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OUTLINES.

The nomination of Mr. Lamar for Supreme Court Judge was yesterday confirmed in Executive session of the Senate by a vote of 32 to 28; the session was a protracted one, and a number of speeches were made in opposition, while Mr. Riddleberger made the only speeches in favor of the nomination; the nominations of Messrs. Vilas and Dickinson were confirmed without debate; the proceedings in open session of the Senate were without interest. In the House a number of bills and resolutions were introduced and referred, and a lengthy debate took place on an amendment which was offered to a resolution assigning clerks to all committees; the resolution as reported was finally adopted. The striking employes of the Reading Road held a meeting in Reading on Sunday, and a meeting was also held in the same city by the new employes of the Road, and impartial observers of the proceedings believe that within the present week a break in the strike will come. Texas is making preparations for a grand inter-State military drill on the occasion of the dedication of the new capitol building in Austin, in May next; prizes, running up into the thousands, will be awarded to the best drilled companies. Reports from the great storm in the Northwest show that it was of unexampled fury; a large number of persons were frozen to death, and every railroad in some of the States was blocked. Destructive fires are reported in Minneapolis, Minn., Biloxi, Miss., Dennison, Texas, Sedalia, Mo., and New York city. A railroad wreck, near Topeka, Kansas, yesterday, injured twelve persons, one fatally. The employes of the Troy Steel and Iron Co. have struck against a reduction in wages, and the works will be closed; the Company paid \$100,000 a month in wages. Up to this time 135 deaths have been caused by the blizzard in the Northwest, and 53 are reported missing. A steel gun, weighing nine tons, was successfully cast at the Pittsburgh works yesterday. Speaker Carlisle was attacked with a congestive chill, while at dinner, yesterday afternoon, the result of the low state of his nervous system, caused by over-work; his condition was improved at a late hour last night. New York markets: Money easy at 3/4; per cent, closing offered at 3/8 per cent; cotton firm at 10 1/2; southern flour steady; wheat, No. 2 red January 91; corn, No. 2 January 61; spirits turpentine dull and nominal at 41; rosin dull at \$1 07 1/2.

The Democratic members of the House Ways and Means Committee all agree that a tariff bill be passed this session and that the internal revenue laws will not be abolished.

The Reidsville Weekly says that Representative Henderson told its editor that "there was not the ghost of a chance for the Blair bill to pass the House." This is indeed glorious news, if true.

Recent news from Bucharest is to the effect that Prince Ferdinand has resolved to defend his throne at all hazards. He says he will leave his bones on the field of battle rather than abdicate. Plucky and backbone, but is it wise?

On the final vote for the seating of Carlisle in the House Committee on Elections, all the Democrats voted and three Republicans, Cooper, Rowell and Johnson, of Indiana—twelve alternative, Lyman, Houk and Lodge, Republicans, asked to be excused from voting.

It seems that Mr. Mills, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, is already in trouble. He is a perplexed leader. He made the declaration that he had the right to manage and direct the House, and this caused some consternation on the Democratic side of the House and some good-natured badinage.

Jim Boyd, of Ku Klux memory, is to be the Republican candidate for Governor, it is said. He is smart and good looking and it will take a decidedly good "stamper" to meet him in the canvass, if a joint canvass is to be conducted. The Star has opposed such canvasses heretofore as bad policy.

There are some seventy-five men in the State who have been mentioned by some one or two persons for Governor. Gubernatorial timber is abundant. We have no doubt that

there are thousands of men in North Carolina who would be equal to the office and fill it with credit. But the real question is—"Who can be elected—who can make a long, able, thorough canvass?"

Sunset Cox is not only the brightest man in the Congress but he is one of the wisest, truest and ablest. He is a sound Democrat if he does live in New York City. He was born in Ohio. In a short speech the other day about fish, he got off this bit of humor and learning and wisdom:

"When our ancestors—I refer to New England where I was educated—when our ancestors went to King James for a charter to go across seas and colonize Massachusetts, the King asked the Puritans: 'What is your object? What do you intend?'"

Their answer was: "To worship God and catch fish!"

Then the king rejoined: "I give you the charter. For God! It is the Apostle's own calling!"

The First Baptist Church was filled on Sunday with very large congregations to hear Rev. Mr. Creasy, both morning and night. His sermon in the morning was wonderfully interesting and strikingly original and happy. His sermon at night was of equal interest but not so impressive altogether. But both sermons were charming, and we have no doubt this is the opinion of all.

We have not as yet had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Robert Strange, the new rector of St. James. We learn from many of his attendants that the congregation is highly pleased with his sermons, which are delivered without notes, and indicate thorough preparation and good ability. He is besides a gentleman of fine social qualities and is also a diligent pastor. Rev. Mr. Arnold, the new rector of St. Paul's, is sustaining himself capably in his new field, and a new impetus has been given to his parish. His people think him the best preacher in the city, and many persons not members are frequent attendants upon his ministry. We have heard him but once and gave our impressions at the time. The membership are having the church building renovated and enlarged. It promises to be a slightly and comfortable structure when completed.

In our State news we copy from the New Bern Journal the time for holding the proposed exhibit of game, fish, oysters, and other industries. The whole eastern and Atlantic section is invited to join in the show and send in their best productions, such as "manufactured goods, marls, rock, game, fish, oysters, clams, &c." Let the whole Atlantic section send their best and unite in making the exhibit every way creditable to the good old North Carolina we all love, or ought to love. God bless the Old North State!

Lamar is said to be an excellent story teller, and he loves to eat. He loves the classics, quotes Byron ad libitum, and is worth the great fortune of \$15,000. Well, that is better than to be penniless. A Republican Senator or Secretary would never be as poor as that long. He loves party, holds his pen with difficulty, reads the newspapers, and is a scholar. Such is a sifting of Frank Carpenter's long sketch of him in the World. Lamar is the most scholarly and literary, and, possibly, the ablest of Southern politicians.

Mr. Blount's bill to amend the postal law as to second, third and fourth class postal matter has passed the House. The New York World's correspondent at Washington writes: "The object of this bill is to relieve the public from the strictness of the law respecting what might be written or printed on the wrappers or covers of second, third and fourth class mail matter. The old law was very strict, and by reason of the vast amount of such matter handled its strict limits were constantly exceeded. The recent revision of the postal laws and regulations called the attention of postmasters more clearly to its terms, and its enforcement worked considerable hardship to the public."

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The Board of Audit and Finance met in regular session last night at the City Hall. Present, Mr. R. J. Jones, chairman, and Messrs. W. I. Gore, Wm. Calder, J. W. Hewitt, J. F. Maunder. Bills were audited and approved as follows: Current expenses, \$640.61; coupons, \$4,554. Two hundred and fifty-six coupons were burned in the presence of the Board. Bill of Jas. F. Post for \$568.20, balance of amount due for construction of new guard house, was referred to committee on Public Buildings of the Board of Aldermen, with the request that the contract accompany the bill. Bill of Fowler & Morrison for coal, was deferred, with the inquiry, "why do they charge more than contract price for coal furnished engine houses?" Bill of George Honnett, for \$50, for care of the city clock, was referred to the mayor, with the request that some official be instructed to see that the contract is complied with. The Board adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

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THE CITY. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. E. VANLAER—Sobmer pianos. MUNSON—Seasonable overcoats. HARRISON & ALLEN—Disolution. COLLIER & CO.—Mules at auction. E. WARREN & SON—Something new. T. ELLWOOD ZELL—Agents wanted. PROPOSALS—For Marine Hospital service. MASONIC—Meeting Wilmington Lodge.

Loose Dots. The German barque Louise Richards arrived in below yesterday. The street hands are building a bridge on Dock street near Thirtieth.

Advices from Fayetteville state that the river is rising and another big freshet is probable. Mr. T. W. Clawson, of Columbia, S. C., has accepted a position on the Messenger as city editor.

The British barque Lizzie Wright is the only vessel loading cotton at the Champion Compress. Joseph Turner and Lewis Le Graw, tramps, were sent out of the city yesterday under police escort.

Mr. Richard Beasley, an old and respected citizen of this county, died yesterday at his home on Masonboro Sound.

A grocer on Front street caught a little darkey pilfering from his store yesterday, but declined to prosecute the scamp.

The most polite man in town is at the City Hall. He always takes off his hat when he steps up to answer a call at the telephone.

The Board of Aldermen will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock to receive the report of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad Commissioners.

The British ship Etta, from Savannah for this port, was reported off the bar yesterday, and may be expected in to-day. She is a large vessel, registering 1,154 tons.

Receipts of cotton yesterday 248 bales; same day last year 1,130. Receipts for the crop year to date 153,640 bales, against receipts to the same time last year of 130,861; increase 22,779 bales.

W. H. Howe, colored, charged with carrying on business without city license theretofore, was arraigned before the Mayor yesterday. On application of defendant's counsel, the case was continued until to-morrow.

Mr. A. Shrier has bought the entire stock and good will of the firm of Harrison & Allen, hatters, and will continue the business at the same stand. Mr. Shrier has had a long experience in the hat business, and he will carry a nice line that will suit the demand.

The Board of Stewards of Fifth Street M. E. Church are negotiating for the purchase of the lot on the southeast corner of Fifth and Nun streets, upon which it is proposed to erect a new house of worship to accommodate the increasing membership of the church.

The funeral of Mr. E. Schulken, Sr., from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sunday afternoon, was attended by a large number of people. The pallbearers were Col. Roger Moore and Messrs. H. Vollers, L. Vollers, C. Schwarz, W. H. Alderman, John Haar, Jr., J. F. Ruffs, Sr., and H. Haar.

The cold wave signal—a white flag with a black centre—was displayed yesterday at the Signal office. The cold wave was approaching from the Northwest. At 7 o'clock yesterday morning it was central over Indiana and Illinois, and was fast moving in this direction. During the early morning the temperature was 58 degrees but it started on a decline towards noon and by 10 p. m. had fallen to 32, a fall of twenty-six degrees in about twelve hours.

The following communication in reference to the Wilmington Custom House, from the Secretary of the Treasury, and addressed to Hon. J. S. Henderson, Representative in Congress from this State, was transmitted to Lieut. Gov. Stedman and received by him a few days ago. It was posted at the Produce Exchange yesterday.

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