve the bad conduct of Lieut. Carey and the remainder of the small escort.

The cause of the yellow fever outbreak at Memphis is now known. It originated in a failure to destroy the clothing of persons who had had the yellow fever.

It appears that Mulbrando's wife lost several relatives by yellow fever last summer, whose household and other effects came into her possession.

A new mineral spring has been discovered five miles from Lincoln. The water is strongly impregnated with arsenic and iron.

The closing exercises of the University Normal School will take place on the 24th inst. The following are the officers elected by the Normal School Literary Society: Marshal—E. L. Harris.

The Newbernians have it rumored that an effort is being made to discontinue the railroad shops at that point, and in the alleged interest of economy have the work needed upon the rolling stock of the Atlantic road done at Company's Shops.

Goldboro Messenger: The Military Association, advertised to be held in Goldboro on Friday last, was not eagerly attended, and those who were present decided to give notice that another meeting will be held here in Goldboro on the first Thursday in September.

Hendersonville Courier: We regret to learn that John Garrison, of Polk county, in an attempt to jump from a train, in the mountains, near Tryon, on the Spartanburg & Asheville Railroad, fell, breaking his leg in two places.

After speaking of the terrible disaster which befell Capt. Oakman's daughters on the 10th of July, the New York Sun says: "Eighteen years ago Mrs. Oakman saved one of these daughters, Miss Besse, from a watery grave."

Kinston Journal: The contract for furnishing 200,000 bricks to be used in the new court house was awarded on Monday by the Commissioners to H. O. Parrott, at \$3.85 per thousand.

Mr. H. S. Blair retires from editorial control of the Franklin Register, and Mr. Alfred Morgan takes charge. Our best wishes attend the outgoing and incoming editor.

Reidsville News: The miners near Leaksville seem to be meeting with discouragement. We learn they have struck a vein of coal three feet in width, and it is thought it runs under Dan river, and will develop on the lands of Col. David Settle.

Concord Register: The Charlotte Observer intimated the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, James H. Fowle, Robbin, Leach and Holt. They are all good men, but Thomas J. Jarvis is in the lead and will stay there.

Concord Sun: A paper to be devoted to the interests of education, religion, temperance and Masonry, among colored people, will be issued at Concord about August 1st. It will be a semi-monthly, and printed at the Sun office. A. S. Richardson, editor.

Prof. F. M. Agostini gives his eighth excursion for the season on Friday next, the 18th inst., on the steamer Passport, to Smithville and the forts. His excursions have always been very popular and enjoyable ones.

A Colored Man Beats a Woman Over the Head with a Piece of Iron. Effect of the Assault—Capture of the Would-be Murderer.

The community was once again startled, yesterday morning, by a report that a colored man over the railroad had murdered his wife. Upon reporting to police headquarters we found that a man named Sam Pickett had already been arrested and lodged in the guard house for making a murderous assault upon a woman by the name of Maria Covington.

The particulars of the affair, as far as we could gather, were as follows: Sam Pickett and the woman, Maria Covington, have been having frequent altercations. Justice Scott, who was present, stated he had heard them before his Court several times with reference to difficulties which have occurred between them.

Anna Jones, a young colored woman who was present, says that Maria went to her house Monday night, saying she wanted to stay there until she could get some work to do, and also to keep out of the way of Pickett, as she was afraid of him.

The woman is hurt in five different places, having one wound on the right wrist, two on the right hand, one about the top of the forehead, and one on the back of the head, a little to the right; and it was also said that she was hurt in the right side.

Since the above was written we learn that the physician in attendance has probed the wounds in the head, and reports that the skull is not fractured. His opinion is that the wounds are not necessarily of a fatal nature, though there is a possibility that they may eventually result seriously.

Pickett's version of the difficulty is to the effect that the woman was destroying articles belonging to him, and he struck her. P. S.—At a late hour last night the woman was still alive, and her condition considered more hopeful.

Mrs. Marsteller requests us to state that James E. Walker, who was with Mary Ratliff when she was shot by Heaton, is not in his employ.

Mr. J. Abner Harrell, of the Weldon Farmer, was in the city yesterday and called to see us. The Professor assured us he had fallen off thirty pounds, but we confess we couldn't "see it."

THE CITY. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. EXCURSION—Prof. Agostini. MUMFORD—Clothing and shirts. P. CURRIER & CO.—Fair notice. J. K. McLENNAN—Turnip seed. HALL & PHARALL—For the people.

For the South Atlantic States, southerly winds, stationary temperature and pressure, partly cloudy weather, and occasional rain.

A gentleman at Laurinburg relates an incident connected with the meeting of the Methodist District Conference at that place recently. A gentleman and his daughter were assigned to the residence of Mr. Daniel Middleton, about one mile from the town, at which place they arrived on Tuesday morning.

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Remaining in the City Post Office, July 16, 1879, unclaimed: A—J. Abbott. B—Albert Barlow, D. J. Benson, Frank B. Buehse, Howard Barter, Raymond E. Branch, Robert Bell, colored; Lewis Berry, miss Polly Britts.

SHIP LETTERS. Albert Dix, sch. Emma Green; Capt. J. R. Lewis, sch. Riddle; D. Otten, brig. Miro; C. Chaddock, care Capt. Storm; B. O. Skanet, care Capt. F. W. Smith.

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