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OUTLINE.

In a difficulty between gamblers and citizens near Jacksonville, Fla., one of the former was killed. A passenger train on the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta railroad was thrown down an embankment by a broken rail...

The New York Cotton Exchange will observe Saturday and Monday as holidays.

The Republicans in Congress are accused of being chiefly responsible for the two weeks' recess. It was a dodge to cheat the Democrats out of time and delay legislation.

A new Democratic Club has been organized in Philadelphia by fifty prominent gentlemen. Among the members we notice the names of ex-Gov. Curtin, Col. J. W. Forney, editor of Progress, Speaker Randall and Senator Wallace.

Again it is reported that the rupture of the Burdett-Coutt's engagement is complete and Mr. Bartlett has applied for membership in the Bachelors' Club.

"Bildad," in his letter to the State of the date of the 22nd, says of the big row between Weaver and Sparks—both Northern fire-eaters:

"There's been nothing to compare with since the scene that occurred many years ago when, after a fierce debate, Lovejoy, the free-roller, and Barksdale, the fire-eater, tackled each other, and Lovejoy jerked off Barksdale's wig."

There is one part of the Weaver-Sparks fracas we had not seen an account of. It seems two fighting Texans were about "to wade in." But here is the account we find in the special to the Baltimore American:

"Ex Governor Wash Jones, a Green-back representative from Texas, loomed up during the melee and dashed into the crowd to Weaver's rescue, pulling off his coat and shouting 'Stand back there; if there's going to be a fight I want to take a hand in it.' Mr. Mills, of Texas, a Democrat, went to Sparks' support, shouting as Jones ran up, 'Drive that man off—he's dangerous,' at the same time thrusting his hand into his pistol pocket. Both Texans were secured, however, and the air resounded with loud cries for order and for the great-at-arms, Mr. Springer, of Illinois, jumping upon a chair and shouting wildly, 'Bring in the American eagle!'"

Rev. E. S. Gregory, a former editor of the Petersburg Index-Appeal, has published a volume of verse that is spoken of very approvingly by some of the Virginia papers. The Richmond Dispatch thinks he is "a real poet." He is a gentleman of good abilities, we know, and we regretted his reticence from the press. By the way, he is not the only editor of the Index-Appeal who has had who wrote very graceful and touching verse.

The late George Venable, a man of remarkable taste in letters and an eloquent writer, used to dash off excellent lines that would have pleased some of the poets born. But, noble-hearted, gifted fellow, he died when his sun was at meridian, and he has been in his grave for more than eleven years. Another former editor of the Index writes fine verse also, we believe. We refer to Col. W. E. Cameron. Mr. A. M. Keeley, its first editor, ought to write capital verse for he is an imaginative and eloquent writer.

The Brush electric light was tested in New York on Monday evening, with satisfactory results. The experiment is to continue for a month and the lamps are to burn all night.

A lamp was exhibited burning in water, and various experiments were made to show how completely the system was under control. By a motion of the hand a quarter the lamps were extinguished and then relighted again.

George Eliot is dead. This announcement will cause regret in the English-speaking world. Without extravagance it may be said that the greatest female novelist of the world has died.

Capt. James Barron Hope, editor of the Norfolk Virginian, and author of a volume of graceful poems, pays Father Ryan, the poet-priest, a neat tribute in the following: "If we were asked to point out the greatest lyric poet in America, we should at once indicate Father Ryan. He possesses all the great qualities which make a bard. He is a poet born, not made; and some of his effusions will live as long as the language."

Spirits Turpentine. Two tobacco factories are to be operated at High Point. Oxford Torchlight: Houses are in demand, both dwellings and store-houses, and yet we see new buildings being constantly erected.

Raleigh Recorder: "There is a Baptist in North Carolina who could give Wake Forest College \$20,000 and have \$100,000 left." Raleigh Visitor: W. E. Parish, Deputy Sheriff of Warren county, brought up the following named colored prisoners to the penitentiary to-day: Armstrong Pitchford, two years, larceny; Sam Moore, two years, larceny; Homer Wiggins, two years, larceny; Moses Brown, one year, larceny; Eaton Carpenter, eighteen months, larceny.

Greensboro Patriot: Is there a syndicate organized for the purpose of gobbling up the North Carolina Railroad? If so, who are the parties comprising it? We hear some ugly rumors which we trust are false. In Nashville, Tenn., November 18, 1880, after several months illness, Rev. J. W. Shelton, died in the 69th year of his age.

Ashville Citizen: The people of Macon county are jubilant over the prospect of a railroad. Dr. W. L. Love, President of R. G. S. L., is now attending a meeting in Atlanta. The survey has been completed and the passage through Macon county is far more accessible than was expected.

Two small colored girls were arrested Wednesday evening and committed to jail under a warrant from Justice Mills, on the complaint of a merchant on Second street, who stated that he sent a little girl home with a basket containing a number of articles, when she was set upon by the two girls in question and beaten and the basket and its contents broken up.

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are thousands of people in North Carolina suffering daily injury from this source. Goldsboro Messenger: From all indications, we shall probably have another interesting railroad squabble during the approaching session of the General Assembly.

The Raleigh Farmer & Mechanic says: "Most of our State journals recall with soreness of pocket the Charlotte Advertising Agency of J. O. H. Nuttall, Printer, Post, Peddler, Jack of all Trades, etc., about the beginning of the present decade. The Charlotte Observer states that Nuttall went to Dallas, Gaston county, where he followed the business of watch-making for a number of years.

Charlotte Observer: John Sandifer, colored, living a short distance beyond Mr. W. B. Dowd's, three miles south of this city, was killed and destroyed by fire Sunday evening about sundown.

Copper Knob mining stock has been up to 14 and down to 9, with sales of 50,000 shares. The Central Hotel register of 740 names, calculated a year, gave out two months and a half before the time was up.

Messrs. J. B. Stafford, Martin Lewis, T. S. Bantz and C. E. Roberts, of Baltimore, are in the city for the purpose of inspecting their property, "The Baltimore & North Carolina," formerly the Ray mine. They express themselves much pleased with the progress at the mine.

Charlotte Observer: Snow in Henderson county is reported seven inches deep. Prof. J. F. LaSalle, of Davidson College, has returned from Europe and was in the city yesterday.

A negro was killed eight before last at the house of Phil Ross, colored, in Sharon township, six miles from town on the Providence road. He was stabbed at a frolic there.

Yesterday morning, at 10:35, S. J. Rowland, a young man about twenty years old, yard-master at the Air Line depot, was crushed between two cars which were passing over the bridge.

A young white man by the name of A. Hufham, a section hand on the Carolina Central road, was in this city Wednesday and purchased quite a number of articles for Christmas, valued altogether at about \$27, which he took up to the depot and found that the train had left him.

Highway Robbery. A young white man by the name of A. Hufham, a section hand on the Carolina Central road, was in this city Wednesday and purchased quite a number of articles for Christmas, valued altogether at about \$27, which he took up to the depot and found that the train had left him.

Remember the Poor. While participating in the enjoyment of rich food and the numerous delicacies of the season, which you will have placed before you to-morrow, a suitable occasion will be presented for remembering the poor and destitute around you, many of whom are not only suffering from the cold, but may perchance have to contend themselves with a cold morsel of bread unless they are remembered by their more fortunate fellow-creatures.

THE CITY. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. MUNSUN—Good chances lost. J. C. MUNSUN—Farina Cologne. R. M. MCINTIRE—Pretty things. W. H. GREEN—Gifts for the season.

Wanted to Marry. J. C. Mills, Esq., one of our Justices of the Peace, says that some eager and excited candidate for matrimony came to his house at a very unreasonable hour of midnight, a few nights since, and when he got up and went to the door in his night clothes to see what was wanted, he was met with the request that he would dress himself as quickly as possible and marry him.

Indian Creek Trestle. The recent disaster on the Carolina Central belongs to that class of accidents which no amount of precaution can prevent. The Indian Creek trestle had been recently thoroughly repaired and was in excellent condition. It is said that after crossing the trestle, and while ascending a grade, the cars broke loose from the engine, ran back on the trestle and jumped the track, carrying with them a portion of the timbers.

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Local News. Cotton receipts yesterday 378 bales. Now for horns, fire-crackers and "sich." One more day, and then—Christmas!

General Allan Rutherford is here on a visit from Washington. Services will be held at the Fifth Street Methodist Church to-morrow (Christmas) morning, at 9 o'clock.

The attention of tax-payers is called to the notice of the City Clerk and Treasurer, which appears in this issue. Further particulars of the Indian Creek disaster, on the Carolina Central Railway, are given in our telegraphic columns.

Attachments are being served by the Sheriff on employers for the tax of their employes. Walk up and settle, gentlemen, and save costs. The mail agent killed and consumed in the burning ruins of the cars on the occasion of the accident at the Indian Creek trestle, on the C. C. Railroad, on Wednesday last, was Mr. John F. Bloom, an elder brother of Mr. H. H. Bloom, of this city, whose residence was Charlotte.

Pender Superior Court. This Court was expected to adjourn Wednesday evening. The only criminal cases of importance disposed of were those of Kate Bryant and Aaron Tate, both colored, charged with burglary. It was shown to the satisfaction of the Court that the charge in neither case would hold good, and the defendants were therefore allowed to submit to a verdict of larceny.

The Embroiderment Case. Mr. M. A. McNair, who was arrested in this city on Wednesday last, on a warrant from a Justice of the Peace of Columbus county, charged with embroidery, went to Whiteville yesterday to answer to the accusation, but upon his arraignment the prosecutor failed to appear and the accused was discharged.

Very Acceptable. Alluding to a quick and comfortable trip to Wilmington on the C. C. Railway last week, friend McDiarmid, of the Robinsonian, says: "To passengers who have so long been accustomed to long, noisy, rough and mixed trains, the substitution of air-brakes and quick time is very acceptable. We are glad to see that the management of this road is generally commended for their enterprise, and we hope and believe that travel will be largely increased."

DEAD. PETTEWAY.—In this city, on the 13th inst., at 1 o'clock A. M., SYLVESTER PETTEWAY, aged 53 years. The funeral services will take place this (Friday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from the residence next the corner 28th and Chestnut Streets, thence to Oakdale Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Good Chances. ARE BEING LOST BY THOSE WHO DO NOT come to try our CLOTHING, selling out at CHEAP RATES. Overpowering rush. Two Policemen watching. Come quick. MUNSUN, dec 24 11. Clothier and Merchant Tailor.

Gifts for the Season. HOLIDAY BARGAINS. CALL AND EXAMINE Novelties for the approaching holidays. A grand display. At prices lower than ever. W. H. GREEN, Druggist, Market street.

Farina Cologne! IN LONG, SHORT AND WICKER BOTTLES—all kinds; Cut Glass Cologne Bottles of all shapes and sizes, Gentlemen's Dressing Cases, Lumber's Perfumes, Xmas Boxes, Hand Mirrors, in great variety; English, French and American Toilet Soaps, Toilet Waters, Odor Cases, and a full line of Hair Brushes, offering low at JAMES C. MUNSUN, Druggist, 35 North Front St. DECORATED CANDLES, CIGARS. de 24 11

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Daily Weather Bulletin. The following will show the state of the thermometer, at the stations named, at 3:00 P. M. yesterday, Washington mean time, and also the amount of rainfall in inches for the twenty-four hours ending daily at 3 P. M., except Tuesday, when it is 48 hours, as furnished by Sergeant James W. Watson, Signal Officer at this Station:

Table with columns: Station, Temp., R. F., Weather. Atlanta, 50, .00, Clear. Augusta, 55, .00, Fair. Charleston, 54, .00, Clear. Charlotte, 44, .00, Cloudy. Corcoran, 45, .00, Cloudy. Galveston, 45, .77, Clear. Havana, 78, .00, Cloudy. Jacksonville, 60, .13, Cloudy. Mobile, 50, .00, Cloudy. Montgomery, 47, .00, Fair. New Orleans, 49, .02, Cloudy. Punta Rasa, 68, .00, Fair. Savannah, 66, .00, Fair. Wilmington, 51, .00, Clear. Cedar Keys, 57, .00, Clear. Pensacola, 51, .00, Cloudy.

The following are the indications for the South Atlantic States to-day: Northeast to southeast winds, partly cloudy weather, light rains in the southern portion; in the northern portion slight rise in temperature and falling barometer.

On His Travels. The Private Henry Hammond alluded to in our telegraphic columns this morning, in a dispatch from Washington, is said to have victimized the First National Bank of this city to the tune of about \$200. He was in this city on Saturday, and considerably intoxicated. It seems that Hammond was acting in the capacity of clerk in the Quartermaster's office at Fort Johnston, under Lieutenant Niles, and during the latter's absence he stole the Government checks and transportation requests referred to, on the latter of which he can keep on travelling ad infinitum, or until he is fairly entitled to Grant's sobriquet of "Great American Traveler," unless stopped in his wild career by the strong arm of the law.

At last accounts from the enterprising disciple of Uncle Sam he was trying to negotiate a check at Raleigh.

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Aaron Tate's crime consisted in breaking into a house in the day time and carrying off a number of articles, the property of the owner of the building.

The remainder of the time of the Court was taken up in the hearing of civil cases.

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We are glad to hear it. Our Druggist informs us that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup sells better than any other medicine, and always gives satisfaction. It's very cheap, too, costs only 25 cents a bottle.

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CARD FROM P. L. BRIDGERS & CO.

No one in Wilmington will dispute that P. L. Bridgers & Co. reduced the price of Groceries. From being one of the highest retail markets in the South, they have made it one of the lowest. THE GREAT REDUCTION MADE. Others sold some goods, such as Sugar, Meat, etc., at cost, and made it up in Fancy Groceries, and

P. L. BRIDGERS & CO. Have now determined to put the price of everything down to those of Northern markets. A SPECIAL INDUCEMENT FOR CASH. For Xmas week they will sell at the following prices. Goods not quoted sold equally as low:

Table listing various goods and their prices. Standard A Sugar 11c per lb. Granulated " 11c " " Ex. C White " 9c " " C Sugar " 8c " " D. S. Sides 9c per lb. Good Rio Coffee 15c per lb. Choice Java Coffee 25c per lb. Choice Laguna Coffee 18c per lb. Choice Family Flour \$6.75 per bbl. Extra Pastry " 7.25 " " Good Family " 6.25 " " Choice Extra " 5.00 " "

At a glance it will be seen that these figures are from 20 to 25 per cent. less than they are sold by any Groceryman in Wilmington at the present time.

P. L. BRIDGERS & CO. Have made the reduction; give them the benefit of it. One week only at these prices, but P. L. BRIDGERS & CO. Mean business, and if the good people of Wilmington will encourage them in it they will keep the prices down, so that the Working Classes can live comfortably, if not luxuriantly.

\$20,000 WORTH OF GOODS TO BE SOLD IN FIVE DAYS. Buy all of these Goods at prices equally as low as the above quoted. Butter—Martin Gilt Edge, New York Creamy, New York State, Cooking Butter. English Dairy, Edam, Young America. Vinegar—White Wine, Elder. Mustard—French, Coleman's. Pickles, Olives, Capers, Preserves, Jellies, Sauces, Catsups, Celery Salt, Nut Mags, Cloves, Spices, Race Ginger, Jamaica Ginger. Rice—Choice, Whole, Half, Broken. Apples—Dried Peaches, Apples, Lemons, Pigs, Raisins, Nuts. Onions, Irish Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes. Candy—Stuck, Mixed, Fancy, Rock. Lard, Hams, Sugar Cured Shoulders, Tongues, Breakfast Strips, Pigs' Feet, Fulton Market Beef. Buckwheat.

OTHER ARTICLES. That we can't remember at present—car loads, boxes, bbls., or by the lb. The smallest to the largest buyer can be accommodated. THIS WEEK P. L. BRIDGERS & CO. will have three (3) extra men besides their usual large force. On Thursday and Friday they will have seven (7), so no danger of not being waited upon.

HEAVY GOODS removed to warehouse, so as to afford room for several hundred customers at one time. LIQUORS AND CIGARS. Why is it that P. L. BRIDGERS & CO. sell more Liquors and Cigars than any Retail Grocery House in Wilmington? Low prices, clean barrels and fine goods. Don't drink mean Liquors; P. L. BRIDGERS & CO. never keep them.

Table with columns: WHISKIES PER GALLON, RUMS PER GALLON, GINS PER GALLON, WINES PER GALLON. Tuscaloosa (very fair) \$1.50. Monongahela (very good) 2.00. Reserve (very good) 2.50. Martelle (very fine) 3.00. Stewart's (very fine) 4.00. Special attention to Virginia Glades Whiskey, for the price the finest article we have ever seen, for years has sold here for \$5.00 per gallon.

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TWO MEN will be kept in the Liquor Room all the week bottling as fast as possible. Shelves will be kept full, so that all can be accommodated. ORIGINAL IDEA. Look out for our patent light. Equal, if not superior, to Edison's. XMAS DAY will not be regularly open, but two men will remain in store until dark to accommodate those who did not succeed in finishing their purchases the evening before.

BUSINESS! BUSINESS! BUSINESS! BUSINESS! Light Thursday and Friday nights. P. L. Bridgers & Co., North Front Street.