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OUTLINES.

The French report a victory over the Chinese fleet and the sinking of two men-of-war of the Chinese squadron. The Victoria Iron Mines and Furnace in Rock-bridge Co., Va., shut down, throwing 1,300 men out of employment. E. G. Gho, superintendent of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad, died in Norfolk, Va. The Senate confirmed Emory Speer, of Georgia, to be U. S. District Judge. Ex-Gov. Moses of South Carolina, has been sent to a house of correction in Massachusetts for obtaining money under false pretences. A table is reported in Tuswell county, Va., between citizens and unemployed miners. The House of Representatives yesterday, on motion of Mr. Green, passed the Senate bill appropriating \$30,000 for the purchase of a wharf for the use of the government at Wilmington, N. C. New York markets: Money 1 1/4 per cent, cotton firm at 11 3/10 @ 11 7/16; southern flour about steady at \$3 20; 53 wheat, ungraded red \$9 @ 9 1/4; corn, ungraded \$2 3/4; rosin dull at \$1 23 @ 1 25; spirits turpentine firmer at 80 1/2.

Old Andrew Jackson, a grandson of "Old Hickory," lives in Tennessee, Senator Garland is looking to the Supreme Court Bench. He is, therefore, willing to be Attorney General first. Blinn Mahone got mad with his landlady in Washington, and cursed her most roundly. Gallant Brigadier!

There were 40,000 persons in a funeral procession in Paris when it was attacked because a German flag was carried. We are glad to learn that probably an effort to reconsider the cigar and cigarette bill, prohibiting the sale to boys under 12 years of age, will be made in the Senate.

Father Hugh O'Neill, the man who presented a cane to Jim Blaine, the tattooed man, has been dismissed by his Bishop. Bishop Chatard's action gives much dissatisfaction to his people at Indianapolis.

We are being deluged with verse. The Star prefers to select what it publishes in that line. Verse writing is not difficult when one has his hand in it but to write poetry—well ordinarily it is not this year.

We have not much confidence in the figures published as to the murders that are perpetrated in the United States annually. For 1884, the number is placed at 3,377. This is very bad, but we supposed it to be much worse.

Lady Theodore Martin, a lady of admirable literary gifts, a charming theatrical critic and once very distinguished as an actress, is a great admirer of Miss Mary Anderson.

President Cleveland is not as well posted as to the politicians as we supposed. For instance, he says he never heard of Gov. Jarvis. This ignorance gives the Philadelphia Press, Republican organ, an opportunity to praise Gov. Jarvis highly, and the Norfolk Landmark, Democrat, to do like wise.

Scene—Mud-pike on Fourth street. A loaded wagon mired nearly to the hub and horses struggling to pull through under the mild persuasions of the indulgent driver. He sees fortunately the top of a whip sticking above the glue-like yellow mud. He reaches to get it and as he pulls a rope deep down and in the distance as it were is heard, "Let alone my whip." The voice came from a driver who had sunk out of sight team and all. N. B.—As Artemus Ward would have said, this is "sarkasm."

If we have got the hang of the bill it is proposed to compel Judges to hold court in every county for one week until Saturday afternoon. That is to say, whether there is business to occupy the court more than three days or not the Judge must hold court all the week. Will this not compel jurors and other officials to attend? What a farce. We believe it passed one House. We would be glad to know that we are mistaken in thinking that any such absurd bill was ever adopted by either House of any Legislature that ever assembled in North Carolina.

As to the Cabinet, no man knows anything about it that is certain. We doubt if Mr. Cleveland knows himself. He has no doubt written many names on his slate, but he sponges them out. It may be said that if Bayard agrees he will be one of the President's confidential friends and advisers. The Philadelphia Times of Tuesday says: "Beyond the finger board pointing to Senator Bayard, there is nothing to indicate with any degree of definiteness any other member of the new Cabinet. The names of Thurman, Pendleton, McDonald, Vilas, Wallace, Manning, Whitney, Adams, Garland, Lamar and others are prominently discussed, but any attempt to locate any of them in the Cabinet would be the blindness of guessing."

A Washington report is that Bayard has agreed to accept the Secretaryship of State. The STAR would like to see the University taken care of by the Legislature, but along the line of the Constitution. It would like to see it a grand University, fully up to the requirements of the age and the wishes of its most judicious friends. But of course one Legislature cannot do it all, nor can the State stand at one time an appropriation sufficient for such a consummation. It can pay off the \$12,000 debt and establish a School of Technology, and perhaps create a Chair of Normal Instruction, which the Constitution requires and authorizes.

The Albany correspondent of the New York World sends the following as the very latest make-up of the Cabinet that is to be: "Secretary of State—Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware. "Secretary of the Treasury—Daniel Manning, of New York. "Secretary of the Interior—Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio. "Postmaster General—L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi. "Attorney General—A. H. Garland, of Arkansas. "Secretary of War—William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin. "Secretary of the Navy—Joseph E. McDonald, of Indiana."

That would be a "mighty strong" family gathering.

Spirits Turpentine

They have been gathering the ice crop in the upper counties. —Lumberton Robesonian: We have ordered a new press upon which to print the Robesonian. Mr. Amos Flower died of dropsy of the heart, Jan. 26th. He was about 70 years of age. Mr. John Baggett died Feb. 4th. He was about 84 years of age.

New Bern Journal: An oyster bed has been discovered in Pamlico sound four miles long in fifteen to eighteen feet water. They cannot be taken if the Legislature prohibits dredging. They are needed at the packing house in this city. Will the General Assembly let us have them? —Raleigh Chronicle: Major Jno. C. Winder, always liberal and ever ready to do all in his power to relieve the poor, not only here but elsewhere, yesterday instructed the Carolina Central Railroad to give to the poor of Charlotte fifty cords of wood and to transfer the same free of charge.

Greensboro Workman: The question of an Industrial School in North Carolina, in connection with the State University, is the matter now to be considered, within the terms of the State Constitution. It is a question which should be quietly, intelligently and thoroughly discussed before any action is sought to be had on it. It will not do to make a mistake. —Salem Press: On last Saturday, at Alfonso Livengood's, in Davidson county, at a chopping frolic, Felix Long, son of the late Thomas Long, started to move his jacket from where a tree was going to fall. The tree fell sooner than expected, and he started to run, but was struck on the head by the falling tree. The skull was fractured, and the boy is still in a critical condition.

Warrenton Home Journal: A gentleman from Home township of this county told me to-day that he planted three acres in tobacco, the cost of labor, fertilizers, curing, etc., all told—amounted to \$70. He sold the tobacco for \$350.00, leaving him a clear profit of \$280.00, he says further, if he had planted the same land in cotton it would have made about 900 pounds of lint cotton, putting the cotton at 10 cents per pound would amount to \$90.00, now put the labor, fertilizers, etc., at \$50.00, it leaves him \$40.00 profit, against \$280.00 profit on his tobacco.

Raleigh News-Observer: The snow fell at Durham to the depth of six inches. Mr. Caleb Green said yesterday that it was the deepest snow he had seen since the snow only nine miles beyond Durham was over ten inches. —Mr. C. W. Roney last evening told a reporter of a murder at Kittrell. Two negro boys, Cager Hargrove and William Hargrove, quarrelled about a knife "swap." Cager seized a billet of wood and at one blow so crushed William's skull as to cause instant death. Cager fled, but soon came back and surrendered himself. He was tried by a magistrate and committed to jail. He is only about 17 years of age.

In discussing the Judiciary bill on Friday last, Senator Williams, of Pitt, said: "That we could get along with the present number, or with only two more, if the judges and lawyers would do their duty." That at the last court held in Pitt they did not get to the civil docket. The judges did not do their duty; he said it with sorrow, as he admired and revered those great men—Gaston, Ruffin, Daniel and others, who had ornamented the bench in North Carolina. A special court was called in Pitt county, and it had adjourned without transacting any business. An indignation meeting was held by the citizens. If the Legislature made a slip in this matter it would raise a cyclone in North Carolina.

Charlotte Observer: The recent case of thieving that we have had to record during a lengthy journalistic career, occurred last Sunday morning at the home where the unfortunate Allen Freeman lay dying. Among those who volunteered their services during the night to the afflicted household was Ed. Williams, the painter, who made his way into the house with many expressions of sympathy. Those in attendance addressed Mr. Freeman, and taking his watch from his vest pocket laid it on the mantel. About 8 o'clock the watch was missed and so was Williams. Williams denied any knowledge of the watch, but his clothing was searched and the watch was found in his pants pocket. He was escorted to jail in default of \$500 bond. He will be tried for the offense by the inferior Court this morning.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. A. N. Gray, one of Charlotte's oldest citizens, died yesterday afternoon, after one year's suffering from paralysis. Mr. Gray was aged 76 years, and had resided in Charlotte since the year 1829. The postal card card from Winston informs us that Uncle Davy Leak, the celebrated tobacco peddler, is dead and buried. His body was consigned to the earth in Winston on Saturday last. There was a heavy snow storm on the 14th and 15th inst. last night, while there was a light snow and considerable sleet in Charlotte. —Saturday night the report of a pistol was heard in the gunsmith shop of Mr. B. Allen Freeman, formerly the Keuster store, next to Snider's saloon, on Tryon street, and parties attracted by the shot hurried to the scene to investigate the cause. They found Mr. Freeman lying face downward on the floor behind the counter within five feet of the front door and two feet of the front show window. A pool of blood had formed around his face on the floor, and it was still slowly oozing from a ghastly bullet hole directly in the centre of his forehead. It was seen that Mr. Freeman was still breathing and he was lifted up and laid upon the counter. The physician, on examining into the character of the wound at once pronounced it fatal. The bullet, which was from a .32 calibre pistol, had entered at the forehead, passing entirely through the brain and shattering the skull on the back part of the head, had lodged under the skin among a mass of shattered bone. Bending over him, Chief of Police McNinch inquired: "Do you know me, Allen?" "Yes," came the faint and almost inarticulate response. "I know you Mr. McNinch. "Can't you tell me what happened?" "The officer inquired, "I don't remember," he replied, speaking in a dazed way, and evidently trying hard to recall the occurrence to his mind. "I think it was accidental; I don't believe anybody shot me. 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