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OUTLINES.

Secretary Alger denies rumors that he intends to resign from McKinley's cabinet. Gen. O. reports an engagement with Filipino forces; the latter routed with loss of 500 killed and wounded and 200 prisoners. Admiral Dewey cables that for political reasons the Oregon, battleship, should be sent to Manila at once; it is believed in Washington that Dewey is looking to the prevention of any possible interference by European powers in the struggle now going on in the islands. Gen. Maximo Gomez and about 2,000 of his followers marched into Havana, escorted by Gen. Ludlow and U. S. cavalry. The Senate passed the River and Harbor bill with the Nicaragua Canal amendment; the Army Reorganization bill was discussed; Senator Sewell in support of the bill, said an army of 50,000 would be required in the Philippines and we were likely to have trouble in Cuba. New York markets: Money on call was steady at 3/4 per cent; cotton quiet; middling uplands 6 1/2c; flour was again dull and steadily held; wheat—spot firm, No. 2, 85 1/2c; corn—spot steady, No. 2, 45 1/2c; rosin quiet, strained common to good \$1.30; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 25.
Temperature: 5 A. M., 38 deg.; 8 P. M., 46 deg.; maximum, 53 deg.; minimum, 38 deg.; mean, 46 deg.
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since last of the month up to date, 2.60.
Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 25 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—For North Carolina—Increasing cloudiness by afternoon; light to fresh northerly winds.

Port Almanac—Feb. 25.

Sun Rises 6:37 A. M.
Sun Sets 5:50 P. M.
Day's Length 11 H. 13 M.
High Water at Southampton 7:43 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington 11:13 A. M.

The champion sweet potato incubator of Georgia lives in Richmond county. He has a record of 740 bushels to the acre.

The "butter king" of the world is John Newman, who lives in Elgin, Ill. He owns 55,000 milch cows, from which he gets 500,000 quarts of milk daily.

There are on the island of Luzon twenty towns in addition to Manila, with populations ranging from 35,000 to 1,800, and all within 21 miles of Manila.

Among the collectors of bric-a-brac in Chicago, is one who makes a specialty of tombstones, of which he has a varied assortment. He pursues his find in dead earnest.

The wife of Senator-elect McCumber, of North Dakota, was once a telegraph operator. She is still a skillful manipulator of the wires and does some pulling for her husband.

That young St. Louis millionaire who is leading a life of piety to set an example to poor men, has the advantage of being able to quit that thing when he has had enough of it.

A contract has been made with a company in Japan to furnish the ties for the unfinished part of the Trans-Siberian railway. They are to supply 800,000 ties a year for five years, or 4,000,000 in all.

As an illustration of how Cuba is becoming "Americanized," the New York Commercial-Advertiser cites the fact that there are applications now in Washington for concessions aggregating over \$80,000,000.

Remember the Record.
The Manly and Goins, who so narrowly escaped what they deserved in Wilmington, have begun the publication of their Daily Record in Washington, D. C. It will be seen from the following extract, from its columns that it stands by its old infamies: "The Daily Record is not a new paper; it is the same paper that was so successfully run in Wilmington, N. C., and which was finally compelled to change its home because of the light for a single standard of morality."

The Fire This Morning.
The alarm at 2:45 o'clock this morning from box 43 was occasioned by a great No. 516 Ann street, owned by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy and occupied by the family of Mr. J. P. Hopewell. The origin is not known. The building was damaged about \$100 and the furniture \$50, all covered by insurance. Mr. Hopewell is in Raleigh.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Labor Union—Attention.
John Barry—Chief of Police.
Democratic Club—Take notice.
S. W. Sanders—Two days only.
F. M. MacRae—Notice in bankruptcy.
B. F. King—City Clerk and Treasurer.
Mercer & Evans—Jenness Miller shoe.
J. T. James—City Clerk and Treasurer.
Opera House—Bentley's Stock Co. Will. Sav. & Trust Co.—Now is time.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The fire alarm from box 47 about 5 P. M. yesterday was merely a test of the circuit.

—The Clyde steamer, Geo. W. Clyde, came in from her Georgetown trip yesterday and will clear to-day for New York.

—The hour for the Saturday afternoon music recitals in Schubert Hall has been changed from 4.30 to 5.30 o'clock.

—Owing to lack of a quorum, the Board of Health did not meet in special session yesterday afternoon as was announced.

—Mr. J. H. Beery, timber inspector, requests the STAR to say that he is not, and has never been, a candidate for Chief of Police.

—Capt. Jno. Barry announces himself a candidate for the office of Chief of Police, subject to the approval of the Democratic primary.

—The regular, bona fide circulation of THE MORNING STAR is larger than that of any other daily newspaper published in Wilmington.

—Spirits turpentine was quoted one-half cent off yesterday, the closing prices being 43 cents for country cask and 44 cents for machine-made casks.

—The smallpox patient, George Hysner, who has been confined in the pest house since the 3rd inst., was released yesterday and the nurse and guard were discharged.

—Mr. Josh T. James announces in to-day's STAR his candidacy for reelection to the office of City Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector, subject to the Democratic primaries.

—Henderson Hayes, colored, was arraigned in the police court yesterday at noon for disorderly conduct. Mayor Waddell sentenced him to work on the streets for twenty days.

—Mr. B. F. King, in to-day's paper, announces to his friends and the public that he is a candidate for the office of City Clerk and Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Democratic primaries.

—Col. Thos. W. Strange, chairman, has called a meeting of the City Democratic Executive Committee, to be held in the office of the chairman to-night at 8 o'clock. See advertising columns of to-day's STAR for notice.

—Capt. W. P. Oldham announces in to-day's STAR that those of his friends who wish to have him elected Chief of Police will be accommodated, as he is now a candidate before the Democratic primaries for this position.

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THE CITY CHARTER BILL.

No Primary Can Be Held As the Bill Stands—Other Features of Interest. Police Commission.

There can be no primary held for the city election this year unless the bill to amend the charter is so changed as to fix the date of the election later than the fourth Thursday (23d) of March. This will no doubt prove a startling piece of news, especially to the numerous candidates who are seeking the suffrages of their fellow citizens. That the accuracy of this statement is easily proven by reference to the bill itself, which may be found on the third page of the STAR.

Bear in mind, first, that the date of election, as now fixed, is the 23d day of March. Section 12 of the bill says, in regard to the primary, that "such primary election is to be held not less than ten days before the date of election."

This would make the date of the primary March 13th. Then the same section provides that the city Executive Committee shall file a notice of the primary with the City Clerk and Treasurer not less than fifteen days before the time designated for the holding of such primary. This makes it necessary that the notice be filed with the City Clerk and Treasurer February 25th (to-day), which, of course, cannot be done, as the bill is not yet a law.

This peculiar condition has been brought about by the delay incident to the fight over its provisions. Of course, the trouble can be obviated by changing the date of the election to the fifth Thursday in March; or, better still, to the first Thursday in April. This would necessitate slight changes of dates in Sections 7 and 9.

It will be interesting to note what would be the effect if the changes suggested above were not made. The result would be that there would be no primary under the provisions of the bill; in other words, that part of the bill would be inoperative. But the remainder of the bill would stand. The ten Aldermen would be elected under the old law; the Aldermen would elect a Mayor (not a member of the Board) and all the other principal officers except the Chief of the Fire Department and they would elect the three members of the Police and Fire Commission unless that feature of the bill is changed Monday, and if this change is made it will be in opposition to the wishes of an overwhelming majority of the Democrats of Wilmington. The bill ought to stand as it passed the House. It is a compromise measure to which all factions had very generally become reconciled. This "hold-up" of the bill after it had passed the House and two readings in the Senate is almost unprecedented, and it is not indorsed by the Democratic party of Wilmington.

It was universally believed after the bill passed the House that all opposition had ceased. Now, if this wrangling is to be continued there will not only be no primary, but there will be no election provided for, and the present city government will hold over for two years. The Legislature will adjourn or take a recess in a few days. There is not a moment to be lost. The bill, with the changes necessary for holding the primary, should pass the Senate just as it came from the House if it is the intention of those having it in charge to reflect the views of their constituents.

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"PEABODY DAY" AT TILSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Interesting Programme Creditably Rendered Yesterday—Picture of Great Philanthropist Presented.

Yesterday was "Peabody Day" at the Wilmington High School and between 1 and 2 o'clock P. M. quite a creditable public entertainment in honor of the great educational philanthropist, Geo. Peabody, was given under the direction of Miss Waite and Miss Mabry, of the High School faculty.

The exercises opened with an interesting original sketch of Peabody's life by Mr. Seigfried Goodman, class of '02.

Miss Alice Craft, class of '01, recited "The Warmth of a Word." And "Caroline's Song Are Ready" was sung quite creditably by the High School double quartette, composed of Messrs. David Holt, Gilbert Ford, Walter McIntire, Joe Mitchell, Joe Smith, Leonard Whitney, E. T. Hancock and A. J. Mitchell.

Miss Irene Peterson, class of '01, read a good paper on "Peabody's Work Among the Poor." Which was followed by another on "The Peabody Fund" by Miss Lucy McIntosh, class of '09.

A chorus of girls were heartily applauded for a pretty rendition of "Southern Rights."

"What Peabody Done for North Carolina" was admirably written and well read paper by Miss May Galloway. When she concluded the reading one of the most interesting features of the whole programme occurred. Miss Galloway, in the name of the Lambda Delta Society, formally presented to the High School an excellent life size portrait of Mr. Peabody. The picture had been veiled in school colors and appropriately placed on the stage during the exercises and was then formally unveiled. Superintendent Blair accepted the picture in an appropriate speech and delivered an interesting address on the life and influence of the great philanthropist. The closing feature of the entertainment was "Ho for Carolina," sung by the whole school.

There were a large number of visitors in attendance, all of whom were highly pleased with the manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves. Notable among the visitors present were School Committeemen J. H. Chadbourne and Miss Bradley. A number of the teachers in other city schools were also present.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MARIA QUINCE.
Held Yesterday Afternoon From St. James Church—Interment at Oakdale.

The funeral of Mrs. Maria B. Quince, whose death was announced in yesterday's STAR, was held from St. James' Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock. Rev. Robt. Strange, D. D., conducted the impressive services, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased and family.

Upon the conclusion of the services at the church the remains were taken to Oakdale cemetery, where, after the usual services at the grave, the interment was made.

The following were pall bearers for the occasion: Honorary, Col. T. C. McIlhenny and Col. Jno. L. Cantwell. Active, Col. Roger Moore, Dr. J. H. Durham and Messrs. R. C. Cantwell, G. W. LeGrange, Thos. H. Wright and W. L. DeRosier, Jr.

New England Editors Coming South.
The New England Newspaper League, a combination of eleven of the most influential daily newspapers of New England, has been organized for the purpose of sending a joint corps of "staff correspondents" through a number of Southern States, including North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, for the purpose of presenting in a proper light to the people of their native States the unbounded resources of the South, its advancement, material progress, etc. The party will leave Boston March 4th, and the first point at which a stop will be made will be at Richmond, March 6th and 7th, after which it is likely that they will visit the Carolinas. The fact of their proposed visit has been communicated to the commercial bodies of the city through Mayor Waddell, and arrangements will probably be made to induce members of the party to visit Wilmington in the course of their travels.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Eugene Martin, Esq., left last night for Baltimore.

—Dr. L. Husey, of Warsaw, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. W. P. Rose, of Raleigh, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. R. W. Wallace, manager of Orton Hotel, leaves for Durham to-day.

—Mr. L. L. Windsor, of Elizabeth, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Mr. W. A. French left last night for a two weeks business trip to Boston.

—Mr. W. M. Atkinson is in Washington, D. C., for a few days on business.

—Mr. D. I. Hood, from Elizabeth-town, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

—Dr. J. G. Lucas, of Currie, Pender county, is in the city on a business trip.

—Mr. P. L. Bridges left yesterday on the 3:45 P. M. Coast Line train for a short business trip.

—Miss Dora Robbins and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Southport, are visiting relatives in the city.

—Mr. J. H. Westbrook was down from Rocky Point yesterday on one of his periodical business visits.

—Miss Annie M. Taylor has returned from Fayetteville, where she was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. L. Taylor.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cox, of Jacksonville, passed through the city yesterday en route for Mt. Olive to visit friends.

—Mr. J. B. Munson, of Raleigh, son of Mr. H. H. Munson, is in the city. Mr. Munson is a division agent for the Southern Railway Co.

—Mrs. B. F. Baird, of Philadelphia, who has been in the city the past six weeks, the guest of her uncle, Mr. J. C. Springer, left yesterday for her home.

—Mrs. A. M. Rigbee, of Durham, returned to her home yesterday after spending some time in the city the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Haywood.

—Mr. D. G. Westbrook, who was in from the country yesterday, reported ice on his farm yesterday morning. He says his crop of lettuce is damaged by the recent freeze nearly fifty per cent.

—Mr. P. R. Masten, a popular travelling salesman of Winston, representing Messrs. Lockett, Vaughn & Co., manufacturers of the famous "Red Meat" tobacco, arrived in the city last night.

—Messrs. George McGilvray and William Morrison, two of the popular travelling representatives of the Hancock Insurance Company, were STAR visitors last evening. Morrison is a Scotchman "native and to the manner born," while McGilvray is suspected of being a Scotchman from Cork.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.
Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—9 bales cotton, 2 barrels tar.

W. & C. Railroad—67 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 11 barrels rosin, 85 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Carolina Central Railroad—6 casks spirits turpentine, 15 barrels rosin, 32 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—5 casks spirits turpentine, 15 barrels rosin, 32 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—6 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 19 barrels rosin, 2 barrels tar.

Steamer A. A. Hart—25 casks spirits turpentine, 53 barrels rosin, 96 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—12 bales cotton, 200 barrels rosin, 133 barrels tar. Total—Cotton, 94 bales; spirits turpentine, 44 casks; rosin, 276 barrels; tar, 389 barrels; crude turpentine, 81 barrels.

—The present issue has been greatly enlarged, the added space being devoted to giving cultural directions and useful planting tables. A large number of new and improved varieties of both Vegetables and Flowers are offered, noticeably the first of a new race of Bush Sweet Peas, having the freedom of bloom and large flowers of the tall sorts, but growing only fifteen inches high, and does not require support. This is beautifully illustrated in a colored plate.

This catalogue is mailed free to all customers at the beginning of the year, and to all applicants interested in gardening. A request on a Postal Card will bring you a copy by return mail.

This Morning at 9 o'clock.
The examination of witnesses in the contested Congressional election case begins in the United States court room, in the Postoffice building, this morning at 9 o'clock before T. E. Wallace, the notary public named by Mr. Dockery, and George T. Howell, the notary selected by Mr. Bellamy. Thirty-two witnesses are to be examined, twenty-four of the number being colored. Oscar J. Spears, Esq., Dockery's attorney, arrived yesterday and is registered at The Orton.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

House Considering the Taxing of Gross Earnings of Railroad Companies.

Charlotte's Dispensary.

Bill Introduced in Senate After a Long Debate.

Bill Introduced in House for Appointment of Inspectors of Naval Stores at Wilmington.

[Special Star Telegram.]
RALEIGH, N. C., February 24.—The House spent another day considering the question of taxing gross earnings of railroads, but again failed to reach a decision. After a debate lasting over three hours, and just as the House was about to adjourn, Judge Connor introduced the following resolution, which will probably pass to-morrow, as nearly all who opposed the tax on gross earnings declare themselves in favor of it.

"That the Railroad Commission be and is hereby directed to assess the value of all railway property in this State for taxation, on a basis of six per cent. upon their net income." It is estimated that this will double the present tax valuation of railroad property in the State. The House will vote on the resolution to-morrow.

Bills were introduced: To incorporate Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of North Carolina. By William H. Caldwell, H. A. London, Frank Wilgus, E. R. Outlaw.

To incorporate the North Carolina Car Association. To amend the charter of Wilson. To allow Morganton to vote on the question of a dispensary. To amend the charter of Dunn.

Bills passed: To make Neuse River, in Johnston county, a lawful fence. To establish a dispensary at Seaboard. To allow the building of a dam across the Yadkin river. To furnish electric power to Charlotte, Salisbury and other places.

At 12.15 the House took up the special order—election of trustees of the State University. The following were nominated and elected without opposition: Kemp P. Battle, C. M. Stedman, F. H. Busbee, H. C. Wall, Benehan Cameron, James S. Manning, John W. Fries, R. M. Furman, W. A. Guthrie, Thomas S. Kenan, R. H. Lewis, James A. Lockhart, James D. Murphy, J. L. Patterson, Fred Phillips, John A. Goebeling, Henry Weil, W. T. Whitsett, E. J. Hale, Charles M. Cooke, T. J. Jerome, H. E. Faison, T. B. Pierce, Jas. Sprunt, L. J. Ploot, Jos. H. Caldwell, H. A. London, Frank Wilgus, E. R. Outlaw.

Boggs, of Catawba, nominated M. O. Sherrill for State Librarian; Hampton nominated R. A. Cobb, and Williams, of Yadkin, nominated Miss Sallie Stockard. Sherrill was elected, receiving the solid Democratic vote.

Bills passed third reading to-night: To amend Mecklenburg, Alamance, Tyrrell, Nash, Beaufort, Hyde and Camden counties to levy a special tax. To allow Salisbury, Pilot Mountain, High Point and Rockingham to issue bonds. To amend the charters of Burlington, Monrovia, Washington, Clayton, Red Springs and Sanford. To incorporate Leachville, Beaufort county; Richfield, Scotland county; Pine Bluff and Manly, Moore county. To allow the people of Clayton to vote on the dispensary question. To prohibit live stock running at large in Cross Creek township, Cumberland county. To extend the stock law in Robeson.

The Election Law.
is special order in the House for Monday night at 8 o'clock. The proposed amendment to the constitution in reference to the school tax (Stubbs' amendment) is the special order for Monday at noon.

Bills introduced in the Senate: To establish the Western District Criminal Court; passed final reading. To set stock in the A. & N. C. R. R. In regard to Joseph Coglan, commander of the U. S. cruiser Raleigh; this resolution was immediately adopted; it stands as token of the State's appreciation of the gallant service of Captain Coglan during the recent war with Spain. To devise a plan for marking Confederate graves.