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APRIL

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Port Annapolis—April 16
Sun Rise..... 6:35 A. M.
Sun Sets..... 6:32 P. M.
Day's Length..... 13 h 58 m
High Water at Southport..... 9:45 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington 11:35 A. M.

The Weather.
U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., April 17.
Meteorological data for yesterday:
Temperature: 9 a. m., 85°; 3 p. m., 70°;
maximum, 80°; minimum, 63°; mean 72°.
Rainfall for the day, —; rainfall for
the month up to date, .39.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
Forecast for Thursday: Fair and
warmer, southerly winds.

OUTLINES.

At Signaw, Mich., a large school
building was blown up by dynamite.
Burglars at Dagonal, Iowa, blew
open the safe of a bank, but were fright-
ened away before they secured any booty.
The safe in the postoffice at East
Palestine, Ohio, was robbed of \$300 in
money and \$500 in stamps. — Robbers
secured \$5,000 from the vault of a
bank at Pierre, Colo. — During the
trial of a case in court at Central City,
Col., a shooting affray occurred, in
which two men were killed and one man
fatally wounded. — Fire at Newbern,
N. C., destroyed a barrel factory, store-
house and cotton gin. — Abraham
Carson, a colored laborer, brutally mur-
dered his twelve-year-old son at Charle-
ston, S. C. — The Treasury gold re-
serve, at the close of business yesterday,
stood at \$136,616,494. — The State
Democratic convention of Missouri met
at Sedalia yesterday. Hon. Wm. H.
Hatch was made temporary chairman
and made a speech in the interest of
free silver; the call of delegates showed
that the only "sound-money" represen-
tatives present are from St. Louis;
during a heated controversy one delegate
threw a glass of water in the face of
another one. — Johnston, the silver
candidate in Alabama, has a majority of
the county delegates. — The Spanish ad-
mission that the Letchumia affair was one
of the most disastrous battles of the war;
cablegrams from Madrid stayed the ex-
ecution of a score of prisoners of war
pending the action of President Cleve-
land. — N. Y. markets: Money on call
easy at 3 1/2 per cent, last loan
at 3, and closing offered at 3; cotton
firm; middling flax 8 1/2; middling
7 1/2; Southern flour was quiet and firm;
common to extra fair \$3.40@3.50, good
to choice \$3.00@3.30; wheat—spot dull
and firm; No. 3 red in store and at
elevator nominal; soft nominal; Corn—
spot dull and firm; No. 2 at eleva-
tor 40c; add 4 1/2; spirits turpentine
in fair demand and steady at 58 1/2@59c;
rosin firm and in good demand; strained,
common to good \$1.90.

The figures show that the single
State of Georgia now has more manu-
facturing establishments than the
whole South had in 1860.

The A. P. A. doesn't like Mr. McKin-
ley and claims that it will have
150 delegates at St. Louis who will
take special pleasure in helping to
knock him out.

When the New York World, which
doesn't like Cleveland, calls him the
logical candidate of the Democratic
party for the next race, it indulges in
some very illogical rot.

Hon. Mark Hanna told a reporter
that he was getting fat doing cam-
paign work. That's what Senator
Chandler has been saying; that he
was getting too much fat.

Very few of the dear money news-
papers seem to have heard the news
from Missouri (especially from St.
Louis) or Alabama. They ought to
enlighten their readers by proving
now that the "free silver czar is
dead."

The great fight for control of the
Chicago convention will be made in
the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa
and Michigan. These four States
will have 132 votes, and the fight for
them will be desperate. The silver
Democrats are confident of carrying
Illinois and Michigan and the
chances favor them in both Indiana
and Iowa.

"Jack the Huggler," who was ar-
rested in Chicago and convicted of
having huffed, without previous
notice, five pretty girls, was fined \$5.
Only \$1 a hug, and pretty girls, too,
is putting the price down pretty low.
On this schedule of prices the pre-
sumption is that Jack will go into
business again as soon as he can
raise another \$5.

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Subscription Rates.

REDUCED TO \$5.00.

BUT NO REDUCTION IN SIZE

OF PAPER,

OR IN QUANTITY OR QUALITY

OF READING MATTER.

REV. DR. HOGE.

WILL HE ACCEPT THE CALL TO THE

SAVANNAH CHURCH?

His Sermons Delivered the Confessions—

He Has Given No Intimation As to

Whether He Will Accept or Decline

the Call.

The STAR sees no reason for doubt-

ing that Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D. D.,

will remain in Wilmington; but repro-

duces the following from the Savannah

Press of the 14th: It will be read
with interest by Dr. Hoge's friends:

The reception to be given this eve-

ning at the Tallair Sunday school build-

ing by the ladies of the Independent

Presbyterian church to Dr. Peyton H.

Hoge will be a very large affair.

The congregation was very much de-

lighted with Dr. Hoge's sermons on
Sunday and especially before him—of
whether or not he will accept the call
that has been made to him. There is
only one feeling among the members
of the church and that is, that in
their choice of Dr. Hoge. It is under-

stood that the young minister, as yet,
has given no intimation as to what his
decision will be. Dr. Hoge is the son
of his people in Wilmington and it
is known that some time ago he re-
fused a call to Baltimore. Whether he
will accept the call to Savannah remains to be
seen.

WHAT THE TALK IS.

A prominent Presbyterian, who is
visiting the city and who is not in any
way connected with the churches here,
stated to the Press this morning:

"I can think of but one thing that
will cause Dr. Hoge to decline the call
to the Independent Presbyterian church,
that is, that this church is not officially
connected with the organization of the
Southern Presbyterian Church. Dr.
Hoge, like his father, is a member of
the Harrisons and Hoges of Virginia—has
always been prominent in the councils
of the church, as well as in the pulpit.
They have been members of the
assemblies and prominent in the church
government. Of course, the pastor of
the Independent church is cut off from
that kind of thing. The Independent
Presbyterian church is the same in faith
and form as the organized Southern
Presbyterian church. They observe
many of the same rites and exercises pre-
scribed by the general assembly and by
the synod of Georgia.

MAY GO IN AGAIN.

"I am told that a large majority of the
younger element of the Independent
church is in favor of becoming once
more a member of the synod and gen-
eral assembly, but that a few of the
older and influential members believe
in adhering to their present name and
unique position."

Housekeepers who want servants
are in the habit of supplying their
needs from the STAR's want column.
Are you looking for a situation?
The STAR's want column will bring
you the best results. One cent a
word. But no ad. taken for less
than 20 cents.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Executors Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTORS OF
the will of Mrs. Anna Christine Deussen,
deceased, I hereby give to all persons having
claims against her estate, to present them to either of us on
or before the 30th day of April, 1896, or thereafter,
as they may see fit, for payment.
F. W. OKTANN,
J. H. ANDREWS, Executors.

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A Combination "Crusader" Bicycle,
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ion Tires. Brand new. Will be sold
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ap 17 f STAR OFFICE.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

Will be presented the Beautiful Realistic Drama
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Seats 75 and 50 cents.
ap 12 f

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Exhibited in Our Window this
Week.

Remember what we sell and where
we keep, 63 1/2 steps east from corner
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VEGETABLE

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to their interest to buy from
Robt. R. Bellamy & Co.,
DRUGGISTS AND SEEDSMEN,
Wilmington, N. C.
Feb 9 f

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here
and There and Briefly Noted.

—Local forecast: Fair, warm
weather, south winds.

—The STAR's Raleigh letter
failed to turn up last night.

—The stage of water in the river
at Fayetteville Tuesday at 8 a. m., was
five feet.

—With Fitz Lee Consul General
to Havana, "La Americana" will have a
good showing.

—"Wang" will be the next at-
traction at the Opera House, appear-
ing here on the 24th inst.

—The monthly meeting of the
Ladies' Auxiliary will be held at the
Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

—The Fair Association Committee
will report to a meeting of subscribers to-
night at the City Hall. All citizens are
urged to attend.

—Another cart-load (more or
less) of responses to the advertisement
of "W. D. A." await him at the STAR
office. Send around the hand-cart again.

—In the table of estimates by
States on the probable division between
silver and gold in the National Demo-
cratic convention, printed in the STAR
yesterday, Delaware should have been
given six votes instead of one.

—It having been determined to
pave the roadway on Princess street,
between Water and Front, the city au-
thorities have an excellent opportunity
of making a trial of vitrified brick. If
they are inclined to consider this sug-
gestion, the STAR will furnish them
with some interesting data, including
cost of vitrified brick.

—A correspondent at Bargaw
writes that Mr. I. B. Scott, whose first
shipment of strawberries was noted in
the STAR last Saturday, has made a
second shipment to Philadelphia which
netted him \$16.00 per crate, or fifty
cents per quart. Our correspondent
adds that berries are ripening very fast
and that there will soon be daily ship-
ments from Bargaw.

Under Two Flags.

The prospect seems fine for a large
audience at the performance to-morrow
night. The presentation of the beau-
tiful drama "Under Two Flags" is as
much a topic of conversation with the
public as fusion or the silver question.
It seems generally understood that a
very stupendous undertaking is nearing
a most successful completion. Don't
fail to be on hand at Yates' book store
this morning early, as the box sheet will
be ready for the rush at 7 o'clock. The
wigs, costumes, etc., have arrived; every-
body and the heavy villain are O. K. in
their parts and we sincerely hope an
empty seat will be a lonely curiosity on
this pleasant occasion.

National Bank of Goldboro.

The Comptroller of the Currency has
approved the application for the Na-
tional Bank of Goldboro, with a capital
of \$50,000. The application was signed
by the following citizens of Goldboro:
William R. Allen, Nathan O'Berry, Wm.
T. Yelverton, D. Robert Korogay, Bro-
dus H. Griffin, William T. Dortch,
Marcellus J. Best, Geo. C. Royall, A.
Roscow, Ernest B. Dewey, Mr. J. W.
Norwood of Wilmington is largely in-
terested in the bank.

The Argus says: "The new bank has
purchased the desirable and valuable
corner on John and Walnut streets from
Lyndon M. Humphrey, on which they
will at once begin the erection of their
banking house."

The Late W. W. Barnes.

Since the interment of the remains of
the late W. W. Barnes in Bellevue cem-
etery, the grave has been visited by a
large number of persons. The floral
decorations have not lost their freshness
and beauty. One special feature about
the floral offerings, which were of sur-
prising magnificence, was that seven of
them were contributed by business
friends in California. Many were given
by commission men now in this section
on business. Mr. Barnes being one of
the old hands in that business and was
well known among them. The other
designs were from friends here. They
were very pretty.

Last of the Season.

The Queen City Pleasure Club will
give a grand ball at the Adriatic Hall,
Monday evening, April 20th, and as it
will be the last of the season, everything
possible will be done to make it the
best. The committee of arrangements
consists of Messrs. J. W. Blomme, R. A.
Curtis and W. H. Coleman, all business
men of the city, and distinguished hono-
rable High School with distinguished hono-
rable. To prevent disappointments, the STAR
calls attention to the fact that no star
can go to this ball unless his "Summer
girl" is with him.

City Affairs.

A caucus of the Democratic members
of the Board of Aldermen was held last
evening to consider the request of the
Board of Audit and Finance that the
city for the fiscal year ending March
31, 1897, be reduced to \$87,000, or less.
If the reduction is made, it is said that
one of the items that will have to be
stricken out is the appropriation for
paving Princess street from Water to
Front with Belgian blocks.

A joint meeting of the two Boards will
be held to-morrow afternoon for further
consideration of the matter.

Improvements at the Y. M. C. A.

Workmen are busy with the audo-
rium of the Y. M. C. A. building, putting
in a paneled ceiling. The Ladies' Aux-
iliary expect to have the walls tinted,
make improvements to the platform and
dressing-rooms, and some alterations to
the lighting arrangements. The changes
contemplated and already under way will
make the room a very pleasant one.

SUPERIOR COURT.

TRIAL OF A CASE OF GREAT INTEREST
IN THE COMMUNITY.

Re-Polemics Holmes Charged With Assault
and Battery With a Deadly Weapon
Upon Mr. E. F. Hamme—The Testimony
—Case Submitted to the Jury.

Upon the opening of court yesterday
morning the trial of R. F. Holmes and
A. J. Ashe, charged with assault and
battery with a deadly weapon, was re-
sumed. After the jury had been called
into the box, Mr. John D. Bellamy, Jr.,
counsel for the State, stated to the Court
that he wanted to call the Court's atten-
tion to a jury committed Tuesday by a
juror now in the box. That Tuesday
the State had tried by every means to
stand juror John T. Howe (colored)
aside; that when the question was put to
Howe, "Have you paid your taxes for
the year 1894?" Howe's reply was, "I
have." That they had examined the
tax books, which they have in court, and
that they find that John T. Howe still
owes tax for the year 1894.

Attorney White, for the defence, said
he objected to the word "are" being used
in connection with juror Howe, as
Howe when he answered the State's
questions, had not been sworn.

Mr. Bellamy said he wanted to bring
to light a glaring wrong.

Juror Howe said that Mr. Bellamy did
not ask him about his 1894 tax.

Judge Starbuck said by consent he
would let the juror stand aside, or if
counsel did not consent, he would make
a mistrial.

Mr. Sutton, for the defence, said that
they were willing to let the juror stand
aside, but asked that another colored
juror be called in his place.

Judge Starbuck looked at Mr. Sutton
in apparent amazement, and asked him
to repeat his remark.

Mr. Sutton hastily arose and begged
the Court's pardon, saying that he did
not mean it as an order.

After counsel for the State had con-
ferred together, Col. Waddell asked the
Court for a mistrial and a postponement.

Judge Starbuck said it was his duty
to stand the juror aside and let the case
go on.

Mr. Bellamy said the State didn't
want the defendants convicted if they
were not guilty; but "we can't get a jury
from the bystanders." He asked that
the case be postponed; he didn't care
whether it was until next term or only
for a short time; but for time enough to
let a special venire be summoned.

Judge Starbuck ordered the case to
proceed.

Z. E. Marrell was called as the next
juror and was accepted by both sides.

Mr. Bellamy said he would like to
suggest to the jury that a juror be sworn
at the time he enters the box.

At 10 o'clock the trial commenced.
Col. Waddell read the bill of indict-
ment, charging the defendant Holmes
with assault and battery with a metal
knock or pistol, with intent to kill.

The witnesses for the State were then
called and sworn.

The first witness called was Mr. R. F.
Hamme, who testified that he keeps a
hat store at No. 28 North Front street.
On the morning of the 7th of last Feb-
ruary he went down to work about 8:30
o'clock. As so-a he entered his
store Mr. E. C. Moore, his clerk, went
to breakfast. After Mr. Moore had gone
a little girl came into the store and
asked to look at a red Tam O'Shanter
hat with a feather in it. He did not have
a red hat, but showed her a blue one. She
tried on several and then asked if
she might go and warm. When she
was going to the stove Mr. Moore re-
turned from breakfast. After having
warmed the girl left the store, saying
she would go home and get her mother
to buy the hat. Between the hours of 11
and 9 o'clock on the afternoon of the
same day the defendant Holmes came
into his store, with the same girl.
Holmes said, "I came in here to see
about this girl being insulted." I re-
plied that she had not been insulted.
Holmes insisted that she had.

Attorney White here addressed the
Court and said they had not entered a
plea as yet. As to Ashe, he pleaded a
guilty. As to Holmes a former conviction
of assault and battery and not guilty
to the charge of assault and battery with
a deadly weapon.

These pleas were entered, and Mr.
Hamme resumed his testimony. He said:
"I offered to show Holmes the goods
which the girl had picked and did
show them to him. Holmes then
asked the girl what insult I had offered
her. She said I took a liberty with her.
I told Holmes it was not true, where-
upon Holmes struck me, at the same
time calling me a ——— liar. I struck
him back. Holmes then struck me
three times, once over the eye. Ashe
at the same time was standing in the
doorway, thirty or forty feet away. I
first saw Ashe when we commenced
talking. When I struck at Holmes,
Holmes struck me and Ashe came in
right away. I picked up a stick.
Holmes said 'I will kill the G—, d—
scoundrel; he is trying to hit me.' At
the same time he put his hand back to
his hip pocket. Ashe then said, 'This
thing has gone far enough.' At the
same time he took hold of Holmes."

As to the injury Holmes' blows made
Mr. Hamme said his left eye was closed
from the effect of the blows, and that
the eye-lid was split and the flesh cut
to the bone.

On cross-examination, Mr. Hamme
said Ashe didn't hit him nor did he try
to hit him. That the stove, where the
girl went to warm, was in full view from
the street. Ashe was standing in the
doorway at the time of the fight and
didn't come up until it was over. A
justice of the peace came down to the
store and tried him (Hamme) for assault
and battery.

At 10:30 o'clock the State called Dr. T.
B. Kingsbury, editor of the Messenger,
Messrs. DuBruit, Cutler, H. H. Munson
and Harris Upshur. All testified that
they had known Mr. Hamme for a num-
ber of years and that his character was
good.

Dr. T. S. Burbank was then put on
the stand and testified as follows: "I
was called in to see Mr. Hamme after he
had been assaulted, during the early
part of last February. I found a wound
that extended down to the bone."

In reply to a question by Col. Wad-
dell, "Could the wound have been made
with the naked fist?" Dr. Burbank an-
swered, "No, for the reason that if Mr.
Hamme had been struck with the naked
fist the marks would have either been
perpendicular or crossways; but they
were horizontal."

Dr. Burbank further said that he
found three bruises on Mr. Hamme.
"I sewed up his eye," he said. "The
bruises were made with some metal sub-
stance; it would have taken three very
heavy rings to have made the bruises."

E. C. Moore testified: "I am a clerk
in Mr. R. F. Hamme's store. On the
morning of the 7th of last February I
left the store about 8:30 o'clock and
went to my breakfast. When I returned
from breakfast about 9:30 o'clock, I saw
a girl in the store, walking towards the
stove. When I got in the store Mr.
Hamme was sitting at the desk and com-
menced writing. The girl went and
was sitting for about five or ten minutes,
and said that she would return and
purchase the hat. Mr. Hamme, when I
went in, was in full view of the street.
Mr. Hamme did not offer her an insult
while I was present."

J. W. Plummer, Jr., testified: "I work
in an adjoining store to Mr. Hamme's. On
the day of the assault I started for
Princess street about 1:30 o'clock in the
afternoon. I met Holmes and Ashe
going in the direction of Mr. Hamme's
store. Before I reached the corner of
Front and Princess streets I turned and
saw a crowd in front of Mr. Hamme's
store. I went back and saw Holmes
trying to get at Mr. Hamme. He
(Holmes) had his hand in his hip pocket.
I saw the handle of a pistol in the same
pocket in which Holmes put his hand."

John White testified that between the
hours of three and five o'clock on the
afternoon Mr. Hamme was assaulted.
Holmes came up to where witness was
working. Holmes had been drinking.
He said that some one had insulted his
girl and that he had taken. Tony Ashe
and witness which they were going to see
Mr. Hamme, and that Hamme hemmed
and hawed so much over it that he
thought of breaking his neck, and at one
time he did think he would kill him;
that he had his thirty-two with him.

W. C. Smith testified: "On my way
back to work from dinner. When I got in
front of S. A. Schloss & Co's, store, I saw
a man come out of Mr. Hamme's store;
he started back at the store again; I saw
him. Holmes said, 'Let me get
at you.' He was a white man, and he
had a gun in his hand. I recognized Ashe.
Ashe said, 'You can't get back.' I then
stepped into Mr. Hamme's store and saw
Mr. Hamme standing in the store in a
dazed condition. I found Mr. Hamme
had a gash over his left eye. I went and
got Dr. Burbank."

J. W. Miller testified: "I had a con-
versation prior to the difficulty with
Holmes, who told me that some scamp
had insulted his little girl, and he wanted
to ask my advice. I advised him not to
resort to violence."

Mr. Bellamy said that he wanted the
Court to clearly understand that Mr.
Hamme had denied on the stand insult-
ing the girl.

Mr. Hamme was recalled and said he
did not offer any insult to the girl.

The State then rested its case.

The defence asked for time to confer.
After conferring together, Attorney
White announced that the defence
would offer no testimony.

Mr. Bellamy said the State would not
ask for a verdict as to Ashe, who was
found guilty.

Mr. D. B. Sutton opened the argument
for the defence. After Mr. Sutton had
been speaking for about five minutes,
Attorney White asked that the defence
be allowed to introduce a witness as to
former conviction of defendant Holmes;
that he had overlooked this witness
when he announced the defence's readi-
ness.

Mr. Bellamy objected.

Judge Starbuck said he would allow
the defence to introduce the witness.

Geo. Price, counsel for the defence,
then called the witness, who testified
that he was a justice of the peace of
New Hanover county. That Holmes
was arrested on the same day of the
assault, a short time afterwards. The
affidavit and warrant upon which
Holmes was arrested for assault and
battery upon Mr. Hamme and found
guilty before Justice Price, were put in
evidence.

Argument was then resumed, and
Mr. Iredell Meares opened for the State
and was followed by Messrs. Sutton and
White for the defence.

The Court then took recess until 8
o'clock in the afternoon.

When the afternoon session com-
menced Mr. Bellamy made the closing
argument for the State.

Judge Starbuck then delivered his
charge, and at 4 p. m. the jury retired.
At 5:15 p. m. the jury asked for in-
structions, and were brought into Court
and received instructions from the Judge.

OTHER CASES.

In the case of Mack Baldwin and
John McPherson, colored men charged
with highway robbery, the jury being
unable to find a verdict, were discharged
and "hung" returned upon the docket.

John Phillips and Lizze Lucas (both
colored) charged with assault and bat-
tery on Mr. H. L. Tharp, Phillips sub-
mitted and was sentenced to twelve
months imprisonment in the county jail.

Up to midnight the jury in the
Holmes case had failed to find a verdict.

If there is anything you want,
advertise for it. Is there anything you
don't want? Advertise it in the
Business Locals of the STAR. One
cent a word. But no ad. taken for
less than 30 cents.