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OUTLINES.

A government steam launch snagged and sank near Vicksburg, Miss.; the assistant engineer and two laborers were drowned.

The public debt reduction for December is \$11,743,337. Twenty-five buildings were burned at Howard City, Mich.; loss \$75,000.

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There is said to exist a good deal of uneasiness in Canada. It is thought, it is said in London, is very anxious to avoid a war with France.

George William Lane, President of the New York Chamber of Commerce, is dead.

The papers continue to be filled with accounts of killings in the various sections of the Union.

Barnum has a white elephant on the way from Siam. Forepaugh says he will have one also by the next show season.

Ex-Gov. William Smith, of Virginia, has just celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday at his home at Warrenton. He was hale and hearty.

It is proposed to see if announced that Speer of Georgia will be defeated probably and because of his peculiar exploits in South Carolina in the recent trials.

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In New York the Methodist watch-night on New Year's eve, is being adopted by nearly all of the evangelized denominations.

The custom has been accepted in many prominent instances by the Episcopalians, who are usually very slow to accept innovations or novelties of that kind.

When are able statesmen, as Abraham Hewitt unquestionably is, who is largely engaged in the iron interests opposes the High Protective policy, it is not only significant but it ought to make Southern Democrats who are leaning that way stop and consider well before they unite with the Republicans in their economic views.

Virginia is preparing to make an exhibit at the great New Orleans Exhibition. The Legislature will be asked to make the needed appropriation.

The shortest biography furnished by the members to the Congressional Directory was that furnished by the modest gentleman who represents the First North Carolina District in the House, Thomas L. Skinner.

Think of it! a musical festival in Richmond, with the great singers, Nilsson, Varen, Materna, Winkelman, Scaria, Tosti, Remmetz and Theodore Thomas and a cast of 300.

Let us give you a hint. By preserving the best of the poetical selections in the STAR for 1884 you will have enough of real poetry to make a choice little volume.

The people of Montgomery, Alabama, have formed a Tariff Reform Club. They will discuss the tariff fully. There ought to be formed throughout the South at once Tariff Reform Clubs and the most intelligent men should study and discuss economic questions with thoroughness.

Zachary, currently known as the "Anderson Crutchfield place," near Silk Hope, was entirely consumed by fire on Tuesday. All the furniture and everything in the house, including forty bushels of corn, was destroyed.

Here are the failures for last week as reported in Bradstreet's for North Carolina, and the returns are not all in: Elizabethtown--W. B. Heister & Bros., general store, has assigned. Greensboro--S. D. McLean & Co., grocers, have assigned. Greenville--Haskett, Smith & Co., general store, has assigned.

Raleigh News-Observer: Mr. D. McCauly, of Chapel Hill, killed a few days since a hog, eighteen months old, which weighed 510 pounds.

Wilson Mirror: We understand that Major Gatlin has made arrangements to build a railroad across the banks opposite the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City, on which to convey visitors from the sound to the beach.

Charlotte Observer: The firm of Barnhart Brothers, dealers in general merchandise, have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

During the year 1883, as we find by reference to the record of Capt. Joseph Price, Harbor Master, there have been 441 arrivals of vessels at this port, of which 288 were from domestic and 308 from foreign ports.

In 1882 the arrivals footed up 481, of which 288 were American and 198 foreign; and the tonnage aggregated 201,266, of which 130,979 was American and 70,287 foreign.

It should be remembered that no vessels under 60 tons are embraced in the above report. There are a large number of small coasting schooners, river steamers, tugs, lighters, &c., plying between this port and other points, which are not taken account of by the Harbor Master.

The following comprised the foreign exports from this port yesterday. The Norwegian barque Hama, Capt. Jorgensen, for Liverpool, by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, with 2,818 bales of cotton, weighing 1,082,599 pounds, and valued at \$106,000.

A Postoffice Robbery Comes to Light.

A colored youth, about 16 or 17 years of age, who was employed in the Postoffice in this city since summer, until about two months ago, was before U. S. Commissioner McQuigg, yesterday, on the charge of defrauding the mails.

The accused was required to furnish bond and security in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the next term of the U. S. District Court, which was furnished and he was discharged.

From the report of the Superintendent of Health, Dr. F. W. Potter, we glean the following statement of the death rate for Wilmington for the year just closed:

Pneumonia 1; rheumatism 2; small-pox 1; still-born 22; syphilis (acquired) 1; tetanus 3; tuberculosis 1; unknown 26; cancer of uterus 1; worms 1; heart clot 1; asthma 2; dropsy of heart 1; teething 5; ulceration of bowels 1; inflammation of bowels 6; debility 12; general debility 4; congestion of lungs 1; typhoid pneumonia 3; enterocolitis 1; marasmus 1; monstrosity 1; jaundice 2; hemorrhage 1; intussusception 1; catarrh 1; congestion of liver 1; phthisis meningitis (spinal) 3; meningitis (cerebral) 2; old age 7; paralysis 8; peritonitis 2; pneumonia 15; metritis 1; premature birth 1; apoplexy 4; asphyxia 1; diseases of brain 8; Bright's disease 2; bronchitis 1; cancer of womb 1; cancer of stomach 1; child-birth 3; cholera morbus 2; cholera infantum 26; pulmonary consumption 50; convulsions 8; congestive chill 1; accident 1; diabetes mellitus 1; acute diarrhoea 1; chronic diarrhoea 6; infantile diarrhoea 2; diphtheria 8; abdominal dropsy 10; drowned 3; dysentery 11; erysipelas 1; euro-carditis 2; continued fever 1; congestive fever 9; enteric fever 1; remittent fever 6; peuperal albuminuria 5; scarlet fever 1; typho-malaria fever 6; gastritis enteritis 3; valvular disease of the heart 14; gastric ulcer 1.

Whites--120 deaths to 8,000, or 10 to 1,000. Colored--241 to 12,000 inhabitants, or 20 to 1,000.

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The Produce Exchange has been furnished with thirty-six new and handsome chairs, which will be a real comfort to the members at future meetings.

Death of a Former Wilmingtonian. Dr. William Ware, formerly a well known dentist of this city, who went to California in 1849, when the gold fever was raging so severely in Wilmington, died at Alameda, in that State, on the 10th of December, aged 79 years.

Deeds and Mortgages. During the year just closed the Clerk of the Superior Court, S. Van Amringe, Esq., admitted to probate 579 deeds and 226 mortgages; as against 477 deeds and 268 mortgages for the year 1883, showing an increase of 102 deeds and a decrease of 42 mortgages, as compared with the previous year.

Weather Indications.

The following are the indications for today: For the Middle Atlantic States and South Atlantic States colder, freezing, generally clearing weather, northwesterly winds, rapidly rising barometer.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, clearing weather, slightly colder in eastern portion, warmer in western portion, westerly winds, generally higher barometer.

PERSONAL. Mr. David Bell and family, of Fayetteville, spent Tuesday in this city, and left that evening for Florida, where they are to spend the winter. They were the guests while here of Mr. T. T. Seeders.

RIVER AND MARINE. Steamship Benefactor, hence, arrived at New York yesterday. Norwegian barque Amal, Lunoe, hence, arrived at Liverpool December 29th.

Remaining in the City Postoffice, Wednesday, January 3d: A--Jeffrey Adams. B--George Brown, E J Brantly, E W Banburn. C--Wm J Courtney.

Departed this life (Saturday, the 29th ult. J. P. elder son of Mr. Richard Madden, of Warren county, in the 84th year of his age. He was an affectionate and dutiful son, devoted brother, and all who knew him will mourn his untimely end.

All persons are hereby cautioned against harboring or trusting any of the crew of the German Barque ORION, Captain H. E. Clausen, no debts of their contracting will be paid by Master or Consignees.

All persons are hereby cautioned against harboring or trusting any of the crew of the Br. Barque VICK & MEBANE, Captain Henke, from Hamburg, as no debts of their contracting will be paid by Captain or Consignees.

Consignees of Cargo Kalmi, by Br. Barque VICK & MEBANE, from Hamburg, will please take notice that the cargo has arrived, and is ready to discharge cargo.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

M. CROLY, Auctioneer. BY CROLY & MORRIS. Assignee's Sale. 25,000 CIGARS AT AUCTION. For and on account of whom it may concern, we will sell to the highest bidder, commencing THURSDAY, January 3, 1884, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. and 3 P. M.

Wanted to Purchase, \$7,000 CITY OF WILMINGTON BONDS. Address LOCK BOX 409, CITY. Giving date and maturity of Bonds, with bottom figures. Jan 3 11*

HORNER SCHOOL, OXFORD, N. C. THE SPRING SESSION OF 1884 WILL BEGIN the second Monday in January. Terms as heretofore. Send for Catalogue. Jan 3 1w

Harrison Planing Mills. I HAVE LEASED TO MR. JAMES A. FOLEY the Harrison Planing Mills, Factory and Yard, with my entire interest in all City Lumber business, and solicit for him a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed on me.

Fresh Celery. SOME VERY WHITE AND TENDER CELERY just received. Also Apples, Oranges, Catawba and Malaga Grapes, California Peas, &c. At S. S. NOKKERTOP'S, Jan 3 1t Fruit and Confectionery Stores.

Diaries for 1884. FROM THE SMALLEST POCKET SIZES TO THE LARGEST OFFICE SIZES. TURNER'S NORTH CAROLINA ALMANACS. BLUM'S FARMERS' AND PLANTERS' ALMANACS. MILLER'S ALMANACS. THE LIVING CHURCH ANNUAL. Wholesale and retail. Jan 3 1t AT HEINSBERGER'S Live Book and Music Stores.

Mott's Sausage Factory. MOTT'S STEAM SAUSAGE FACTORY IS NOW completed, and is ready to fill orders for Fresh Pork Sausage, Smoked Sausage, Liver Pudding, Hog's Head Cheese. Also, Bologna Sausage will be made the year round. Orders by Express C. O. D. will be promptly attended to.

Copartnership Notice. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY FORMED a Copartnership, under the firm name and style of JAS. B. HUGGINS & CO. for the purpose of conducting a GENERAL GROCERY BUSINESS. JAS. B. HUGGINS, F. G. ROBINSON. Wilmington, Jan. 1, 1884.

Jas. B. Huggins & Co. IN DIRECTING ATTENTION TO ABOVE NOTICE, desire to say that they hope by "fair and square" dealing to merit and receive a liberal share of public patronage. Jan 1 1t Review copy 4t

Table with 2 columns: Rate of Advertisement and Duration. Rates range from 10 cents for one square one day to 40 cents for one square one year.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE. Friday & Saturday Nights, January and Saturday Matinee. ALFRED T. MIACOS. NEW HUMPTY SPECIALTY COMPY. BRASS BAND AND ORCHESTRA.

H. Brunhild & Bro. DIRECT IMPORTERS OF Fine Wines, Brandies, Gins and Assorted Cordials. SOLE AGENTS FOR Bass Ale and Guinness' Extra Brown Stout and Ginger Ale.

Our SOUTHERN STAR IS STILL LEADING THE TRADE, AND WE DEFEY COMPETITION. Read Certificate of Prof. CHAS. W. DABNEY, Jr. Chemist: "Raleigh, N. C. Oct. 7th, 1882."

Hicks & Brunhild Bros. HAVR REMOVED. In their new TOBACCO FACTORY, are prepared to fill all orders. 2401, 2403 & 2405 Franklin St., RICHMOND, VA. Clothing!

Land Plaster. FOR SALE BY WOODY & CURRIE. General Commission Merchants, Wilmington, N. C. Also, Sole Agents for the PORTLAND PLASTER MILLS, the products of which are made from HARVEY'S and LINDSEY'S GROUND. Correspondence solicited. Jan 1 1t

North Carolina House. I TAKE PLEASURE IN INFORMING MY friends that my NEW POOL TABLE has arrived, and is now ready for use. Pool room entirely separate from Bar. Entrance on Second Street. NEW RIVER OYSTERS always on hand. Jan 1 1t

Take Head. A DEALER IN TOWN, BEING UNABLE TO suit a difficult customer, sent him the following: Take no offense. You must admit your homely face is not so bad as mine. Of all the different feet I've seen Yours being the least. And there's no nose to suit, I woen. In all the town that you can get. But he was mistaken. The party called on GEO. H. FRENCH & SONS, 108 North Front St., who fit him beautifully with an elegant pair of shoes. He wrote to the dealer: I took no offense at the note that you writ. And admit, since you ask it, my foot's hard to fit. But your goods were not shapely, nor finished, nor neat. As those of French & Sons. They are hard to fit. dec 30 1t

The Great Attraction FOR HOLIDAY GOODS! IS AT CRAFT'S FURNITURE WAREHOUSES, 20 SOUTH FRONT STREET. Conceded to be the finest display of FURNITURE ever seen in the city. dec 23 1t THOMAS C. CRAFT, Agr.

Giles & Murchison, MURCHISON BLOCK. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. HARDWARE, TINWARE AND CROCKERY. dec 30 1t