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OUTLINES.

Dun's review of trade says the business situation is not at present improving. Chinese are seriously alarmed at the presence of the German fleet at Kian Chon; a German naval patrol which went a short distance inland was fired upon and forced to retire, although several Chinese were killed. Gen. MacArthur's troops occupied Malolos without opposition, the Filipinos abandoning the place. American troops in Luzon will not chase the Filipinos during the rainy season; it is proposed to employ natives to fight the guerrillas. Raleigh's superintendent of health says the city is threatened with an epidemic of smallpox and urges compulsory vaccination. British passenger steamer Stella, plying between Southampton, Eng., and the channel islands, wrecked in a fog seventy or more persons drowned. Under orders from Berlin, the Germans in China will occupy two towns in the province of Shang Tung until China is able to give guarantee for preservation of order in that province. This action is regarded as equivalent to effective interference in administrative control within the German sphere of influence.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.
WILMINGTON, N. C., March 31.
Temperature 5 A. M., 68 deg.; 8 P. M., 64 deg.; maximum, 76 deg.; minimum, 55 deg.; mean, 66 deg.
Rainfall for the day, —; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 1.01.
Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 19.1 feet and rising.
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
WASHINGTON, March 31.—For North Carolina: Fair; colder, except in extreme western portion; brisk westerly winds; probably fair Sunday.

Port Almanac—April 1.

Sun Rises 5.48 A. M.
Sun Sets 6.20 P. M.
Day's Length 12 H. 32 M.
High Water at Southampton 11.18 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington 2.48 P. M.

"I am back in the Democratic party now," exclaims Captain Reuben K. Kolb, of Alabama, and he feels better.

Japan's new torpedo boat destroyer, the Inaduma, is a scorcher. On her trial trip she tripped along at the rate of 31.037 knots an hour.

The British soldier is said to be the best foot soldier in Europe. He has to be, for the British soldier, that is the sure-enough Briton, can't fight or won't fight on a "thempy" stomach.

A young woman who has recovered a \$25,000 breach of promise suit against a man who changed his mind, has since had several offers of marriage by mail. One of the proposers offers the inducement that there is a fine opportunity to invest \$10,000 in his business.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat rises to remark that the Republican party has always been opposed to trusts, and declared against them in the first convention it held after trusts were formed. Talk is cheap. It declares against them and then puts up tariffs to encourage them.

Mr. Tsai Chi, prince of Tuan, China, seems to have made a mash on the Dowager Empress, who has presented him with the "Shang Fend" sword which carries with it the prerogative to chop off the head of any fellow that Mr. Tsai Chi doesn't like, without going through the formality of asking anybody's permission.

An Anderson, S. C., man has patented a contrivance for fastening the ribs of umbrellas with much less work than the old process, which it is said will revolutionize the umbrella building business. If he will now invent an attachment to prevent the umbrella from walking away with some other fellow he will have a fortune in sight.

MONTHLY POLICE RECORD.

Ninety-seven Arrests Were Made During March—Favorable Comparison.
The monthly summary of arrests for March as compiled yesterday by Lieutenant of Police Skipper shows that for the time specified 97 arrests have been made, 31 of the offenders being white and 66 colored.
The offenses for which the arrests were made are as follows: Disorderly conduct 30, drunk and disorderly 27, larceny 11, drunk 7, drunk and down 6, burglary 1, receiving stolen goods 2, assault with deadly weapon 2, carrying concealed weapons 1, fast driving 1, keeping disorderly house of ill fame 1, indecent exposure 1, asleep on the street 1, throwing stones in the streets 1, riding bicycle at night without lantern 1, by warrants from elsewhere 3.
The number of arrests compares very favorably with those of other months of the year and is ample evidence that there is no relaxation of effort on the part of the police in preserving order.

LOCAL DOTS.

No local cotton and naval stores markets are printed in to-day's STAR, the Produce Exchange having been closed on account of holiday—Good Friday.

During the month of March the Register of Deeds issued twenty-two marriage licenses. Ten of the number were to white persons and sixteen to colored.

Mr. F. W. Ortman was summoned by telegraph yesterday to attend the funeral of his brother, whose death occurred at Charleston, S. C., yesterday morning.

Messrs. Heide & Co. cleared the Swedish barque Friedrich, Captain Larson, yesterday with a cargo of 6,122 barrels rosin and 176 barrels gum thus for London. The cargo was by Messrs. S. P. Shoter & Co., New York.

Justice McGowan disposed of two uninteresting cases yesterday. The charge in each case was disorderly conduct and assault. The defendants, Pompey Lyon and Mack Faircloth, both colored, were dismissed upon payment of costs.

Franklin McNeill, Esq., and E. K. Bryan, Esq., have formed a partnership for the practice of law. The office of the new firm will be the apartments heretofore occupied by Messrs. Ricard & Bryan. It is a strong law firm, and the STAR wishes them deserved success.

Capt. B. R. Russell, of the fire department, spent yesterday at Moore's Creek battle ground. He says the monument is being very much defaced by visitors, who chip off pieces for souvenirs. The chipping off of raised letters of the inscription is especially noticeable.

At both the morning and evening sessions at St. Andrew's Church to-morrow there will be special music by Mr. C. E. Lindall, late cornet soloist and baritone in Gilmore's band, and Mr. Dave Russell, at one time a member of the choir of Advent Church, Boston. He is popularly known as the "boy tenor."

Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell is to speak at the Southern Baptist Convention, Louisville, Ky., May 11th, on the "Baptist Young People of the South and Their Opportunity." Several laymen of this city speak of attending. The convention city being more central, the attendance will be much larger than it was in this city two years ago.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

M. H. Curran—Neckwear.
S. W. Sanders—Another cut.
King Grocery Co.—Household helps.
Mercer & Evans—A shoe's mission.
Walker Taylor & Metts—Copartnership.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. E. W. Van Court Lucas left last night for New York.
Mr. C. J. Woodson, of Galesville, is registered at The Orion.
Mr. J. L. Amis, of Verona, was registered at The Orion yesterday.
Mr. A. T. Harper, of Goldsboro, was a visitor in the city yesterday.
Miss Christine Burfeindt left on the 7 P. M. train yesterday for New York.
Miss Alice Borden arrived in the city last night from Greensboro College to spend Easter with her parents.
Mr. S. F. Burbank, of Washington, N. C., a member of the United States engineering corps, is in the city on official business.
Miss Margarette Harris, of Raleigh, arrived in the city last night and is the guest of Capt. John Williams, on Orange street.
Miss Lillie Horne, one of Wilmington's charming young ladies, who has been attending Elizabeth College, Charlotte, has returned home.

DEATH OF AN AGED CITIZEN.

Mr. William T. Bray Died Early Yesterday Morning at His Residence.

Mr. William T. Bray, an aged and respected citizen of Wilmington, died at 4:45 o'clock yesterday morning at his residence No. 313 Campbell street, after several months of feeble health.

Mr. Bray came to Wilmington from Jones county a number of years ago and served the city faithfully for some time as a health officer.
Deceased was 76 years of age and leaves a wife and five children, all grown, who survive him and have the sympathy of friends and acquaintances in their bereavement. They are Mr. Thos. C. Bray and Mrs. Lucy Merritt, of this city, and Messrs. Charles D. and Robert Bray and Mrs. Eliza Heap, of Florence, S. C., the last three mentioned having arrived yesterday to attend the funeral, which will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

Carolina and Northern Railroad.

Augustus Mellier, of Philadelphia, one of the promoters of the Carolina and Northern Railroad, has written the Manufacturers' Record that contracts are about to be let for grading forty-five miles of this line, and that they have been purchased for this distance. The section to be built is between Lumberton and Marion, S. C. J. H. McRee, of Wilmington, is engineer in charge.

HEARING IS FINISHED.

All Witnesses for Contestee in Bellamy-Dockery Contest Have Been Examined.

RETURNS FOR TEN YEARS.

In Congressional District Were Submitted in Evidence by Mr. Bellamy's Counsel Yesterday—Other Testimony Probably Next Week.

The taking of depositions of witnesses summoned by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, the contestee, in the congressional election case, was concluded before the Notary Court yesterday afternoon.

The first witness examined at the morning session of the investigation was Justice J. M. McGowan. He was examined by Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., and his testimony was seemingly a revelation to counsel for contestant. He testified as to having been a justice of the peace, spent a major part of last election day at the polls; there was no intimidation several negroes having remarked to him that it was the most quiet election they ever saw; every colored voter who came to the polls was treated courteously; the election officers were Democrats, Republicans and Populists; had been an enthusiastic Democrat all his life; was deterred from more active service to his party on election day in November last by injuries received while city health officer; was a candidate for no political preferment; was not present and knew nothing of an alleged riot in Wilmington November 10th; Col. Waddell is not a member of the "famous" committee of twenty-five said to have been in existence in the city; never heard Col. Waddell or other person admit that they were members of such committee; knew only of destruction of Manly's printing office from newspaper reports; was secretary of White Government Union of Third and Fourth divisions of the Fifth Ward, an organization having for its purpose the holding of a fair election and for prevention of negroes being imported from South Carolina for political purposes. Witness further testified as to incompetence of Republican county officers, speaking from experience gained from dependence upon the same for execution of warrants; stating that it was impossible to have papers served on prominent Republican negroes; testified as to terrible conditions prior to election brought about by negro domination.

Upon conclusion of Justice McGowan's testimony at 2:15 o'clock a recess was taken until 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.
Upon the re-assembling of the court, Mr. Isaiah West, of the First Ward, was examined also by Geo. L. Peschau, Esq. He was registrar in the Third Precinct of the First Ward; the full vote of all parties was cast, Dockery receiving something over 800 ballots and Bellamy 75; the election was quiet; was not a member of White Government Union; voted for Bellamy, and has been a Democrat all his life; was appointed a registrar by the Election Board, composed by Clerk of the Court, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and Registrar of Deeds C. W. Norwood. Stated on re-direct examination that Norwood was a Republican.

Junius Davis, Esq., upon conclusion of Mr. West's testimony, examined Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Court. Witness testified that by virtue of his office he was custodian of the registration and poll books of the county; the election returns were made and the books examined after late election according to law. By request Col. Taylor then submitted a tabulated and detailed statement of the white and colored votes cast in the election under consideration.

Upon being cross examined he testified that he now holds the office of Clerk of Superior Court; was member of Board of Elections, which appointed election officers during late election; the board appointed some of the officers recommended by the Republican County Executive Committee and some they did not; both himself and Colonel Roger Moore were candidates for office before election in question; was satisfied that a rapid fire gun described in question by contestant's counsel, was in hands of white citizens of Wilmington for protection against insolence of negroes, but had his knowledge only by rumor; did not know that those people who had gun in their custody were Democrats; was not a member of White Government Union and was not present on occasion of Colonel Waddell's speech in Opera House; knew nothing of "Committee of Twenty-five" referred to; knew nothing of Manly printing office affair; heard fire bell and saw smoke; knew of no pre-arranged plan for destruction of the printing office; never heard any comment on speech of Col. Waddell in Opera House.

The examination of Col. Taylor having been ended with cross-examination by Mr. Spears, counsel for contestant then offered in evidence a tabulated statement of the votes cast for members of Congress in the nine counties comprising the Sixth Congressional district for the years 1888-1898 from the official records in the office of the Secretary of State, duly certified by Notaries Fowler and Wallace.

Dr. J. D. Webster, of Wilmington, and of the First division of the Fourth Ward, was the last witness for the day. He testified that he was registrar in his precinct; the election was quiet and orderly. He was cross-ex-

amined as to alleged destruction of Manly's printing office, while Government Unions and the rapid fire-gun in question but knew nothing of their existence. He was examined by Geo. L. Peschau, both in direct and re-direct testimony.

With Dr. Webster, the counsel for the contestee, concluded the examination of the witnesses summoned under the notices served for the depositions to begin on March 28th, but it is probable that further testimony will be heard for contestant during next week, as the time allowed by the Revised Statutes bearing on such cases, has not yet expired.

Dockery's ten day's forbidding of the testimony heard this week will begin with the expiration of contestant's time.

SANS SOUCI FERTILIZER WORKS TO BE REBUILT.

With Largely Increased Capacity—Mr. Garrell Estimates His Loss in Excess of Insurance at \$2,000.

The STAR is glad to announce that Mr. J. F. Garrell has decided to rebuild the Sans Souci Fertilizer Plant, which was destroyed by fire recently. A satisfactory adjustment of the losses was perfected with representatives of the insurance companies last night, and work upon the new buildings will commence just as soon as plans can be drawn and bids received.

Mr. Garrell says that the new factory will be very much larger than the former one, with a greatly increased capacity. He makes sixteen or more brands of fertilizer and says that it was impossible for him to supply the demand with his old factory, having been very much behind in filling orders at the time the fire occurred. Mr. Garrell estimates that he lost fully \$2,000 by the fire over and above the insurance.

A force of hands will probably commence today to clear away the debris out at the factory site. It will be necessary, however, first of all to turn water upon the ruins to extinguish a smoldering fire which has been burning ever since the fire occurred on Wednesday evening of last week. Mr. Garrell expects to save large quantities of fertilizer materials which are, he thinks, uninjured by the fire. He could have saved very much more, he says, had he been allowed by the insurance companies to have cleared away the debris and extinguished the fire sooner.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Will Convene Next Tuesday Morning. Many Delegates Coming—Features of the Session.

The Spring session of the Wilmington Presbytery will be convened on next Tuesday morning with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and continue until and during the Sunday following. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. W. M. Shaw, of Southport.

There will be thirty or forty out-of-town delegates besides quite a number of lady delegates to the Woman's Missionary and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery which also hold sessions during the week. The Woman's Convention will meet Wednesday at 10 A. M.

Wilmington Presbyterians are making all needed preparations for the entertainment of the visiting delegates and one of the most enjoyable and profitable sessions in the history of the Presbytery is assured.

The Wilmington Presbytery comprises about 35 churches, its territory embracing New Hanover, Onslow, Duplin, Sampson, Pender and Brunswick counties.

One of the most notable features of the approaching session is to be an address by Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., Secretary of Foreign Missions who has recently visited China, Korea and Japan and will treat of the mission work in these fields.

A book in which Dr. Chester treats of the situation and mission work in these countries, is soon to be published. Besides the address on Wednesday Dr. Chester will on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock address a mass meeting at St. Andrew's Church.

M. J. DINGELHOEF, JR., DEAD.

Died Yesterday at Nashville—Was Member of Firm of Dingelhof and Bro. Interment at Chattanooga.

A telegram received here yesterday afternoon by Mr. O. Fred Dingelhof brought the sad intelligence of the death of his elder brother, Mr. M. J. Dingelhof, Jr., which occurred in Nashville, Tenn., early in the afternoon.

The deceased only left this city a few weeks ago, having spent several months here after the death of his father, the late M. J. Dingelhof, Sr., after which he and his brother, Mr. O. Fred Dingelhof, purchased the jewelry store previously owned by their father, the present firm name being Dingelhof & Bro.

The deceased was in the 31st year of his age, and was very highly esteemed by all who knew him. With the exception of his recent stay of a few months in this city, he has been absent from Wilmington for the past ten years, during which time he was in business at Chattanooga, Tenn. While here last fall he underwent an operation for appendicitis, and his death is attributable to this terrible disease.

Mr. Dingelhof married Miss Herst, of Chattanooga, who survives her husband. An only child died more than a year ago. The deceased leaves two brothers—Mr. O. Fred Dingelhof, of this city, and Mr. H. J. Dingelhof, of Winston-Salem. The funeral will be in Chattanooga to-day.

The bereaved relatives have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in this city.

STATE GUARD ENCAMPMENT.

Col. Royster Thinks Wrightsville is the Place for the Camp—Raleigh Post Interview.

While no official order has yet been made, it is generally conceded that the encampment of the State Guard to be held this Summer will be at the State encampment grounds, on Wrightsville Sound. The Raleigh Post of yesterday contains the following interesting interview with Col. Royster, to-wit: "Adjutant General B. S. Royster, who has been in the city for several days giving his attention to matters pertaining to the State Guard and Naval militia, returned home yesterday."

"Among the more important matters considered by the Adjutant General was the coming encampment this Summer. No conclusion was reached, but it is practically certain that the guard will go into encampment at Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington. Speaking of the encampment, Gen. Royster said: 'A decision will probably be reached within ten days as to the place of the encampment next Summer. Only two places are being considered—Morehead and Wrightsville Beach.'"

Is Now Walker Taylor and Metts.

By reference to the advertising columns of the STAR, it will be seen that Col. Walker Taylor has associated with himself Mr. J. Van B. Metts as a partner in the insurance business, the style of the firm being Walker Taylor and Metts. Mr. Metts has been associated with Col. Taylor as a clerk in the insurance office for the past six years and has, as Col. Taylor, expresses it, rendered invaluable service in the furtherance of the business-like methods which prevail in the office. They represent a number of the leading companies of the world. Mr. Metts is a clever and energetic business man and the STAR notes with gratification the success which is attending his business career.

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

A SMALLPOX SCARE.

The Raleigh Superintendent of Health Says an Epidemic is Threatened.

ALDERMEN TAKE ACTION.

Physicians Make a House to House Canvass—State Guard Notes—The Naval Reserves—Superior Court.

During the month of March the American Tobacco Company purchased \$104,000 worth of revenue stamps in this district—\$80,000 for smoking tobacco stamps and \$24,000 for cigarette stamps. Their purchase of stamps in the Western district was also very large. These figures give some idea of the immense amount of business done by the trust in North Carolina, and how completely under its control the tobacco trade of this State is.

The recently constructed pest house here is now occupied by its first smallpox patient—Carnie Young, a negro woman. By failure of the health authorities to attend to the case immediately after it was reported, she remained at her home on North street more than twenty-four hours after the disease broke out, and was during that time visited by many negroes. Though all such visitors that can be found have been quarantined, it is feared that case will cause many others.

Commander Morton, of the Naval Reserves, has as yet made no report to the Adjutant General in regard to the practice cruise on the Prairie. It is thought by Gen. Royster that the Reserves will not make the cruise.

State Superintendent Mebane is sending out a circular letter to County Boards of School Directors, giving the various sections of the new school law defining their duties.

The recruiting office here no longer accepts recruits for service in the Philippines. Those desiring foreign service must go either to Cuba or Porto Rico. Many white men are also enlisting for artillery service along the coast.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held to-night for the purpose of appointing registrars and poll-holders for the city election to be held May 1st.

The A. & M. College base ball club goes out to Wake Forest to play the college club there. On Monday they play Bingham School here.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows is called to meet in this city May 9th. It will be in session two days.

Compulsory Vaccination.

The Board of Aldermen to-night passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to employ two physicians to make a house to house canvass, vaccinating all those who would submit and keeping record of those vaccinated, also of those refusing, Dr. McKee, superintendent of health, favored compulsory vaccination at once. He said the city was threatened with an epidemic. If found necessary compulsory vaccination will yet be ordered.

A committee was appointed to welcome back the Raleigh company, now in the First North Carolina regiment. A banquet will be given them in the armory.

The Commissioner of Agriculture appoints E. P. Land, of Edgecombe, fertilizer inspector.

Mount Olive Tobacco Warehouse Company was to-day incorporated, with \$28,600 capital stock. The incorporators are H. T. Ham, W. F. Martin, H. G. Williams and R. Korngay.

VERY LOW MARCH FIRE LOSS.

Fourteen Alarms and Only \$189.75 Damage to City Property.
The March report of the Fire Department makes an excellent showing for the efficiency of the service, the fire having been fourteen alarms of fire and only \$189.75 damage to property within the city limits. Two of the alarms were on account of a fire across the river on Eagle Island, in Mr. V. B. Britton's single yard, beyond the reach of the Department, which brought the loss by fire up to \$3,822.04. The total insurance on buildings in which fires occurred is \$12,400, and that on the contents \$2,700, the damage to buildings having been \$182 and damage to contents \$5.75.

The causes of the defective alarms were as follows: Obsolete flues, 2; clefts chimney, 1; unknown, 2; coal from grate, 1; sparks from chimney, 4; lamp explosion, 1; accident to stove, 1; chimney on fire, 1, and false alarm 1.

The Ennice Goodrich Co. Lovers of artistic stage work will welcome the return of the Ennice Goodrich Company next week. The company is composed of actors and actresses equal to all the roles entrusted to them. The management has several novelties to offer between acts, including the Vivrescope, exhibiting a new series of views at each performance. Miss Goodrich will be seen in her illusion dances.

On Monday night ladies will be admitted free when accompanied by a companion with one paid ticket. Popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents, will prevail.

Neckwear, - Neckwear.

OUR SPRING OPENING THIS, SATURDAY MORNING.

OUR Tailoring Department

Is on a boom, and every one who sees our line of Imported and Domestic Suits and Trousers pronounce them far superior to any they have ever seen.

M. H. CURRAN, 107 Princess street.

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HOQ PRODUCTS, Canned Meats, Lard, &c.

to 13 ft. Nutt Street, A. C. L. Crossing.

New Stock.

The Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association will start a NEW SERIES, first payment to be made on Saturday, April 1st.

Those wishing to secure Stock in this NEW SERIES should apply at once to an officer or director of the Association.

HEW TO THE LINE.

"Neighbor, did you try it?" "Yes!" "What was it?" "Nothing but frozen Custard." "I told you so." "Are you going to try them again?" "No! No! No!" "I will place my orders in the future with the PALACE BAKERY, where I can get Cream and NOT Custard."

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OPERA HOUSE.

Commencing MONDAY, 3 Nights Thursday April 3

EUNICE GOODRICH And Her Clever Company, including THEODORA, THE GREAT CHILD ACTRESS. Illustrated Songs, Fire Dance. A Perfect Picture Machine.

THE VIVRESCOPE. Prices, 10, 20, 30 Cents. THE OPENING HILL WILL BE.

"FANCHON, THE CRICKET."

Usual privilege to Ladies Monday night. ma 31 st.

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