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MORNING EDITION.

OUTLINES.

Total net receipts of cotton at the ports, 2,704,844 bales. — Knights of Labor in the West are opposed to paying the assessment of twenty-five cents on all members ordered by Mr. Powderly.

Mr. Cleveland is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

There is no hope for the recovery of Colonel Lowell, editor of the Danville (Va.) Register, we regret to see it announced.

Within three months sixty-five railroad companies have been organized in the South. This looks like "thrift, thrift, Horatio."

The case is "panning out" badly for Lady Colin Campbell. Thus far our reading is chiefly confined to the head lines in the big dailies. That is enough.

Meddling with "offensive" partisans is almost as dangerous as meddling with hot iron. The Stone-Benton cases are very worrying to the "powers that be."

It is actually seriously proposed to choose an American for the Bulgarian throne. There are many who would rather abler and wiser than any of the European petty princes.

We hear Gov. Scales's reasons for commuting the sentence of a burglar sharply criticised. People who pay taxes ought to be protected in their property. Shall they not be protected also in their life?

Judge Hinton, of the Virginia Court of Appeals, dissents from the other four Judges as to granting Claverius a new trial. His opinion appears in the Richmond dailies and fills four or five columns. Four Judges are more apt to be right than one.

The question now agitating the public press is of the same character as that which exercised it as Sedgwick. It is, did Minister Manning get "on a drunk?" There is a life out of a somewhat colossal and deliberate kind if he has been sober all the time.

And now there is a "Professor" Foster who is prophesying dark things for December. He must be a disciple of Wiggins. There are to be awful times between the 4th and the 17th of the present month. Great storms are to begin on the 4th in the West and to reach the East by the 9th. There is a terrific blizzard now prevailing in the Northwest.

Henry Watterson is an able and brilliant editor. He says of Civil Service: "Nobody believed in it except Curtis and the pastry cooks. Nobody wanted it except Eaton and the cranks."

We suppose he refers to that sort of reform which consists in rewarding the enemy and in trying to give the triumphant Democrats full satisfaction by endeavoring to run their Administration by employing for the most part Republican agents. If that be Mr. Watterson's reference then we suspect he is about correct.

THE MORNING STAR.

In the December number of the North American Review the scurrilous fellow who fights under cover and stabs from behind a mask, which is a most dastardly manner of attack, has an article on the President. We have as yet only glanced at it, but that little revealed its causticity.

Archbishop Walsh has come to the aid of Mr. Farnell. Mr. John Morley's very clear out speech indicting the landlords and Government for their course, will greatly aid the movement against back rents, thinks Mr. O'Connor. Coercion has already caused renewed disorders. A balliff's party has been routed, and there has been rioting at Cork.

M. E. CONFERENCE. The Annual Session Opened at Raleigh.

RALEIGH, Dec. 1.—The North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church South is in session here. The annual session of this vast body of Christian workers was convened at this place in the M. E. Church at 9.30 a. m. Bishop J. C. Granberry presided.

The afternoon session was spent mostly in collecting the various amounts of money from the pastors which are carried up regularly by these men. The various boards were in session this evening. Rev. J. Walter Dickson, of Charleston, preached at the Methodist church to a packed house of listeners. It was pronounced extraordinarily good, and the spiritual feeling among the ministers ran high.

Rev. Mr. Rounds preached in the Presbyterian church at 7 p. m. to a large and appreciative audience. Among the prominent visitors will be Rev. W. W. Royall, Missionary to China, Rev. J. E. Edwards, D. D., one of the oldest ministers in the Virginia Conference, and one among the first preachers in Methodism in North Carolina; Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., of Virginia, also a man of no small reputation in the ministry.

There are only twenty-two applications for admission. Oxford, Fayetteville, Goldsboro and New Bern, all want the next Conference. There has been a glorious increase in the South born to Christ during the last Conference year reported by all of the ministers.

Spirits Turpentine. Gen. Cingman is out again. He is about 75 years old. The Halifax bar passed resolutions complimentary of Judge Guder on his retirement from the Bench.

Greensboro Workmen. We learn that Hon. James W. Reid has an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. We have not learned the amount of his liabilities, or who is the assignee.

Charlotte Chronicle: Bird hunters should be careful in their sport. Jimmie, a little son of J. M. Henderson, in Paw Creek, was struck on the knee with a shot fired by a party out bird hunting Tuesday. While opening cotton at the Mountain Island Mills on last Monday afternoon some foreign body got into the waste machine and produced ignition, which spread to some fifteen bales of the cotton in the room. Damage \$500.

Receipts of cotton yesterday 868 bales; the same date last year 655 bales. — Another slight earthquake shock was felt in this city yesterday about 5 a. m.

The Board of Aldermen meet in regular session next Monday night, when the annual statement of the Mayor will be presented.

The bright light and heavy clouds of smoke west of the city last night seemed to indicate that the forest fire in Brunswick had by no means "played out."

Cattle dealers report the beef market overstocked, and quote prices at 2 @ 2 1/2 cents per pound on the hoof. A car load of mountain beefs was shipped here yesterday to Charleston, S. C., for a market.

Passengers arriving by trains from the South last night report that destructive forest fires are still raging along the lines of railroad. Many plantation buildings are reported to have been destroyed.

Twenty white laborers or longshoremen, from Savannah, Ga., arrived in the city Thursday night. It is said they were engaged by the colored stevedores Wm. Howe to take the places of the longshoremen who refused to work for him a short time ago.

The pastomic rendition of the "Tragedy of Blue Beard" was well executed, and Miss Love was happy in the role she performed, but as the humorous touches so closely the sad, the audience indulged in a hearty laugh at the close of the tragedy, when Blue Beard in his dying moments struggled frantically, not to defend himself against his assailants, but to escape the more certain doom of being crushed by the falling curtain.

The fancy dance by Miss Potter and Prof. Bellezza was a graceful thing, and the unsatisfied audience called them again and again. The "Minuet" was stately and dignified, and executed with the utmost ease and grace by the handsome ladies and gentlemen who lent their services to this entertainment. Prof. Bellezza has proved himself a master of his art by the manner in which he trained these couples for this dance.

We were never so much pleased with Mrs. Jenkins as we were last night. Her voice seemed fuller and rounder than ever before, and while we always enjoy her music, we have simply to say her songs last night charmed us.

The entertainment closed with the exhibition of "Jarley's Wax Works," by Prof. Show-cup, which was full of quiet fun and humor, and the Professor must take to himself the satisfaction of having succeeded in giving not the least pleasure that afforded the large audience at last evening's entertainment.

A Little Fire. A coil of rope lying near a stove in a store on North Water street, caught on fire yesterday about noon, and came near starting a blaze on a more extended scale. The burning mass was thrown into the street and the fire put out in time to prevent other damage.

The minimum temperature in this city at 5 a. m. yesterday morning was 29 degrees, the lowest recorded this season. At Charlotte, N. C., it was 20; at Atlanta, Ga., 27; at Savannah, Ga., 31, and at Pensacola, Fla., 43.

At 10 o'clock last night the temperature in this city was 30 degrees, the same as the preceding night. Stationary temperature is predicted for to-day.

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There are indications of Christmas—not only in the air—but in the stores and market-places. Turkeys are coming to town and the prices are "way up." Dealers say the birds are scarcer this season than usual, but other poultry is cheap and in full supply.

The tramp-nuisance season has fairly opened, and the "supply" largely exceeds the demand. Fires in the woods and the cold weather are driving many of them into town. Very few venture to seek lodgings at the City Hall, and during the day they manage to give every policeman a wide berth.

The wood market. The cold wave caused a slight advance in the price of wood sold from flats at the docks yesterday. Dealers are all well supplied, however, and sales were not so brisk as is usually the case when cold weather "takes the town." Good oak sold at all at the rate of \$3.00 per cord; some ash wood at \$2.50 per cord.

OPERA HOUSE.

The Amateur Entertainment Last Night. We have only words of praise and commendation for the excellent manner in which the different participants acquitted themselves last night in the performance given at the Opera House.

Miss Kate Walker's rendition of her piece was charming, and the audience attested their appreciation of her effort by hearty applause. Miss Josie Myers was the central figure of this whole group, and by her ease and grace of manner, clear enunciation, forceful, feeling portrayal of the several characters she assumed—and she performed them all with equal skill—won for her the praise of a clever actress and fine elocutionist.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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U. S. ENGINEER'S OFFICE. WILMINGTON, N. C., December 4, 1886. PROPOSALS for dredging in Cape Fear River, North Carolina, will be received until Noon, on January 4th, 1887, and opened immediately thereafter.

BUY OVERCOATS FROM MUNSON. BUY BUSINESS SUITS FROM MUNSON. BUY DRESS SUITS FROM MUNSON. BUY BOYS' and CHILDREN'S SUITS from MUNSON.

Singer Sewing Machine GIVEN AWAY! Headquarters Christmas Goods!

HEADQUARTERS CHRISTMAS GOODS! ORANGES, APPLES, RAISINS, FIGS, NUTS, CANDIES OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS. FIRE CRACKERS, &c., &c.

HECKER'S BUCKWHEAT, AND MOUNTAIN BUTTER, FOR SALE BY

HALL & PEARSALL. ATTRACTIVE! 500 CHICKENS, ALL SIZES, 25 TURKEYS, 100 Bush. SWEET POTATOES.

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Wanted. HIDES, FURS, WOOL, WAX, HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID. Ship direct to me, I will remit promptly on receipt of goods, and charge you no commissions.

Yarn, Sheetting, &c. 25 Bales RANDOLPH YARN, 25 Bales RANDOLPH SHEETING, 25 Pkgs. Potash, Soda, Soap, Starch, Tobacco, Sugar, &c., &c.

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Notice.

Taylor's Bazaar. WE ARE RECEIVING DAILY NEW MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS for the Holidays, and will make a good display with new goods especially for the Holidays.

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A Long Felt Want. BY THE AID OF A RECENT INVALUABLE invention I am prepared to furnish Glasses suitable to the eyes of all persons whose sight is impaired or in any manner defective.

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