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OUTLINES.

Judge Hoadley, of Ohio, temporary Chairman of the National Democratic Convention; John W. Stevenson, of Kentucky, is to be the permanent Chairman; Payne, of Ohio, a Tilden man, developed more strength than Thurman in choosing a chairman of the delegation; Illinois delegation had a vote of preference: Morrison 18, Seymour 16, with scattering; Nebraska voted to unite with New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, but named no one; Indiana is for Hendricks; if New York, Connecticut and New Jersey would agree on a man it is thought the Convention would accept him; Georgia it is thought will divide between Bayard and Field; some think Payne will lead Bayard on first ballot; ex-Senator Barnum, of Connecticut, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee called the Convention to order at 12.45 P. M.; Rev. C. W. Wendle, of the Presbyterian Church, offered prayer; the Convention adjourned at 2 P. M. until 10 o'clock Wednesday. —— Destructive rain storms are reported in New Jersey; a large mill was struck by lightning and consumed. —— Recent rains and floods in Prussia destroyed 105 houses and killed fifty-five persons. —— Committees from the different States interested met at Charlotte yesterday and arranged for the celebration of the King's Mountain Centennial in October next. —— W. T. Dortch, of North Carolina, is one of the Vice Presidents of the Cincinnati Convention. —— N. Y. markets: Money 2@3 per cent; cotton dull at 12@12¼c; southern flour heavy at $5 00@6 00; wheat 1@2¼c lower, heavy and moderately active; ungraded red $1 10@1 18; corn about ½c lower and fairly active; ungraded 47@53c; spirits turpentine steady at 29½@29¾c; rosin firm and quiet at $1 42@1 50.

We'll bet two to one against the Field.

And now let us all guess. "I told you so."

1,711 immigrants arrived at New York on Friday last.

But it ought to be Seymour anyhow, and by acclamation.

English, of Connecticut, and McDonald, of Indiana, may win the prize.

Speculators in wheat have lost heavily, but they have the "spondulics" to meet the emergency.

If we can't get the old man, why not give us William R. Morrison, of Illinois, and Horatio Seymour, Jr., of New York?

Washington City has 166,000 inhabitants. In 1870 it had 109,199. In 1875, 131,947. This shows a very rapid increase.

Mark tht contrast between the late mob that gathered at Chicago and the dignified assembly of gentlemen in session at Cincinnati.

Field is second choice in the Carolina delegation.—*Augusta Chronicle.*

Mistake altogether. *The* Carolina delegation is for Bayard, if Seymour is out of the race.

Whilst some of the cities and towns show large increase, others are in the condition of Vance's "cat-fish," for they have "swunk." That is to say the population of Denver, Colorado and other "wild Western" places is much less than they have been claiming.

The more the political field is scrutinized the more apparent it is that New York is a necessity. Whatever else is done that State must be propitiated and carried. How can this be done? That is the problem to be solved or otherwise this day at Cincinnati.

The New York *Evening Post* comes to Garfield's rescue and denies all the charges. The Democrats are hunting for a strong editorial that appeared in the *Post* at the time in which it gave Garfield blazes. The idea is to make the *Post* answer itself. The *Tribune* and *Times* can be used in the same way.

A Mrs. Sarah Jane McGrath, a young married woman, was called upon by a census taker in New York. She positively refused to give her age. The enumerator threatened her with the law and departed, saying he was about to make a charge against her. This so terrified Mrs. McGrath that she committed suicide by leaping into the Harlem river. We knew they hated to tell, but we did not think any of them would really "die first."

DEATH OF GEN. T. H HOLMES.

We learn from the Raleigh *News* that Lieutenant General Theophilus H. Holmes is dead. This not unexpected event occurred on Sunday last near Fayetteville. He was the son of Gov. Gabriel Holmes, and was born in Sampson county in 1804. He was graduated at West Point in 1828. He won distinction in the Seminole and Mexican wars. In the war between the States he rose to the rank of Lieutenant General. After the war he returned to North Carolina broken in health and fortune, and earned his bread by honest toil. The *News* says, from which we have drawn our *data*:

"Better men than Gen. Holmes are not made. Gentle and affectionate as a woman, he was bravest of the brave. The men whom he led into battle in Florida and Mexico and Virginia thought him 'born insensible to fear.' But in truth he was of the highest type of the Christian soldier; he loved his neighbor and served God, and always doing his full duty to both he walked in the path of danger without fear if its end should be in the presence of his Maker."

We regret to learn that on Monday night last, at his home in Halifax county, the venerable and highly esteemed Mason L. Wiggins, Esq., died, aged 84. A useful, prominent and public spirited citizen, an excellent neighbor, a genial and hospitable friend, an honest and straight-forward man has fallen on sleep. Mr. Wiggins long represented his county in the Legislature, in which he was one of the most faithful, true and conscientious workers, exerting at all times a sound, healthful influence. Halifax county is blessed with many most estimable citizens, but none better than the aged and venerated gentleman who has just died. He was the father of Messrs. Octavius and Eugene Wiggins of this city.

Reader, do you relish a joke, a very good joke, an excellent joke in warm weather? If so read the following, and while you read hold your sides. It is from that delightful Stalwart organ that rejoices in calling itself the Philadelphia *Press*. Hear the funny fellow; but if you do not mind he will outlaugh you:

"The intelligent, independent, educated, religious and progressive sentiment of the country was never more united than it is now on General Garfield. While the mud machines are pumping out their impotent slime, the recognized representatives of the most wholesome politics are singularly unanimous for the Chicago ticket."

Thus far that is the best of the season. Next.

Some few months since a series of articles on the late Rev. T. G. Lowe appeared in the STAR. A supplementary article contained extracts from highly interesting letters addressed to the writer by two gentlemen who had known that great orator intimately. They have both joined their friend in the world beyond. We refer to Dr. Lafayette W. Martin, who died recently at Beaufort, and to the venerated Mason L. Wiggins, of Halifax, whose lamentated death we announce elsewhere. They were all Methodists.

The first guesses of the enumerators as to the probable population of North Carolina towns will not be realized. Raleigh first talked of 14,000. The last news is that it will not exceed 10,000. Wilmington was placed even as high as 22,000 or 23,000. It will be under 20,000 probably. But that will show a handsome increase. In 1870 it was less than 14,000.

The Field men are not wise in their generation. At Cincinnati they sent through the streets a brass band in a circus wagon, swathed in United States flags, and with the legend: "*For President, Stephen J. Field. We Must Carry the Pacific Coast,*" on either side. They are doing some very indecorous and disagreeable button-holding, much to the disgust of gentlemen. He will hardly win.

It has narrowed down to Seymour, Field and Bayard, seemingly.—*Exchange.*

It is Payneful to say that such will not probably be the case. The English of it may be another candidate, a sort of dark horse as it were. We will Seymour before this day ends. It may, however, prove a Field-day. A Bishop may be the choice. But who is wise enough to forecast what even one day will bring forth?

The Convention adjourned early. At 2 o'clock it adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock. It means to deliberate calmly and consider well before it acts. A good sign.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

Seymour and Hendricks.
Seymour and Palmer.
Seymour and Morrison.
Morrison and English, of Conn.
Morrison and Horatio Seymour, Jr.
Bayard and Palmer.
Bayard and Morrison.
Bayard and English, of Ind.
Randolph and McDonald.
English, of Conn., and McDonald.

In reply to a letter from R. W. Lassiter, of Oxford, urging him in behalf of many friends to agree to have his name presented to the Republican Convention as a candidate for Governor, Dr. Eugene Grissom positively declines, and says:

"I will not affect to deny, as you intimate, that repeated chances of political elevation have, with unmerited favor, been suggested by those for whom I have regard and consideration. But I must repeat what I have often declared, that from the time when the care of the unfortunate insane in the State was assigned to me, I have had no other ambition than to do my duty in the line of my professional labor."

There are some eighteen candidates at Cincinnati. All is at sea, and those on the spot can make no probable guess. The thing for us to do is—to wait.

— There is no such county as Forsythe.

— Raleigh had 9 deaths last week, 2 white and 7 colored.

— Some one bulldozed our Raleigh *News* before we could use it.

— The Pharmaceutical Association will meet at Raleigh on August 11. All druggists are invited to attend.

— The State Normal School, at Chapel Hill, opens June 24th, and the session will terminate July 25th. Those wishing to attend should be present on the 23d, (to-day.)

— Davidson College conferred no honorary degrees. Rah! Wake Forest College conferred none, and Trinity but one. Three times Rah! There is health in the old land yet.

— The STAR is in error in putting Charlotte's temperature above Wilmington's during the late heated term. Ninety-six was the highest reported by the signal office here.—*Charlotte Observer.* All right. We got it, we think, from your local columns. Look and see.

— Gastonia *Gazette*: A little boy, Joseph Ford, aged 6 years, was drowned in South Fork at the Air Line bridge last Monday. It seems a party of boys were bathing and a colored boy was swimming with the child on his back when he slipped off and was drowned.

— The Columbia *Register* says: "The North Carolina boys having failed to win any of the prizes at the tournament, the members of the Palmettos presented them with a handsome gold-lined silver goblet yesterday evening. The present was not intended as a salve to heal the wounds of the defeated Hornets, but as a token of the good feeling which Columbians must always entertain for the Charlotte boys."

— The Raleigh *Post* says Mr. Julian S. Carr was defeated in the count but "was the elected choice." It adds: "Four years ago the choice was General Cox, but the count was made for Captain Jarvis. This time the people choose Carr, but somebody or something else counts in Robinson. Well, we won't make a fuss about it. Gen. Cox stood up to the rack, fodder or no fodder, and now he goes to Congress without a dissenting Democratic voice."

— Raleigh *Observer*: The commencement exercises at Chowan Baptist Female Institute, begin to-morrow, and continue three days. To-morrow the two literary societies will hold their anniversary, and J. B. Prince, Esq., of Jerusalem, Va., will deliver the address. On Tuesday, the 22d, the annual sermon will be preached by Rev. F. H. Ivey, of Goldsboro. On Wednesday, the 23d, regular graduating exercises, followed by the literary address by Dr. L. R. Childs, of Kempsville, Va.

— Goldsboro *Messenger*: Whatever may have been our preferences, the duty now is a plain one. Every Democrat must work with a determination to win. —— Miss Annie S. Noble, the much esteemed daughter of Capt. A. M. Noble, of Selma, died last Thursday morning, aged 20 years. The remains were taken to New Berne for interment on Friday evening. —— Judge Merrimon will deliver the address before the Goldsboro High School, at the Town Hall, on Wednesday night. —— The execution of Alex Howard for the murder of Mr. Autry, will take place on Friday next. We are informed by the Sheriff that the execution will be public. —— The people of North Carolina are to adopt or reject, in November, a constitutional amendment disowning the debt of the special tax bonds, as being of fraudulent creation. —— When we urged Goldsboro for the place to hold the State Convention, we were told by our considerate Raleigh friends that we had no proper hall facilities. Now behold, even Raleigh failed in that respect, and the Convention had to be held in the capitol square. Our court green would have done fully as well, and we would have obligated to furnish each delegate with a comfortable seat.

— Raleigh *Observer*: Judge Merrimon will deliver the annual address at Wilson Collegiate Institute next Thursday. —— A gentleman estimates the crowd at the convention in the capitol square on Thursday at 2,000. There were seats for 1,050. —— The Radicals here are down on the fifteen North Carolina delegates who went against Grant. —— The census enumerators for the city have not finished their work. They say, however, that they do not think the population will exceed 10,000. —— The following committee of gentlemen have been appointed to meet similar committees from the States of Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina at Charlotte, on the 22d inst., to make arrangements for the celebration of the Battle of King's Mountain in October of the present year: Hon. W. M. Shipp, Mecklenburg; Mr. W. J. Yates, Mecklenburg; Mr. John L. Brown, Mecklenburg; Col. R. T. Bennett, Anson; Hon. F. C. Robbins, Davidson; Mr. Thomas P. Devereux, Wake; Maj. J. W. Moore, Hertford; Maj. D. J. Devane, New Hanover; Maj. W. A. Graham, Lincoln; Mr. Reuben McBrayer, Cleaveland. It is hoped that these gentlemen will represent the State, and that they will heartily cooperate in making the celebration a grand success.

T. J. JARVIS, Governor.

— Statesville *Landmark*: In September, 1877, William Taylor waylaid and shot to death his father-in-law, Rufus Pritchard, on a mountain pathway above Piedmont Springs, Burke county. All the parties concerned in the transaction from first to last were poor, ignorant and immoral. The murderer was not only the son-in-law of the deceased, but by marriage the nephew, Pritchard's wife being Taylor's sister. Taylor was with a woman of bad repute, his paramour, on his way to Tennessee, across the mountain, when Taylor, taking a short cut, headed him near the Big Chestnut Knob in Burke, took position on a log twenty steps from the pathway, trimmed out the bushes with his knife so as leave his range unobstructed and quietly waited till deceased came up, when he shot him off his ox, rose and fled in plain sight of the woman, leaving his pocket knife on she ground near the place of ambush. Taylor had just before reaching the fatal spot handed an infant to his paramour, its mother. The terror-stricken woman fled to the nearest house, told the above tale and fell exhausted to the floor. The neighbors went to the spot, found the knife and burried the body on the very top of the Big Chestnut Knob, 4,500 feet above sea level. From that day till Sunday last, when Taylor was committed to Morganton jail, he has not been seen, save by his family, who supplied him with food from time to time, carrying the same to his various hiding places in the range of mountains between Burke and Mitchell. The prisoner is lean and yellow and wild-looking.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Catawba Station has voted to close the bar rooms in that municipality. —— Concord has a population of 1,262. This is from the census enumerator. —— The last of the delegates to the State Convention returned yesterday morning. Some who had never attended a State Convention before and seen how wild everybody seems to be, came back with the profound conviction that all men are fools. —— A party of young colored patriots started out to pick blackberries last Wednesday. They were all crossing the railroad bridge below the depot, when a little son of Mrs. Lou Johnston took a notion to fall through. His big toe caught a grip on a cross beam, and in this position—head downward—he hung until his companions pulled him up. —— Bishop Wightman is to dedicate the new Methodist church in Mooresville the fourth Sunday in August. —— It is stated that the Rev. E. A. Wingard, pastor of the Lutheran church in this city, who is visiting friends and relatives in South Carolina, has received several calls from other churches recently. Whether he will accept any one of them is not known. —— One of the negro men at work on the train now engaged in filling in Gilmore's trestle, near Chester, tried this method yesterday; his hands slipped in some way and his body was severed, one part rolling down the side of the "fill" and the other being caught under the cars and mutilated. —— The train that came out of Raleigh day before yesterday afternoon was filled with delegates returning from the State Convention, many of the representative men in the State. A passenger went through all the cars to ascertain the preference of all on the train with reference to the nomination for President to be made at Cincinnati. The result of the canvass was as follows: Seymour, 68; Bayard, 69; Thurman, 8; Field, 1; Hendricks, 1; Palmer, 1; Randolph, 2; Tilden, 11; Hancock, 2; the nominee, 18. At least nine-tenths of those interviewed were delegates.

THE CITY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HEINSBERGER—New books.
MUNSON—White duck vests.
JAS. C. MUNDS—Perfumery, &c.
WANTED—Situation in Wilmington.

Local Dots.

— Fullest of full moons last night.

— No session of the Mayor's Court yesterday.

— Nothing doing in magisterial circles yesterday.

— Moonlight excursions to the Sounds to gather turtle eggs are spoken of.

— The City Clerk and Treasurer is stirring up delinquents for the monthly license tax.

— The dog ordinance is being strictly enforced. More were captured and killed yesterday.

— Cucumbers from the South were quoted in New York Monday at 50 cents and $1 per crate; potatoes $1.50@$2.50 per barrel.

— The Little Giant Engine Company will have a volunteer moonlight parade and engine practice this evening, at 8 o'clock. The engine will play from the foot of Market street.

— Some of the census enumerators for this city have posted at the courthouse a notification of their attendance there for the purpose of supplying omissions and making alterations in their lists.

— Spirits turpentine was irregular and unsettled yesterday, buyers and sellers being wide apart, until they came together in the afternoon on the basis of 26½ cents per gallon; but closing in the evening with no buyers at these figures.

Vennor's Latest Prophecy.

Under date of the 20th instant, Mr. Vennor, the distinguished meteorologist, predicts that the last six days of June (25th to 30th) will likely be remarkable for intense and oppressive heat, with frequent and severe storms of thunder and lightning. This heated term will probably extend through the first half of July. There will be some hot weather after the 20th. Severe frosts in the neighborhood of the 24th, 25th and 26th—possibly with flurries of snow in the mountains.

The Fast Mail Service.

It was mentioned in a Petersburg paper recently that Capt. J. F. Divine, Superintendent of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad and other connections of the Atlantic Coast Line, was in that city on his way to Washington, to see after the fast mail schedule promised some time ago. We hope the matter will be speedily arranged. The appropriation for the service was passed at the recent session of Congress.

To-Day's Indications.

Partly cloudy weather, occasional rains; northwesterly winds, stationary or higher temperature and barometer, are the indications for this section to-day.

Improvements.

Building improvements now under way in the business part of the city are confined to Front street, with the exception of the rice mill going up at the foot of Chesnut. The new store on Front, adjoining the Express Company's office, has been fitted up for a druggist and is complete, save the finishing touches of the painter. It is handsomely finished in black walnut and is a model of neatness. The new store on the site of the burned building which was occupied by Mr. George A. Peck also approaches completion. When finished it will add much to the appearance of the street, and is a great improvement on the old structure that was burnt down. The skeleton walls of the old ice house adjoining still stand, but untouched since the fire, save for braces to keep them from falling in upon themselves, in very abjectness. The fire which started there several months ago still burns in the sawdust. A column of smoke was ascending from it yesterday. On the south side of Front, nearly opposite, workmen are busily engaged in tearing down the interior of the building belonging to the Tienken estate, preparatory to a complete remodelling of the structure. Further along, one of the stores in Granite Row—the Mozart saloon—is receiving a new front, which will add much to the appearance of the building.

To the West.

We note as a matter of interest to parties intending to visit the western part of the State during the summer months that the Asheville papers state that railroad connections between that place and Wilmington, via Statesville, Charlotte and Hamlet, are perfect, there being practically no delay, it is said, at any point. Passengers from the South by the Air Line or the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, coming either by Salisbury or the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad, to Statesville, are not delayed, except three hours at Salisbury, which gives them ample time to get breakfast.

King's Mountain.

The corner stone of the monument to the heroes of 1780, to be erected on the battlefield of King's Mountain, will be laid today with imposing Masonic ceremonies. The monument will be thirty feet high, surmounted by the statue of a rifleman on top, something like the Confederate monument at Oakdale, barring the garb of the soldier. It is to cost $2,600. At the centennial celebration which takes place in October next troops will be present from all parts of the country. Will Wilmington be represented?

George Hill.

George Hill, the captured convict, when arrested, gave his name as Robert Rowan, of Brunswick county. He was well-clad in a suit of black, and was armed with a keen razor. He was seen in the neighborhood of Wrightsville Sound on Sunday last, and parties from this city were out looking for him. He will not be tried for the robbery of Mr. Horne's house, but will be returned to the penitentiary to serve out the sentence he was undergoing when he escaped.

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	84	Jacksonville	82
Augusta	90	Key West	86
Charleston	81	Mobile	76
Charlotte	89	Montgomery	87
Corsicana	90	New Orleans	79
Galveston	83	Punta Rassa	82
Havana	83	Savannah	86
Indianola	87	Wilmington	85

RIVER AND MARINE.

— The steamship *Regulator* was reported in below last night, bound up.

— The Middle Shoal buoy, about eight miles below the city, is reported to be missing.

CITY ITEMS.

THE MORNING STAR can always be had at the following places in the city: The Purcell House, Harris' News' Stand, and the STAR Office.

IN MEMORIAM.

DEATH OF MASON L. WIGGINS, Esq.

On Monday night, June 21, 1880, at his residence, near Ringwood, Halifax county, North Carolina, MASON L. WIGGINS departed this life, aged 84 years. He survived his admirable Christian wife but a few years. He leaves sons and daughters to mourn their loss and to cherish his memory. An honest, a truthful, a sincere man has gone to his rest, full of years, and held in profound respect by all who knew him. Mr. Wiggins was forty years a Steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He represented Halifax county in the State Senate for some eight or ten years, and was chairman of one of the most important committees. During the war he was mentioned favorably in connection with the Confederate States Senate. He was a man of great personal integrity, was educated at the University of North Carolina, was well informed in many departments, was intelligent, and up to the last weeks of his life wrote with unusual vivacity and interest for one of his years. He was a great political canvasser, and had much influence and deservedly among his own people. He was a gentleman of fortune prior to the war, and entertained in a right royal way a great deal of company. He was decided in his convictions. There was no variableness or shadow of turning in him. He was conscientious, resolute, open, frank in all his dealings. Halifax county had no better citizen, and his name will be long held in honor and reverence by all the good and virtuous. The writer knew him intimately, esteemed him highly, and in common with hundreds of others laments his death. A true piece of manhood is entombed where the mortal remains of Mason L. Wiggins awaits the final resurrection. Peace to his spirit.