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OUTLINES.

Gov. Lee's birthday was celebrated yesterday as a general holiday in Virginia and Georgia. ——The Democrats of New York have nominated Hill for U. S. Senator and the Republicans nominated Evarts. ——A terrible domestic tragedy occurred in Chattanooga, Sunday morning; Judge Warder, a prominent lawyer, shot his daughter and her husband; killing the latter; the Judge was also shot, receiving a wound that may prove fatal. ——The American National Bank of Kansas City Mo., suspended; its capital stock is $1,250,000. ——In the U. S. Senate yesterday, debate on the Elections bill was resumed; Senator George spoke for five hours, and and had not concluded when the Senate adjourned; in the House, the Democrats resorted to obstructive tactics for the purpose of preventing other business being considered until the determination of the Elections bill in the Senate. ——President Harrison says he cannot sign the free coinage bill. ——The severity of the weather in Great Britain is increasing; there is much suffering among the poor. ——The Baltic is covered with ice. ——The river Seine, at Paris; is frozen over with ice sixteen inches thick and is thronged with people night and day; the cold is causing great inconvenience and distress throughout France —— New York markets: Money easy at 2½@3 per cent., closing offered at 3; cotton quiet and steady; middling uplands 9⅝ cents; middling Orleans 9 13-16 cents; southern flour dull and weak; wheat dull, lower and unsettled; No. 2 red $1 04¾@1 05 at elevator; corn dull and weaker; No. 2, 59@59⅛ cents at elevator and 60¼ cents afloat; spirits turpentine quiet and firmer at 39½@40c. Rosin steady and quiet; strained, common to good, $1 40@ 1 42½ cents.

We are indebted to Senator Stanford for a copy of his speech delivered in the Senate December 19th, 1890, on Government loans on real estate.

Gen. Russell, of Massachusetts, is a left-hander. He signed his oath of office with his left hand, and also hit the g. o. p. a heavy left hander, early in November.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was the busiest man about the Senate Friday night, his business being drumming up absent Senators, which kept him in the pad all night.

The Russian Minister of Finance says the Czar believes in the delightful ways of peace, but wants an extra $7,000,000 to put the army on a solid peace-footing.

Young J. G. Astor, who has $75,000,000 in prospect, wants to marry a Miss Willing. At last accounts she was Willing, but when the splice is made she won't be.

The Philadelphia *Press*, Republican, of the wild cat species, refers to Senator Ingalls as the "brilliant phrase-maker from Kansas." That's about the size of him.

Kansas has the grip. It isn't the imported article but the Alliance grip, with which the Legislative House caucuses are run. A fellow that hasn't the grip can't get in.

While the Legislature of Nebraska is having a jolly time wrangling, Lincoln county sends out an appeal for aid for 2,500 people who are suffering from loss of crops by the drought.

It is said that Foraker wants the seat in the Senate occupied by John Sherman, and that he has a candidate for the Governorship against McKinley, who will help him in his little game if elected.

The Senate of the United States has demonstrated that it can annihilate time. It knocked one day clean out of the present session by its thirty hours straight run on the Force bill Friday and Saturday.

The latest invention in England is an electric lamp which lights itself when it becomes dark and puts itself out when daylight appears. It is run by a selenium cell. England does occasionally strike something bright.

It is said that young men in Washington equipped to run the german are so scarce that it makes it a pretty heavy draft on the army boys. That's why some of them want to be sent on an exploring expedition into Alaska. But alas they can't till the german season is over.

It is said that the Illinois air-ship has materialized. A thirty-foot model has been completed, which they say works tip top. It will carry two passengers. The inventors have a contract to exhibit it for twelve weeks, for which they are to receive $100,000. It will do its flying around in the Exposition grounds. When they get this ship all O. K. some Chicago man ought to strike out and put in a preemption claim on the North Pole before those European balloon excursionists get there.

In the sit out game in the Senate on the Force bill Friday night the Democrats showed the best sticking qualities. At one time there were six Democrats and only one Republican present. There were other Republicans, however, within hailing distance when the cry of distress was raised.

Field Marshal Von Molke has a good streak in him. On his 90th birth day the city of Berlin voted him a large sum of money, to show its high regard for him. The old fellow took it with thanks and then turned over the whole sum for the foundation of a home for old people.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* pointedly remarks that Quay's Force bill lacks but one thing to make it perfect, and that is that the power to suspend the writ of habeas corpus should be lodged in the chairman of the National Republican Committee, instead of the President.

A fruit and vegetable canning company has been organized at Jackson, Miss. The farmers in the surrounding country have pledged themselves to raise and supply it with such vegetables as it desires to can.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STAR OFFICE—Babbitt metal.
W. M. CUMMING—Mattresses, etc.
MUNSON & Co—Ready-made clothing
MASONIC—Meet'g Wilmington Lodge
CRONLY & MORRIS—Stedman Park.

"And Thereby Hangs a Tale."

The STAR editorial feline with the abbreviated caudal appurtenance was the recipient of many sympathetic messages yesterday, and a number of visitors gladdened her heart, though they could not lengthen her narrative, by such kindly exclamations as "Poor Kitty," "Poor Little Kitty Poose," &c., &c. Among the distinguished callers, however, was Dr. Thomas Skatt, who resides near the STAR office, and who said he was going 'possum hunting to-night and would bring in a full-grown tail to-morrow. This, he said, with the aid of Spalding's glue, he could attach to the remaining section of the STAR cat's anecdote, and she would then look so awfully natural that her best friends would forget that she had ever looked otherwise. Dr. Thomas Skatt was somewhat disconcerted when a companion remarked that a 'possum tail had no hair on it. But he quickly recovered himself, and replied: "Oh! that's all right. It will only be necessary for 'Tabby' to hang the spliced tail out of the window and give it an (h)airing.' Scat!

Audit and Finance.

The Board of Audit and Finance met in semi-monthly session yesterday. Present: Messrs. Wm. Calder, J. F. Maunder, J. W. Hewitt.

On motion, Mr. Calder was called to the chair.

Coupons—286 in number and amounting to $4,624—which had been redeemed and cancelled, were burned in the presence of the Board.

Bills for current expenses were audited and approved, amounting to $428.07.

Superior Court.

Superior Court for New Hanover county convened yesterday morning, with his Honor Judge McIver on the bench, but immediately took a recess until Monday next, the 26th inst., when the election cases will be called.

Judge McIver leaves for his home in Moore county this morning, by train on the C. F. & Y. V. R. R.

Weather Forecasts.

The following are the weather forecasts for to-day:

For Virginia, fair, northerly winds, warmer, except in western portion, stationary temperature.

For North Carolina and South Carolina, fair, warmer in eastern, stationary temperature in western portion, variable winds.

The Weather Yesterday.

The weather records of the Signal Office give the following report of the range of temperature, etc., yesterday At 8 a. m., 30°; 8 p. m., 42°; maximum temperature, 49°; minimum, 28°; average 38°. Prevailing wind, northwest.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Dr. Wood will conduct the Bible class at the Y. M. C. A. at 8 o'clock this evening.

— It will be three or four weeks. probably, before the new Gamewell fire-alarm system will be ready for use.

— The frame for the depot of the W., O. & E. C. R. R., at the foot of Queen street, is up and all work there is going on vigorously.

— Messrs. Robinson & King cleared the German barque *Fortuna* yesterday, for London, Eng., with 3,422 barrels rosin, valued at $4,785.

— A meeting of members of the Produce Exchange is called for to-day at noon, at the Exchange, to consider the advisability of petitioning the General Assembly to repeal the Schedule B tax.

— The bill to fund and consolidate the debt of the city of Wilmington was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Mr. Bellamy. Also, a bill to incorporate the Wilmington and Southern Railway Co.

— "Fraud," so well known to Wilmington bird hunters as a first-class dog. disappeared last Friday. and arrangements were on foot to announce the fact in two-column ad. in the STAR of this morning. But a halt was ordered on receipt of the following bulletin from "Cousin Gwathmey": "Ich habe meinen Hund gefunden."

OPERA HOUSE.

The "Pearl of Pekin" Played to a Good House.

The Opera House was crowded last night with an audience composed of the elite of the city. The "Pearl of Pekin" was the attraction, drawing the largest house of the season. The auditors were charmed with the bright, sparkling music; evidencing their appreciation by repeated encores and most liberal applause. There is not a dull bar in the entire opera, which was of a high order; depending for its success not upon a few airs which might amuse by their jingle; but upon its merit in being faithfully representative of the sentiment of the words. The staging of the piece deserved especial mention; the scenery and costuming were charming in the blending of colors.

Mr. Louis Harrison as *Tyfoo* was the centre of attraction. and well sustained the reputation he has. A little pruning in the chorus would improve it.

The next attraction will be Miss Alberta Gallatin and Preston Clarke. in "Romeo and Juliet," Wedneday. the 21st instant.

Romeo and Juliet.

The box sheet for the play Wednesday night—"Romeo and Juliet"—will open this morning at Yates' book store.

The Richmond *Dispatch* speaking of performance given in that city, last week, says:

The lovers of Romeo and Juliet much enjoyed the performance last night at the Richmond Theatre, when Miss Alberta Gallatin and Mr. Creston Clarke appeared together in this play.

Miss Gallatin made a very charming Juliet. She has a full and musical voice, very sympathetic in the love passages, but held in perfect control. Her representation of the character was refined and chaste to a degree.

Mr. Creston Clarke added, as was reasonably expected, greatly to the delight of the evening. His representation of Romeo was excellent and realistic. His personal appearance, too, was so much in his favor. Miss Gallatin's great effort was where she takes the mystic draught that is to bring her happiness or death. Her histrionic power in this scene was admirably displayed, and Modjeska has now to look to her laurels. Frequently were both Miss Gallatin and Creston Clarke called before the curtain.

Mayor's Court,

Alderman Post, Mayor *pro tem.*, opened the City Court yesterday with the usual formalities, and the tried following cases:

Jas. Smith, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined $10.

Sylvia Thomas, colored. allowing hogs to run at large in the streets, was fined the costs, $3.15.

Satira Bunting, colored, disorderly, fined $10.

Charged With Larceny.

Wm. Loftin, a colored boy, was arrested yesterday, charged with having stolen a lady's cloak from the store of Austin & Solky, on Market street near Water, on the 25th of October last. The cloak was found at the house of Mary Loftin, the boy's mother, who was also arrested, but was subsequently discharged. William was locked up to await an investigation of the case.

Entertainment Friday Night.

We learn that the Mite Society will give an entertainment next Friday night in the school room in rear of St. James' church, when the celebrated O. Ts. and R. Os. will be first on exhibition. We do not know what they are, but if we live till Friday night will find out, if we have to put our note in bank to raise the admission fee of ten cents.

ABOUT ALDERMEN.

A Dissertation on Aldermen—A Very Fair and Conservative View.

As the municipal political pot in Wilmington has begun to simmer, the annexed article from the Richmond *Dispatch* will be read with interest by Aldermen, candidates for Aldermen and those who simply vote for Aldermen:

"It is seldom that one hears a kind word spoken of the average councilman. On the contrary, he is the object of constant criticism and the target for many idle and malicious shafts. Little consideration is given the fact that he receives no compensation for his services and that he devotes much time to attending the sessions of his branch, to committee-meetings, and to giving audience to citizens who have real or imaginary grievances. or who wish to influence his vote for or against some measure. No amount of zeal or diligeuce can satisfy the general public. Work as he may, vote as he may, the councilman will hear fewer words of satisfaction than of dissatisfaction from his constituents. The truth is there are thousands of men who think they would make better councilmen than those now in office.

"And how is the average member rewarded for the troubles and expenses of election; for all the hours that he spends and all the annoyances that he is subjected to in his legislative career? Excepting a few complimentary privileges (which may be worth $100 per annum) there is absolutely no compensation attached to the position. The very usual and proper ambition of all American citizens to have a hand in government is about all that induces worthy men to surrender the comforts and independence of private life for the turmoil of the councilman's position.

"With remarkably few exceptions we in Richmond have been served by gentlemen. Some of these have sought or accepted place from the sincere conviction that they could improve the government, and without the slightest hope or desire of personal benefit. Others no doubt aspire to leadership among their fellows and see in the City Council possible chance to catch the public attention. It has more than once occurred that faithful and efficient council service has been requited by promotion to the House of Delegates. to the State Senate, to the mayoralty, or to other salaried office, and what has happened may happen again.

"It is frequently said that the councilmen of these days are not equal in ability to those of the years gone by. While the average may be, and probably is, as good, it is certain that fewer famous men are elected, but Richmond does not so much need great men in her Councils as men of good business qualifications who will give us freely of their time. It is a lamentable fact that many of the committee meetings are poorly attended.

"It is a fact also that the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council both often have to wait long after the appointed hours to secure the quorums necessary for the transaction of business. It is a further fact that so much important business is consigned absolutely to committees that the Board's and Council's sessions are lacking in that interest which attracts members.

"Well served as Richmond no doubt is, we could secure better Council material if we showed more appreciation of the services of our representatives and made the sessions more interesting—a thing only to be accomplished by bringing back to the two branches much of the power that has practically departed from them and been lodged in committees. The City Council ought to be the focal point for the discussion of all municipal matters of concern to the general public, but we sometimes see it overshadowed by the committees.

"Here is where reform might be adopted beneficially."

QUARANTINE

Dr. Curtis' Official Report to the Governer.

Dr. W. G. Curtis, quarantine physician for the port of Wilmington. in his official report to Gov. Fowle, of the operations at the Southport station for the past season says:

"The importation of contagious diseases is one of the risks incident to commerce by means of ships. In the port of Wilmington it is much greater than formerly, when the trade of the city was mostly coastwise. Now the trade is mostly with foreign ports, and is transacted in foreign bottoms, During the past year vessels have come to the port of Wilmington from cholera infected Spain, and from many yellow fever infected ports of South America and the West Indies. I am happy in being able to report that none of these diseases have effected a lodgement among us, and that good health prevails in all this section of North Carolina.

I desire to bear testimony to the efficient co-operation of Dr. Thomas F. Wood and Dr. George G. Thomas, who, with myself, constitute the Quarantine Board. My labors have also been greatly assisted by the cheerful conformity to the Regulations of the pilots of the Cape Fear River and bar, of the merchants of Wilmington, and by the public generally.

Weaver—The Gay Deceiver.

Mr. J. A. Kornegay, of Bowden's, N. C., writes the STAR, January 18th:

SIR—I see in your to-day's paper that a man by the name of Weaver was put in jail in Wilmington for forgery. Enclosed you will find the address of a man who stopped with me one night about the 9th of this month. He claimed to have been robbed, and said he had a brother in Wilmington, a druggist, and borrowed two dollars from me and said he would return it as soon as he got to Wilmington.

The "address enclosed" is "R. H Weaver, Washington, Wilkes county, Ga." It is written with a lead-pencil on a small slip of paper. The Weaver arrested and jailed in Wilmington gave his name as Edward, but he is probably one and the same with R. H. Weaver.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—813 bales cotton, 36 casks spirits turpentine, 227 bbls. rosin, 11 bbls. tar.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—245 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 46 bbls. rosin, 5 bbls. crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—117 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 181 bbls. rosin, 3 bbls. tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—68 bales cotton, 118 bbls. rosin, 41 bbls. tar.

Steamer Cape Fear—44 casks spirits turpentine, 51 bbls. rosin, 27 bbls. tar,

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,243 bales; spirits turpentine, 103 casks; rosin, 623 bbls; tar, 82 bbls.; crude turpentine 5 bbls.

THE MAILS.

The mails close and arrive at the City Post Office as follows:

CLOSE.

For North and way stations—W & W R R. 8:00 a m
For Charlotte and way stations—C C R R and West..... 8:30 a m
For Mt. Airy and way stations—C F & Y V Railroad..... 8:00 a m
For Wrightsville..... 8:00 a m
For Southport..... 8:30 a m
For Clinton, Magnolia and Goldsboro..... 3:00 p m
For points South—W C & A R R..... 5:00 p m
For Charlotte and way stations..... 7:00 p m
For South—W C & A R R—Train No. 37.. 9:10 p m
For North—W & W R R—Train No. 14.... 11:00 p m
For Brunswick County and Little River, S. C Tuesdays and Fridays..... 6:00 a m
For Cape Fear River Tuesdays and Fridays 1:00 p m
For Onslow County Mondays and Fridays 6:30 a m

MAILS READY FOR DELIVERY (WHEN THE TRAINS ARE ON TIME).

Charlotte, Monroe, Maxton and Cronly.... 8:00 a m
All Points South, Train No. 78..... 9:15 a m
From Southport..... 7:00 p m
From Clinton, Magnolia and Goldsboro..... 11:45 a m
From Wrightsville..... 7:00 p m
From Mt. Airy and points C F & Y V R R 7:00 p m
From North—Train No. 23..... 7:00 p m
From Charlotte and way stations..... 8.00 p m
From North—W & W R R..... 11:00 p m
From South..... 2,00 a m
From Little River, S. C. and Brunswick co., Mondays and Thursdays..... 7:00 p m
From Landings Cape Fear river, Tues. & Fri 8:00 a m
From Onslow county, " " 7:30 p m

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