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OUTLINES.

The State Press Association of Florida claim that the reported damage to the orange groves in that State is greatly exaggerated. ---- Owners of cosl lands in Florida are considering the question of a consolidation of interests involved. ----The State Senate of Kentucky passed a bill establishing the whipping post for wife-beaters. - Business failures the past week number 238; they continue very numerous in the West and South, but in other sections are light. ---- Disastrous floods are apprehended in Pennsylvania; ice gorges have formed which have caused the lowlands to be overflowed. ---- Striking operatives at Leicester, Eng., attacked and sacked several houses; the police were unable. to cope with them. Ex Governor Horatio Seymour, of New York, died last night. ---- A safe in Claussen's Brewery, Charleston, S. C., was blown open by burglars and robbed of \$500 --- New York markets: Money 14 @2 per cent.; cotton firm at 9 1-16@91c; wheat, ungraded red \$5c; corn lower at 48. @501c; southern flour quiet; spirits turpentine dull at 41c; rosin steady at \$1 021@

President Cleveland is accused of being bashful.

The coinage committee in the House will soon report.

Paddy Ryan and John L. Sullivan are to fight with gloves.

Gen. W. R. Rowley, Grant's military secretary, is dead, aged 62.

John G. Thompson, one of the leaders of the Ohio Democracy, is

he was put to bed and physicians summoned, but they could do nothing for him. He raved, howled and prayed, declaring that he had seen the Evil One, and that he was lost. His torture was terrible, but nothing could be done to relieve him, and he died in the wildest agony. The death-bed scene is said to have been full of horrors that can hardly be de-

The riot in London was composed of a great many who were out of bread. There were thousands of unemployed poor who were reported starving for want of work. The Socialist League deny that it is responsible for the riots. Mr. Sparting, a prominent leader of the Socialists,

scribed.

"But still I am rejorced that society has been shown that its fancied security is a delusion and a myth. If the members of yesterday's procession had been inflamed to frenzy, as they could easily have been if the Socialists had so chosen, they could have duplicated the most fearful scenes of the French revolution. The police, as you saw, were impotent. The soldiers were at remote points. Before they could have ar-rived on the scene thera would have been time for wholesale bloodshed. But the people were forbearing, and they made a demonstration, not an attack." "But still I am rejorced that society has temonstration, not an attack.

The STAR saw a local article in the Montgomery (Ala.) Dispatch relative to Rev. Mr. Isler, of Goldsboro. It was nearly a fourth of column, we think. We learn 'that Mr. Isler was misrepresented. He is at home and of sane mind. He is a Presbyterian minister of excellent standing. The STAR meant to be kind. We supposed the statement

-- Goldsboro Messenger: From a private letter we learn that our friend, Mr. Jas. A. Robinson, will locate at Winston, his former home. — Washington dot: Representative Green was one of the speak-ers at the grape growers' meeting held last Thursday evening at Willard's Hall. He was also vice president. — Maj. P. F. Duffy has been appointed State correspon-dent of the Agricultural Department of North Carolina. -- Tarboro Southerner: The town

-- Tarboro Southerner: The town commissioners mean, if possible, to put a stop to incendiarism. In another column will be found an advertisement offering \$100 reward for the conviction of fire bugs. If these fires do not cease, Judge Lynch may hold court here. -- Mr. Walter H. Page, since he proved an utter failure as a North Carolina journalist, has spoken very contemptuously of the State press. No one is troubled but Page, and his disease is sour grapes. grapes.

- Charlotte Democrat: A young man named Page (who considers himself a "trained-journalist" without ever having learned the printing business or any other business) tried to publish a newspaper in this State but failed, and then went North

this State but railed, and then went North to engage in writing letters misrepresenting and bemeaning North Carolina Edi-tors and our public men generally. "Trained journalists" like Mr. Page have yet much to learn in the way of common sense if not in journalism. - Norfolk Virginian: Col. A

J. Harrell, of the firm of Harrell Brothers, died at the Purcell House yesterday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, of pneumonia. Col. Harrell had been sick only about a week, and his death was a sudden shock to all who knew him. The deceased was a native

- Chadbourn Times ; A large amount of tar is shipped from this place. It is put up in oil barrels and does not have to be repacked. --- We have met few men in North Carolina with superior or even equal ability as a lawyer or as a statesman. We sincerely hope the day is near when we will have the pleasure of voting for Major Stedman for Congressman from his district. He has considerable influence in Washington City, and we hope to see him one of our national law makers as soon as the time for another Congressional elec-tion rolls around. He did a large share towards making the Chadbourn Railroad meeting the grand success it was. -- Horry (S. C.) Progress: The next speaker was Maj Charles M. Stedman, the Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina. He is a fine scholar, and an eloquent orator. He held his vast audience spellbound as the chaste language fell from his lips. Maj. Stedman said that the Messrs. Chadbourns' word was as good as their bond and that they were financially able to redeem every promise made by them. The speech of Mr. W. H. Chadbourn and that of Maj. Stedman convinced the people that there was a good foundation upon which to base their hope of a road, and we verily believe that, with the exception of about a dozen, the entire crowd favored the Wilmington, Chadbourn & Conway Rail-- Greensboro Workman: Col. G. C. Townsend, a former citizen of Greens-boro, died in Tallahassee, Florida, on the 2nd inst., in the 80th year of his age. ---Elisha Bell, who lived six miles from town in the direction of McLeansville, being under the influence of a mean man's whiskey, lay out on the ground for the most part of Thursday night last, and the next morning at 7 o'clock he was found—not quite dead, but in a hopeless condition, ice being formed in his mouth, &c. Since the above was written we hear that the unfor-tunate man is dead. — A colored train hand, whose name is given as Henry Hoff-man, and who lives at Salisbury, received an injury soon after 12 o'clock to day while engaged in coupling cars at the depot. - Winston Republican: Dr. W. F. G. Young, hailing from Baltimore, located in Winston in October last. He claimed to be a regular M. D., joined the Medical Association, and in connection with the practice of medicine, proposed to work insurance, advertising as the General State Agent of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, 55 Liberty street, New York, and of the Family Fund Society, also of New York. In November he pur-chased the Independent, a small newspaper published here, and enlarged it to a seven-column patent outside. The "Doctor's" true inwardness was learned here the first of last week. His paramour left at once, and he, hearing the angry mutterings of an - Winston Republican: Dr. W and he, hearing the angry mutterings of an indignant and outraged community, also skipped the town last Friday evening, not taking with him so much as a change of clothing. - Charlotte Observer : The next - Charlotte Observer ? The next session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church (color-ed), is to convene in this city this morning. The sessions will be presided over by Wm. X. Ninde, of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Mark Alexander, a highly respectable citi-zen of Mecklanburg county, died yesterday at the home of his nicce, Mrs. Nelis Kirk-natrick in Sharon township. The decased at the home of his niece, Mrs. Nelia Kirk-patrick, in Sharon township. The deceased was about 66 years of age. — Capt. R. P. Waring, superintendent of the assay office at the mint in this city, reports that there has lately been great activity in mining cir-cles, and a good deal of business is daily passing through his hands. The largest single shipment which he has yet made

CAPE FEAR RIVER.

Report and Recommendations for Improving Cape Fear River Above

and Relow Wilmington. The STAR is indebted to Capt. W. H. Bixby, of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, for "information circulars" concern ing improvements of rivers and harbors in North and South Carolina under his charge. Two of the circulars are in relation to the improvement of the Cape Fear river; one as to the work below Wilmington and the other between Wilmington and Fayetteville. Capt. H. Bacon assistant engineer, is in local charge of the improvements below Wilmington, and Capt. Charles Humphreys, assistant engineer at Fayetteville, of the improvements below that place.

The circular in relation to improving Cape Fear river below Wilmington says:

"The Cape Fear River below Wilming-ton, when placed under governmental im-provement in 1829, had 8 bar entrances provement in 1839, had 8 bar entrances with least depths as follows: about 9 feet at the Baldhead Channel, 9 feet at the West-ern and Rip Channel, and 10 feet at New Inlet Channel, the two former bars being 8 miles, and the latter, 3 miles, from the point of junction of their channels near Federal Point. From Federal Point 20 miles up to Wilmington them miles up to Wilmington, there were several shoals with a least depth of 7.5 feet at low water

of North Carolina, but for many years had conducted the cotton commission business in this city. Col. Harrell leaves a widow and a number of relatives to mourn their loss. He was highly respected by all who knew him. "The original projects of 1827 to 1847 proposed to improve the upper 20 miles by that at the bar entrances.

"At or about this time, the shore at Fort Gaswell, opposite Baldhead Point, was protected by stone jettics. "The projects of 1852 to 1857 proposed to deepen the water at the main entrance by jettics at Baldhead Point, and by jetty obstructions between Smith's Island and Zeke's Island near New Inlet; and suggested the possible future necessity of closing New Inlet. \$156,898 18 were spent during this time in nearly completing the proposed works. Although the Smith's Island work was nearly swept away in 1857 by the great storm of that year, and the Baldhead jett only lasted until 1871, these works temporarily deepened the water on the main bar entrances by several feet. "The projects of 1858 to 1871 proposed a crib-closure of the space between Smith's and Zeke's Islands. The projects of 1870 to 1862 for the river mouth proposed the complete closure of New Inlet (finished in 1881), by which the least depth of water upon the main entrance was increased to 13 feet at low water. The projects of 1872 to 1882, as continued to date, proposed the extension of the New Inlet dam two miles further down the stream to prevent the further erosion of Smith's Island at the swashes. The project of 1875 as continued to date, proposed the occasional use of dredging upon the outer bar to assist in the gradual straightening and deepening of the bar entrances. The projects of 1874 to 1881, for the twenty miles above New Inlet, as continued to date, proposed dreding wherever necessary across shoals. so as to secure first a 12 foot channel 200 feet wide, and then a 16 foot channel 270 feet wide, at low water, over this whole length. The latter depth combined with this average rise of tide on the bar (4.5 feet), and at Wilmington (3.5 feet), will give a good 18-foot navigation, at high water from the ocean to Wilmington. \$1,-632,358.93 have been spent in all up to 30th June, 1885, upon the proposed improve-ments of 1870 to 1882 with complete success, obtaining a 14-foot least depth of water at the main bar entrance, and completing to partial width the desired 16 foot channel 28 miles further to Wilmington. As far as possible this work has been done by contract. The foreign commerce has increased from about \$1,500,000 exports (see official statistics in annual report of 1874) in 1871, to about \$5,000,000 exports in 1885. The total commerce, exports and imports, foreign and coastwise, is now \$18,000,000 per year. "It was recommended in July, 1885, that the above improvements be carried out as originally projected, by completing the unfinished dike south of Zeke's Island, so as to thoroughly secure Smith's Island from further erosion by the ocean; and by wi-dening and deepening the existing river channels to their full dimensions of 270 feet width and 16 feet least depth, at low water; and further protecting them against subsequent deterioration by submerged stone dikes where necessary, at a total expense of \$380,000, in addition to the funds (\$70,141.07) then available; the whole

the navigation above Fayetteville, or so as to increase its depth below Fayetteville, is not recommended."

citizen of Wilmington, died at his residence on Fourth street at an early hour yesterday morning. The funeral services were held in the afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church, after which the remains were taken to the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad depot to be carried to Springfield, Mass., for burial beside the remains of his wife which are interred at that place. Capt. Bates was about 72 years of age, and was born in Springfield, Mass. He had been a resident of Wilmington for about forty years, and was universally respected and esteemed. For years he commanded one of the steamers running between this city and Charleston, S C, before there was railway communication between the two places; afterwards he had command of the railroad ferry steamer Waccamaw, and subsequently was Harbor Master of the port. He was one of the oldest members of the Masonic order in the city, having been a member of St. John's Lodge for thirty years or more.

Stevedore Charged with Embezzle-

committed to jail yesterday afternoon in default of \$100 bail, for his appearance at





Now landing from Schooner Post Boy, and for

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cotting successfully in the Northwest.

Old man Tilden is thought to favor Secretary Whitney for the Presidency.

Savannah is moving to get the Government to give it twenty-eight feet of water.

The railroad King, C. H. Huntingtop, is said to be the financial backer of the New York Star.

Weston has been challenged by Frank Johnson for a long distance walk; stakes from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

The New York Churchman pronounces the costumes of modern society belles "insolent indecency."

Three polygamists at Salt Lake City have been condemned, sentenced to five months in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$200.

Diabetes and Bright's Disease appear to be the diseases that take off prominent men. Whiskey has sometimes a whack at some of them

Dr. Anthony P. Pelzer, a well known physician of Charleston, is dead, aged 67. He was of the medical department of the Confederate army in the war.

Dr. T. C. Pershing, President of Pittsburg Female College, Methodist, has been found guilty of immoral practices and suspended until Conference meets.

The New York Tribune could only spare a few lines of its valuable columns to notice the death of one of the North's greatest herees-Hancock. But he was a Democrat.

Mr. H. A. Helper is busily engaged in getting up a work he calls, A North Carolina Annual. It will be handsomely gotten up. The dedication page we have seen and it is very attractive.

Kellogg had a big time at Sumter Her company marched from the depot to the hotel singing "Home

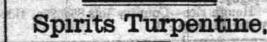
to be true, and made mention that his friends might know his condition The Kinghts of Labor are boy. and take such steps as might be deemed necessary. We are very glad to

hear that the Reverend gentleman has not been suffering as was supposed. It affords us pleasure to make the correction whilst regretting that we gave him and his friends pain.

The tributes to the gallant Hancock have been very warm and appreciative, and they have come from all parties, all sections. Said the model soldier · and patriot, in his famous Special Ordor No. 40, when he took charge of the Fifth Military District, composed of Texas and

Louisiana: "Solemnly impressed with these views the General commanding announces that the great principles of American liberty still are the lawful inheritance of this people, and ever should be. The right of trial by jury, the habeas corpus, the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech, and the natu-ral rights of persons must be preserved. Free institutions while they are essential to the preserved barpiness of the preserved. Free institutions while they are essential to the prosperity and happiness of the people, always furnish the strongest inducements to peace and order. Crimes and offenses com-mitted in this district must be referred to the consideration and judgment of the reg-ular civil authorities, and these tribunals will be supported in their lawful jurisdic-tion. Should there be violation of existing laws, which are not inquired into by the civil magistrate; or should failures in the administration of justice by the courts be complained of, the cause will be reported to these headquarters, when such orders to these headquarters, when such orders will be issued as may be deemed necessary."

The country will learn with regret that the venerable and admirable ex-Gov. Seymour, of New York. nearing the end of his long and distinguished life. He may die even before these lines shall meet the reader's eye.



- No Raleigh News-Observer yesterday.

- Oxford Torchlight: Mrs. Mary Baskerville Gregory, relict of the late Wil-lism O. Gregory, entered into rest Feb. 8rd, 1886, in her seventy-ninth year.

- New Bern Journal: Eggs dropped back to 14 cents yesterday. — Shad continue to come in slowly. They com-mand from 90c. to \$1.00 per pair for bucks, and \$1.50 to \$2.00 for roe.

- Pittsboro Home: It would be so much better for Mr. Page to devote his sprightly intellect and facile pen to en-courage and inspire and elevate and im-prove the good old State that gave him birth, than to hold her up for ridicule and contempt. Fie on you.

was made on Monday last, when he dis-patched \$6,300 in gold to the Philadelphia mint. For the past three months, the shipments of gold from the mint in this



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amount to be appropriated in one sum during the next year.

"It is further recommended that the present projects be further extended, so as to deepen the bar entrance to at least 16 feet least depth, at low water. The commerce of this harbor, as above shown, is regarded as sufficient to justify an expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars for this purpose, and this amount should be appropriated in yearly instal-ments of at least \$300,000.00. Projects for this new work will be submitted during the coming year.'

IMPROVING CAPE FEAR RIVER FROM WIL

IMPROVING CAPE FEAR RIVER FROM WIL-MINGTON TO FAYETTEVILLE "The Cape Fear river, above Wilming-ton (from Wilmington to Fayetteville, N. C.,) when placed under governmental im-provement in 1881, was navigable during the nine flush-water months of the year from Wilmington 112 mlles upward to Fayetteville; but the channel for the upper 75 miles was badly obstructed by sunken logs, snags, overhanging trees and shoals; and for the upper 66 miles had not water enough to furnish a continuous channel without an artificial contraction of its low water bed. At that time the navigation water bed. At that time the navigation

on the occasion of the concert. And yet Kellogg cannot sing like a prima swine are much freer from cholera and all MUNSON-Spring	-For sale. \$800,000 of goods per year.	manufactors and annages in the United States Raid 1 She	ODS. Slate Mantels and Hearths furnished at ort notice. Plumbers and Gas-Fitters' Sup- es always on hand. Try us. R. H. GRANT & CO.,	sale chesp. feb 9 tf WORTH & WORTH.
donna. diseases, than in the West. Yet our peo- N. JACOBI, Assign ple persist in buying their meat from the G. W. PRICE, JR	tinued to date, proposed to buy out the private owners of the river for \$10,000.	DIED, CALDER —In this city, on Friday afternoon, February 12th, 1886, THEODORE, eldest son of	10 % ff 410 N. Front St.	Just Arrived,
Socialist, is perfectly happy, he saysAsheville Citizen: Freight traffic S. VANAMRINGE	Co-Auction sales. & Co-Auction sales. and to further provide a continuous chan- nel over its upper 66 miles by dredging and by artificially contracting its water way	and eleven months. Funeral services will be held to-morrow, Sun-	correspond with the undersigned before ma- ng contracts for their machinery, as I can offer among of Steart's latest and most complete	CONSIGNMENTS OF FINE GILT EDGE BUT-
	through at least 32 shoals. \$59,013.88 has been spent in all upon this improvement up to 80th June, 1885, giving a moderate-	to Oakdale Cemetery.	ve cylinder bollers, edger, &c., &c. All first-	Maryland Hams, averaging from 7 to 10 lbs. We expect by next steamer a nice lot of extra
there is no stopping it. It will spread all department. The management is doing all before.	ts higher than the day ly well cleared channel over the whole length of the river, a moderately good con- tinuous 4-foot channel during the entire-	TER,' in heaving up her own anchor, at Navassa Island Roads, W. I., hove up an old Anchor and piece of Chain Cable, attached to her own an-	teb 6 6t Chisolm's Mills, Charleston, S. C.	good PLANTING POTATOES-"Early Rose" and "Peerless." We sell cheap FOR CASH all kinds of FANCY AND HEAVY GROCERIES.
months the people will be hanging capi- talists right here in New York. Out West enterprise, will enable them to do so.	German brig Romeo, Cove, thence a similar 2 foot channel 26 miles further to Elizabethtown (a place of con-	Master & sthe Belle Wooster, 1at	WEET POTATORS, TURNIPS, SWEET FLO-	Come and see the "2 JOHNS." fed 7 tf. MAFFITT & CORBETT.
riot in a week." informs us of one Betsy McQueen, now cotton, valued at \$5 living in Montgomery county, this State, Cotton, con	1,500. 1-foot channel 42 miles further to Fayette-	Our First Installment	s, Eggs, Poultry, Birds, Dry Salt Meats, Smoked con, best Butter and Cheese, Crystalized Ho- y, and a full line of Groceries, at Rock Bottom less for Spot CASE.	Comic Valentines,
leader of a mock religious service at ary 3rd, 1779. Though 107 years old, it is freely, the daily receipts for the said that she can gard the cotton and spin receipts for the said	me days of last year, foot draft for seven months each year, and	OF SPRING SUITINGS IS NOW OPEN. Make selections at once.	Country Produce bought or sold on commis- MARSHALL & MANNING, General Commission Merchants, 24 North Water St., Willmington, N. C.	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
The state of the second has his transmissions failings a construint XVV out	corresponding date in further benefited by exemption from tells,	feb 181t Merchant Tailon &c.	THIS PAPER is on file in Palladelphin	At C. M. HARRIS,' Popular News and Cigar Store. Best 5 CENT CIGAR on the Wilmington mar-