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OUTLINES.

The steamer City of Mason, from Boston for Savannah, put in at Norfolk disabled.
Schooner Margaret A. May, with lumber for Baltimore, wrecked near Chincoteague, Va.; crew saved.
Terrorific weather has prevailed on the coast of England; two steamers foundered, with loss of all on board.
Geo. Opydke & Co., bankers and brokers, New York city, failed.
A bigamist from Birmingham, Ala., surrendered himself to the police of Baltimore.
The new treaty of commerce between Spain and the United States, as called to the New York Times, enumerates the articles of exchange between Cuba and Porto Rico and the United States.
Geo. Grant has written a letter declining to receive a pension, and in deference to his wishes the bill before Congress in his behalf has been withdrawn.
New York markets: Money 1/41 per cent; cotton dull and inactive at 11 1/4; southern flour steady at \$3 00 @ 5 50; wheat, ungraded red 65 @ 88; corn, ungraded 46 @ 52; resin dull at \$1 20 @ 1 27; spirits turpentine steady at \$1 @ 81 1/2.

John Logan is talking of writing a book. Of course it will be in pigeon-English.
There are 5,000 shoemakers in Philadelphia walking around idle. They are on a strike.
There are three periodic comets now in our evening skies and within a radius of six degrees.

Cleveland says there is not a living man who can tell who will compose his Cabinet, for he does not know himself.
It is very difficult for the Grant and Blaine admirers to understand how it was Mr. Cleveland declined to receive the dog as a present.

The business men of the Dominion are discussing the question of reciprocity with the United States. They demand closer relations and freer trade.

In the United States Circuit Court in New York, Judge Wallace presiding, Mr. Bell was declared to be by a decree the first inventor of the telephone.

The Georgia House has passed a resolution requiring the Clerk to employ females to do his engraving and copying. If he is young and unmarried he will no doubt be much engrossed.

After forty years the monument erected to Washington is complete. It is a grand undertaking, and it is at last finished. The bright aluminum apex will catch the morning light for ages or until this mundane sphere is calcined in the renovating fires of the Dies Ira.

Mahone and Riddleberger, the two men who so badly misrepresent Virginia in the Senate of the United States, oppose Secretary McCulloch's confirmation because of his financial and tariff views. The able Secretary knows more of finance and political economy in a minute than the two Virginians can ever know.

Fanny Davenport has just played Fedora for the three hundredth time. She is a very fine actress, if she did play in "As You Like It" in Wilmington far below her present standard. A gentleman well up in theatrical matters tells us that the best acting he saw in New York recently was her Fedora, and he saw Irving and Ellen Terry.

The New York World of Sunday published 168 columns. This took type that would extend one-twentieth of a mile. It required 244 miles of paper as it came from the rolls. It consumed 40,000 pounds of paper, and the number of papers actually printed was equivalent to 720,000 copies of the N. Y. Daily Sun. The World is booming. It is now running the illustrated department with great success and popularity.

It is reported as a fact that there is a steady immigration into the South from New England. The Pittsburg (Pa.) Chronicle says:
"The stream which once flowed to the West is now seeking a balmy climate, and the wit and energy which made such cities as Cleveland and Chicago possible are now making themselves manifest in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Richmond, Augusta, and even in New Orleans. This Yankee infusion is found to perform an important part in the development of the new South. In East Florida it is conspicuously observable, and flourishing hamlets, orange groves, schools, churches and railroads mark its presence."

ATTEMPTED ARSON.

Fire Set under a Store-The Flames Discovered in Time-Arrest of the Alleged incendiary.
At an early hour yesterday morning, before daylight had fully dawned, an attempt was made to set fire to the upholstery and paper-hanging establishment of Mr. B. F. White, north side of Market, between Second and Third streets. A boy by the name of Robbie Smith, living in a house on Second street, from the back piazza of which there is a view of the rear of Mr. White's premises, happened to go out on the piazza in question and says he saw a boy who stands high from the ground, and came out again, and then return once more. In a few moments after he came out the last time, fire was seen to blaze up under the house. He made his way as quickly as possible across lots and gave the alarm. Mrs. Woodcock, whose husband is absent, keeps a boarding house in the upstairs above Mr. White's store, and the boarders hurried to the help of those engaged in putting out the fire.

About the same time Reuben Burness, colored, an old employe of Mr. White's, opened the front door of the store for the purpose of preparing for the business of the day, when he found the building full of smoke, and thereupon went to the assistance of those who were extinguishing the fire. It seems that fire was set to a box and basket filled with cotton and slacks, which were placed in favorable positions under the rear of the store. The fire was blazing up pretty fiercely, and was communicating to the floor above and a hammock which was suspended in close proximity to the basket when so opportunely discovered. A few moments, and the building would have been in a light blaze, and the destruction of a large amount of property would doubtless have resulted.

A colored boy, about 15 years of age, who gave his name as Thomas Gardner, was arrested on the serious charge of arson, and the preliminary examination before Mayor Hall was to have come off yesterday morning, but was finally postponed until this morning.

A Man in a Dance House Gets His Throat Cut-The Wound Not Serious - Preliminary Examination of the Accused.

Gus Brown, colored, was arrested and taken before His Honor, Mayor Hall, yesterday morning, in his capacity of a justice of the peace, charged with an assault and battery with a deadly weapon upon one Charles Jackson, colored. Jackson was in court with his throat bandaged, and it transpired that he had received a cut in that dangerous locality during the difficulty in question. The evidence was to the effect that Brown was in the bar connected with a dance house on Nutt street, on Saturday night, in conversation with some other young men, when Jackson passed in their vicinity and caught a remark which he thought was intended for himself. He demanded to know the purport of the remark, when Brown said: "Oh, you go along; somebody will hurt you;" when Jackson cursed him for a liar, whereupon Brown struck him and knocked him prostrate and senseless upon the floor. Some of the parties present picked him up and carried him into the street, when he shortly revived. He was bleeding profusely, and was taken to the office of the nearest surgeon, who examined the wound and found it to be near some of the leading arteries, which caused the great loss of blood, while the injury itself was of a superficial character, not being in the least dangerous. Brown confessed that he struck the blow, but denied that he used a knife or brass knuckles. One witness testified to hearing Gus say, while in the building, and not more than five minutes before the fight took place, that he intended to cut somebody, but she did not understand who. Jackson himself stated that he was stricken on the opposite side of the head from where he was cut. Gus swore positively, however, as before stated, that he had no knife or other instrument and that all the blow he inflicted was with his fist.

THE CITY.

MUNSON-Goods for Christmas.
S. H. TRIMBLE-Auction sale.
HEINSBERGER-Christmas goods.
JOHN P. DAHMER-Seaside Park.
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS-Proposals.
W. S. BRIGGS & Co.-Holiday goods.
JOHN L. BOATWRIGHT-Christmas stock.

Local Boats.
Receipts of cotton yesterday footed up 968 bales.
Mr. John P. Dahmer announces the re-opening of Seaside Park for transient custom. This refers only to the Bar and Oyster Department.

We noticed a party of ladies and gentlemen out on a fox hunt yesterday morning, and the hounds were making such music as hunters most delight in.

There will be a meeting of the visitors of the Ladies' Benevolent Society at Miss Hart's school rooms, this afternoon at 8 o'clock. The President earnestly desires a full attendance.

Delia Gardner, an insane colored woman, has been making things lively in the neighborhood of the Court House during the past two or three days. It seems that her husband is in jail.

RAILROAD MEETING.

Report of the Committee on Surveys-The Engineer's Reports-Chart to be Applied for, &c.
In the absence of Mr. B. G. Worth, Chairman of the last meeting, Col. E. D. Hall, Mayor of the city, was called upon to preside, with Mr. T. D. Meares as Secretary.

On motion of Mr. A. H. Van Bokkelen the Chairman was requested to appoint a committee of five to prepare proper charters for the two roads, to be presented to the Legislature for its action at the present session, to report the action of this meeting to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company, and to take all other necessary steps toward applying for and securing the charters aforesaid.

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Death of an Eminent Citizen of Duplin.

Our community has been saddened by the announcement of the death of Rev. James Sprunt, D. D., of Kenansville, Duplin county, which occurred at his home on Saturday night last, about 5 o'clock. Deceased was born near Edinburg, and educated at the University of that city. In 1845 he came to this country, and has ever since been a resident of Kenansville, where he engaged in the pursuit of teaching and in performing the duties of the Christian ministry, he having been from the time of his ordination to his death pastor of the Presbyterian church at Kenansville. Dr. Sprunt was a brother of the late Alex. Sprunt, of this city. He leaves a family of four daughters and two sons. During the late war deceased was chaplain of the 20th N. C. Infantry, and for many years was Register of Deeds for Duplin county. He was widely known and greatly beloved for his piety, his learning and all those social qualities which go to make up the character of a good man.

Religious Matters.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, the new pastor of Fifth Street Church, preached his inaugural sermon on Sunday to large congregations, who expressed themselves greatly pleased. Two new members (ladies) were received into the First Baptist Church Sunday morning, and they were baptized the same night. Rev. F. A. Bishop will preach at the Front Street Church next Sunday.

Files His Flag.

Capt. Savage, Superintendent of the County Poor House, has a good sized Cleveland and Hendricks flag flying from a staff erected upon the top of the main building, and which attracts much attention from passengers on the incoming and outgoing trains. It is surmounted by a smaller United States flag, and the two flutter gaily when there is a good breeze.

Personal.
We received a call yesterday from Mr. Harris, of the Glen Falls, N. Y., Republican, who was accompanied by Lieut. Hand, an old schoolmate who had not seen him but once in thirty years. The name of Mr. Harris' paper does not indicate its politics, for it is Democratic to the core. We hope our editorial brother will heartily enjoy his visit to Wilmington.

Superior Court.
The trial of the case of Jos. D. Smith against the Fire Association of Philadelphia, for libel, began in this Court yesterday. Counsel for plaintiff, Messrs. C. M. and N. A. Stedman; for defendant, Messrs. McRae & Strang. Maj. C. M. Stedman made the opening speech yesterday evening. Argument will be continued to-day.

RECAPITULATION.

Grading 4 1/2 miles ..... \$32,525 70
Cross ties ..... 16,600 00
Steel rails ..... 107,608 27
Spikes, &c. .... 5,698 50
Laying track, engineering, &c. .... 11,000 00
\$174,327 27

For a narrow gauge (3-ft) road.
Grading 3 1/2 miles ..... \$24,000 00
Rails (30 lbs per yard) at \$37 per ton ..... 72,190 70
Cross ties ..... 15,000 00
Spikes, track laying, &c. .... 16,600 00
\$127,890 70

The line could be built to the mouth of Stone's Creek (lower side) or either of the points below, with a distance of 40 miles. And by coming into the depot at a point near the site of the Union Depot a short distance might be saved-in either case reducing the cost.

I did not run to the mouth of Stone's Creek as the additional cost would not materially alter the estimate, and it was not thought advisable to run through the standing crops.

I have added to the map, for your convenience, several lines heretofore run out toward the Sound, from which it appears that to include the Sound Road, by the old line, which runs near Hewlett's Creek and crosses Lee's Creek between the church near Mr. Bradley's and the Sea-Side Park, would add to the cost of the road, and there would be a considerable addition to the expenses-which is a matter requiring careful estimates-for a bridge across the creek, and as to whether a draw-bridge would be required; also, as to the right of way along the Sound. The cost of grading this branch would probably be about \$52,000. To cross the creek higher up would throw the road too far from Wrightsville. But a branch leaving the main line at a point about 4 miles from Wilmington, would reach Sea-Side Park in 3 1/2 miles, and would avoid the creek altogether; moreover, the grading on this line could be done for \$500 per mile. This I think the most feasible way of reaching the Sound, and decidedly the most economical; unless it should be determined to build the Sound Railroad alone.

In conclusion, I have to thank Col. R. R. Bridges for his kindness in the loan of tents and utensils, without which my preliminary survey would have been impossible with the limited means at command.
Yours, respectfully,
ROD, MACRAE.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 20, 1884.
To the Committee on Survey of Line from Wilmington to Fayetteville.
GENTLEMEN-Having, in conformity with your instructions, made an experimental survey for the proposed Railroad from Wilmington to Fayetteville, I respectfully submit with map and profile the following REPORT:

The distance according to the experimental survey is 82 1/2 miles to the eastern end of Clarendon Bridge, at Fayetteville, and the estimates are made for that distance:
183,658 cubic yards of excavation at 15c per cubic yard. \$ 27,548 70
225,250 cubic yards of embankment at 16c per cubic yard. 36,378 70
448,440 feet trestle timber at \$15 00 per 1,000 feet B. M. 7,175 04
One bridge 125 feet long at \$30 per foot. 3,750 00
Bridge masonry ..... 1,040 00
About 70 miles of grubbing at \$30.00 per mile ..... 21,000 00
676.1 tons steel rail at \$32 00 per ton. 216,377 60
408,000 pounds fish plates at \$1 90 per 100 lbs. 7,762 00
87,884 pounds bolts and nuts at \$3 50 per 100 lbs. 3,088 44
413,750 pounds spikes at 2 1/2c per lb. 9,328 50
174,851 cross ties at 20c each ..... 34,970 20
Laying 82 1/2 miles track at \$200. 16,550 00
Total cost of 82 1/2 miles. \$387,436 04

along the line is generally well timbered. It would be superfluous for me to suggest any particular route of several that might be adopted, as that would be a matter for the consideration of the engineer who makes the location. Again, thanking Col. R. R. Bridges for the use of his tents and camp equipage, I am, gentlemen,
Yours, very respectfully,
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Cotton Futures.

The Raleigh News and Observer says: In the United States Circuit Court, before Judge Seymour, there is pending an interesting case, involving the legality of cotton futures. It is the case of Aubrey Bennett & Co., of New York, vs. E. P. Covington, of Wilmington, N. C. It is instituted for the recovery of \$5,206, that sum being the amount of Mr. Covington's losses in transactions in cotton futures through the New York firm above named. Covington's defence is that the transaction was gambling. The following counsel appear in the case: John D. Shaw and Fuller & Snow for Covington; John W. Hiasdale and John Devereux, Jr., for Mr. Bennett.

Weather Indications.

The following are the indications for today:
For the South Atlantic States, fair weather, north to west winds, stationary temperature.

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BY S. H. TRIMBLE.
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Table with 2 columns: Rates of Advertising, and corresponding prices for various durations.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE.
EVERY NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10.
EVERYBODY'S FA-
VORITE COMEDIAN, Mr. Gus Williams,
in his Best-Selected Success,
JOHN HINSHLER, the BENEVOLENT
GERMAN POLICEMAN, in
ONE OF THE FINEST.
A Story of the Pavements of New York.
Under the management of JOHN H. BOBB.
CARD-"ONE OF THE FINEST" is the title given each member of the New York Police Force-as they are called the "Finest Police in the World." Reserved Seats \$1.00, on sale Monday, Dec. 9, 7 o'clock.

Cleveland & Hendricks
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.
Grand Demonstration
IN
CHARLESTON, S. C.
DIMENSE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION!!
BONFIRES.
Invitations have been sent to
CLEVELAND, HENDRICKS, BAYARD
CARLISLE, HARTON, BUTLER.
The General Assembly of the State has been invited to be present in a body.
FIREWORKS.
THE CITY TO BE ILLUMINATED.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.
Thousands of visitors are expected to be present from all the neighboring States.
Railroad rates reduced to the lowest point.
dec 7 1/2

For Sale on Easy Terms
THE PREMISES ON THE STREET,
between Market and Cook streets,
next south of the residence of W. B. McKay,
Esq., and opposite the residence of Geo. W. Williams, Esq. Apply to
JOHN D. BELMAY, JR.,
dec 7 1/2

Rock Lime,
FOR BUILDING PURPOSES.
FRESHLY BURNED
PRICE REDUCED TO \$1.15 PER CASK.
LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR LARGE LOTS AND
TO THE TRADE.
Address
W. S. BRIGGS & CO.,
Rocky Point, N. C.
at ft fr O. G. T. RILEY, JR.,
at ft fr W.ilmington, N. C.

Best Stock.
BUYERS OF BOOTS AND SHOES WILL FIND
at our prices the LARGEST STOCK, GREATEST
VARIETY OF STYLE AND FINISH AND LOW-
EST PRICES. We invite an examination of
Goods and Prices.
Geo. R. French & Sons
108 NORTH FRONT STREET.
dec 7 1/2

ANNOUNCEMENT!
DEHRENS & MONROE, S. E. COR MARKET
and 2nd Sts., have concluded to reduce their
mammoth stock of Furniture and Carpets, and to
accommodate said purpose will offer the same at
wholesale and retail at greatly reduced prices.
Cash is our object. dec 7 1/2

New Store.
FOR WANT OF MORE ROOM TO DISPLAY MY
fine line of Christmas Candles, I have opened
the store adjoining my present one, where I will
show the finest line of Christmas Goods ever
shown in this city. Call and examine my stock and
you will be sure to buy.
MRS. E. W. BARR,
113 and 115 N. Second St.
dec 7 1/2

New River Mulletts.
100 BARRELS FINE NEW RIVER MULLETTS
just received from the factory, for sale low.
Also, 150 BOXES CHOICE BRANDS OF TO-
BACCO, to be sold at factory prices.
S. A. BELLER, Sr.,
15 Market Street.
dec 7 1/2

Special.
BROCHET SHAWLS,
SINGLE AND REVERSIBLE,
and a complete stock of ALL NEW WRAPS.
CHILDREN'S CLOAKS, very cheap.
NEW LACE CURTAINS, CORNICE AND CUR-
TAIN POLES.
R. M. McINTIRE.
"Turkish Bath" Soap in large quantities.
dec 7 1/2

Wm. S. Hastie,
OF CHARLESTON, S. C. WAS INSURED IN
the Mutual-Life Insurance Company of New
York for \$5,000.
The Company paid his estate on the 28th of No-
vember,
\$12,925,
the amount of Policy with its accumulations-
being \$7,925
more than the face of the Policy.
dec 5 1/2

Hats!
HARRISON & ALLEN.
dec 7 1/2

Sundries.
ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE BEAUTIFUL
A Hanging Lamp, also some Vase Lamp,
new and lovely. A timely lot of Feather Dusters.
Now that we have had a good shower, it
will be a good time to get rid of the accumulated
dust of the past two months.
W. H. ALDERMAN & CO.,
719 Market Street.
Gas Fitters, &c.
nov 30 1/2