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OUTLINES

Proceedings in Congress yesterday. Chicago grain and provision market. Cotton spots and futures. Base ball games played yesterday. A negro murderer hanged in Arkansas. W. E. Edmondson, of N. C. appointed chaplain in navy. From Bluefields—The Americans indignant because of arrests made by the Nicaraguan Government.

ABOUT COTTON.

Hubbard, Price & Co.'s Letter-Flattening Reports in Regard to the Crop—Estimated at Nine Million Bales. New York, August 24.—It is evident that the improvement in trade which commenced about a month ago has come to stay, and that all calculations for the future regarding the price of cotton must be based upon the idea of a normal trade from now on.

CITY FINANCES.

Special Meeting Board of Aldermen—A Discount of Five Per Cent. to Be Allowed on Taxes Paid Before September 30th, 1894. The Board of Aldermen met in adjourned session at the City Hall yesterday at noon.

COTTON BAGGING.

Further Advance in Price—The Jute Trust Making Its Last Desperate Effort. In addition to what was recently printed in the STAR about cotton bagging, the Savannah News has this:

AT HILTON PARK THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT.

Prof. Bernier, the wonderful magician, will give two performances at Hilton Park to-day. A matinee, for ladies and children, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and the regular performance at night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Free to all.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sweet Potatoes. Nice Sweet Potatoes on consignment. Call on W. B. COOPER, Wilmington, N. C. Wholesale Grocer & Com. Merchant.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Capt. T. W. Slocumb, of Goldsboro, was in the city yesterday on a business visit. Mr. W. B. Bryant, formerly of this city but now of Wallace, is here visiting friends.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted. The Bureau reports the stage of water in the river at Fayetteville Friday at 8 a. m., 5 feet 6 inches; a fall of 8 inches since previous report.

ABOUT COTTON.

Crop accounts up to the middle of the week have been of the same character as we have before quoted, but since that time there has been a slight change, complaints having been received of rust and blight in Mississippi, and shedding in Alabama and other sections of the cotton belt.

CITY FINANCES.

The Board of Audit and Finance met and concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen, as above stated, and also gave concurrence to the following: To the Board of Audit and Finance: GENTLEMEN—At a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen held this day (August 19th) the following resolution was passed:

COTTON BAGGING.

The Senate bill takes off the duty of 3.25 cents, which was kept by the McKinley Act, and consequently makes the bagging just that much cheaper. As an example of the fact that the trust is going to squeeze the farmer for all it is worth, it may be stated that not a week ago bagging was advanced three-quarters of a cent a yard within four or five days' time.

THE CHURCHES.

Second Advent Church, Elder J. P. King, Pastor, Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning Services at 11 a. m. No services at night.

THE MODERN SOAP.

Never Allow this Soap to Soak in Water. Coal Oil Johnny's Petroleum Soap is made by a novel process which is patented. It is white and transparent. It contains no soda, resin, or tallow. Never boiled. This Soap contains Vaseline and about 10 per cent of glycerine, and has, also, all the improvements known to science.