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OUTLINES.

The steamer City of Macon, from Boston for Savannah, put in at Norfolk disabled.—Schooner Margaret A. May, with lumber for Baltimore, wrecked near Chincoteague, Va.; crew saved.—Terrible weather has prevailed on the coast of England; two steamers foundered, with loss of all on board.—Geo. Odyke & 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 cables to the New York Times, enumerates the articles of exchange between Cuba and Porto Rico and the United States.—Gen. 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a letter declining to receive a pension, and in deference to his wishes the bill before Congress in his behalf has been withdrawn.—New York markets: Money 1@1½ per cent.; cotton dull and inactive at 11@1½ per cent; southern steady at \$3 00@5 50; wheat, ungraded red 65@83¢; corn ungraded 40@50¢; rye dull at \$3 00@27¢; spirits unpeated steady at 31@31½¢.

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 free 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 engrossing 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 was a grand undertaking, and it is at last finished. The bright aluminum will catch the morning light for ages or until this mundane sphere is calcined in the renovating fires of the *Dies Irae*.

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 Pittsburgh (Pa.) *Chronicle* says:

"The stream which once flowed to the West is now seeking a balmier 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 bound 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."

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just as sure as the diminution of lawless habits and the prevalence of orderly institutions".

The Charleston *News* and *Courier* of the 7th inst. has a tremendous yarn sent from Chattanooga. It is all about a fabulous "find" in the mountains of North Georgia by an old miner. A solid mountain of gold that DeSoto worked is reported. It is said to assay from two dollars to two thousand dollars a ton. The dispatch says:

"Mr. Winkles states that in an experience of many years in the mining districts of the West he has seen but two 'heads' he considers wealthier than those now being worked in North Georgia, which have been named the 'Legal Tender.' Those referred to are the Comstock, in Nevada, and one located near Leadville. In the mining districts of New Mexico, if ores are obtained, they will assay \$25 to the ton they are considered very rich, and can be transported over the mountains on pack-mules with profit.

"Fort Mountain receives its name from a fort that was built on its summit years ago by unknown hands, supposed to be Indians. This fort commands a fine view of the surrounding country, and is to this mountain what the 'Point' is to grand old Lookout."

It is very curious to see so many Democratic papers gushing over Grant and advocating pensioning him. What has Grant done to deserve any such insincere palliative? He is the same old Grant and in no sense better man. The people at least do not favor this useless donation to a broken banker. A Washington special of the 6th to the *Charleston News and Courier* says:

"Some members of the Military Affairs committee of the Senate and House are not struck favorably with the suggestion in the President's message that Gen. Grant should be pensioned. They feel that he is already sufficiently provided for, having an income of \$16,000 per annum from the funds of the second term as President. None of that fund was lost through the failure of the banking firm of Grant & Ward. According to the terms of the donation only the interest can be touched. According to the principles laid down by the President last spring in his veto of the bill to restore Fitz John Porter to the army, if any Congressional aid is given Grant it must be in the shape of a reward."

Bradsstreet's reports 296 failures in the United States for the last week against 169 in 1881. The bottom is again falling out and the South is contributing its full share of failures. They were distributed as follows: Arkansas, Louisiana, 2 each; Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee 3 each; South Carolina 5; North Carolina 8; Virginia 9; Georgia and Kentucky 10 each, and Texas 15. The following are from North Carolina:

"Greenville—J. B. Worsley & Co., general store, assigned to E. G. Leggett, High Point—Pitts & Brothers, hardware, furniture, &c.; J. C. Palmer, grocery, failed. W. H. Price & S. J. Rund, grocery, assigned. Liabilities \$38,000; assets estimated at \$35,000; preferences \$18,000. Waynesville—J. R. Hyatt & Co., general store, assigned. Whiteville—J. A. Maultby & Son, general store, failed. They are said to be mortgaged to factors for \$80,000. Wilson—R. Harris & Son, general store, assigned. Winder—J. A. Leslie, general store, failed."

The exodus from South Carolina of the negroes continues and hundreds have gone. A half dozen or more papers report the departure of gangs of negroes. The *Florence Times* says:

"During the past week hundreds of negroes have left for the new Eldorado, Arkansas, and excitement is running high among the colored population about this apparently new found land of wealth and plenty. The depot is crowded with delayed emigrants, and boats, barges, and loaded trunks, of every conceivable size and description, containing the personal effects of those expected travellers, are piled on the platforms into a heterogeneous mass. It is almost a matter of impossibility to learn anything definite as to this movement, which, however, seems to be regularly organized and under the direction of an invisible head."

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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 go under Mr. White's store, (the rear of which stands high from the ground), and come 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 employee 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 shucks, 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.

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RAILROAD MEETING.

Report of the Committee on Surveys—The Engineer's Reports—Charters to be Applied for, &c., &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.

Mr. J. H. Currie, of the Committee on Survey, submitted the committee's report, including the engineer's reports of the estimated cost of the proposed road from Wilmington to New River, in Onslow county, and the one to connect our city with the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, at Fayetteville, with accompanying maps of the routes, &c.

On motion of Mr. A. H. Van Bokkelen, the report of the committee was accepted, with thanks, and the committee discharged.

For the benefit of those interested we subjoin the reports of the Engineer, above referred to:

WILMINGTON, N. C., August 11, 1884.
To the Committee on Survey of the W. & O. Railroad:

GENERAL.—In accordance with your instructions, I have made an experimental survey from the intersection of Seventeenth and Market streets to Sneed's Ferry on New River, in Onslow county, and beg leave to submit, with map and profile, the following:

Report:

The distance is 41½ miles, and with a maximum grade of 81 feet to the mile, and standard gauge of 4' feet 8½ inches, there would be 216,883 cubic yards of excavation and embankment; an average of 5,225 cubic yards to the mile.

Graveling would cost \$78.75 per mile, making \$39,525.00.

Cross-Ties.—At 16 cents per cubic yard, 2,000 crosses to the mile, at 20 cents each, would be \$400 per mile, or a total of \$16,800.

Rails, &c.—I find no quotations for iron rails, but steel rails have recently been sold as low as \$28.00 per ton. Suppose you paid \$38.00 per ton, delivered, for a 50-pound (to the yard) steel rail. You would require 78 120-3240 tons per mile, or 3260.7 tons, costing \$3,592.50 per mile, or a total distance of 16,800 feet, \$107,608.00.

Three thousand pounds of spikes would cost, delivered, \$71.00, making a total of \$3,945.50.

Spikes and bolts \$8.00 per mile, or \$3,652.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Grading 41½ miles \$3,525.70

Cross ties 16,600.00

Steel rails 107,603.27

Spikes, &c. 6,598.50

Laying track, engineering, &c. 11,000.00

\$174,327.27

For a narrow gauge (3-ft) road:

Grading \$24,000.00

Rails (30 lbs. per yard) at \$87

per ton 72,190.70

Cross ties 15,000.00

Spikes, track laying, &c. 16,600.00

\$128,190.70

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 city 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 this additional line 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 sections not run out on 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 make the road 6½ miles longer, 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 \$32,000.

To cross the creek higher up would take the road too far from Wilmington. But a branch leaving the main line at a point about 4 miles from Wilmington would reach Sea-Side Park in 3½ 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 decided the most economical; unless it should be determined to build the Sound Railroad

In conclusion, I have to thank Col. R. R. Bridgers for his kindness in loaning tents and utensils, without which this preliminary survey would have been impossible.

The case of