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RATES OF ADVERTISING. One Square One Day... \$1.00. Two Days... 1.75. Three Days... 2.50.

OUTLINES.

Mrs. Jno. A. Logan sent a telegram to the Republican members of the Illinois Legislature, urging them to stand firm and not give way to the minority.

The passage of the direct land tax bill in the House Wednesday will refund to the States which paid the tax about \$13,000,000, nearly all of which goes to the Northern States, where the tax was paid during the war.

That report of the House Committee on Elections in the case of Kernaghan against Hooper, Dem., from the seventh Mississippi district, seems to be somewhat belated.

A preacher in Tennessee who was arrested on a charge of moonshining put in a plea that he only ran a select family distillery to supply his own family with "sperits."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STAR OFFICE—Wrapping paper. MUNSON & Co.—Superb suitings. C. C. COVINGTON & Co.—Molasses.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

Anniversary of the battle of Moore's Creek, fought February 27, 1776.

This evening is Ladies' evening at the Y. M. C. A. All friends will be welcome from 8 to 11 o'clock.

The bill to prohibit the sale of cigarettes to minors passed its third reading in the Senate yesterday.

It was snowing in Charlotte and at Matthews' Station—twelve miles this side of Charlotte—at sundown yesterday.

The tug Vulcan, which was reported off Hatteras, in a gale, went ashore near Georgetown, S. C. The crew was saved.

The bill to re-apportion the Senate of North Carolina (published in another column), passed both houses of the General Assembly yesterday, and was ordered enrolled for ratification.

A red light in the northern sky last evening attracted the attention of most people on the streets. Some thought it was a manifestation of the aurora borealis; others that it was the reflection of a forest fire north of the city.

A middle aged white man—a stranger in the city—on his way to the railroad depot yesterday evening, got a severe fall on Front street at the alleyway between the Bank of New Hanover and The Orton, where there is an abrupt rise of ten or twelve inches in the sidewalk.

Yesterday's Weather.

The weather records of the Signal Office give the following report of the range of temperature, etc., yesterday: At 8 a. m., 65°; 8 p. m., 57°; maximum temperature, 67°; minimum, 57°; average 63°. Prevailing winds, west. Total rainfall, .04.

N. C. Home Building Association.

A meeting of the "North Carolina Home Building Association" was held yesterday and Messrs. C. A. McCraw and W. C. VonGlahn were elected to fill vacancies on the board.

Mr. A. J. Howell, Jr., stated that the failure of the Literary Society was owing not to its unpopularity but to the lack of efficient organization.

Amendments to the Revenue Law.

The Revenue, or Tax bill, as it passed its third reading in the House of Representatives, increases "the fee for license issued to any insurance company to do business in this State," from fifty dollars to one hundred dollars per annum.

The tax on liquor dealers—"every person who shall buy, for the purpose of selling, spirituous liquors, vinous or malt liquors, shall, in addition to his ad valorem tax on his stock, pay as a license tax one per centum [instead of one-half of one per cent., as formerly] on the total amount of purchases, in or out of the State, for cash or on credit, whether such person shall purchase as principal or through an agent or commission merchant."

THE OYSTER LAW.

Main Features of the Bill to Protect the Oyster Interests of the State as Passed by the House of Representatives.

The "oyster bill," which passed the House last Tuesday night, makes it unlawful to use any instrument but hand-tongs for taking oysters from the public oyster grounds of the State, under penalty of \$500 fine or not less than one year's imprisonment, and forfeiture of boat and appliances used.

Non-residents of the State are not allowed to take oysters in any manner. All boats engaged in taking oysters shall be licensed for a period not less than twelve months. The license for a boat 20 feet or less is \$1.50; 25 feet, \$2.00; 30 feet, \$2.50; 35 feet and under custom-house tonnage, \$3.50; all boats of custom-house tonnage \$1.00 per ton.

Persons taking oysters are also required to obtain individual license and pay therefor the sum of \$2.50. Any person taking oysters without individual license is liable to a fine of not less than \$100 or imprisonment not less than six months.

Unlawful to take oysters from any of the public grounds of the State on Sundays or at night.

One-half of all fines imposed go to the informer and officer making the arrest, equally; the other half to the oyster fund of the State; except in the case of the patrol force of the State.

The burden of proof shall be upon the defendant in all causes arising under the act, to show that oysters were not taken from public grounds or natural oyster rocks of the State.

The Governor shall appoint one Chief Commissioner, whose term of office shall be for two years, and salary \$1200 per annum; he shall give bond in the sum of \$5000. Provision is also made for an associate Commissioner, who shall be ex officio captain of the patrol force of the State; term of office two years and salary \$720 per annum.

Inspectors of oysters shall be appointed by the Chief Commissioner at each point where the market is sufficient to justify such appointment, and as many shall be appointed as may be necessary. Each inspector shall give bond in the sum of \$500. Each inspector shall receive as compensation, one cent for each bushel or tub of oysters measured under his inspection, to be paid by the purchaser.

Oysters shall be culled upon the public grounds from which they are taken, and all oysters whose shells measure [not] more than two inches from hinge to mouth and all shells taken with said oysters, shall be returned upon said public grounds; and it shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession for sale any cargo or portion of a cargo of which empty shells and small oysters shall amount to more than ten per cent. of said cargo, under penalty of fine or imprisonment.

All oysters measured in this State shall be measured in a one-bushel tub, a bushel tub, or a three-bushel tub; circular, with straight sides and bottom. A half-bushel tub shall measure from inside to inside fifteen inches across the top, thirteen inches from inside to inside across the bottom, and seventeen inches diagonal from inside chime to top. A bushel tub shall measure eighteen inches from inside to inside across the top, sixteen inches and a half from inside to inside across the bottom, and twenty-one inches diagonal from inside chime to top. A three-bushel tub shall measure twenty-four inches across the top from inside to inside, twenty-two inches from inside to inside across the bottom, and twenty-nine and one-quarter inches diagonal from inside chime to top.

Onslow county is exempted from the provisions of the bill.

Y. M. C. A. Literary Society. A meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms yesterday evening to discuss the advisability of reviving the Literary Society, which for some time past has been discontinued.

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Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—90 bales cotton, 120 casks spirits turpentine, 79 bbls. rosin, 21 bbls. tar.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—23 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 98 bbls. rosin, 24 bbls. tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—51 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 115 bbls. rosin, 100 bbls. tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—53 casks spirits turpentine, 427 bbls. rosin, 48 bbls. tar.

Stmr Cape Fear—7 casks spirits turpentine, 244 bbls. rosin, 106 bbls. tar.

Steamer Acme—1 bale cotton, 30 bbls. tar, 6 bbls. crude turpentine.

Schr. Samuel—2 bales cotton, 19 casks spirits turpentine, 40 bbls. rosin, 100 bbls. tar.

Sharpie Nancy Ann—103 bbls. tar, 19 bbls. crude turpentine.

Willard's raft—257 bbls. rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 167 bales; spirits turpentine, 214 casks; rosin, 1,260 bbls; tar, 592 bbls; crude turpentine, 25 bbls.

The Newbern Fair. The Journal says that between six and seven thousand people were on the grounds Wednesday. Gov. Fowle, State Auditor Sanderlin and twenty-eight members of the Legislature were in attendance. It was Alliance day. Gov. Fowle spoke briefly, and Mr. Sanderlin made an address.

The New Senate Apportionment.

Special Star Report.

RALEIGH, Feb. 26, 1891.

1st District—Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Hertford, Gates, Chowan and Perquimans, two Senators.

2nd District—Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Dare, Beaufort, Hyde and Pamlico, two Senators.

3rd District—Northampton and Bertie, one Senator.

4th District—Halifax, one Senator.

5th District—Edgecombe, one Senator.

6th District—Pitt, one Senator.

7th District—Wilson, Nash and Franklin, two Senators.

8th District—Craven, Jones, Carteret, Lenoir, Onslow and Green, two Senators.

9th District—Duplin, Wayne and Pender, two Senators.

10th District—New Hanover and Brunswick, one Senator.

11th District—Warren and Vance, one Senator.

12th District—Wake, one Senator.

13th District—Johnston, one Senator.

14th District—Sampson, Harnett and Bladen, one Senator.

15th District—Columbus and Robeson, two Senators.

16th District—Cumberland, one Senator.

17th District—Granville and Person, one Senator.

18th District—Caswell, Alamance, Orange and Durham, two Senators.

19th District—Chatham, one Senator.

20th District—Rockingham, one Senator.

21st District—Guilford, one Senator.

22d District—Randolph and Moore, one Senator.

23d District—Richmond, Montgomery, Anson and Union, two Senators.

24th District—Cabarrus and Stanly, one Senator.

25th District—Mecklenburg, one Senator.

26th District—Rowan, Davie and Davidson, two Senators.

27th District—Forsyth and Yadkin, one Senator.

28th District—Stokes and Surry, one Senator.

29th District—Iredell, Alexander and Wilkes, two Senators.

30th District—Allegany, Ashe and Watauga, one Senator.

31st District—Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey, two Senators.

32d District—Catawba and Lincoln, one Senator.

33d District—Gaston, Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford, two Senators.

34th District—Buncombe, Madison and Haywood, two Senators.

35th District—Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson and Swain, two Senators.

36th District—Macon, Cherokee and Graham, one Senator.

All Sorts of Weather.

The weather yesterday was decidedly "unsettled and irregular." People were at a loss what to expect, and even the Signal Service men seemed undecided about the matter. Both flag-staffs on the government building were occupied—one with the cautionary northwest storm signal and the other with the signal for a cold wave.

Acquitted. Joseph H. Merriman, the colored man arrested on the charge of stealing \$15 from Wm. Myers, colored, was brought before Mayor pro tem. Post yesterday in the City Court room for an investigation of the case. Both parties had counsel, Mr. Marsden Bellamy appearing for Merriman and Mr. Lockey for Myers. The court room was crowded with colored people. After a full investigation of the case, the Court directed the discharge of Merriman, the evidence being not sufficient to show that he was guilty of the charge.

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 W & W R R, 8:15 a m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. The Unlucky Corner! EVERYBODY CAN EAT EGGS NOW. GET THEM FROM THE UNLUCKY CORNER AT 12 1/2 CENTS PER DOZEN, NICE AND FRESH.

DESIRABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE. A MOST ELEGANT RESIDENCE IN FIRST-CLASS condition, containing nine rooms, with all modern conveniences, situated upon the west side of Fifth street, 66 feet south of N. street. Size of Lot 44x107 feet.

Second-Hand Spirit Casks, HOOP IRON. For sale by WOODY & CURRIE, Grocers and Commission Merchants.

New Goods. RECEIVED BY EVERY STEAMER BUILDER Hardware of all kinds, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Locks with bronze trimmings; also, bronze Bits, Hoes, Rakes and Plow Castings.

Notice to Farmers AND COUNTRY MERCHANTS. STRICTLY EARLY ROSE SEED POTATOES and a full line of Groceries at the lowest cash prices. Also 50,000 Bricks to be sold at a sacrifice.

They Go. ANOTHER BIG LOT OF TRIUMPHANT SONGS just received. Special prices to dealers and Sunday Schools. Encyclopaedia Britannica, over 1,000 volumes sold in the city, only \$1.50 per volume.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Carpets, Carpets, IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR OUR Spring Mattings WE WILL SELL THE FEW PATTERNS OF CARPETS WE HAVE LEFT AT COST.

ELEGANT WALL PAPERS AND ORDERS TO MATCH. Williams & Robinson, 122 Market St.

WHITE FISH! CIGARS, Tobacco, Snuff, Coffee, Sugar, Flour, Meat, Lard, Molasses. CASE AND CAN GOODS. ROCK BOTTOM PRICES. R. W. HICKS, WHOLESALE GROCER, 216 North Water St., Wilmington, N. C.

TO-DAY WE CALL ATTENTION TO OUR STOCK OF Superb Suitings ENGLISH & SCOTCH MAKES JUST IMPORTED. YOUR PATRONAGE REQUESTED. MUNSON & CO., Importers and Manufacturers.

Everybody Call Geo. R. French & Son's, WHERE YOU WILL FIND BEST SELECTED STOCK OF LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S FINE SHOES IN THE CITY.

If Your Old Hair Mattress (OR MOSS EITHER) is out of shape or lumpy send word to W. M. CUMMING, 13 PRINCESS STREET, and he will send for it and RENOVATE AND RE-MAKE IT THAT SAME DAY, unless the tick is to be washed; in that case it will take a day to dry.

Country Merchants and Truckers. LARGE STOCK GARDEN SEEDS. WILL save you money. Write for quotations. ROBERT R. BELLAMY, Druggist, Wilmington, N. C.

NEW IDEAS! Cottons and Silks BE SURE TO GO TO BROWN & RODDICK'S AND SEE THE IMMENSE DISPLAY OF Printed Curtain Fabrics ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

Beautiful New Designs IN BEST QUALITY DRAPERY SILKS. ART MUSLINS, ART DRAPINGS, FROM 30 TO 90 INCHES WIDE. Curtain Tongees, Bombay and Madras Hangings. BEAUTIFUL NEW SMYRNA RUGS AND LOVELY DAMASK, Straw and Cocoa Mattings.

SECOND FLOOR. BROWN & RODDICK, 9 NORTH FRONT STREET.

Rice Straw and Hay. 250 Bales Straw, 250 " Hay. For sale by ADRIAN & VOLLERS, 75 Barrels and Bags Early Rose Potatoes. 50 Barrels E. R. Potatoes, New. 35 BARRELS ONIONS. For sale by ADRIAN & VOLLERS.

A Full Line of Groceries at ADRIAN & VOLLERS. See and Be Convinced. Harness, Trunks and Bags. Vehicles, All Styles. LARGEST STOCK, LOWEST PRICES. H. L. FENNELL, THE HORSE MILLINER, 14 & 16 South Front St.

Lantern Pictures, AT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ROOMS. Late Civil War, Friday 22nd, 8:15 p. m. Pilgrim's Progress, Saturday 21st, 4:00 p. m. English Cathedral, Tuesday 24th, 8:15 p. m. Stanley in Africa, Friday 27th, 1:15 p. m. Biblical Paintings, Saturday 28th, 4:00 p. m. Tickets at Yates'; \$1.00 for all 5 lectures. Feb 19 11

Seven and a Half IS ALL THE GO AMONGST THE BOYS, BUT No. 7 South Front street has not gone anywhere. Call and get a Shave and Hair Cut and we will prove it Respectfully, ARTHUR PREMPERT. For Sale, VALUABLE PLANTATION, KNOWN AS "Rock Hill," on Northeast River, three miles from town. Apply at 12 Market Street. Jan 18 11