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The Morning Star. OUTLINES.

Official statement comes from Madrid that report of the Spanish minister of inquiry will show that the disaster to the Maine was due to internal accident, and any demand for indemnity for the disaster to the Maine created much comment in Washington. But the proposed removal of most of the first-class war vessels from Key West to Hampton Roads possesses a significance that is not fully explained. The fact that the Government takes occasion to deny that this is a concession to Spain's protest will rather tend to create a suspicion that it is a part of the diplomatic game now being played. Another item of interest is a bill introduced in the House of Representatives to place the army on a war footing by increasing its strength to 104,000 men. The feature of the day in the Senate was the statement of Senator Proctor, describing what he saw on his recent visit to Cuba. It shows a condition of affairs in that unfortunate island, brought about by the brutality of Spain, that will make humanity shudder. The war fever was so strong in Nebraska even before the Maine was sent to Havana that a young man broke out of the penitentiary to enlist on her. He succeeded and was one of those who escaped in the blow up. They are seeking a pardon for him now, and as his only offence was burglarizing somebody's house they hope to get it. Burlington, Vermont, has a prospective Charlie Ross case. Earl Sheldon, the eight-year old son of wealthy parents, was abducted on the 18th of last month, and notwithstanding a large reward offered for information as to his whereabouts nothing has since been heard from him. Senator Hoar has introduced a bill prohibiting the importation of feathers for ornamental purposes, under a penalty of \$50 for each offence. What we want is protection for our own birds, not foreign birds. If our girls must have feathers better let 'em have foreign feathers and save the natives. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. S. Jewett—Notice. Odd Fellows—Notice. A. Shrier—Man you are after. W. E. Worth & Co.—To the public. PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. Mr. J. O. Stephens, of Concord, is here. Mr. J. A. King, of Topsail, is in the city. Mr. J. W. Brooks, of Southport was here yesterday. Mr. J. D. Mallard, of Wallace, was here yesterday on business. Mr. A. M. Prince, of Holly Springs, spent yesterday in the city. Mr. L. D. Cherry, of Long Branch, arrived in the city yesterday. Miss Nellie High, of Whiteville, is in the city, the guest of Miss Julia Farrell, on Dock street. Mr. Joseph McLanrin, one of the Star's friends at "Quebec," was a welcome visitor at this office yesterday. Mr. Wm. Moncre, of Raleigh, superintendent of the second division of the Seaboard Air Line, was here yesterday. Mrs. P. A. Jones and daughter, Miss Annie, arrived in the city yesterday. Miss Jones is a talented vocalist and will be quite an acquisition to musical circles of Wilmington. Mr. J. J. Crosswell, the clever and capable route agent of the Southern Express Company, was here yesterday. He has been in the strawberry section working up business for the company. Mr. J. Mc. Moore, of Greenville, who for some time has held a position in the auditing department of the Atlantic Coast Line, has resigned on account of bad health and returned to his home. Mr. W. I. Jones, one of the travelling salesmen of the Roanoke Chemical Company, returned to the city after a successful business trip in Western North Carolina and Tennessee. Cheap Advertising. If you wish to advertise at the lowest rates try the department in the STAR, on fourth page, headed "Business Locals." Situations or help wanted, articles lost or found, rooms or houses wanted or to rent, business opportunities, and many other short miscellaneous advertisements are taken for that department at one cent per word for each insertion. But no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents for each insertion. Carolina Central Railroad—2 casks spirits turpentine, 57 bbls rosin, 52 bbls tar. C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—13 casks spirits turpentine, 247 bbls rosin, 39 bbls tar. Steamer Driver—5 casks spirits turpentine, 30 bbls rosin, 138 bbls tar. Steamer W. T. Daggert—5 casks spirits turpentine, 23 bbls rosin, 35 bbls tar. C. Larkins Flat—19 bbls tar. Total—Cotton, 282 bales; spirits turpentine, 32 casks; rosin, 332 bbls; tar, 335 bbls.

THE CUBAN SITUATION.

Some very interesting news will be found in the telegraph department of the STAR this morning. The semi-official announcement that Spain would indignantly reject any demand for indemnity for the disaster to the Maine created much comment in Washington. But the proposed removal of most of the first-class war vessels from Key West to Hampton Roads possesses a significance that is not fully explained. The fact that the Government takes occasion to deny that this is a concession to Spain's protest will rather tend to create a suspicion that it is a part of the diplomatic game now being played. Another item of interest is a bill introduced in the House of Representatives to place the army on a war footing by increasing its strength to 104,000 men. The feature of the day in the Senate was the statement of Senator Proctor, describing what he saw on his recent visit to Cuba. It shows a condition of affairs in that unfortunate island, brought about by the brutality of Spain, that will make humanity shudder.

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LOCAL DOTS.

Rev. A. P. Tyer is confined to his home by sickness. The workmen began on the artesian well yesterday, but their work was mainly in the way of preparation. There will be a meeting of the board of directors of the Merchant's Association at 3 o'clock this afternoon in their office in the Seaboard Air Line building. The STAR is requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy at the W. L. L. armory to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. General Secretary Frank Mahon, of the Charlotte Young Men's Christian Association, writes Secretary Diggs that it will be impossible for him to come next Sunday to lead a series of special meetings for young men. The W. L. L. boys were out for drill last night—the second time this week. They are getting ready for any unpleasantness that may arise. The company is in fine condition, and applications of those who want to become members come in daily. Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co., the veteran ice manufacturers, announce to the public that they are ready to supply ice in quantities to suit. See their ad. for particulars as to prices, etc. The capacity of the plant is eighty-five tons per day. The Fourth street boys and the Chesnut street boys played ball yesterday, resulting in a victory for the latter, 28 to 4. Battery for Chesnut street boys, Crow and Spence; captain, Myers. Battery for Fourth street boys, Orrell and James; captain, Orrell. In reply to a query of the Charlotte News, the STAR states that the report that Nathan Willis, the negro murderer, was burned to death by a mob was false. Willis is still alive; but he was recently convicted in Horry county, S. C., and sentenced to be hanged. Sixteen new members were elected by Linden Grove No. 2, United Ancient Order of Druids. Four were elected at the last meeting. The Grove is making extensive preparations for entertaining the Grand Lodge of this State and Virginia, which convenes here early in June.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Celebration by the Hibernian Benevolent Association of Wilmington.

The interesting exercises. Election of Officers—Celebration at Night in Commemoration of the Rebellion of 1798—Addresses—Vocal and Instrumental Music. There was a touch of green everywhere yesterday. It was St. Patrick's day, and the shamrock was much in evidence. Almost every third man had the lapel of his coat gorgeously decorated in green, others had green neckties, and the ladies showed a decided partiality for costumes in which green predominated. At 9 o'clock the members of the Hibernian Benevolent Society met at their hall and marched three abreast to St. Thomas' pro-cathedral. At the cathedral the usual divine services were conducted, Rev. Father C. Densen preaching an able sermon. He discoursed interestingly on the holy life and the indefatigable zeal of Ireland's patron saint. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Griffin. At the conclusion of the services at the cathedral, the society marched by way of Second, Market, Front and Chesnut streets back to their hall, and the annual business meeting opened. A most interesting and comprehensive report was presented by the president, Mr. Martin O'Brien. It showed the receipts for the past year to have exceeded those of any year in the history of the Association. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered President O'Brien for his painstaking services. Speeches were then made by Rev. Father Quinn, of Goldboro; Mr. T. Donlan, Col. J. L. Cantwell, Mr. Jas. Madden and other. A handsome portrait of Mr. John Dyer, a venerated member, was presented by Mrs. Dyer, the presentation speech being made by Mr. Timothy Donlan. Mr. Jas. Madden accepted the portrait for the society. The election of officers resulted as follows: President—Jno. W. Reilly (Mr. M. O'Brien declining re-election). Vice President—Dr. T. B. Carroll (Mr. Quinn declining re-election). Treasurer—Wm. Sheehan, Jr. Secretary—William Flanagan. Assistant Secretary—F. P. Donlan. Standard Bearer—Robert Green. Col. F. W. Kerchner was elected to honorary membership and there were six additions to the roll of active members. Messrs. John Dyer and Martin O'Brien were elected delegates to the centennial of the Irish Rebellion to be held in Ireland next January. At Night. The exercises at night in jubilee celebration of the great Irish rebellion of 1798 were highly enjoyable. Mr. Jas. Allen and Dr. T. B. Carroll acted as ushers. The American and Irish flags united over the rostrum, and the walls were handsomely decorated in ivy, cedar, palms, ferns and moss. The first number was a piano solo rendered with exquisite skill by Miss Cecilia Quinlan. Mr. M. O'Brien in a few remarks cordially welcomed the audience. Mrs. J. H. Watters, to piano accompaniment by Miss Mary Monk, sang "The Last Rose of Summer"—an old song but a sweet and dear one, especially so when so charmingly sung as last night. "The Day We Celebrate"—this sentiment was eloquently responded to by Col. Jno. L. Cantwell. After referring to good St. Patrick he closed by reading a poem written by Rt. Rev. Dr. John England. Mr. Robert Banks then sang "The Dear Little Shamrock," which of course was just in point. It was greatly regretted that Mayor Wright was prevented from being present to respond to "The City of Wilmington." "The Irish Rebellion of 1798" formed the subject treated by Mr. John Dyer, in his usual scholarly way. It is printed in full on the third page this morning. "The Harp that once thronged Tara's Hall," a vocal solo by Miss Maie O'Connor, was enjoyed, as the songs rendered by the gifted young lady always are. Mr. James Madden, in responding to the toast, "The Land of Our Adoption," referred to our own country. Mr. H. K. Holden followed with a vocal solo, "I Fear no Fox." This was superb. It was left for Mr. T. Donlan to speak on "The Hibernian Benevolent Society," and it is with regret that for want of space his address cannot be printed in full. It was extremely interesting. A vocal solo by Mr. James Reilly, "Come back to Erin," was excellently rendered. Mr. J. W. Reilly spoke eloquently to "The Old North State," and with great appropriateness the next number on the programme was the song, "The Old North State," sung by a quintet of Mrs. J. H. Watters, Miss Maie O'Connor, Marie Banks, and Messrs. Jas. Reilly and H. K. Holden. Mr. J. H. Sweeney made a brief but highly enjoyed address to the ladies, and Miss Maie O'Connor sang "Thy Endearing Sweet Charm." This was followed by impromptu addresses by Rev. Father Griffin, Dennis, Quinn and Col. F. W. Kerchner. The closing number, an instrumental duet by Messrs Carroll and Banks, was exceedingly well rendered. The committee on resolutions reported as follows, "To the Officers and Members of the Hibernian Benevolent Society, GENTLEMEN—Your committee ap-

THE CRIMINAL COURT. It Will Adjourn To-morrow—Ten Cases Disposed of Yesterday—True Bills Returned by Grand Jury.

Judge Sutton is pushing along the business of the Circuit Criminal Court with considerable dispatch. It is settled that Court will adjourn next Saturday, as Solicitor Richardson is to attend Court in Carteret county next week. His Honor, the Judge, will spend the week at home, enjoying a much needed rest. There were ten cases disposed of yesterday. All the defendants were colored. And four were charged with assault and battery with deadly weapon. Gambling and larceny were the other offences charged. During the day the grand jury returned four true bills, three of which were for assault and battery with deadly weapon and one for perjury. The first named offence was charged against Moses Coachman, Elwood Lee and William McLaughlin. Perjury was charged against William Holmes. All colored. Cases tried yesterday were as follows: Ed Wilson, colored, assault and battery with deadly weapon, guilty; motion lodged for a new trial. Moses Coachman, colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, not guilty. A. Smith colored, larceny in two cases, verdict not guilty in both. Janie Smith, nuisance, guilty and judgment suspended on payment of costs. Slokey Wells, colored, gambling, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Jno. Faircloth, colored, assault and battery with deadly weapon, not guilty. There were three cases against Josephine Pigford—one for keeping a gambling house, another for gambling and the third for assault and battery with deadly weapon. She was convicted in each case. Judgment for six months in the county house of correction was pronounced in the case for keeping a gambling house and suspended in the other two. His Honor Judge Sutton declared his intention to deal with special severity in future with persons convicted in his court of keeping gambling houses. Court took a recess at 5.30 o'clock until 10 A. M. to-day. GRACE EPWORTH LEAGUE. An Enjoyable Meeting—Reports from the Departments—Committee Appointed to Nominate Officers. There was an enjoyable meeting of Grace Epworth League last night. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. W. M. Poisson and the president, Mr. Carl H. Schulken, presided. Reports from various committees showed aggressive and effective work in all departments. There was a verbal report from the Devotional Committee. The charity and help department reported the distribution of funds to the poor and visitations to the sick. The literary department report told of an interesting meeting at a private home during the past month and of another to be held April 5th at the home of Mrs. L. A. Blue, on Front street. An interesting programme for the latter occasion was announced. The president appointed a committee to make nominations, at the next meeting, for the semi-annual election of officers. The meeting was closed with two enjoyable entertainment features. Little Miss Alice Craft read a poem from Charles Wesley and Miss Alice Borden read an excellently written original paper on "Whitefield's Life and Preaching."

A "BIRTHDAY PARTY." A Pleasant and Profitable Entertainment by the Oxford League of Fifth Street Church.

It is safe to say that not less than two hundred people patronized the delightful "birthday party," given by the Oxford League of Fifth Street M. E. Church, at the residence of Mrs. J. L. Gwyn, last night. And the creditable sum of \$50 was realized. There was a well rendered musical and literary programme, after which seasonable refreshments were served. A neat stage was improvised in the back parlor. The first feature of the entertainment was a musical selection by a mandolin club composed of Messrs. Chas. V. Motte, Jas. Williams, Stewart Heinsberger, Ed. Warren, Robert Pitt, Willie Odman and Bellamy Harris. The next was "Evening Prayer," rendered by Misses Yvonne Yopp and Lizzie Gardner. Misses Mammie McGirt and Gertrude Wessell executed a piano solo. There was a well rendered dialogue, "A Misunderstanding," by Miss Katie Bell and Sam'l Matthews. "Gypsy Dream," was a pretty tableau, by Misses Mildred Hunt and Sadie Booker. This was succeeded by another selection by the Mandolin Club. Miss Katie Bell recited quite acceptably "Hagar in the Wilderness." Then there was a vocal solo by Mr. Charles V. Motte. And the programme was concluded with the presentation of "Lilliputians," by Miss Sadie Booker and Mr. Geo. Brown. Then followed a joyous social season and the serving of refreshments, which continued until past eleven o'clock. Funeral of the Late Mrs. David. The funeral of Mrs. A. David, which took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, was attended by many friends and acquaintances. The solemn services were conducted by Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, who spoke with great tenderness about the life and character of Mrs. David. He spoke of her devotion to her family, and her great fortitude in her sufferings. She was a true mother, an affectionate wife and a fond friend. The interment was made at the Jewish cemetery at Oakdale, and the grave was covered with beautiful flowers. The following were the pall-bearers: Messrs. N. Jacobi, I. L. Greenwald, S. Solomon, A. Shrier, Sol Bear, Wm. Goodman, L. Bleuthenthal and Julius Hahn. After the services at the cemetery the relatives and immediate friends of the family returned to the residence, where evening prayer was held. DEATHS YESTERDAY. Two of Wilmington's Citizens Passed to Their Final Reward. Mr. H. J. Mints died last night at his residence on Third, between Harnett and Swann streets. He had been for some time watchman at the mill of the Chatham Lumber Company, and always discharged his duties faithfully. He leaves his wife and three children. Deceased was a Confederate veteran, and was prominently identified with Cape Fear Lodge No. 2 I. O. O. F. The funeral will take place from St. Andrew's church this afternoon. Mr. W. T. Sanford died yesterday morning at the residence of his brother, Mr. R. L. Sanford, 807 South Seventh street. He was formerly a resident of South Carolina, but has been living here for several months. The funeral will take place from his brother's residence this afternoon. Hanover Seaside Club. There was a meeting last night of the Executive Committee of the Hanover Seaside Club. The committee on plans and specifications reported. The contract for building the club house will be awarded soon. Articles of agreement for the incorporation of the Hanover Seaside Club were filed with Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, naming the following as incorporators: Messrs. C. F. VonKampen, M. G. Tienkin, J. G. L. Gieschen, M. Rathjen, E. P. Bailey, H. L. Volders, and J. W. Duls. DIED. MINTZ—At 9 o'clock last night, at his residence in this city, Mr. H. J. MINTZ, aged 65 years. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock, from St. Andrew's Church, thence to Bellevue Cemetery.

TO THE PUBLIC!

Notwithstanding we are moving one of our Ice Machines away from here, we still have a capacity to make 85 tons of ice per day, which is four times as much as has ever been consumed in Wilmington, including the Sounds, Beaches and Southport, in any one day. Until further notice we will sell you ice at the following prices: In lots of 10 to 35 Pounds, 35c per 100. In lots of 35 lbs and less than a ton, 25c per 100. In one to two ton lots, \$3.50 per ton. In lots of one ton or over at Factory, \$2.50 ton. We respectfully solicit your patronage.

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New Black Goods, New Black Silks, New Fancy Silks, New Shades Liberty Silks, New Pretty Organdies, New Wash Goods, New Gingham, New Laces. Call and see our assortments before purchasing, all new goods. No last seasons goods to show you. New Carpets, Mattings, Window Shades, Floor Oil Cloth, Trunks, &c., &c., &c. Agents for Standard Patterns and America's leading Corset, W. B. mar 6 tf

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FORAGE. Hay and Peanut Vines.

Corn, Oats, Peas. Don't buy Molasses until you see our FINEST. HALL & PRARSALL, feb 22 tf Wholesale Grocers. The Very Latest Styles in Hair Cutting and the best Shaving in the city may be had at Franking's. Messrs. Hughes and Corwell have not failed in a single instance to give satisfaction. They are beyond a doubt as the Barbers as ever were in the city. If you want proof try them and if their work is not satisfactory it will come your own. Respectfully, A. F. REEVE, mar 18 tf 11 North Front St.

Special Cut on No. 1 Sugar-Cured Hams, 10c Per Lb.

Can't Be Beat. S. W. SANDERS, mar 15 tf AT THE UNLUCKY CORNER. Goods Up to Date. PRICES DOWN TO ZERO. Terms, net cash, no discount, no time, no credit. We will help you get a nest egg in the Building and Loan of the Savings Bank if you will trade with us. The King Grocery Co., B. F. KING, MANAGER, Fourth Street Bridge. mar 15 tf Notice. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING DULY QUALIFIED AS ADMINISTRATOR of the estate of Charles W. Bradley, deceased, hereby give notice to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate to present them for payment on or before the 18th day of March, 1898, at the Lodge room at 4 o'clock. By order of the Noble Grand, J. O. POWERS, mar 16 tf S. JEWETT, Administrator.

Odd Fellows' Notice.

Members of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2 I. O. O. F. You are requested to be in attendance at the funeral of our deceased brother, H. J. MINTZ this afternoon at 5 o'clock, from St. Andrew's Church. Members of sister Lodges and visiting brethren are invited to meet with us at the Lodge room at 4 o'clock. By order of the Noble Grand, J. O. POWERS, mar 18 tf

WEATHER REPORT.

REPORT OF AEROLOGIST, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17. Temperature 8 A. M., 58 deg.; 8 P. M., 56 deg. Maximum, 75 deg.; minimum, 50 deg. Wind, from S. by E. 3 to 5 m.p.h. Rainfall for the day, 0; rainfall for month up to date, 0.99.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The weather is cloudy this evening and the Mississippi valley and thence eastward to Texas and Kansas, where the temperature is lowest. Elsewhere the weather prevails, with a high-pressure center in the lower lake region and extending thence south of Florida light to moderate showers were recorded during the past 12 hours across North Carolina and along the coast northward to Massachusetts, with a low over Mississippi valley and adjacent West. The temperature has risen a few degrees or more since last evening, the lower lake region and the Mississippi valley to Kansas. It is a few degrees or more in North Carolina and North Carolina and the middle Atlantic coast States. A high of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 9.2 feet. Fair to clear, northerly winds.

Part Almanac—March 18.

6:08 A. M. Sunrise. 6:10 P. M. Sunset. 12:12 H. 02 M. High Water at Southport 4.55 P. M. High Water Wilmington 7.35 P. M. A writer says "too much has been said of policemen rarely being shot at."

The same of winter is about Uncle Sam's spinal column and shows no signs of weakening.

A regiment of five hundred apples has tendered its services to the government in case "the chips" fall off Uncle Sam's back.

Robert Louis Stevenson, the Scotch novelist, was a very clever writer who was not a very clever man.

A Wisconsin woman who quarreled with her husband immediately went into a trance and remained so for twenty days.

Italy raises some cabbages and some provender, but she is also somewhat ethically inclined, having more to cash for, she has a year more than \$3,000,000 worth of flowers and plants.

The German bicycle manufacturer is going to try to get around the competition of American bike makers by buying American bicycle machinery. Now if they import machinery Americans to operate the bicycles they might make a run of the German-American bicycle.

Some Spanish dignitary is quoted as saying that as soon as war is declared Spain will divide her 300,000 square miles of land, lands that she has at her disposal, among the military and the center of the country and let the terms of peace. If this should be tried, we'd let them have the police after them and let the last one of them up in the machine for trespass.