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## OUTLINES.

The House of Representatives was not in session yesterday; in the Senate a communication from the Court of Claims was debated; the Senate confirmed the nomination of S. B. Elkins to be Secretary of War. The conversion of dollar bullion into standard silver dollars at the U. S. Treasury has been completed, and the coinage of standard silver dollars is at an end.

The U. S. Consul at Laredo reports a troop of U. S. cavalry surrounded near Fort Mackintosh, Texas, by a large force of Mexican insurgents. A serious type of influenza, causing many deaths, is reported in Westmoreland county, Eng. The steamer West Coast was wrecked at Point Arena, Cal., and nine of her crew were drowned.

Changes in the management of affairs of the Richmond Terminal it is understood have been agreed upon. The steamship Abyssinia of the Guion Line, from New York for Liverpool, is reported to have been burned at sea; all on board saved. New York markets: Money easy at 2 1/2 to 3 per cent., closing offered at 2 1/2 per cent.; cotton quiet; middling uplands 7 15-16 cents; middling Orleans 8 5-16 cents; Southern flour quoted dull and heavy; common to fair extra \$5 3/4 to 4 1/2; wheat lower, with free sellers and moderately active; No. 2 red \$1 05 1/2 to 1 05 3/4 in store and at elevator; corn lower, irregular and fairly active; No. 2 55 to 55 1/2 cents at elevator; rosin steady and quiet; strained, common to good, \$1 35 to 1 40; spirits turpentine quiet and firm at 33 3/4 to 34 1/4.

D. Cade is a candidate for Judge in Sonoma county, Cal. There's nothing green about him.

Twenty-two papers in Kansas are edited by women and the last one of them believes in home rule.

Boston has discovered bacteria in the milk supplied by milkmen. The town pumps need looking after.

Senator Colquitt, of Georgia, is not going into a decline, that is he says he has no notion of declining to serve longer as Senator.

Some New Jersey men declare that they saw a triple rainbow the other day. There is no telling what a man can't see who lives on intimate terms with Jersey applejack.

Sir Edwin Arnold says that in his writings of thirty years he can't recall a single sentence that he would wish to erase. He has probably forgotten most of what he has written.

A committee of ladies appointed at Van Lue, Ohio, to distribute alms, report that they can't find any poor in that vicinity. They were either poor searchers or Van Lue is a decidedly unique locality.

The wife of Lieut. Borup, of the U. S. Legation in Paris, is one of the few ladies who have made the ascent of Mount Blanc. In the climb she bore up well until she got there and stood in triumph on the top-most crust.

If the Keeley bichloride cure continues to run out the way it is reported to be doing, and pans out in the European branch establishments the Doctor is arranging for as its do-in this country, in a few years he can do the clever thing and pay off our national debt without feeling it.

The fire insurance men of Chicago, are trying to discourage the erection of sky-scraping buildings by raising the rates of insurance in proportion to the raising of the stories. The usual rate on ordinary buildings is 90 cents but they have drawn the line on buildings over nine stories high by making a rate of \$3.15.

By his recent purchase of 3,001 square leagues in Argentina by Baron Hirsch, he becomes the owner of a tract of 17,285,760 acres, and is the largest individual land owner in the world. It cost him about eight cents an acre. He bought it for the purpose of colonizing the persecuted Jews of Russia and other European countries.

Mr. Chandonine, the French journalist whose expulsion from Bulgaria has led to the jar between France and that country, is no sardine. He is looming up into the proportions of a whale, and France hints that if Bulgaria don't revoke the decree of expulsion and make the amende, she may have to whale Bulgaria. In the meantime Mr. Chandonine is getting a good deal of free advertising, which few newspaper men object to.

## THE MORNING STAR.

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## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

—Mr. Theodore Sessoms, of Bladen county, is in the city.

—Maj. John D. Shaw, of Rockingham, reached here last night.

—Mr. George Harris, one of the grip sufferers, was able to be out yesterday.

—Mr. Henry Myer, of New York, is on a visit to his uncle, Fire Chief Martin Newman.

—Messrs. J. A. Dew and F. P. Flynn, of Viola, are laying in holiday goods in the city.

—Mr. Paul F. Faison, a prominent citizen of Raleigh, is in the city, registered at the Orton.

—Messrs. E. M. Johnson, of Willard, and J. O. Carr, of Wallace, are in the city on mercantile business.

—Miss Olivia Penny, daughter of Mr. B. F. Penny, is home from school at Wilson, N. C., for the holidays.

—Miss Lizzie Potts, daughter of Mr. Sam Potts, of Lake Waccamaw, is in the city visiting Mrs. W. N. Cronly.

—Miss Lizzie Struthers, who has been attending school at Greensboro, is spending Christmas with her parents in this city.

—Mr. E. Lilly is still confined to the house, but has nearly recovered from his recent attack of the all-prevailing grip.

—Messrs. Robert Fowler, Lee Solomon and Isadore Bear, of this city have returned from Davis School for Christmas.

—Messrs. M. Cronly, Sr., and Wilkes Morris, have both "loosened their grip" and appeared at their place of business yesterday.

—Messrs. Shade Wooten, of Clarkton, J. T. Collins, of Burgaw, and T. H. Hale, of Elizabethtown, all merchants, are looking for Christmas goods.

—Mr. J. H. Johnson, an enterprising merchant and cotton buyer of Tarboro, was in the city last night for a few hours, returning on the late train North.

—Messrs. R. T. Butler, Cincinnati; J. R. Morris, Miss Julia Hood, A. R. Tysor, Baltimore; R. K. Buckland, Detroit, were among the arrivals at The Purcell yesterday.

—Messrs. L. L. Mallard, of Dupin Roads, Robert James, of Chincupin, and J. L. James, of Wallace, were among wholesalers yesterday increasing their stocks.

—Messrs. Joe W. Yates, John D. Bellamy, Jr., and W. R. Kenan, Jr., attending the State University at Chapel Hill, are in the city spending their vacation with their families.

—Capt. V. V. Richardson, of Whiteville, was here yesterday. His health is not yet fully restored, and he contemplates a trip to some of the mineral springs in a few weeks.

—Messrs. Clayton Giles, Pride Thomas, Arthur Belden and Wm. Bellamy, attending Horner's School at Oxford, have returned, and will spend Christmas with their families.

—Reports from Bishop Watson, of the Diocese of East Carolina, who has been quite sick at Chocowinity, are that he is better, although still confined to his bed and much prostrated.

—Messrs. T. J. Bose, H. G. Silvertown, R. H. Butler, J. W. Steele, New York; D. C. Campbell, Augusta; J. D. Day, Cincinnati; J. E. Nowlin, Baltimore, were among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. G. M. Busey, Secretary in charge of the Y. M. C. A. in this city, who was called last Thursday to the bedside of his sick father, in West Virginia, has not been heard from for some time. Prayers were offered for the sick father, by request, last Sunday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. meeting.

—The following were among the arrivals in the city yesterday: L. L. Mallard, Mallard, Wallace; E. A. Pate, Pates; G. A. Graham, Folsom; J. H. Clark, Clarkton; E. M. Johnson, Willard; W. S. Rhodes, Rocky Point; B. C. Clark, Clarkton; Geo. B. McLeod, Lumberton; J. H. Johnson, Tarboro; Bruce Williams, Burgaw.

Probably Defeated.

The vote in Brunswick county yesterday on the \$100,000 subscription to the Brunswick, Western & Southern Railroad shows the measure was probably defeated.

The returns that could be obtained last night were too meagre to indicate positively; but to be successful a majority of the registered voters must be obtained, so the vote, so far as ascertained, is given and the number of registered voters.

Southport township, for subscription 260—registered vote about 450. Town Creek township, for subscription, 197; registered vote about 460. Northwest township, 13 votes for subscription.

No returns from Shallotte, Lockwood's Folly and Waccamaw townships.

## AFFAIRS AT RALEIGH.

FACTS AND RUMORS ABOUT MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

La Grippe in Full Force—The State Departments and the Holidays—Farmers' Alliance—The Exposition, Etc.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 22.—It can well be doubted if at any time during the present decade there has been as much sickness in Raleigh as at this time. The grippe has reached us in full force, and there are but few families in which some of the members are not afflicted. It is a consolation, however, to know, that so far, the fatality has been small, except in cases where the patients had reached old age.

Business at the different State Departments has virtually closed until after the holidays. Gov. Holt has left for his home in Alamance, and will not return until the middle or last of next week, unless called by extraordinary business. Arguments before the Supreme Court have ended, and the Justices are maturely deliberating on opinions.

There has still been no movement looking to a representative from Raleigh at the San Antonio conference to establish the permanent inter-State Exposition. It is but candid to state that there is a general unconcern about the matter in this community, almost inexcusable, unless it arises from a deep-set prejudice against the recent official management. It is fair to presume that under a new deal, a different state of feeling might exist. In this connection it may be well to say that the scheme to procure a suitable site in the city limits for a permanent museum as suggested by Gen. Chilton, is likely to prove a failure, from the fact that no authority can be found in the absence of the General Assembly, to secure either of the vacant squares.

Your correspondent has made diligent inquiry relative to the report that the State Alliance had determined to commence the issue of a daily paper here in the near future. It is true that the matter has been the subject of an informal talk, with nothing like definite results. It probably gained credence from a rumor that Hal. Ayer, the former secretary of Col. Polk, had decided to return here to embark in journalism. This rumor, in your correspondent's opinion, has no good foundation.

The establishment of an Agricultural and Mechanical department at Shaw (colored) University, here, is proving a success. During the session now about to close there were sixty-two students. The shops for instruction in wood work have been in operation for several months, and the foundation for a blacksmith shop has just been laid. The college, altogether, is in a most flourishing condition.

The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will give a dinner on Christmas day to the inmates of the county poor house, five miles from this city.

Plans for the erection of a new and elegant building for the congregation of the First Presbyterian church here have been dropped, the present edifice is the oldest in Raleigh.

Death of an Old Citizen.

Mr. David Caswell, one of the oldest citizens of Wilmington, died at his residence in this city yesterday morning in the seventy-seventh year of his age. We are not sure whether he was born in Sampson or Bladen county, but for more than fifty years he has been a respected resident of this city, and a familiar figure upon our streets. Prior to the war he was engaged in the lumber business and was quite successful, but reverses overtook him and his latter days were clouded by trials and disappointments. For many years he was a consistent member of the First Baptist Church of this city, and died in the comforting assurance of a blissful immortality.

He was an amiable, kind hearted man, with tender sympathies and generous impulses. He had an enemy in the world, we doubt, for during his long life he tried as far as in him lay to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with his God. For years past he has been deputy clerk of the U. S. District Court for this district.

The funeral services are announced to take place this afternoon at half-past 8 o'clock from the First Baptist church.

The Purcell.

Mr. C. T. Bennett is announced as manager of the Purcell House. Mr. Bennett is a gentleman of large experience in hotel management, and is highly recommended by some of the best hotel men in the country. In addition to these qualifications, he is courteous and polite, and is always attentive to the comfort of his guests.

Mr. W. H. Capel, who has been appointed chief clerk, was for seven years bookkeeper of the Atlantic Coast Line hotel at Weldon, and is strongly endorsed as to general qualifications by his former employers.

The Purcell is backed by ample capital, and is under excellent management throughout.

Death of the Wife of Rev. B. B. John.

Information was received by the STAR yesterday of the death of Mrs. B. B. John, wife of the Presiding Elder in the Washington District M. E. church, at their home in Greenville yesterday after two weeks' illness.

She was a most estimable lady and leaves two small children.

Her remains will be interred in Chat-ham county.

## COTTON FACTS AND FIGURES.

—Net receipts of cotton yesterday at all U. S. ports 60,825 bales.

—Receipts of cotton yesterday 1,089 bales; last year same date, receipts 644 bales.

—New York futures market opened and closed steady, with sales of 102,100 bales. December opened at 7.58 and closed at 7.58; January, 7.62 and closed at 7.65; February, 7.78 and closed at 7.82; March, 7.94 and closed at 7.97.

—No change of importance in either market or movement is expected until after the new year. After that time the market will be acutely sensitive to receipts. Last year, from the first of January until the 1st of June, the total quantity of cotton coming into sight was 2,573,000 bales. In 1885, during the same period, only 1,600,000 bales were received. A similar difference this year would give us a crop of 7,600,000 bales. A movement equal to last year's would mean a crop of about 9,100,000. The room for difference of opinion and possible changes in value is apparent.

—Augusta Chronicle: Farmers in this section are especially hurt by the situation, because the low prices come on top of a short crop, so that while cotton is selling unprecedentedly low they have only a small quantity to sell even at the low prices, while their guano and other bills are as large as usual. Their liabilities are greatly curtailed. In Texas they are not so badly hurt, because they have comparatively no fertilizers to buy, and they have made a tremendous crop. Though prices are very low they have so much to sell that their income is large anyway, but here prices are low and the farmers have very little to sell.

—Charleston News and Courier: Upon all the wharves, in all the warehouses and in all the presses thousands upon thousands of bales of cotton are now lying, held for a rise in prices, and in the cotton this is tied up, in round numbers, one and a half million dollars.

It is estimated that the amount of cotton held in this city for better prices is about fifty thousand bales, of which forty thousand bales are owned by the factors and the remaining ten thousand bales are at the presses and warehouses. Despite the low prices at which cotton is selling the farmers still send it to market and will continue to do so until after the holidays. They want Christmas money and seem determined to get it at any sacrifice.

It is believed by some factors that the bulk of the crop will be marketed by the 1st of January and that receipts will then begin to fall off materially, but then it will be too late to benefit the farmers to any appreciable extent.

## OPERA HOUSE.

Florence Bindley in the "Pay Train."

Florence Bindley filled her engagement at the Opera House last night in the great realistic comedy drama, "The Pay Train."

There was a good crowd present to witness the play. The double role of Florence Bindley, as Bessie Burton and Foxey, captivated the audience, and showed her to be a clever actress, who did her part full justice. Her singing and dancing were fine, and the song, "If the waters could speak as they flow," with an antiphonal accompaniment, was beautiful, and its sadness rendered it more appreciated.

The comic vocal duet, "I will never do it again," by Miss Bindley and Mr. Harry Bell, was received with immense applause.

The almost indescribable scenes, the stopping of the "Pay Train," and the explosion in the mine, were especially good.

Upon the whole, the play was one of the best of the season.

## BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. O. & E. C. R. R.—11 bales cotton. Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—637 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 37 bbls. rosin, 56 bbls. tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—145 bales cotton, 16 casks spirits turpentine, 37 bbls. rosin, 18 bbls. tar. C. F. & Y. V. R. R.—55 bales cotton, 45 casks spirits turpentine, 803 bbls. rosin, 288 bbls. tar.

Steamer Delta—3 casks spirits turpentine, 48 bbls. rosin, 68 bbls. tar. Steamer Lisbon—160 bbls. rosin, 95 bbls. tar.

Steamer Maggie—8 bales cotton, 118 bbls. rosin. Steamer Spray—7 bales cotton, 71 bbls. rosin, 8 bbls. tar.

Per flat—5 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 82 bbls. rosin, 27 bbls. tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,087 bales; spirits turpentine, 117 casks; rosin, 794 bbls; tar, 714 bbls.

Weather Forecast.

The following are the forecasts for today:

For Virginia, cloudy weather with light rain, probably clearing during the day, slightly colder Wednesday night, variable winds.

For South Carolina, occasional showers, east winds and stationary temperature.

For North Carolina, fair, occasional showers in the western portion, east winds, slight changes in temperature.

## RAILROAD NOTES.

—Duluth Tribune: Thus far it is but fair to state that the railroads have shown a commendable desire to meet the public requirements. Give them a chance. The end of the world is not to-morrow.

—Seattle Times: It is certain that even the tremendous speed of 90 miles per hour will not satisfy the mad haste of the world to annihilate time and space, and there is no doubt that the limit has not yet been reached and that with steam or electricity the world will seek to crowd the ordinary doings of a day into an hour, and that records will continue to be broken.

—Philadelphia Record: The State of New York has secured a verdict of \$7,000 against the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company as penalties under the act forbidding the use of stoves in passenger coaches. A few more verdicts of this sort may probably accomplish a reform which public sentiment has only partially effected.

—Augusta Chronicle: Georgia needs more railroads for the development of her agricultural and lumber interests and for her mining and manufacturing resources. She needs more money to build up her industries. But she will not secure either railroads or capital until our Legislature ceases to war on corporate interests. No prudent capitalist will invest money in banks or in railroads until this pernicious agitation is at an end.

Case Against Mr. J. C. Davis.

The case against Mr. John C. Davis for false pretence, which was removed from Justice R. H. Bunting last Wednesday and set for hearing before John J. Fowler, J. P., yesterday at 11 o'clock, at the city court room, was called.

The prisoner himself was not present, as Col. A. M. Waddell, counsel for the State, had agreed to continue the case on account of the absence of Mr. John D. Bellamy, Jr., of counsel for the defence.

Col. Thos. W. Strange appeared for the defendant, and made the motion for continuance.

The case will be called on Tuesday next at 11 o'clock for the preliminary hearing.

Steamboat Launched.

The new steamboat mentioned in the STAR a few days ago, was launched last Saturday at the mouth of Moore's Creek, on Black river, in Pender county, in the presence of a large gathering of people from the surrounding country. Dinner was served by the company, after which, Mr. A. J. Marshall, of this city, who was present, was called upon for a speech and responded happily, thanking those who attended for their services at the launching. The new boat is owned by the Black River Steamboat Company, and will run as a passenger and freight steamer between Wilmington and Point Caswell.

Too Cold for Him.

Mr. Hayes Beatty, formerly living in this city, but lately of Omaha, is welcomed by his friends here. Omaha was too cold for him, and he has returned to spend the winter in this genial climate.

However he is looking in the pink of condition and may return in the spring.

DIED.

CASHWELL.—In this city, on the morning of the 22nd inst. DAVID CASHWELL.

Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church this afternoon (Wednesday) at 3:30 o'clock, thence to Oakdale Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

PECK.—In this city, at 9 o'clock a. m., Sunday, December 20th, 1891, GEORGE A. PECK, aged 52 years and 5 months.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## JUST RECEIVED

A FRESH LOT OF SELECTED FRUITS.

Nuts, Mixed Nuts, Candies, Bananas and Everything Nice for Christmas.

Good people don't forget to call and see me at 113 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. ANTONY FANTOPULA & BRO.

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A SECOND HAND HOE RAILWAY POWER Press; size 31x40. Apply to

W. S. WARROCK, At the STAR Office.

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## BOYS?

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST UPON US, THEN go to HAMME, THE HATTER, for a nice Holiday Hat, Soft or Stiff, Umbrellas, Cases and Rubber Coats. Latest Styles and Lowest Prices. dec 20 tf 26 North Front Street.

## For the Holiday.

JUST RECEIVED A LARGE INVOICE OF Fine Meerschaum and Briar Pipes. Tobacco and Cigars of finest grades. SAM'L BEAR, Sr., 12 Market St. dec 16 tf

## Boy Wanted.

A SMART BOY (NOT TOO SMART) is wanted to feed Ruling Machine and Job Presses. Call at the STAR OFFICE. dec 20 tf

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State of North Carolina.

Superior Court of New Hanover County.

Armstrong, Cator & Co.—Plaintiffs.

vs.

H. M. Bowden—Defendant.

THIS IS AN ACTION BROUGHT TO RECOVER a debt of two hundred and eighty-four and 60/100 dollars owing from the defendant to the plaintiff for goods sold and delivered by the plaintiff to the defendant during the years 1890 and 1891, and a warrant of attachment returnable to the court at the said Superior Court of New Hanover County, to be held at the Court House in Wilmington, N. C., on the sixth Monday before the first Monday in March, 1892, and answer or demur to the complaint herein. Dated this 22nd day of December, 1891.

JNO. D. TAYLOR, Clerk Superior Court, New Hanover County.

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State of North Carolina.

Superior Court of New Hanover County.

The Carolina Rice Milling Company—Plaintiff.

vs.

H. M. Bowden—Defendant.

THIS IS AN ACTION BROUGHT TO RECOVER a debt of one hundred dollars owing from the defendant to the plaintiff for money loaned in advance to him by it on the 18th of Nov. '91 with interest thereon, which debt is subject to a counterclaim in favor of defendant of about two hundred and eleven and 90/100 dollars, and a warrant of attachment returnable to the court at the said Superior Court of New Hanover County, to be held at the Court House in Wilmington, N. C., on the sixth Monday before the first Monday in March, 1892, and answer or demur to the complaint herein. Dated this 21st day of December, 1891.

JNO. D. TAYLOR, Clerk Superior Court, New Hanover County.

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