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ORNING EDITION

OUTLINES.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Dolph made a speech in support of the resointion introduced by him proposing a constitutional amendment on the subject of marriage and divorce, and prohibiting bigamy and polygamy; in the House the death of Representative Seth C. Moffatt, of Michigan, was announced; both Houses adjourned, after brief sessions, until January 4th. - The Light-house Board is now considering the feasibility of erecting a light-house of first class order on the outer shoals at Cape Hatteras. - A young man was murdered on Thursday last, in Scott county, Va., by a jealous rival, who fired the fatal shot without saying a word to his victim. -- The U. S. steamer Enterprise and a revenue cutter have gone in search of the derelict timber raft. -- Albany telegrams report that ex-Secretary Manning is gradually sinking, and that his death may be expected at any moment. - Destructive fires are reported from Pittsburg, Baltimore and New Orleans, the aggregate losses amounting to about \$250,000. -- A railway collision yesterday in Ohio fatally injured two persons and severely injured a number of others; and one in Iowa killed a fireman and fatally injured both engineers. - Further reports from the snow blizzard in Nebraska and Kansas show that a large number of persons. have been frozen to death and that there is great suffering among the new settlers. - It has been decided by the Crown Prince's physicians to analyze his blood, with a view to deciding the character of his disease. -- President Cleveland will hold the usual New Year's reception Monday, January 2nd. -- New York markets: Money easy at 4@5 per cent.; cotton quiet at 101@104c; southern flour steady; wheat, No. 2 red December 90%; corn, No. 2 January 611@611c; spirits turpentine dull at 37fe; rosin dull at \$1 05@1 10.

The Crown Prince is again reported better. But so it was with Gen. Grant.

Just now there is unusual quiet in Ireland. Is it the calm before the storm?

There are only twenty-five appliestions filed for the postmastership of the District of Columbia.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has started an "employes' savings bank." It will begin business on the 2d of January next.

The death of ex-Secretary Manning is very near at hand, according to telegraphic reports. He is an able man, one of the very ablest in our

Read our State news daily if you would gather data as to whether crime is increasing or diminishing. Take in that printed this morning as a sample.

There is one excellence about John G. Whittier's poetry-you can understand it readily. Much of the poetry of the last forty years is as perplexing as a riddle.

The Republicans are fond o abusing the famous Cobden Club -- a free trade body. President Garfield was a member of it and he was once elected by Republican votes.

High Tariff makes high wages say the Protection lords. But does it? The Michigan copper owners put up the price of ore but did not advance wages. The lords made the money.

The backer of Kilrain says the fight with Smith must be ended. Mr. Fox says he will back Kilrain against Sullivan. The Sportsman does not think much of the late fight, saying it was more of a wrestling

The Baltimore Sun says of North

"A letter from an intelligent Baltimore business man, now travelling in North Carolina, gives an encouraging view of the iudustrial and business outlook in that State. After visiting the leading cities of the State, he concludes that 'the signs of business are in the main healthy."

A sorrowful sight has been witnessed in the town of Washington, Arkansas. Three school boys were tried for petit larceny and sentenced to be publicly whipped by their parents. The boys were flogged in the public square, thousands witnessing the execution of the decree of the court and the heart-pangs of the suffering fathers. It is a shameful business all round.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1887.

We have long known of the learnng, ability, and value of the present faithful Librarian of Congress, Mr. A. R. Spofford, but we learn something from the following taken from special to the World:

"His hair is now quite gray, but his step is elastic and his eye as bright as when he first began his labor in the big library. No member or Senator begins to watch the general course of legislation as closely as he does. As soon as an important question is taken up he orders the shelves of the library ransacked for every work bearing upon the subject and these are placed close at hand where they can be referred to at a moment's notice. He is a perfect mine of general information and acores of public men consult him daily on every imaginable When at work he generally dictates letters to a clerk while reading his daily mail, and is not at all disturbed by the hundred and one questions propounded to him by visitors and attendants. His memory is remarkable and embraces a general idea of the contents of nearly every book in the library."

John Wanamaker, of Philadelghia, is a very successful man of business. His trade is immense. He began low down on the ladder, but he has steadily advanced until his feet are on a high rung. Here is his view of advertising:

'I never in my life used such a thing as poster, dodger, or hand bill. My plan for fifteen years has been to buy so much space in a newspaper and fill it with what] wanted. I would not give an advertisement in a newspaper of 400 circulation for 5,000 posters or dodgers. If I wanted to sell cheap jewelry or a lottery scheme might use posters, but I would not insult a decent reading public with hand bills The class of people who read such are poor material to look to for support in the mercantile business.

The Thoebe contest for Carliele's seat is a fraud all the way through. It is certain the latter was elected legally, and that it is a great Dem ocratic District. In the brief filed by Thoebe sections 1, 2 and 4 of the Kentucky election law are quoted but section 3 is omitted. The following from the Washington Post

"The charge is that in certain precincts in Mr Carlisle's district the party representation prescribed by law was not ob served. On looking into the matter it has been found that section 3 of the statute mentions some cases in which the practice may be varied, and one of these very cases was the case in point."

Many of the best and most artistic of literary workers in this country, according to Mr. Gilder, editor of the Century Magazine, were trained in newspaper offices. He says in an interview:

"Such writers as Whittier, Stoddard, Stedman, Bret Harte, Howells, Edward Eggleston and his brother, George Cary Eggleston, Joel Chandler Harris, George William Curtis. Charles G. Leland, John Hay, Charles Dudley Warner, H. C. Bun-ner, Noah Brooks, Charles DeKay, George W. Cable, Frank R. Stockton and Arle Bates have all been in the treadmill of daily or weekly journalistic work, and some o them are stil there. Bayard Taylor, William Cullen Bryant, Dr J. G. Holland. and Timrod, the poet, were all journalists.'

So it is all humbug about the Star of Bethlehem. So says the Providence (Rhode Island) Journal, excellent authority. It says:

"The Star of Bethlehem is a myth, and has only been seen by the imagination of the observer. The star referred to in the extract you enclose is the planet Venus. The bright star that suddenly blazed forth in 1572 in the constellation Cassiones is sometimes called the Star of Bethlehem. If it be a variable star with a period of about 809 years it is now due and may burst forth at any time.'

The star in the East, Venus or what not, is wonderfully beautiful and bright.

The Washington Post of 21st inst.

"Assistant Secretary Maynard has in-formed the Collector of Customs at Wil-mington, N. C., that there is no authority of law for the free admission of a monument imported from Scotland which is intended to mark the grave of the late Alexander Sprunt, British Vice-Consul at Wil-

Oh! how beautiful is the War Tariff. Verily, it taxes everything, "from the oradle to the grave."

Henry George is speaking against the "Protective heresy." He is a very able writer on this subject, and we suppose is strong when he speaks against the Republican system of oppression and "robbery," according to the Supreme Court. If he antagonizes the High Tariff his supporters in New York may not take to Blaine or the nominee of the Republicans.

And now some progressive, strong government theorizer wants the U S. Government "to run all the news papers." We said so. And the next thing will be for Uncle Sam to run all the Churches. The Supreme Court is making State Rights decisions, but the unwise advocates of measures are going the other way.

The George party polled 70,000 votes in New York. It is important how this vote will be divided in the Presidential race.

of a gifted daughter of a very gifted father-Rev. Charles Kingsley, whose two historical novels are worthy of the attention of all readers who relish the best literature. She has published one novel, of which we know nothing, entitled "Colonel Enderby's Wife," and has another one on the anvil. She has

just published a holiday juvenile

called "Little Peter."

The dramatization of Stevenson's remarkable book, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," is having a great run, Richard Mansheld taking the title role. He is said to be a pronounced success. In St. Louis last week he had a great run - only surpassed during the season by the Booth-Barrett combination.

.The Democratic Low Tariff before the war, we think, did not average but 18 per cent. Mr. Clay was willing to adopt finally a Tariff of but 20 per cent. The War Tariff now oppressing the millions of needy toilers for the benefit of the prosperous rich averages about 46 per cent.

THE CITY

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Munson-Best Christmas presents. OPERA HOUSE-Kate Bensberg Co. C. M. HARRIS-Publishers' prices. OPERA House -The Little Trecon COLLIER & Co. - Furniture at suction. E. WARREN & Son-Christmas checolate, BROWN & RODDICK-Big reduction in

Local Dots. - Two rest days - Sunday and

Monday. - Norwegian barque Sidon sailed

from Southport yesterday morning. - Rev. W. S. Creasey is expected

to arrive here next Thursday evening -- German barque Mary Ann arrived in below yesterday and anchored at the quarantine station.

- Receipts of cotton yesterday 881 bales; same day last year 782. Increase in receipts this season so far 34,846 bales.

- Rev. F. A. Bishop is visiting relatives in the city. He leaves for his new field of labor at Beaufort. N. C., next week.

-- Col. W. Foster French, of Lumberton, was in the city yesterday. His many friends will be glad to hear that he is in robust health.

- Mr. L. Branson, of Raleigh, well and favorably known as a compiler of State and Town Directories, called at the STAR office last night.

- Clubs are trumps at the City Hall. A new supply for the police was received yesterday from the manufacturers, Messrs. Burr & Bailey.

-- Schooner William & Richard was cleared yesterday by Mr. Edward Kidder's Son, for St. Pierre, Martinique, with 225,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$3,950.

- Rev. Dr. Yates will preach at the Synagogue next Sunday morning, which will be his last sermon to his old congregation, as he leaves next week for his new field of labor.

- The box sheet for the sale of tickets to the performance of "L'Ombra" at the Opera House Monday night will be opened this morning, at Messrs. Dick & Meares', North Front

- We regret to learn that our old friend, Capt. E. D. Browning, is suffering at Weldon, N. C., with a severe attack of sciatica, which may necessitate a trip to the Hot Springs, in Ar-

- The Liverpool Cotton Exchange will close to-day at 1 p. m. and remain closed until the 27th. The New York Cotton Exchange will close to-day also, and be opened again on Tuesday, the 27th.

- Next Tuesday is St. John's day and the Masonic fraternity will celebrate it by installing the officers of the various Masonic bodies in the afternoon at St. John's Hall, and a and a procession, with an address by P. G. M. Robert Bingham at the Opera House at night.

Mayor's Court.

Mckoy, and John Outlaw, the four colored men charged with perjury in the trial of the gambling cases Wednesday, were arraigned before the Mayor yesterday, and after an examination were required to furnish bond in the sum of \$200 each for their appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court.

Cora Ellis, the white woman found drunk in the streets Wednesday night, was ordered to be sent out of the city.

Frank Schmid, of Richmond, and John Kelley, of Baltimore, tramps, were sent out of the city under the escort of an officer.

"Lucus Malat" is the literary name | COL. WADDELL'S REPORT. To the chamber of Commerce and

Produce Exchange.

A joint meeting of the Executive Council of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange, to which the business men generally of the city were invited, was held yesterday at halfpast 12 o'clock at the Produce Exchange. There was a full attendance of members of both bodies and a few

visitors. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Chamber, Mr. F. W. Kerchner, who stated that it was called to hear the report of Hon. A. M. Waddell, who had visited Washington, D. C, at the request of these bodies in the matter of obtaining representation of the South Atlantic ports on the committee of the House of Representatives on River and Harbor Improvements. Col. Waddell stated that in the dis-

charge of that duty, he had been requested by the representatives of other Southern ports, who were then in Washington on the same business, to act as their spokesman in an interview had with Speaker Carlisle of the House of Representatives; that he had so acted, and in his interview with Mr. Carlisle called attention to the fact that not one of the South Atlantic ports had a representation upon the committee on River and Harbor Improvements and that they asked for two members on said committee, and that while he did not suggest any names for that committee, he was prepared to do so if agreeable to Speaker Carlisle. Speaker Carlisle said that he would be glad to have any names suggested, when Hon. George D. Wise, of Virginia, and Mr. Dougherty of Florida were presented. Col. Waddell said, further, that because of a protest on a second interview with Speaker Carlisle, who refused to name a representative from North Carolina, because this State had a .representative on the Senate River and Harbor Committee; but that he would consider favorably the appointment of Mr. Wise, of Virginia, and possibly would place that gentleman on the committee. Mr. Wise, he said, had pledged himself to

his own State. Col. Waddell felt assured that Hon. Alfred Rowland, representative from this district, and Hon. C. W. McClammy, will do all that they can for the improvement of our river and harbor, while he was satisfied that Senator Ransom would redouble his efforts for the advancement of the same object

represent the other Southern parts as

fully as he would those of Virginia,

On motion of Mr. H. C. McQueen, President of the Produce Exchange, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to Col. Waddell for the valuable services he had rendered. The motion was adopted, unanimously, and the meeting adjourned:

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.

The committee on Finance of the Board of Aldermen and a special committee of the Board of Audit and Finance, were in conference last night at the Mayor's office in the City Hall with the commissioners appointed to treat with the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R. Co. relative to a subscription by the city to secure the extension of that road from Fayetteville to Wilmington. It is understood that the railroad company want the subscription of \$150,000 to be either in cash or five percent bonds. It is understood, also, that the Board of Audit and Finance are unwilling to issue bonds bearing more than four per cent. interest, if the decision of the Supreme Court affirms the validity of the subscription of \$100,000 voted to the Onslow railroad; otherwise, the Board will be willing to issue five per cent. bonds.

The result of the conference was not made public. It was stated, however, that no conclusion was reached, but that another conference will be held after the holidays.

The committee from the Board of Audit and Finance were Messrs. Gore, Hewett and Maunder. His Honor Mayor Fowler and Alderman Fishblate represented the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen at the meeting.

The Little Tycoon. The Little Tycoon Opera Company will give their initial performance at George Sanders, John Green, Scott | the Opera House to-night. There is every indication that it will be the most popular event of the season, and judging from the number of tickets already sold the house will be crowded. The company had a rehearsal last night, and the manage-

ment were delighted with the manner

in which all the parts were carried.

The last rehearsal will be held this

Forty-eight horses left, nice and fat, for sale by McCafferty Bros. They will change the place of sale of these Western horses from Mr. Branch's, on Second between Church and Casfle streets, to Mr. R. C. Orrell's stables, on Third and Princess streets.

A free exhibition will be given at 10 o'clock this morning.

The Kate Bensberg Opera Company. This troupe will appear at the Opera House on next Monday night in Flotow's Opera, "L'Ombra." The company is represented to be a good one. A press notice, taken from the

Republican, of Lima, Ohio, says:

"The music loving citizens of Lima had a treat last night in the entertainment given by the above company. There have been several noted singers in this city heretofore, prima donnas, among them Emma Abbott, Minnie Hauk and companies of equal celebrity, or nearly so, yet not-withstanding their known excel-lence, Miss Bensberg and her company are the peers of any troupe, company or combination that have ever, at any time, appeared in this city. The lady's voice is the rearest approach to Patti's of any singer's the writer of this has ever heard, and it is not said in any spirit of flattery to Miss Bensberg, or boasting as to hearing noted singers. She sings with a grace and ease, so peculiar to that celebrated lady, that one is more forcibly reminded of the great prima donna's beautiful notes. Miss Louise Engel, the contralto of the company. is equally as good in every respect as the leading lady, and most ably sup-ported her. Mr. Ross David, the tenor, was as good, if not the best, ever appearing upon a Lima stage, while Mr. Ed. Knight has an excel-

Patally Burned. A colored girl named Emma Nash, aged about 19 years, was terribly burned last night, by her clothes taking fire from a stove, at the residence of Mr. Wm. Larkins, corner of Sxth and Dock streets. The girl was employed as a nurse for the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Flanner. She was sent up-stairs early in the evening to put the child to sleep. About an hour afterwards Mrs. Flanner went up to the room and found the girl asleep by the stove and her clothes on fire. She immediately awoke the girl and took her out on the piazza and attempted to smother the fire, but not succeeding she ran down stairs to obtain assistance. In the part of some of the representative meantime, the frightened girl ran tives from North Carolina, he had up and down the piazza and fanned | There are two Special Lots to choose from in the smouldering fire into a blaze and when help came she was enveloped in flames, and her clothing was nearly all consumed before the fire was extinguished. Dr. Storm was immediately summoned and everything possible was done for the relief of the sufferer, but she was so terribly burned that there is no hope of her re-

Successfully Launched.

Sheriff Manning's new pleasure yacht, The Boss, was successfully launched yesterday afternoon at Capt. Beery's ship yard on the west side of the river. After the launch The Boss was taken in tow by the Navassa, and preceded by the yacht Vetnor, Capt. George Morton, passed up the river to Morton & Hall's wharves, where The Boss is to receive her boiler and the remainder of her machinery. All the boats had their bunting displayed and the new yacht was fairly covered with flags. The Boss is forty feet in length, eight feet breadth of beam. She has a 36-inch propeller, which is guaranteed to make three hundred revolutions with one hundred pounds of steam pressure, and is expected to "walk the waters I ke a thing of life," and to be "a joy forever" to her owner.

Saved His Bacon. A bag containing about fifteen pounds of meat, was found concealed in a box in a lot in rear of Messrs. J. L. Croom & Co.'s store on North Water street yesterday afternoon. Suspecting that it was stolen, police officer Grant watched the box from the back door of an adjoining store and soon captured the supposed thief, a colored boy named John Robinson. The boy was taken to police headquarters and locked up for a hearing this morning before the

Weather Indications.

The following are the indications for to-day, received at 1 a. m.: For Virginia, warmer, fair weather, preceded by slightly colder in southeastern Virginia, light to fresh variable winds, becoming southerly.

For North Carolina and South Carolina, fair weather, slightly warmer except nearly stationary temperature along the coast, light to fresh variable winds.

NEW ADVER'I ISEMENTS.

Furniture at Auction. TO-DAY, AT 10 O'CLOCK, IN FRONT OF OUR Rales Room on Market street, we will sell Household and Kitchen Furniture, two fine Book Cases, Carpets, one Wardrobe, Cooking and Heating Stoves. Raffle for the six fine Lamps comes off to night at 91% o'clock COLLIER & CO.

Publishers' Prices.

MAGAZINES, NOVELS, LIBRARIES, ILLUStrated Papers, Fashion Magazines, London Illustrated (Holiday) Papers, &c., at publishers' prices. New York Dailles DELIVERED at twenty-five cents per week. C. M. HARRIS, Only Regular News Dealer in the City. dec 28 tf

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Chocolate Cream Drops for 25 Cents, To-day.

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE TO-DAY.

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AND IN ORDER TO SECURE THE IMMEDIATE SALE WE WILL OFFER ON

Friday Morning, Dec. 23rd, OVER THIRTY DOZEN

LARGE WAX DOLLS AT 75 CENTS.

We have no hesitation in saying that there is

no such value in this city

FOR \$1.00.

the lot referred to above. COME RARLY AND SECURE ONE.

BROWN & RODDICK.

P NORTH PRONT STREET.

WHAT CAN I BUY?

IS THE QUESTION AT PRESENT AGITATING the minds of many who, in commemoration of the coming Holidays, contemplate purchasing

To those of limited means, and with whom

every cent counts, articles such as Heavy Clothing, Etc.,

FIRSTLY.

Because it is a necessity and, sooner or later,

SECONDLY.

must be had

Because it will be appreciated far more by the recipient than expensive fancy articles.

THIRDLY.

That by trading now at A. SHRIER'S

OLD STAND,

114 Market Street,

A SAVING OF AT LEAST

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Our Elegant Neckwear HANDSOME HANDKERCHIEFS, NICE CLOTHING,

Overcoats. and such hite, the BEST of CHRISTMAS PRES-MUNSON,

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Pianos and Organs FOR XMAS.

WE OFFER SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS IN ANOS and ORGANS this week. We have in stock PIANOS and ORGANS at all prices, from the Magnificent "SOHMER" to the lower priced Instruments We court the most critical ex-

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Hardware.

WE HAVE A PINE STOCKEOF HARDWARE We from which to supply your wants. We guarantre our prices as low as the lowest, and goods equal to any. Also STOVES in variety and at prices to sait. House-furnishing goods; and would also call attention to our new Lamp (Aurora), the best now on the market. Although we are very busy, we try to wait on all who call. ALDERMAN, PLANMER & CO., nov will be the said of t

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nese COMIC OPERA, in two Acts, entitled

The Little Tycoon. The management has spared neither pains norexpense to overcome the striking, not to say tiring, family resemblance of Amateur Entertain-

Admission & cents. Reserved Seats 75 cents. Box Sheet open December vist, 9 A. M. at Diok & Meares'. dec 20 4t

OPERA HOUSE.

MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26. First production in this city of Flotow's Brilliant Three-act Opera,

L'OMBRA, Kate Bensberg English Opera Company.

ALBERT PATTERSON, Manager. Prices of Admission \$1, 75c, 50c. Beserved Seats can be obtained on and after Friday, the 23d, 9 a. m. at DICK & MEARES Gents' Furnishing House.

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Examine our stock and prices and buy HOLI-DAY PRESENTS from us.

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IN MAKING YOUR SELECTIONS FOR GIFTS have an eye to utility and beauty. Nothing to useful as a pair of good SHOES. None more

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Sign of the Horse TS HEADQUARTERS FOR DOUBLE AND Single Harness; Trunks, from the observation packer to the finest Saratoga; Bazz, from the cheapest Spilt Leather to the finest hand-made English Club.

Men's and Boys' Saddles, all styles; Saddlery Hardware, Curry-Combs, Horse Prushes, Chamois Skins, Sponges, Feather and Woolen Dusters, Robes and Blankets.

Our stock is the largest and most complete in the city, and we guarantee to sell cheaper.

Genuine McClellan raddles to arrive this week.

The Horse Milliner, 10 South Book

5,000 Cocoanuts. 50 BBLS. APPLES, 100 BOXES RAISINS, 180

Boxes Pire-Crackers, 100 Boxes Cheese, 1 Boxes Crackers, 75 Boxes Faney Candy, Spi Casks, Hay, Molasses, Meat; Hoop Iron, &c. D. L. GORE, dee 18 D&Wif 199, 122 & 134 North Water Bt.

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