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OUTLINES.

Thirteen persons were killed and fifty-eight wounded in a railroad accident near Charleston, W. V. —— The cotton crop in sight, is put at 8,489,331 bales. —— A steamship at New York from Jeremie, Hayti, reports 200 persons put to death at Port-au-Prince just before the vessel sailed. —— A breech-loading cannon exploded on the British warship Cordelia, killing five and wounding thirteen of the men. —— Senor Romero denies reports that Mexico is ready to revolt against President Diaz. —— Porter's census show that the Catholics number 6,250,000 in this country. —— N. Y. markets: Money easy at 2@3 per cent.; closing offered at 2; cotton dull; middling uplands 8⅜ cents; middling Orleans 8 13-16 cents; Southern flour dull; wheat dull and lower; No. 2 red $1 04¼ in store and at elevator; corn higher, quiet and scarce; No. 2 69@71 cents at elevator; spirits turpentine dull but steady at 37½@38 cents; rosin quiet and weak; strained, common to good, $1 40@1 45.

Speaking of Disraeli, Browning once said: "He is the greatest liar living." That was before the days of Republican tin-plate editors.

It is said that the Connecticut river has become so nasty from sewerage pollution that the fish jump out, preferring to take their chances on dry land.

An Illinois mule which went cavorting with his kicking end about a bee hive got stung to death. Here is a warning to some of the gentlemen who are fooling about Presidential bees.

Rose Coghlan says she reduces her superfluous flesh by "making her brain work." If that be an anti-fat remedy the McKinley tin-plate boomers ought to be the leanest, lankest men in this country.

A cold wave struck Cape May on the 2d, and sent the cold shivers over Mr. Harrison and other folks in that neighborhood. The cold waves seem to be following Mr. Harrison pretty close this year.

Hon. Chauncey M. Depew is non committal as to whether he will accept the Republican nomination for Governor of New York or not. Chauncey is no innocent. He is saying nothing but keeping his eye peeled to see which way the cat jumps before he goes into the melee.

Ben Butler, in his autobiography, imparts the astonishing information that his pious parents intended him for a Calvanistic minister. But the devil had a better conception of the peculiar talents of Ben, took him into early training and stole a march on the old folks. The pulpit, however, made a narrow escape.

Gen. Buckner says Cleveland stands pretty well in the Blue Grass country. Grover stands about six feet one or two and is built in proportion. We heard a North Carolinian once say after looking at him for about five minutes that "he was built out of the hind legs of a mule." If this be so the Kentuckians ought to take to him.

Secretary Rusk is trying to convince the unsophisticated people of Germany and France of the superiority of the American hog. He is sounding the praises of the four footed hog, not of the other kind which makes itself conspicuous in the railroad car by taking up about four times as much room as it is entitled to.

It was about the time that cool wave came along that Mr. Harrison informed the colored delegation which called on him to urge the appointment of John Langston to the position of Circuit Court Judge of Virginia, if he appointed Langston it would be on account of his fitness, not his color. This cool reply sent a chill all over them.

W. H. Gladstone, eldest son of Hon. W. E. Gladstone, died in London on the 4th inst., from the operation of removing a tumor on the brain from which he had been a sufferer for some time. His father, who was telegraphed for, did not arrive until after his son's death, and his grief was so intense that it is feared that in his weakened condition the shock will prove so severe he will not henceforth take a very active part in Parliament.

Mr. D. M. Vance, late of the Asheville *Democrat*, has gone upon the editoral staff of the Charlotte *Chroniele*, as news and telegraph editor. Dave is a tip top newspaper man, whose ability is known not only in this state but was recognized in New Orleans by such papers as the *Times Democrat* and the *State* with both of which he was for some time editorially connected.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

R. W. HICKS—Groceries.
A. PREMPERT—Attention.
W. M. CUMMING—Mattresses.
MUNSON & CO.—Still on deck.
JOHN HAAR, JR.—Schedule B tax.
DR. ELLIOTT & SON–Catawba springs.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— It is estimated that more bath suits were rented at Ocean View than ever before.

— Hon. Alfred Rowland passed through the city yesterday on his way home from Southport.

— Mr. A. Randolph Holladay came down from Richmond to spend the Fourth at the seaside.

— Dr. Bullock, who has been sick for several days, has so far recovered as to be able to begin work again.

— Messrs. E. J. Lilly and John C. Haigh, after spending a couple of days on the seashore, returned to Fayetteville yesterday.

— Messrs. H. M. Pemberton, E. E. Gorham and A. J. Pemberton, of Fayetteville, were among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Mr. P. Barrentine and wife, and Miss May Turlington, of this city, left last night for South Carolina, where they will spend the summer.

— Miss Eulay May McDonald, who has been spending a few days in the city as the guest of Mrs. E. T. Johnson, left yesterday morning for her home.

— "Drummer Evangelist" Fife is enjoying the surf and sea breezes at Carolina Beach, the guest of Mr. D. McD. Grady. He has received many visitors.

— The little daughter of Mr. R. H. McKoy received quite a painful yet not serious cut on the head on Saturday afternoon. She fell some distance, striking on the sharp edge of a plank.

— Mrs. W. F. Williams, of the STAR special staff, who left here last Wednesday for Charlotte in rather poor health, the result of an attack of malarial fever, is gaining strength and is very hopeful of complete recovery.

— Col. F. A. Olds, Quartermaster General N. C. S. G., is down from Raleigh. The Colonel is kept very busy looking after Encampment affairs. He speaks in the most favorable terms of the success of the coming Encampment.

— Col. Luke Powell, of Sampson, who is on the veteran list of the DAILY STAR, call on us yesterday. He summarized on crops as follows: Cotton below the average, but improving; corn good; peanuts fine; potatoes, good prospect.

— The following were among the arrivals in the city yesterday: E. H. Aull, Newberry; A. J. Galloway. Goldsboro; C. W. Hanks, Charlotte; Wade H. Harris, Charlotte; L. Grimes, J. E. Taylor, W. W. Miller, E. A. Farrior, J. Hargrave, North Carolina; M. Hart and wife, Oxford; G. L. Ricker, Mrs. Scull W. H. Keith, Jno. Chase, Sumter.

— Mr. B. G. Empie left for New York on the 12.25 a. m. train yesterday. He is on his way to Europe where he will remain until September. Brooke will have a good time if anything of that sort is to found across the "deep blue." He has platoons of friends here who wish him oceans of glorious fun, and a safe return to his old love—the quotation board at the Produce Exchange.

Audit and Finance.

The Board of Audit and Finance at their regular monthly meeting yesterday, Mr. Wm. Calder chairman pro tem., approved the award of contract for feeding mules, etc., to Mrs. C. B. Southerland.

Sixty-eight coupons, amounting to $1,381, redeemed and cancelled, were burned in the presence of the Board.

Bills were audited and approved as follows: Current expenses, $6,115.12; coupons, $1,381.

A Park Committee.

The STAR has been for a long time urging on the city authorities the importance of securing a suitable site for a public park, and it is glad a committee has been appointed to be known as the Committee on Parks. It is believed that suitable grounds may be obtained at a very reasonable price; and there have been opportunities in the past, and may be now, for obtaining the necessary land as a gift.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— For other local see fourth page.

— Mr. H. Walters, Vice President of the A. C. L., who has been indisposed, was better yesterday.

— The two-cent postage stamps now issued by the P. O. Department are an imposition and a fraud.

— The tug *Wm. P. Congdon*, from Georgetown, S. C., arrived yesterday to go on the railway for repairs.

— Elder P. D. Gould from Wilson will preach at Primitive Baptist Church at 8 o'clock, Wednesday night, 8th.

— The Vestry of St. James will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the choir room to transact important business.

— Mr. F. M. James reports fourteen interments the past month in Oak Grove (the county) cemetery. All colored and all children.

— The Mayor had a small docket at his court yesterday. One case of "drunk and down" and one of fast driving, paid $5.00 each into the city treasury.

— St. Paul's Sunday School will give an excursion to Carolina Beach today. A pleasant time is assured all their friends who unite with them on the occasion.

— The Seaboard Air Line will sell reduced rate tickets to Durham on account of the land sale at that point. Henderson, $2.45; Sanford, $4.10; Maxton, $7.40; Weldon, $4.80; Wilmington, $8.15. On sale July 6th, 7th and 8th, good to return till July 10th.

— On account of the Wilmington District Conference of the Methodist Church, which meets at Southport, the Seaboard Air Line will sell reduced rate tickets from points east of Wadesboro to Wilmington on July 8th and 9th, good to return until July 14th. The rate from Wadesboro is $6.30; Maxton, $4.50.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Meeting of Board of Commissioners—Report of the Board of Assessors, Etc.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover county was held yesterday, Chairman H. A. Bagg presiding.

Treasurer Hewlett submitted report for month of June, showing a balance of $6,016.98 on hand to the credit of the general fund, and $28,374.34 to the credit of the educational fund.

Register of Deeds J. Haar, Jr., reported twenty marriage licenses issued during the month and fees therefor amounting to $19 turned over to the county treasurer.

Jesse Pope was ordered exempted from payment of poll tax on account of physical disability.

Application of A. W. Moore for liquor license was not granted.

It appears to the Board that the property in the name of Jas. C. Hankins, Ed. Bryce, and others, trustees of Union Gospel Trumpeters No. 2, in Block 38 N. E. part of lot No. 3, being for charitable purposes, the same not returned for taxation.

The Board of Assessors made the following report, viz:

We have completed the valuation of real estate in Wilmington township and have to report as per list in the hands of Col. Jas. G. Burr, tax lister, aggregate value of taxable property, $5,184,770.

In view of the very marked difference in values since 1887, (or perhaps it may be more proper to say since 1879, when there was a general reduction in valuation of 25 per cent., and there has been no material change since,) as evidenced by sales of property in all portions of the city, it has not been an easy matter to arrive at the "true market value," as required under the law; but we have carefully examined each lot, or parcel of property, and by all other means within our reach, fixed a value thereon, according to our best judgment.

A partial revision of the whole has been made, section by section, and we have done our utmost to equalize values as nearly as possible.

We beg to call your attention to the very large amount of property claimed to be exempt from taxation, aggregating $1,071,920, of which there is considerable rented and producing income, and which according to our construction of the tax law is liable to pay tax.

See section six, page 11, (which reads): "That property held for investment, speculation or for *rent*, shall not be exempt." Also, section 21, which states precisely what shall be exempt.

As an item of interest we have taken account of the number of new houses built during the past twelve months, and find, south of Market street, 200 new houses; north of Market, 212. Total 412.

Very respectfully,
J. G. BURR,
M. CRONLY.
O. G. PARSLEY.

Weather Forecasts.

The following are the weather forecasts for to-day:

For Virginia and North Carolina, generally fair weather, except showers in west portions, stationary temperature, variable winds.

For South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, frequent showers, stationary temperature, except slightly cooler in southern portions, variable winds.

THE 4TH AT CAROLINA BEACH.

"No Miskeeters"—In the Surf—A Good Sea—Dancing—Fayetteville's Colony—Soft Shell Crabs—Bowling Alley—Fireworks—Sixteen Hundred Visitors.

The Sun rising early in the morning—a bad habit it has acquired by years of constant practice—saw a lone figure whose arms seemed to beat the air. Says the Sun, who is genial, strikes acquaintances everywhere and whenever seen is up to whatever is going on: "Skeeters bad Jimmy?" "Miskeeters, did ye say; miskeeties? There is no miskeeties at the Beach. Plaze attind to ye own business." And "attind" to it he did, and made as lovely a day as any one could wish for.

Everything was astir early and making preparations for the day. People began coming in by ten o'clock and from that hour till the afternoon train, the crowd grew larger and larger.

THE FIRST ARRIVALS

sought the surf at once, and were the forerunners of a mighty crowd that late in the afternoon lined the Beach in colors more varied than the rainbow, and suits as different as the wearers.

There was a good sea and the water was pleasant and beautifully blue.

By noon the Beach was crowded. Dancing began early and the ball room at the hotel was soon thronged with merry dancers who kept time to the music of Miller's band or listened with delight to their playing. It would be difficult to say with certainty which were the more pleased, the dancers or the listeners, both seemed more than content and their bright faces added to the charms of the music.

Wilmington is to be congratulated upon having such musicians, and the attention they attract sufficiently attests the pleasure they afford.

THE FAYETTEVILLE COLONY.

Moving from place to place, and from crowd to crowd, one meets members of the Fayetteville colony everywhere, and passing on to the next, the first thought that arises is. "Are all the people from Fayetteville, pleasant, pretty and agreeable; or do they only send off their pleasantest and keep the others at home?" The pavilion seemed to be the abiding place of those who had brought lunches.

In parties they were scattered all about the building—each party with a general fund of lunch upon which each member drew with astonishing celerity and wonderful regularity. Free from care, light hearted, in the delightful salt air, one can eat the horns off of

A BRASS BILLY GOAT.

With brightness all about them they smiled with satisfaction and enjoyed the day thoroughly.

Said Joe Hinton, when asked how many people had been at the hotel: "Don't ask to-day old man. I haven't time. All Wilmington is here and all hungry. From early dinner until late tea and the last train interest in the dining room never flagged. Soft shell crabs, fish and the other delightful things which the Hintons know how to prepare so well, seemed to float in from the kitchen only to disappear by the counter, in the society of the person who could not have felt better, unless he had been twins. They gave a good dinner, a fine supper, and pleased all.

FUN AT KURE'S.

Fun was going on all day at Kure's bowling alley, and kept up long after the last train had left. Dressed in flags and banners his place was bright and inviting and the boys soon found him out. With dancing, bathing, fishing and eating, the morning ran swiftly on to afternoon when the crowd was swelled by the arrival of the afternoon train with about five hundred visitors.

This was the time when the largest number was present, and looking along the beach for about one mile it seemed alive with people and the surf seemed speckled with bathers.

At 5.30 the first train home was packed, yet when it had left it seemed to make no difference in the number of people that remained over for the fireworks. These, under skillful management, towards nightfall lent a new beauty to the place, and closed in phosphorescent brightness a day that had been perfect in every way.

As to the general result—the crowd was large, probably a greater number than had visited the Beach on a similar occasion—was well behaved and seemed to be in holiday humor all the time.

In number there must have been about

SIXTEEN HUNDRED VISITORS,

and these were brought down and carried back, without delay, confusion or mishap of any kind.

Great credit is due the management for the regularity and promptness with which the trains were run, and the provision made for the accommodation and safety of visitors.

The last train left at nine, and just after ten the *Wilmington* landed the last load and closed with increased success and pleasure another Fourth of July for the Beach.

— The steam yacht *Julia* bound North put in Sunday for coal.

GAYETY AT THE SEASHORE.

A Great Day at the Hammocks and Ocean View—Five Thousand Visitors—Fishing and Frolicking—Feasting and Fireworks.

The crowd of pleasure-seekers and holiday makers that took their day's outing on the ever-glorious Fourth at the Hammocks, Wrightsville and Ocean View, is reasonably estimated at 5,000. Trains of eight and nine coaches filled with people went down from the city at brief intervals throughout the day. At Ocean View they filled the pavilions, the hotels and the restaurants, and swarmed along the shore, enjoying the sea breeze and finding amusement in watching the hundreds of bathers that bobbed up and down in the sounding surf that all day long surged upon the beach, The venders of ice cream and iced drinks, and the restaurants had all they could do to supply the demands of the multitude.

GOOD FISHING.

There was good fishing off shore, and the three or four skiffs employed for this purpose made repeated trips, bringing in hundreds of fine fish that fluttered in quick time from surf to frying-pan to feed the hungry visitors.

AT THE HAMMOCKS.

The Island Beach hotel at the Hammocks was overwhelmed with guests, and landlord Hunter and his attendants had all they could do to attend to their wants. The cooking range of the hotel, was, however, too limited to meet the demands upon it, and the proprietor was compelled to call a halt and generously offered to refund the price of the meal to those who were not satisfactorily served. A new range is to be put in at once of a size that is hoped will be equal to all demands upon it.

The new addition to the hotel, which covers a front of at least six hundred feet, is rapidly approaching completion, as is the building erected for a dance-hall.

In the afternoon the 2d Regiment Band assembled on the lawn in front of the hotel and for an hour or two delighted the crowd of listeners with some fine music.

FIREWORKS.

After the supper hour at the hotel was over a magnificent display of fireworks was given by the Seacoast Company across the channel from the hotel, which was viewed with delight by the great crowds assembled on the veranda of the hotel and on the long gangway that crosses the channel.

THE THEATRE

was not open. Delay in procuring lumber and other material necessary for the purpose stopped the workmen, and it will take probably several days yet to have everything in readiness for a first performance.

The enjoyment of the evening until the departure of the late trains was prolonged by the fine band at the hotel, which played in the stand in the pavilion, affording music for a dance which many engaged in.

DOWN THE RIVER.

Fishing at the Rocks—A Gala Day at Southport.

THE PASSPORT

had a busy day. At 9 a. m. she carried down a large number of people for Carolina Beach, The Rocks and Southport; and on her last trip up, after taking on a part of the Carolina Beach crowd, she had about all she wanted. Capt. Sellers seemed delighted, and was unremitting in his attentions to the passengers. She reached Wilmington at 9.15 p. m.

THE FISHERMEN.

The STAR could not secure a list of the casualties among the finny tribes at other points; but the anglers at Carolina Beach and the Rocks who used rod and line did not have their usual good luck. About two miles off the Beach, however, the hand-liners bagged 1,500 pig fish, besides many other varieties. Coming back on the *Passport*, John Sellers gravely asserted that Jim Taylor caught a trout that was four feet long. Some of his auditors hesitated to accept this anecdote; but John was quick to announce that he had often seen trout five feet long. John took the prize for the finest fish fabrication of the day.

AT SOUTHPORT.

At 10 o'clock the all-free sailing race came off. The first prize was won by the *Mary Ann Bertha*, Capt. Atkinson; second prize, *Irene*, Capt. Jake Thompson.

At. 12 o'clock the *Passport* arrived, bringing about 200 visitors to spend the day.

At 12.30 p. m. the grand batteau sailing race began. It was an exciting event and ended with much applause by the spectators. The first prize was won by the *Volunteer*, Capt. T. Fulcher; the second by the *Grove*, Capt. Jas. Burriss.

The crowd then adjourned to Franklin Square, where the exercises of the day took place. A procession, in which 44 young ladies represented the various States was the leading feature. The band played and after prayer and singing Mr. S. P. Tharp read the Declaration of Independence and Hon. Alfred Rowland delivered an oration which was highly commended by all.

At night there was a beautiful display of firework, and an open air concert by the band.

THE WHITE-WINGED.

Two Fine Races at Wrightsville—The "Idler" and the "Vixen," the Victors—A Gangway Collapses, but Nobody Hurt.

Two very pleasant and exciting yacht races were sailed on the 4th of July by members of the Carolina Yacht Club, at Wrightsville, over an eight-mile course in the Banks' and Mott's channels. The first race was sailed in the forenoon between the "Idler," Capt. Pembroke Jones, and the "Peggoty," Capt. Fred. Kidder, in which the "Idler" was the winning yacht, making the course in one hour and fifty-five minutes. Much interest was taken in this race, as it was sailed to settle a dispute between the crews of the two boats. Both were rigged in full racing sails and well manned.

The afternoon race began at 4.30, with eight yachts in the contest. A fair breeze was blowing from the southwest, and every one present expected to see an exciting race, which was soon realized.

All the yachts sailed well, and it was often hard to distinguish which was ahead until they had rounded the first buoy. On the home stretch the "Vixen," of Wrightsville, was well in the lead, followed next by the "Phantom," of Masonboro, and these were the two first to come in.

The boats in the race, with the time made by each, are as follows:

Yacht.	Captain.	Time.
1. Vixen,	John H. Daniel	1:33.24
2. Phantom,	R. L. Williams	1:38.30
3. Mascott,	George Parsley	1:39.00
4. Lillian	Florence, H. M. Bowden	1:47.00
5. Mamie B,	O. Fennell	1:47.17
6. Little Alice,	F. A. Lord	1:52.00
7. Bubble,	Master Fred. Giles	1:55.50
8. Hermit,	Master John Metts	2:00.00

About 500 persons witnessed the race, of which the larger number were ladies, all of whom kept up a merry chatter as their favorite yachts would seem to gain or lose.

After the race was over the crowd repaired to the spacious Club House, where, by special invitation of the Regatta Committee, Mr. George Kidder, in a handsome and clever specch, awarded the prizes to the captains of the winning boats, viz:

First class—A mirror set in silver to Capt. John H. Daniel, which was accepted and responded to by Mr. Junius Davis, who, among other things, said that 'he would not tell what the young and handsome captain had said about the vixens, but that he could safely say that if there was anything that Capt. Daniel liked more than one girl it was two."

The second class prize was (as expressed by Mr. Kidder) a "silver pot for long sweetness," to Capt. H. M. Bowden.

The third class prize—a silver waiter to Capt, Fennell.

Both Capt. Bowden and Capt. Fennell responded in short speeches.

Just as the "Vixen" landed the gangway, which was crowded with ladies began to give way, but through the efforts of the gentlemen present the crowd was quietly moved off and no damage was done.

The judges were Messrs. W. C. Jones, J. K. Williams and Geo. Rountree, who gave perfect satisfaction in all their decisions.

THE DIRECT TAX.

Lists Received and the Clerk of the Superior Court Ready to Make Out the Papers.

Col. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, received yesterday from Raleigh the Direct Tax list for New Hanover county, from which he is prepared to issue certificates. The total amount due New Hanover (including Pender county) is $29,309.32, apportioned as follows:

Wilmington district, $21,820.21; Long Creek, $496.45; Federal Point and Masonboro, $470.04; Middle Sound $273.12; Topsail, $1,661.20; Rocky Point, $838.54; South Washington, $1,061.60; Tpper Black river, $1,114.23; Lower Black river, $870.13; Caintuck, $283.77.

The following have been agreed upon as the fees to be charged by the Superior Court Clerks for the work they have to perform under the law, viz:

For Certificate and Seal on Applications, including affidavits of both witnesses,	$ .25
For Letters of Administration, when the fund amounts to $25.00 or more, ...	The usual fee
For Letters of Administration where the fund is under $55.00 and over $5.00,	$1.00
For Letters of Administration where the fund is $5 or under, ...	No fee.

A Crazy Woman.

Sallie Moore, a crazy colored woman, entered the residence of Dr. Anderson, corner of Fourth and Orange streets, yesterday afternoon and set to work taking up carpets and upsetting furniture. Dr. Anderson was in his office and hearing the hubbub went in the house and asked the woman what she was doing. She told the Doctor she had been engaged to "clean up," and refused to stop. Police officer Howland was then called in and arrested the woman. She submitted quietly and was marched off to the City Hall and locked up. She has before been arrested as insane, but was subsequently released.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Regular Monthly Meeting—Various Matters Discussed—The Tax Levy—Repeal of the Ordinance Against Trotting Horses Around Street Corners.

The Board of Aldermen met yesterday afternoon in regular monthly session.

Alderman Post, from the Committee on Finance, reported that the committee had under consideration the matter of reduction of the tax rate, but they had not sufficient information upon which to make reduction; they were satisfied that the tax would be reduced to 1½ per cent. at least, but could not speak definitely until the County Commissioners had acted upon applications that would be made for reduction of assessments.

The Mayor reported that the work of improving Market street was progressing satisfactorily. The street for about seven blocks had been covered at an expense of $650. The committee proposed this Fall to make a permaneut shell road to the turnpike at an estimated cost of $1,250.

The reports of the Chief of the Fire Department and the Superintendent of Health were read and ordered to be filed.

Col. A. M. Waddell appeared before the Board as attorney for Mr. Bryan Turlington, late Clerk of Front street market, and asked to have referred to the City Attorney and Committee on Finance a question as to the tenure of office of city officials—whether an officer elected for a given term and having furnished bond for the peformance of his duties, could be removed before the expiration of his term at the pleasure of the Board. The matter was so referred.

Mr. M. Judge made application for permission for his son—a cripple—to use a bicycle on the sidewalks.

On motion of Alderman Fowler the petition was referred to the Mayor with power to act.

Alderman Fishblate asked if drays had been numbered in compliance with the city ordinance and special instructions.

The Chief of Police said that so far 287 drays had been numbered and he did not think that there were three hundred drays in the city.

It was suggested that the numbers should be placed on both sides of a dray, as the ordinance requires.

Alderman Fowler, from the Market Committee, called attention to the necessity of repairs to Front street market house. The brick pavement, he said, was undermined by rats. He suggested that a concrete pavement should be laid, and moved for an appropriation of $1,750 for this purpose.

The Mayor and Alderman Post approved the recommendation, and the motion of Alderman Fowler was adopted.

The Mayor called attention to the necessity of electing a Mayor pro tem., as Alderman Adrian's term therefor had nearly expired.

On Alderman Fowler's motion, Alderman Post was elected Mayor pro tem. for six months from the termination of Alderman Adrian's term.

Alderman Post spoke in regard to the docks that were filling up with sand and foul matter from drains and sewers. He had made an estimate and found that it would cost $500 to repair the public sewers and drains emptying into the docks and extending their outlet to tide-level. To dredge the docks would cost $2,000 more, but the committee did not propose to go into this now.

Alderman Post's motion to appropriate $500 for the purpose mentioned was adopted.

Alderman Bell called attention to the ordinance prohibiting horses being driven at a trot around street corners, and suggested that it be reconsidered or modified.

After discussion of the matter, Alderman Nixon moved that the ordinance be repealed, and the motion prevailed—the vote standing 4 to 4 and the Mayor voting aye.

Aldermen Nixon offered a resolution reciting that members of the Board should receive compensation for their services, and asked its reference to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Fishblate objected. He said that the present mem bers of the Board had been elected and accepted office without any idea of pay; and it was not proper that such resolution should be entertained.

After further discussion, the Mayor ruled that the resolution was not properly before the Board, and it was passed over, after Alderman Nixon had asked leave to withdraw it.

The petition of street hands for increased pay was referred to the Committee on Streets and Wharves.

The Mayor appointed as Committee on Parks, Aldermen Thomas, Fowler and Ricaud.

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., 74°; 8 p. m., 79°; maximum temperature, 84°; minimum, 68°; average 76; prevailing wind, south. Total rainfall .0.