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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

A captain and a private of the Kansas volunteers seriously wounded yesterday in the sharpshooting at Manila; the cruiser Charleston and gunboat Concord have gone on a cruise looking for filibusters. — Mr. Kipling's condition continues serious. — Madrid reports that Japanese are furnishing large supplies of arms and ammunition to the Filipinos. — The German government threatens China because of assault upon German citizens at Tientsin. — The Pope of Rome was taken ill suddenly yesterday. — The German Government has given notice that it has withdrawn its ships from the Philippines, and has placed protection of its interests in the islands in the hands of the representatives of the United States. — The Stars and Stripes were hoisted over Guam February 1st, by Commander Tausig of the U. S. cruiser Bennington. — New York markets: Money on call was steady at 2 1/2 per cent, the last loan being at 3 per cent; cotton quiet, middling uplands 6 9/16; flour was steady but inactive; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 84 1/2; corn—spot firm, No. 2 45 1/2; oats—spot firm; No. 2 35; rye steady; spirits turpentine firm at 46.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 28.
Temperature: 8 A. M., 40 deg.; 8 P. M., 47 deg.; maximum, 55 deg.; minimum, 38 deg.; mean, 60 deg.
Rainfall for the day, 0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 3.94.
Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 28.4 feet, and rising.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—For North Carolina—Fair; fresh south to west winds.

Port Announcements—March 1.

San Sets 6.32 A. M.
S. S. Rises 5.54 P. M.
Day's Length 11 H. 24 M.
High Water at Southport 10.01 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington 1.31 P. M.

According to some of the wheat men who keep an eye on Argentina, she will have 44,000,000 bushels to spare Europe this year.

A ton of diamonds is said to be worth \$35,000,000. This is a reason why the hotel clerk rarely wears more than half a ton of them.

The holding of a great international exposition in 1902 is being discussed in Japan, which it held will be the first ever held in the Orient.

The State of Maine has seventeen wool factories which reel off 300,000,000 spools annually, onto which are subsequently reeled 5,000,000,000 yards of thread.

A corset saved the life of a New York woman, whom a drunken man was attempting to stab. So even the much abused corset comes in handy sometimes. Of corsets does.

James Somerville, who entered a bicycle race with forty-eight riders at Sydney, Australia, won the race but dropped from his bicycle a corpse as he passed under the wire.

A species of bacteria has recently been discovered which revels in rum and to which nature has been so accommodating as to supply it with a coating of mail which is not affected by the alcoholic properties in the rum.

In France they are manufacturing a stuff called opaline. It resembles artificial ice, can be rolled in slabs of any desired length, width and thickness, may be used as a substitute for marble in floors, and is preferable because very hard and not affected by acids.

This whole question of taxing railroads is covered by two points. There are some who honestly think it is right, because they believe the rate reasonable, while there are others who know the rate is excessive, but they are demagogues who only object in life to fool the masses of the people and thereby promote their personal political ends. And it is these last mentioned tricksters who always hold the balance of power. This is the God's truth.

Will Open for Business Today.

In accordance with previous announcement the Murchison National Bank will open for business this morning. There was a meeting of the Board of Directors yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, upon which all the members were in attendance. The principal business was passed upon and receiving the assets, loans, etc., of the Murchison private bank which is merged into the new bank. The loans were examined in detail by all the directors, every one proving highly satisfactory. Attention is directed to the official notice of the bank's opening, published in another column.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The British schooner *Utility* arrived yesterday to Messrs. Geo. Harris, Son & Co.
—The steamers *E. A. Hawes* and *A. P. Hart* cleared yesterday; the former for Clear Run and the latter for Fayetteville.

—Twenty-one marriage licenses were issued during the month of February, eleven of the number being granted to white couples and ten to colored.

—The annual meeting of the Associated Charities will be held to-day (Wednesday) at the Y. M. C. A., at 5 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend.

—Chapman Wallace, a negro from "Brooklyn," was fined in Justice Fowler's court yesterday for inhumanly treating his wife. Deputy Sheriff Hill Terry made the arrest.

—The schooner *Melissa Trask*, Capt. French, was cleared yesterday by Messrs. Geo. Harris, Son & Co., for Santo Domingo, with a cargo of lumber from Messrs. S. & W. H. Northrop.

—The Palace Bakery invites your attention to an attractive advertisement in the advertising columns of this morning's paper. Their stock of everything is the freshest, newest and most up-to-date in the city.

—Class No. 44 of the Fifth Street M. E. Sunday School is arranging to give a social at the residence of Mr. Jno. J. LeGwin, 421 South Fifth street, on Thursday night. Invitations were issued yesterday.

—The services at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to-night will be held at 7:45 o'clock in order that those who desire may attend the lecture by Hon. Geo. Kennan, under the auspices of the Wilmington Lyceum and Y. M. C. A. Star Course.

—Friends of young George Farrar will be glad to know that he has sufficiently recovered from wounds received accidentally some time ago, and his father, who has been at home since the accident, was able to resume his duties yesterday as travelling salesman for Messrs. H. A. Tucker & Bro.

—The funeral of Mr. Wm. H. Fling, whose death was noted in yesterday's STAR, was conducted yesterday by Rev. Father Dennen and the interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. Members of the Hibernian Benevolent Society and a number of friends were in attendance upon the services.

—The Atlantic Coast Line announces one fare for the round trip rate to Richmond, Va., on account of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which will be in session May 17th to 30th, inclusive. Tickets will be on sale May 15th, good until June 3rd. The round trip from Wilmington will be \$8.50.

—The tug *Anna*, belonging to Mr. Charles Wessell, which was burned Saturday night, was insured with Mr. F. H. Stedman for \$1,000. Mr. Wessell estimates his loss by the burning at \$3,000. He will shortly replace the tug with a modern boat and will go to New York in a few days to make the purchase.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—City primary.
D. L. Gore—Seed potatoes.
S. W. Sanders—All for 45c.
Life-long Democrat—For Mayor.
F. T. Mills—New Livestock.
Palace Bakery—Bananas 1c each.
Notice—Murchison National Bank.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Notice—Bank stock wanted.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Fussell, of Teachey's, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. H. G. Dewey, of Raleigh, is registered at the Orton.

—Mr. F. T. Mills left last night for a business trip to Richmond, Va.

—Dr. W. H. G. Lucas was down from White Hall yesterday and made the STAR office a pleasant visit.

—Mrs. May Dew, of Louisville, Ky., is here the guest of Miss Cashwell, corner Sixth and Princess streets.

—Miss Irene Simpson and Miss Callie Black came up from Fort Caswell yesterday and will spend several days in the city with relatives and friends.

—Mr. J. R. Bannerman, of Bannerman, who spent Monday in this city, left yesterday morning on the A. C. L. for a two weeks' business and pleasure trip to Haverhill, Mass.

—Mr. B. Wallace, of Kenansville, and son, Mr. W. J. Wallace, of Arville, Ga., are the guests of Mr. R. W. Wallace, manager of The Orton. The first-named is father and the latter a brother of Messrs. R. W. and Hugh Wallace.

Not a Festive Celebration.
On account of recent deaths and for other reasons the Hibernian Society has decided not to have a festive anniversary celebration on March 17th, as has been their custom but will simply have the Society meet in the hall on the morning of the anniversary and march in a body to the Pro-Cathedral, return to the hall, hold a business meeting for the election of officers and adjourn. It has been the custom to give a big banquet and have speeches and other features of entertainment at night, but such will not be the case this year.

ELECTION CONTEST.

Testimony of Only Two Witnesses Heard in the Bellamy-Dockery Case.

A TEDIIOUS INVESTIGATION.

Rendered So by Puffing Attempts on Part of Contestant's Counsel to Prove Intimidation—Evidence Far from Disparaging Mr. Bellamy.

The taking of testimony in the contested congressional election case brought by Oliver H. Dockery against Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, Congressman-elect from this district, was resumed yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, in the U. S. Court room.

The same attorneys and court officers were in attendance as on the preceding day.

The only witness examined during the morning session of the commissioner's court was Mr. J. W. Murchison, wholesale and retail dealer in hardware, Nos. 109-111 North Front street.

Before the deposition of Mr. Murchison was begun the following notice was filed by Mr. Bellamy's counsel and was ordered by the notaries placed on the record of testimony:

The contestant desires to protest and object to the taking of any evidence in this matter upon the following grounds: That the contestant in his notice to the contestant of his intention to contest his election expressly declares that he contests as the nominee of the Republican and Populist parties, and that he does not claim that he was elected or has any right to be seated in Congress even should it be finally determined that the contestant was not elected, and that the act of Congress does not contemplate and does not provide for the taking of testimony during the validity of a Congressional election and the right of a member, to whom a certificate of election has been duly issued, to his seat at the suit of a defeated candidate, who expressly disclaims any right to the seat, and declares he was not elected.

(Signed) JNO. D. BELLAMY.

By his counsel, Junius Davis, Frank McNeill, Thos. W. Strange, George Peschau.

Mr. Murchison was subjected to substantially the same examination as that given the three witnesses on Monday, counsel for the contestant pleading him with detailed questions touching the sale of guns, pistols, etc., during the months of September, October and the first ten days of November, 1898, and also attempting to elicit from the witness, to whom and for what purpose such firearms were sold. In response to a multitude of tedious questions ingeniously framed by Mr. Spears, counsel for contestant, with reference to the number sold during the period mentioned, Mr. Murchison testified that approximately about 200 pistols of 40 or 50 shot-guns, and about 100 rifles were sold by his firm, but in no particular did his testimony show that these sales were in excess of those of a corresponding period during ordinary years. Later on, in the deposition, Mr. Murchison was examined as to occurrences on November 10th, the day of the reputed riot, and the question of the sale and use of firearms was again brought up.

The admission of evidence touching events subsequent to the election was promptly and in every instance objected to by counsel for the contestant on the grounds of irrelevancy and incompetency. The objections were sustained by Mr. Howell, notary public selected by Mr. Bellamy, but in almost every instance were overruled by Mr. Wallace, notary public chosen by the contestant.

In response to Mr. Spears' examination, the witness testified that he was present on the day of the so-called riot, but was unable to say who was the leader on the occasion of the destruction of the Manly printing office, or of reputed mobs subsequent to that time. He was also questioned as to whether or not it was the policy of his firm during the campaign to make sales of firearms only to white persons. He replied that guns, pistols, etc., were sold to both white and colored persons. He was also questioned as to the armed condition of the white people during the campaign and on the day of the election, but his answers were far from satisfactory to contestant's counsel. In response to a question as to there having been unusual and excessive use of firearms during the time in question, the witness stated that there was; but it developed from a brief cross-examination later on, conducted by Messrs. Davis and Peschau, for Mr. Bellamy, that the witness had misunderstood the question and a contradiction of the same was made. The cross-examination, which was further pursued by Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., elicited the information that Mr. Murchison's trade was not confined solely to New Hanover county or to the Sixth Congressional district, but that it embraced a large area in South Carolina.

This evidence was not shaken by the brief re-direct examination conducted by Mr. Spears.

The only other material questions which were proposed to him were those relative to Col. Waddell's speech in the Opera House and the intimidation of employees of his firm; virtually the same as those asked in the examination day before yesterday. The answers to same were not at all disparaging to the counsel for Mr. Bellamy.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Murchison's examination, a recess was taken until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

Mr. W. E. Springer, of the firm of W. E. Springer & Co., wholesale dealer

MR. FRANK H. MITCHELL DIED LAST NIGHT.

After a Brief Illness of Typhoid Pneumonia—The Funeral Arrangements Not Yet Announced.

Mr. Frank H. Mitchell, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Wilmington, died at 8:30 o'clock last night, having been ill of typhoid pneumonia at the residence of his sister, Mrs. H. L. Sloan, for little more than a week. His death was a great surprise and shock to a wide circle of friends in this city, as even his serious illness was not known save by near relatives and a few intimate friends.

And even then he had no idea he was fatally ill until early yesterday afternoon when he began to sink rapidly and never recovered.

It was on Monday of last week that Mr. Mitchell suffered a severe chill and typhoid pneumonia very soon developed.

The deceased was 58 years old, a native of Wilmington, and was a son of E. F. Mitchell, for many years a leading business man of this city, and a partner in the B. F. Mitchell Co., extensive dealers in peanuts, hay, grain, etc., a business established by the late E. F. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell was a valiant Confederate soldier, having served with the 18th N. C. volunteers, and was a member of Cape Fear Camp United Confederate Veterans of this city. He was a consistent member of St. James' Episcopal Church.

Early in life he married Miss Louise Arthur, of Albany, New York, who preceded him to the grave by several years. He leaves two sons. The eldest, Mr. Arthur Mitchell, is a mechanical architect at Schenectady, New York, and the other is Mr. B. F. Mitchell, an architect at Bloomfield, N. J. Mr. Mitchell is also survived by two brothers and three sisters. They are Mr. Charles J. Mitchell, manager of the B. F. Mitchell Co., Mr. David B. Mitchell, now of New York City, Mrs. M. J. Huggins, Mrs. H. L. Sloan, and Mrs. A. M. Baldwin, all of this city. Two brothers are dead. J. S. Mitchell has been dead about three years and George, the other brother, probably twenty years.

Mrs. Huggins has been spending some time near Charlotte and is expected to arrive in time to attend the funeral obsequies, the time and arrangements for which will be announced later.

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TO-DAY.

-BANANAS-

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at

PALACE BAKERY.

Notice of City Primary.

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held on Monday, 13th day of March, 1899, from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M. at the place herein designated for the purpose of nominating Candidates for the office of Mayor, for two Aldermen, and for the Executive Committee of the City and for Candidates for Mayor, City Clerk and for Candidates for Executive Committee of two members Executive Ward. In case a second Primary shall be found necessary, a second Primary shall be held, as herein provided for the first time, on Wednesday, March 15th, 1899.

Polling Places.

First Ward—Old Reel House No. 10 (Boney Bridge).
Second Ward—City Hall.
Third Ward—Gibson Hotel.
Fourth Ward—O'Brien's Store, Dock between Fifth and Water Streets.
Fifth Ward—Hook and Ladder House on Castle Street.

Inspectors of Elections.

First Ward—W.