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OUTLINES.

The sudden death of the heir to the throne of Belgium has created a sensation in Brussels; it is intimated that it is a case of suicide, growing out of a love affair. —— Col. Bates, who shot himself at Atlanta, Saturday, died yesterday; before he died, his son who was a witness of the tragedy, shot himself with suicidal intent. —— The Republicans have at last secured a quorum in the Senate by the return of some of the absentees and the Closure rule will be pushed to a conclusion speedily. —— There was a long debate in the Senate yesterday on the Closure rule, but no conclusion was reached. —— In the House the Naval Appropriation bill was considered until adjournment. —— New York markets: Money easy at 2@3 per cent., closing offered at 3; cotton dull; middling 9⅜ cents; low middling 8 13-16 cents; good ordinary 8 1-16 cents; southern flour quiet and firm; wheat a shade higher; No. 2 red $1 05¼ at elevator and $1 06¾@1 06⅞ afloat; corn stronger, quiet and scarce; No. 2, 61@61⅛ cents at elevator; spirits turpentine quiet and steady at 39½@40½ cents; rosin steady and quiet; strained, common to good, $1 40@1 42½.

From the bad odors which emanate from the Pension office Raum's refrigerator must be a failure.

Vice President Morton wears the collar now. It is not very ornamental but it tells who owns him.

There will be some pretty lively scuffling around done within the next few days to get the absent Republican Senators in the ring.

It is thought that King Kalakua's death was hastened by the banquets and receptions given him by the Californians. They helped to kill him with kindness.

The upper wards of Brooklyn, N. Y. are wrestling with diphtheria, scarlet fever and measles. The diphtheria is of a virulent type. Of 190 cases reported fifty per cent. have proved fatal.

More beef is now issued to the Indians at Pine Ridge agency than was issued before the racket. If more beef had been issued then there would have been no occasion for killing Indians.

A New York chemist claims to have invented a process of extracting spirits from potatoes. Another lying number. They have been doing that in the rural districts of Ireland ever since Noah landed.

Paris and London are to be connected by telephone. As England can't be invaded by telephone the English statesmen don't object to it as some of them did to the proposed railroad tunnel under the Channel.

Under the McKinley tariff Missouri's beer supply may run short sometime, but she is not afraid of running short on water, as she claims three of the largest springs in the world, one of them with flow enough to supply the city of St. Louis.

Mrs. Hickey, of New Jersey, is said to be hale and hearty in her 103d year, and can take a five-mile walk on a dead-stretch. When all her fold are gathered around her she can smile serenely on the sixth generation with her blood in their veins.

Mr. Teller informed Mr. Aldrich Thursday "that he must not assume the role of boss of the Senate." The Senate has now three bosses, Edmunds, Hoar and Aldrich, self-constituted trio. It is to the discredit of the Senate that there are not more Senators to protest against it.

The Durham *Recorder* has passed its three score years and ten, and is as bouyant and frisky as if it had just attained its majority: Mr. Hackney the publisher is a man of considerable journalistic experience, Mr. Eldridge who does the editorial work is a clever writer, and between them they get up an excellent paper.

With the last number the Greenville *Reflector* entered upon its tenth volume. After overcoming in its struggles apparently unsurmountable obstacles, it is now out of the shadows, and stands in the sun-light full of bright promise for the future. We congratulate Bro. Wichard, who is working hard and faithfully to push his section to the front, and wish him continued and much prosperity.

Mr. F. B. McDowell, Mayor of Charlotte, succeeds Mr. Robt. Haydn, resigned, as editor of the *Chronicle*. Mr. Haydn, under whose management the *Chronicle* has been an excellent paper, goes to Baltimore to take the management of a paper there. The *Chronicle* will not only be kept up to the standard, but promises to be enlarged and otherwise improved. Mr. McDowell is a clever writer and not without newspaper experience, having been connected with the Press of Charlotte some years ago.

Ingalls said in his speech in the Senate, "If my political enemy smites me on the cheek, I would smite him under the butt end of his left ear." If he goes into the smiting business the probabilities are that he will have smiting enough on his hands after the Kansas Legislature is through with him to keep him busy for the next ten years, and then some of those unsophisticated Alliance Solons might be just obstinate enough to insist on reciprocating the smite.

Secretary Tracy thinks if the Indians have the brain force to master the intricacies of the Winchester rifle there is no reason why they should not with some application comprehend the mysteries of the plow. But what's the use of the Indian puzzling his brains over this when the Government bargains to feed and clothe him? If the Government fed and clothed the average white man he wouldn't dabble with the plow much either.

There will be four V's in the Senate after March 4, Vance, Voorhees, Vest and Vilas, all men of first-class brains, and 18-carat Democrats, every one of them.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STAR OFFICE—Babbitt metal.
B. F. SWANN—Something nice.
MUNSON & Co—Reduced in price.
HALL & PEARSALL—Seed potatoes.
OPERA HOUSE—Judge Farrar's lecture
CONCERT—Second Regiment Band.

CONCERT MONDAY NIGHT.

To be Given at the Opera House by the Second Regiment Band.

One of the leading attractions of the season will be the concert next Monday night at the Opera House by the Second Regiment Band, N. C. S. G.

The services of some of the best musical talent of the city have been enlisted in their behalf and careful preparations have been made for an entertainment that it is hoped will at least fulfil public anticipation. Miss Jessie Kenan, Miss Florence Bowden, Miss Mackay, Miss Wood and Miss Southerland will lend their invaluable aid to the success of the affair, and Messrs. Greenwald, Miller, Schloss, Murchison, Newman and Holden will also assist. Prof. Miller, who although a comparative stranger, is deeply interested in everything that pertains to musical culture here, has also kindly proffered his assistance.

The Wilmington Light Infantry will be present in full dress uniform.

Ladies' Evening at Y. M. C. A.

Those who were present at the Y. M. C. A. last evening spent a very pleasant time. Much credit is due the ladies in charge of the evening. Through their efforts music and readings were provided which made the time pass very pleasantly. A number of young people were present, who found much enjoyment in old-field school games.

Refreshments were provided in abundance, and were served by the young ladies' present.

On account of the lecture to be given by Judge Farrar next Friday night at the Opera House, Ladies' Evening next week will be omitted.

A Phosphate Find.

The excavation being made on the Y. M. C. A. lot, corner of Front and Mulberry streets, has developed a bed of marl of considerable extent. "Prehistoric" shells of immense size and peculiar shape are scattered through the marl, which lies about five feet below the surface. Some of the clam shells measure six inches across. Mr. Sholar, Superintendent of streets, is using this marl for repairing sidewalks, and yesterday the street hands spread a lot of it on the sidewalk on Third street between Princess and Market.

ChildA Seriously Hurt.

A dispatch to the STAR last night, from Shelby, N. C., says: "While attempting to cross the railroad track three miles from here, the four-year old child of J. L. Taylor, a section hand, was struck by the engine of the mail train on the Carolina Central railroad and was seriously injured. No blame attaches to the engineer, as the child started across the track when the engine was so close it could not be stopped."

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Mayor Fowler is sick with an attack of "grip."

— The young men's meeting Sunday afternoon will be held as usual at 5 o'clock p. m.

— Maj. Jas. Low, Collector of Customs at Niagara Falls, N. Y., is in the city, the guest of Mr. A. D. Brown.

— "Extremes in Religion" will be the theme of the sermon at 7:30 p. m. to-morrow in the English service in the Lutheran Church.

— Rev. Geo. Batchelor, of Lowell, Mass., will preach at Grace M. E. Church to-morrow morning and the pastor, Rev. Dr. Creasy to-morrow night.

— The handsome crayon painting of Rev. Mr. Creasy, on exhibition at Mr. Krupp's (crayon artist) gallery, was purchased by Mr. Wm. Poisson. The price paid was ten dollars.

— The box sheet for the concert Monday night by the Second Regiment Band will be open at Yates' book store to-day. The price of admission, to all parts of the house, is fifty cents. No extra charge for reserved seats.

— The revival at Bladen Street M. E. Church still continues; the church being crowded to overflowing at every service. Rev. Dr. Creasy has preached for the last two nights, and there were about fifteen or twenty penitents last night.

— At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to-morrow services will be conducted by Rev. C. W. Maxwell at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. There will be services at this church Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights next week conducted by Rev. Dr. Morton.

— The usual Saturday night's weekly prayer and experience meeting of business and working men will be held to-night at half-past seven o'clock at the Seamen's Bethel on Dock between Front and Water streets, to which the seafaring men and the ladies are also invited.

THE MITE SOCIETY.

A Pleasant Entertainment Last Night.

The mystery attending the entertainment of the Mite Society was solved last night—"O. T." meaning an orange tree and "R. O." russet oranges, with which the tree was laden. The oranges were made of tissue paper and were filled with all sorts of pretty conceits in the way of confectionery, etc.

There was a good attendance at the hall and everything passed off pleasantly. Besides the orange tree and its fancy fruit there were tables at which fancy work and refreshments were displayed and sold. Mrs. Jno. T. Rankin presided at a table on which there was a marvellous exhibit of paper flowers, lamp shades and other nicknackerie in paper. The candy stand, with a tempting display of confectionery, was in charge of Miss Waddell and Miss Susie Price, and the fancy work table, with its bewildering collection of all manner and kind of tasteful articles, was presided over by Mrs. W. R. French. Mrs. Jos. Price, Miss Mary McRae and Miss Mary Reed were in charge of the refreshment table, with its tempting display of delicacies.

The entertainment will be continued to-day until noon, when everything will be closed out.

Weather Forecasts.

The following are the weather forecasts for to-day:

For Virginia, Fair Saturday, showers by Sunday morning, variable winds, stationary temperature.

For North Carolina, fair in eastern, showers in western portion, warmer, variable winds.

For South Carolina, showers in western, fair in eastern portion, southerly winds.

Receipts of Naval Stores.

Receipts of naval stores at this port for the crop year—from April 1st to January 23d—compared with receipts to same date last year, are as follows: spirits turpentine, 61,449 casks; last year, 61,317. Rosin, 279,299 barrels; last year, 208,388. Tar, 44,872 barrels; last year, 57,917. Crude turpentine, 16,442 barrels; last year, 17,473.

Cotton.

Receipts of cotton at this port for the week ending yesterday are 3.025 bales against 3,115 bales for the corresponding week last year. The receipts of the crop year to date foot up 158,468 bales, against 121,150 bales to same time last year, an increase this year of 37,318 bales.

The Epworth League.

The last General Conference of the M. E. Church South, provided for its membership a charitable literary and religious organization, to be known as The Epworth League, and at Grace M. E. Church last Wednesday night, a league was formed, with Col. Roger Moore president.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—655 bales cotton, 38 casks spirits turpentine, 213 bbls. rosin, 8 bbls. tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—33 casks spirits turpentine, 100 bbls. rosin, 10 bbls. tar.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—14 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 5 bbls. tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—170 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine 307 bbls. rosin.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—29 bales cotton, 23 casks spirits turpentine, 217 bbls. rosin, 95 bbls. tar. 10 bbls. crude turpentine.

Steamer Delta—13 bbls. rosin, 64 bbls. tar.

Steamer Lisbon—11 bales cotton, 60 casks spirits turpentine, 491 bbls. rosin, 23 bbls. tar, 33 bbls. crude turpentine.

Judge's flat—70 casks spirits turpentine.

Smith's raft—205 bbls. rosin.

Larkins' flat—84 bbls. tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 897 bales; spirits turpentine, 245 casks; rosin, 1,546 bbls; tar, 289 bbls.; crude turpentine 44 bbls.

Yesterday'sWeather.

The weather records of the Signa Office give the following report of the range of temperature, etc., yesterday: At 8 a. m., 41°; 8 p. m., 48°; maximum temperature, 56°; minimum, 37°; average 46°. Prevailing wind, west; total rainfall, .0.

W. & W. R. R. Stock.

We learn that the five thousand shares of stock advertised by the W. & W. R R. Co. was disposed of at prices ranging from $110 to $115 per share. Bids were received for more than three times the quantity offered.

Wilmington District—First Round Quarterly Meetings.

Carver's Creek, Carver's Creek, Jan. 24th and 25th.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30th.
Sampson, Mt. Zion, Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st.
Robeson, Corinth, Feb. 7th and 8th.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 11th.
Cokesbury, Bethany, Feb. 14th and 15th.
Magnolia, Salem, Feb. 21st and 22nd.
Kenansville, Wesley, Feb. 28th and March 1st.
Brunswick, Concord, March 5th and 8th.
Brunswick Mission, Union, March 9th and 10th.
Waccamaw, Bethesda, March 11th and 12th.
Whiteville, Evergreen, March 14th and 15th.

F. D. SWINDELL,
Presiding Elder.

The Churches.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell street. Sunday services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7 30 p. m., conducted by the Rev. C. W. Maxwell Sabbath school at 3.00 p. m. There will be services Eonday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 8 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Morton. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D. D., Pastor. Sunday services at 11.00 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath school at 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting and lecture Thursday night at 8.00 o'clock. The public cordially invited. Sats free.

Front Street Chapel of First Presbyterian Church, corner Front and Queen streets, Rev. W. McC Miller, Pastor. Sunday services at 11.00 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday night at 7.30 o'clock. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

First Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Market sts., Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D.D., Pastor. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer and Praise meeting Thursday night at 7.45. Strangers invited

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Mulberry and Fourth streets, Rev. Walter S. Creasy, D. D., Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 3:30 p. m. Weekly Prayer Meeting and Lecture Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Seats free. A cordial invitation is extended to strangers and visitors.

Bladen Street Methodist Church—Services to-morrow at 11 00 a. m. and 7 30 p. m., Prayer meeting Thursday 7 30 p m. Rev. J. R. Sawyer, pastor.

Second Advent Church, Elder J. P King, Pastor, Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m

THE MAILS.

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

CLOSE.

For North and way stations—W & W R R.	8:15 a m
For Charlotte and way stations—C C R R and West	8:15 a m
For Mt. Airy and way stations—C F & Y V Railroad	8:00 a m
For Wrightsville	2:00 p m
For Southport	1:00 p 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	7:30 p m
For South—W C & A R R—Train No. 27	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	9:00 a m
All Points South, Train No. 78	9:30 a m
From Southport	12:00 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	7:30 p m
From North—Train No. 23	7:00 p m
From Charlotte and way stations	8.15 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

GEO. Z. FRENCH Postmaster.

DIED,

KELLEY—In this city, January 23rd, at 3.30 p. m., Mrs. ANNA J KELLEY, relict of the late Jas. H. Kelley, aged 55 years

Funeral from First Baptist Church this (Saturday) afternoon, at 3 30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend. *