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## The Morning Star.

### OUTLINES.

Bradstreets report continued activity in industrial and trade circles. Gen. Lawton, with reinforcements for Gen. Otis, has arrived at Manila. Mrs. Poirier and Sam'l Parlow were hanged together in St. Scholastique, Canada; they were convicted of the murder of the woman's husband. The difficulty between Great Britain and Russia in regard to the contract entered into by an English syndicate with the Chinese government for a railroad loan of eleven millions, has been satisfactorily settled. President McKinley will leave Washington next Monday on a trip to Thomasville, Ga., travelling via the A. C. L. The Tenth Immunes, after leaving Raleigh, behaved in an outrageous manner, forcing their way into stores and saloons and taking whatever they wanted; at Wilson their conduct was the worst. — Martin Mahon, the New York hotel man, says that he will not return to New York to testify against Mrs. Fayne Moore. — The Pope continues to improve. — Rudyard Kipling's condition continues serious; he is still very weak. — New York markets: Money on call steady at 2 1/2 to 3 per cent., last loan being at 3 per cent.; cotton quiet, middling uplands 6c; flour was dull, weak and lower; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red 82 1/2 to 83 1/2; corn—spot firm; No. 2 42 1/2 to 44; oats—spot dull; No. 2 23 1/2; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm at 47 to 47 1/2.

### WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,  
WEATHER BUREAU,  
WILMINGTON, N. C., MARCH 10.  
Temperature: 8 A. M., 48 deg.; 8 P. M., 52 deg.; maximum, 64 deg.; minimum, 45 deg.; mean, 56 deg.  
Rainfall for the day, 0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .05.  
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.  
WASHINGTON, March 9.—For North Carolina: Fair; warmer in extreme eastern portion; fresh to brisk easterly winds.

### Port Almanac—March 11.

Sun Rises ..... 6:19 A. M.  
Sun Sets ..... 6:02 P. M.  
Day's Length ..... 11 H. 43 M.  
High Water at Southport 7:49 P. M.  
High Water, Wilmington 11:19 P. M.  
Think of a \$75,000 soap trade, when we are reaching out to take in all those unwashed islands.

Ex-Commissioner General Egan is on his way to Hawaii. It is not reported that he has taken any canned beef as a travel ration.

Hon. Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, is a prospective candidate for the Senatorial seat for which Matt Quay is tussling, and it is said his chances are growing.

Secretary Alger says he didn't hear any hissing in Boston. He may be somewhat hard of hearing, but how about those hoots, cat calls, etc., with which he was welcomed?

A New York man who got tired of laying-awake nights listening for burglars, invented a trap, which was a decided success. He caught himself the first night and cracked his skull, too.

It is reported that Alger says he will resign if his presence in the Cabinet embarrasses Mr. McKinley. But it would be somewhat embarrassing to Mr. McKinley to tell his good friend Alger that.

During a recent earthquake in Chili, an unknown species of crab came out from one of the bays, very much excited, and showing by their actions that something was up. It may be incidentally remarked that no ordinary commotion excites a crab.

General Miles expects to prove that some of the canned beef sent to the soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico was put up in 1886, and that 300,000 pounds of it, which was condemned by European Governments, was bought and re-shipped to this country.

Hon. Grover Cleveland mailed his profound regrets that engagements, which it was impossible to postpone, prevented him from being present at Carl Schurz's birthday party, and then he and Mr. Benedict and Bob Evans started for South Carolina on a duck hunt.

A Danville, Illinois, woman has recovered a \$5,000 judgment against her lawyer for getting her into trouble. He told her he had secured a divorce for her, which wasn't so, and on this information she proceeded to get married again, and found herself with two husbands instead of one.

In Buenos Ayres, when they dress chickens for market they always leave some of the tail feathers on, so purchasers may be sure they are getting chicken. In China, when they send dressed dog to market they always leave some of the hair on the tail so the purchaser may be sure he is getting dog.

### LOCAL DOTS.

—There was nothing doing in magisterial circles yesterday and besides a few small civil suits, no cases are docketed for to-day.

—The tone of the local cotton market was characterized as firm to quiet yesterday, with receipts of 179 bales against 145 on the corresponding date last year.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Lula R. West to Mr. Wm. H. Hancaman, both of Wilmington, the prospective groom being a member of Hose Reel Co. No. 1, of the Wilmington Fire Department.

—The STAR is requested to announce that Rev. T. Bright, of Murphy, N. C., will preach in Brooklyn Baptist Church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock and at Southside Baptist church at night at the usual hour.

—Mr. T. D. Love, agent, has employed a flat and the tug *Imperial* to tow it up to Fayetteville this morning in place of the regular trip of the *Driver*, which had to be abandoned on account of extensive repairs to the steamer's boiler.

—The white Laborer's Union will hold an important meeting to-night at Hibernal Hall, beginning at 8 o'clock. Matters of importance will be discussed and all working men who are friends of the Union are invited to meet with them.

—There will be a special train to Wrightsville beach to-day, leaving the Wilmington Seacoast depot at 10 A. M., and leaving the beach on the return trip at 11 o'clock. This will give those who so desire, an opportunity to spend the entire afternoon on the sound or beach, by returning to the city on the regular 5 P. M. train.

—J. E. Lewis, foreman of the composing room of the *Evening Dispatch*, was bound over to court yesterday by Mayor Waddell for an assault on W. F. Gillette, whom Mr. Lewis alleges, was at the time intruding in his printing department in an offensive way. Gillette was fined \$5 and cost, for disorderly conduct on the same occasion.

—Rev. Thomas H. Law, D. D., of Spartanburg, S. C., representing the American Bible Society in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, is expected to arrive here today and will address the congregation of Grace Methodist Church in the interest of the society at 11 o'clock to-morrow. Sunday night he will preach at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Palace Bakery—Finest fruit.  
Mercer & Evans—Look for name.  
Seacoast Road—Special train to day.

### BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Rent—First-class farm.  
W. E. Perdue—Residence for sale.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mrs. J. D. Webster and two children returned last night from Silver City.

—Mr. J. W. Murchison of Goldsboro, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. J. C. Wooten, of Maple Hill, Pender county, was among the visitors to the city yesterday.

—Miss Kingsbury returned last night from Greensboro, where she was the guest of Mrs. A. M. Scales.

—Messrs. T. H. and Charles Plummer, of Toronto, Canada, are in the city, registered at The Orton.

—Miss Hattie Fox, the accomplished milliner of the Bee Hive, has just returned from Baltimore.

—Mr. Dal Hardy, of Goldsboro, who has been here on business the past several days, returned home yesterday.

—Mr. J. T. Foy, of Scott's Hill, and his guest, Mr. Percival Whittall, of Worcester, Mass., spent several hours in the city yesterday.

—Mr. A. D. Brown left last night for New York to buy Spring and Summer goods for his Front street store. He was accompanied by Mrs. Brown and Miss Maggie.

—Ex-Judge W. S. O'Brien Robinson spent several hours in the city yesterday. He came down by boat from Fayetteville and left for his home at Goldsboro on the 7 o'clock train.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skelding left last night for Washington, D. C., in response to a telegram, announcing the very serious if not fatal illness of Mrs. Skelding's brother. They were accompanied by Mrs. Skelding's mother and sister.

—Drowned in the Cape Fear.  
Mr. E. S. Pedman fell overboard from the steamer *Hurt* about 9 o'clock last night and was drowned. The accident occurred about a mile above Navassa. Every effort was made to recover the body, but to no avail. Further effort to this end will be made to-day. Mr. Pedman's home was at Garretts, Va., and he was on his way up the Cape Fear to the plant of the Cape Fear Lumber Company, near Elizabethtown, where he was going as an employee of the company. The steamer tied up at the Navassa Guano Works last night and will not resume her trip up the river until the accident is officially reported and investigated.

### ELECTION OFFICERS HAVE QUALIFIED.

List of Registrars and Inspectors for Primary and City Election—Registration Begins To-day.

The inspectors for the primary on Monday, March 13th, and the registrars for the city election on March 23rd, met at the City Hall yesterday afternoon at 9 o'clock and were qualified by Lieutenant Fred T. Skipper, J. P., and were furnished with registration books, etc., as required by law.

A number of the inspectors for the primary appointed by the Board of Aldermen refused to qualify, and others were appointed in their stead by Mayor Waddell and the officers for the election on the 23rd were selected by the City Executive Committee. The following is a list of the officers, both for the primary and the election, together with the registrars, who were qualified yesterday:

**FIRST WARD.**  
Registrars—Upper Division, Isaiah L. West; Lower Division, W. A. Wright.  
Primary Inspectors—Wm. L. West, W. R. Middleton, Thos. B. Carroll.

**SECOND WARD.**  
Registrars—A. J. Hill.  
Primary Inspectors—R. C. Sloan, J. G. Love, W. H. Styrton.  
Election Inspectors—R. C. Sloan, J. G. Love.

**THIRD WARD.**  
Registrars—E. W. Hewlett.  
Primary Inspectors—Wm. L. Jacobs, C. Du V. French, C. D. Jacobs.  
Election Inspectors—C. Du V. French, (one other yet to be appointed).

**FOURTH WARD.**  
Registrars—T. G. Pickett.  
Primary Inspectors—W. H. Lane, A. L. DeRosset, T. B. Oldham.  
Election Inspectors—T. B. Oldham, W. H. Lane.

**FIFTH WARD.**  
Registrars—Upper Division—G. G. Aman; Lower Division—R. F. McCoy.  
Primary Inspectors—Henry L. Hewett, T. J. Landin, W. F. F. Newton.  
Election Inspectors—Upper Division, C. C. Redd, W. W. King; Lower Division, D. D. Cameron, G. W. Mills.

The registration books will be open to-day at the different polling places from 9 o'clock A. M. until 6 P. M.

The primary, as has been stated in the official notice published by the Chairman of the City Executive Committee, will be held Monday, March 13th, between the hours of 7 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M. In the event a second primary is necessary, Wednesday, March 15th, has been designated as the day for holding same.

Under head of "Rules Governing Primaries" in the official notice, it is stated that "All white men, who are qualified electors and who will pledge themselves to support the Democratic nominees in the coming city election, shall be entitled to vote in said primaries."

### PROFITABLE ENTERTAINMENT

Lambda Delta Society and Class of 1902 Rendered Creditable Programmes at the High School Yesterday.

There were two very enjoyable and profitable entertainments at the Wilmington High School yesterday afternoon, one by the Lambda Delta Society and the other by the Class of 1902 (Division D).

The exercises by the Lambda Delta Society were devoted to Tennyson's works. Features of the programme were "Dedication of Idylls of the King," by Miss Annie Chestnut; instrumental music by Miss Luey McEachern; selection from "The Coming of Arthur," by Miss Robbie McIntyre, and a duet by Miss May Welch and Miss May Galloway.

"Marie Louise" was the subject of study by the Class of 1902, the programme consisting of readings and recitations appropriate to the study of the life of this famous woman. Miss Bessie Williams read the story of her "Home Life." An excellent paper, "At the French Court," written by Miss Rena Mills, Miss Post having been absent from school yesterday. There was an appropriate recitation by Miss Jennie Bryant and a reading, "How She Met Disaster," by Miss Bessie Bolles.

Mr. Edward Toomer was to have been a participant in the programme, but was not able to attend school yesterday. In his absence the teacher in charge of the class read a selection. The programme was brought to a pleasant close by the singing of "The Watch on the Rhine," in which the whole class participated.

### Second Advent Church.

Elder E. Fiak, of Bradford, Mass., has accepted the pastorate of the Second Advent church recently made vacant by the resignation of Elder J. M. King and has entered upon the pastor's work here. The acceptance is, however, as yet, only temporary and Elder Fiak will not be formally called as pastor until the regular conference of the church, which will be held on Friday before the first Sunday in April. He and family are at present residing at No. 708 Queen street.

Best Marsh Mallow Drops, 15c pound. Sold on their merits. Palace Bakery.

### THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

The Report of the Treasurer Showing Receipts and Expenditures from October to January.

The report of the treasurer of the Associated Charities from October 11th to December 31st, issued yesterday, shows receipts during that period of \$1,040.32, including a balance of \$103.72 on hand October 11th. Of this amount received \$88.50 was paid in November, but did not come into the hands of the treasurer until after his report was prepared. The report shows the following contributors to the Associated Charities fund:

Cash, \$5.00; Oscar Pearson, \$10.00; William Nisfield, \$3.00; New Hanover county, \$155.00; E. S. Martin, \$25.00; New Hanover county, \$125.00; J. G. L. Gieschen, \$5.00; W. G. Elliott, \$5.00; Jordan Haar, \$2.50; C. W. Chadbourne, \$2.00; F. H. Stedman, \$5.00; H. C. McQueen, \$5.00; W. E. Perdue, \$1.00; Walter G. Croom, \$5.00; W. J. Murchison, \$10.00; A. Schless, 2.00; W. H. Yopp, \$3.00; R. W. Wallace & Co., \$5.00; Joe W. Yates, \$1.00; F. R. Hayes, \$1.00; John Maynard, \$1.00; N. J. Burch, \$1.00; E. Fozell, \$0.50; S. Behrens, \$1.00; R. S. Bellamy, \$1.00; nine persons, one dollar each, \$9.00; M. G. Tiencken, \$1.00; J. C. Stevenson & Taylor, \$25.00; Mrs. E. S. Latimer, \$5.00; Mrs. R. W. Hicks, \$5.00; W. P. Toomer, \$10.00; William Calder, \$10.00; Mrs. Kate DeR. Meares, \$1.00; W. L. DeRosset, Jr., \$1.00; M. Rashjen, \$2.00; C. G. Smith, \$20.00; H. Gerdes, 25c; From a friend, \$30.00; Miss Haigh, \$1.00; B. H. J. Ahrens, \$5.00; E. A. Hest, \$5.00; Cash, \$5.00; C. W. McKnight, \$1.00; T. Jennings, \$1.00; Mrs. R. T. Post, \$1.00; F. Richter, \$1.00; M. O'Brien, \$2.00; W. W. Hodges, \$1.00; H. E. Boney, \$1.00; W. R. Keman, \$5.00; B. G. Worth, \$1.00; R. N. Sweet, \$1.00; R. W. Price, \$1.00; R. W. Price, \$1.00; B. F. Hall, \$10.00; W. B. Cooper, \$15.00; S. P. McNair, \$5.00; W. A. Whitehead, Sr., \$1.00; C. Craft, \$1.00; A. A. Willard, \$5.00; J. H. Boatright, \$1.00; Mrs. J. H. Boatright, \$1.00; A. D. McEachern, \$5.00; W. A. Martin, \$1.00; D. L. Gore, \$15.00; Jno. W. Atkinson, \$5.00; James W. Monroe, \$1.00; E. P. Toomer, \$1.00; J. F. Mills, \$1.00; J. M. Smith, 50 cents; M. F. Croom, \$5.00; J. T. Jennings, \$1.00; J. M. Latham, \$1.00.

The statement of monies paid out shows \$380.44 expended with a balance of \$654.38 on hand, barring, of course, the \$95.50, November contributions, previously explained. Expenditures in detail were as follows:

For support of orphans, \$30; groceries and various bills, \$238.45; funeral expenses, \$9.75; rent for those in need, \$15; janitor, \$15; coal, \$12.15; work of office, 10 cents; postage, 40 cents; railroad fares, \$3.49; Catharine Kennedy Home, \$48; secretary's salary for two months, \$50.

Contributions in kind—W. L. Parsley, 2 loads of wood; S. & W. H. Northrop, 4 cords of wood; J. H. Chadbourne, 100 lbs. of coal; J. A. Springer, 20 loads of wood; I. B. Rhodes, J. F. Garrett, McLaurin & Hayes, beef; Dorcas Society (sawyer shop), 10 new garments; Jewish Ladies' Sewing Society, 36 new garments.

The following have sent clothing: Mrs. C. P. Bolles, Mrs. E. S. Latimer, Mrs. E. W. Wooten, Mrs. J. A. Waiters, Mrs. J. H. Boatright and Mrs. A. A. Watson.

### COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

Weekly and Yearly Receipts As Posted Yesterday at the Produce Exchange.

The regular weekly stock report of the Produce Exchange, as posted yesterday, shows the following receipts of cotton and naval stores:

Week ending March 10th, 1899—Cotton, 1,518 bales; spirits, 182 casks; rosin, 1,449 barrels; tar, 1,966 barrels; crude, 147 barrels.

Corresponding week in 1898—Cotton, 2,833 bales; spirits, 369 casks; rosin, 2,717 barrels; tar, 2,022 barrels; crude, 63 barrels.

The crop year receipts up to March 10th are as follows:

1899—Cotton, 296,825 bales; spirits, 27,490 casks; rosin, 1,63,773 barrels; tar, 67,961 barrels; crude, 10,933 barrels.

1898—Cotton, 303,405 bales; spirits, 34,472 casks; rosin, 183,592 barrels; tar, 61,539 barrels; crude, 10,067 barrels.

It will be seen from the above that the yearly receipts of cotton up to this date are about 15,000 bales short, and that the yearly receipts of spirits, turpentine are also short this year by about 7,000 casks. The receipts of other naval stores are, however, slightly in excess of those of last year. A comparison of the weekly reports will also show a decrease in receipts this year of cotton and all naval stores, except crude.

### BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—4 barrels tar.  
W. & A. Railroad—165 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 7 barrels rosin, 53 barrels tar.  
Y. Railroad—4 casks spirits turpentine, 68 barrels tar.  
W. & N. Railroad—8 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 50 barrels rosin.  
Steamer Croesus—2 bales cotton, 12 barrels tar.  
Steamer E. A. Hawes—1 bale cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 243 barrels rosin, 96 barrels tar.  
Steamer W. T. Daggert—3 casks spirits turpentine, 25 barrels rosin, 50 barrels tar.  
Schooner Ruth J—13 casks spirits turpentine, 80 barrels rosin, 42 barrels tar.  
Schooner J. D. Pigott—3 casks spirits turpentine, 83 barrels rosin.  
Total—Cotton, 176 bales; spirits turpentine, 82 casks; rosin, 463 barrels; tar, 325 barrels; crude turpentine, 9 barrels.

Best Marsh Mallow Drops, 15c pound. Sold on their merits. Palace Bakery.

### TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION.

Young Men's Christian Associations of North Carolina—Officers Elected. Interesting Proceedings.

(Special Star Telegram.)

DURHAM, N. C., March 10.—The temporary organization of the twenty-third convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of North Carolina was completed at 10 o'clock this morning under the direction of Mr. H. O. Williams, international secretary, and W. M. Lewis, State secretary, by electing the following officers:

President, A. G. Brenizer, Charlotte; first Vice President, Durham; second Vice President, J. Z. Eure, Wake Forest; third Vice President, J. W. Kennedy, Gastonia; Secretary, L. T. Jackman, Davidson Medical College; Assistant Secretary, S. A. Stewart, Trinity College.

A very interesting discussion was thereon, presided over by Secretary A. G. Knobel, Charleston, S. C., on Bible study.

One of the most interesting features of the morning service was that conducted by Secretary Frank Mahan, of Durham, N. C., on the questions: "Does the Young Men's Christian Association reach the young men of North Carolina? How can it reach a greater number? What are some of the peculiar difficulties? How may they be overcome? What are the great needs?" In the discussion a great number of delegates took part.

The delegation from Wilmington were heard from very prominently in this discussion. Friday evening was taken up by Bible study, conducted by General Secretary Knobel, the first half hour. The remainder of the afternoon was perhaps the most interesting part of the programme. The army and navy work was discussed by those who were there. The following took part: A. G. Knobel, General Secretary, Charleston, S. C.; Frank Mahan, General Secretary, N. C.; Mr. Nanhora, General Secretary, Asheville, N. C.; Howard Caldwell, General Secretary, Wilmington, N. C.; Julian L. Smith, Charleston, S. C.

At to-night's session Prof. Geo. C. Hanna, chairman State Committee, made a very interesting report of the work being done in the State, after which there were two very interesting addresses delivered on college work by Rev. A. T. Graham, of Davidson, and International Secretary W. T. Matthews. Both of these addresses were very much enjoyed, and as an evidence of the good they did, one delegate, immediately on the close of the session, gave one hundred dollars for association work in the colleges in North Carolina.

The convention will continue through to-morrow and will close Sunday with religious services in Trinity church.

### THE TIMBER INTERESTS.

Improved Conditions in Lumber Market Have Stimulating Prices and Dealers Are Doing Profitable Business.

Timber inspectors and lumber dealers have been very busily engaged for the past week in handling the unusually large number of timber rafts that have been brought down the river by up-country cutters.

Mr. H. McL. Green, one of the leading inspectors, yesterday stated that timber of all grades was selling off as fast as it arrived at good paying prices. Common mill, he says, is bringing from \$5 to \$6.50; fair mill \$6.50 to \$8.00; prime mill \$8.50 to \$10.50.

There is an improved tone to conditions and the demand is much better than for some time past.

During the past six weeks five schooners, carrying more than a million feet of lumber, have cleared for foreign ports, and seven schooners, carrying over a million and a half feet, have cleared with cargoes for domestic trade. Besides these, large shipments have been made via the Clyde Steamship Line, and seven schooners and bargues are now in the harbor, loading for other ports. A comparison with the record for the corresponding period last year shows that the shipments this year are fully twenty-five per cent. greater than those of the same weeks in 1898.

Severe weather and the disappointing condition of the market during the cutting season has shortened the receipts of timber to some extent for January and February, but during the present month, with the stimulation in prices and eager demand, it is expected that many million feet will be brought down the river and the mills well stocked for future demands.

From the Holy Land.

Mr. Jake Elsbach yesterday received from Jerusalem a volume handsomely bound in olive wood entitled, "The Hagadah for the Passover," with English translations. The preface states that the book also contains some "remembrances of the holy places in the Holy Land," and the volume is highly prized by Mr. Elsbach. It was printed in Jerusalem in the five thousand six hundred and fifty-sixth Hebrew year, and was bound by a native of the Holy Land, who in a private letter to Mr. Elsbach stated that competition was so close in his country that the book had been voluntarily sent with the earnest hope that ample remuneration for it would be returned by next mail.

Best Marsh Mallow Drops, 15c pound. Sold on their merits. Palace Bakery.

### AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH.

The State Board of Agriculture Held Another Meeting Yesterday.

NO OFFICERS WERE ELECTED.

A. and M. College Trustees to Meet Monday—Keeper of the Capitol—Mistake in the Bill Repealing the Bureau of Labor Act.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

RALEIGH, N. C., March 10.—The trustees of the A. and M. College will meet for organization on Monday. Keeper of the Capitol Burns claims he is in office for two years more, and refuses to give way to Mr. Cherry, the newly elected keeper of the Capitol. The courts will be appealed to.

The assistants in the office of the Enrolling Clerk have appointed chief clerk Norell with a handsome table lamp.

Wake Superior Court is still in session. The summons docket was called this morning.

The twenty-third annual State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association is in session at Trinity Church, Durham. On the programme for to-night is "The Army and Navy, Camp Fire Tales from those who were there," by Howard Caldwell, General Secretary, Wilmington.

By a mistake either in drawing or copying the bill repealing the Bureau of Labor Act and establishing the Bureau of Labor and Printing, the Legislature has added to the duties of the commissioner (Mr. Lacy) that of being tax collector for Bryson City. This is done in these words: "And shall perform all the duties prescribed in Chapter 15, Public Laws of 1897." Now Chapter 15 is "An Act for the relief of A. H. Elmore, former tax collector for the town of Bryson City." The chapter number in 251, which is "An Act to provide for the inspection and regulation of mines."

No county in the State had a bluer or more faithful representation than did New Hanover in Messrs. Rountree and Willard. They were recognized leaders—the one in matters of law and the other in questions of finance.

### Status of Clerks and Employees.

By an oversight the resolution providing for an adjournment of the Legislature until June, 1900, had nothing to say in regard to the pay of clerks and employees. And now it is claimed and the Auditor has ruled, that by a strict construction of the law they will be entitled to draw pay for that time.

The Legislature cost \$66,500, as far as can now be ascertained; that of 1897 cost \$70,760, while the one in 1895 climbed up to \$72,260.

(Special Star Telegram.)

The State Board of Agriculture held another meeting to-day. No officers were elected, as had been anticipated. The Board having decided to defer all active work until after the next meeting, on April 28th. A committee, composed of three members of the Board and Pros. Holmes and Secretary Bruner, was appointed to receive bids and specifications for an annex to the museum, and to make report at the next meeting of the Board.

The three members of the Fish Committee (Coffield, Grimes and Capehart) were instructed to correspond with the proper authorities at Washington relative to the establishment of a fish-hatchery in Albemarle sound. Mr. Capehart explained that such a measure was necessary to the fishing interests of the State.

A resolution was adopted that no member of the Board should hold any office, save in the actual line of duty as a member of the Board. This is aimed at three of the Fusion members of the Board, who are also fertilizer inspectors, and at J. C. L. Harris, who is a member of the Board and also attorney for it. They must now either resign from the Board or resign from the offices they hold under it.

### CONTRACT AWARDED YESTERDAY.

Messrs. Zachary and Zachary, of Raleigh. Awarded Contract for Solomon Store.

The contract for the erection of the handsome new three-story store building for Messrs. S. and B. Solomon, was awarded yesterday to Messrs. Zachary and Zachary, of Raleigh, who were adjudged the lowest bidders. Mr. A. C. Zachary, a member of the firm whose arrival in the city was announced in yesterday's STAR, returned to Raleigh last night for the purpose of making necessary arrangements for commencing work on the new building by the 20th inst. STAR readers will remember that the building is to be completed by July 20th. Subsequently the contract for remodeling Messrs. S. and B. Solomon's corner store building, on Market and Front streets, will be given out as an entirely separate job. Particulars as to the specifications for both contracts were published in yesterday's STAR.

### Fire Damage Repaired.

Messrs. Tyler and Sumlin, contractors, will complete the work of repairing the damage to the building occupied by the D. F. Koonce Co. on Second street, near Market, to-day or Monday. Since the fire some weeks ago, the stock has been concentrated in the south salesroom. As soon as the repairs are completed the firm will resume the use of both stores. The damage to the building occupied by the Sneed Furniture Company was also repaired by the same contractors and was completed early this week.

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

### Church Notices.

Rev. J. W. Craig will preach in Bladen Street Church to-morrow, morning and night.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets, there will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Dr. Calvin B. Blackwell, pastor: 11 A