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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

General Otis reports that the Filipino leaders will send in a commission to-day to seek terms of peace; Spanish prisoners who have arrived at Manila say that the rebel army is completely demoralized. — The peace conference, called by the czar of Russia, met yesterday at The Hague; (M. De Beaufort, minister of foreign affairs of the Netherlands, welcomed the delegates. — The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church is in session at Richmond, Va.; Dr. John P. Cannon, of Missouri, was elected moderator. — The entire force of postmen in Paris, France, struck yesterday for an increase of wages. — A negro while attempting to outrage a white girl in Alabama, was attacked by her brother with a turpentine hickory; he slashed the ravisher, inflicting fatal wounds, but was himself critically wounded by a pistol shot fired by the negro. — Negro ex-slaves going from Atlanta to Columbus, Ga., Saturday night, threaten to fire the town of Palmetto, Ga. — People of Manila are confident that the insurrection is ended. — Joe Jackson, colored, hanged in Charlotte yesterday for rape. — A combination of manufacturers of lamp chimneys has been perfected. — Soap manufacturers are organizing a gigantic combine. — New York markets: Money on call steady at 2 1/2 per cent.; cotton steady, middling uplands 6 1/2; flour was quiet but steady all day; wheat—spot firm, but dull; No. 2 red soft; corn—spot firm, No. 2 4 1/2; oats—spot dull; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., May 18.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 77 degrees; 8 P. M., 70 degrees; maximum, 92 degrees; minimum, 71 degrees; mean, 82 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .280.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.

Light to moderate showers occurred during the past 24 hours in the Mississippi valley and western districts, and local showers in Western North Carolina. High temperature prevailed over the Carolinas.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—For North Carolina—Fair in the interior, showers, followed by fair on the coast Friday; fresh west winds. Saturday, fair and warmer.

Port Alwanac—May 19.

Sun Rises 5:53 A. M.
Sun Sets 6:59 P. M.
Day's Length 14 H. 06 M.
High Water at Southern 2:43 A. M.
High Water Wilmington 6:13 A. M.

Jerry Simpson has given up the idea of running for Congress any more. He says the people out there have got tired of electing freaks.

It is said that China has begun to suspect the czar's friendship. It took the old slouch a long time, however, to get her suspecting eye open.

Prof. Starr, of the Chicago University, says "McKinley is a knave and Bryan an ass." This puts this Starr between a knave and an ass, as it were.

They say gold mines of fabulous richness, rivaling the Klondike, have been discovered in Alaska, and the rush is for those diggings now. These are on Uncle Sam's land.

Uncle Paul Kruger is bucking up against the Britons, has ordered his braves to put on their war paint and get their shooting irons greased up. He is also hustling in fortifying strategic points.

A Memphis man who supposes editors are up on pups and other things, asks one of his town papers how to stop the growth of a black and tan pup. Cut its tail off close up behind the ears.

A marriage took place in Toledo, Ohio, the other day in which the lady, a Miss Commander, insisted on retaining her name, and will be known as Mrs. Commander. She proposes to be still commander under the new arrangement.

D. O. Mills, the New York \$25,000,000-er, says that while he has been reasonably happy, his happiest days were when he was a small country merchant. Then he could go fishing without the newspapers telling how many fish he did or didn't catch.

Huckleberry Crop.
The first consignment of huckleberries from Sampson thus far reported were shipped Wednesday from Cranberry by Mr. J. F. Lewis. Mr. Lewis, who was in the city yesterday, says the crop this season in his vicinity is the largest for many years, and they are of exceptionally fine quality. Shipments, he says, will commence in earnest next week. The peach crop in the vicinity of Ivanhoe, he also says, is good, but there will be comparatively no apples.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1899.

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LOCAL DOTS.

— On account of Atlantic Club opening the Seacoast train will leave Wilmington this evening at 7 P. M., returning at 11 P. M.

— Miss Hamme's concert, to have been given to-night in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, has been postponed until Tuesday night, the 23rd inst.

— Spirits turpentine was quoted at the opening yesterday steady at 87 1/2 cents. At the closing yesterday afternoon the quotations were steady, 88 1/2 cents.

— Don't forget the game of base ball between the O. A. N. and A. C. L. teams at Hilton park this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. A game of real interest is promised.

— The steamer Driver was down from Fayetteville yesterday morning and cleared late in the afternoon for the return trip. The Hanes is expected from Clear Run this morning.

— Robert Bolden, colored, who had just completed a thirty days' sentence in jail for costs, was re-committed yesterday by Deputies Flynn and Terry for forcible trespass.

— Mr. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourne, who was in the city yesterday, told a STAR reporter that the strawberry crop in his section had thus far yielded very satisfactory remuneration for the truckers.

— The Cape Fear Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their regular meeting for May this (Friday) afternoon at 5 o'clock. This will be the last meeting before the Fall and a full attendance is desired.

— Leroy Perry, colored, was placed in the guard house yesterday afternoon by Police-men Woolard and Grimsley on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a lantern from Lou Foy, a colored woman living in "Brooklyn."

— The officers and members of Cherokee Tribe No. 9, Improved Order of Red Men, gave their representative to the Great Council of North Carolina, W. H. Lane, a grand reception at their Wigwag, at the kindling of the council fire last night.

— Mr. James S. Worth's new yacht, the *Josephine*, was launched at Market street dock yesterday afternoon. A number of persons gathered at the dock to witness the launching and many expressions of admiration for the beauty of the little craft were heard.

— A reception complimentary to Grand Sachem J. R. Davis, Grand Sannap W. L. Lane and Representative E. P. H. Strunk, who returned from the Great Council of Red Men at Raleigh last week, will be given by Eryota Tribe No. 5, at the regular kindling of the camp fire to-night. Refreshments will be served.

— The Wilmington Street Railway Company gives notice in this morning's STAR that beginning to-day cars will be run from 7.10 A. M. until midnight. This step is taken to better accommodate late travellers during the Summer months, and the public will no doubt show its appreciation of the change by giving an increased patronage.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Seacoast Road—Notice.
Street Railway—Schedule change.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Pistol.
For Sale Phonograph.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Bruce Williams Esq., of Burgh was here on professional business yesterday.

— Capt. J. T. Harper and wife left yesterday for a pleasure trip to New York.

— Dr. D. I. Watson and wife of Southport, were registered at the Orion last night.

— Mr. A. J. Johnson came down from Clear Run yesterday on a combined pleasure and business visit.

— Editor C. Ed. Taylor, of the Southport Standard, and Mr. D. E. McKethan, of Southport, were callers at the STAR office yesterday.

— The Opera House management has closed a contract for the pictorial presentation of the "Passion Play" three nights next week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

— Editor Arthur Whitely, of the Mount Olive Advertiser, was here yesterday to assist the Second Regiment band in furnishing music for the celebration attendant upon the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple.

— Rev. and Mrs. Clarence B. Strouse left yesterday for Harrodsburg, Ky., where Mr. Strouse will begin a series of revival services similar to those just concluded in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium here. Mr. and Mrs. Strouse made many friends while in Wilmington, who will be glad to have them visit the city again.

Profitable Strawberry Willard.

Dr. K. J. Parker, of Willard, was in the city yesterday. He says the berry growers of Willard and surrounding country are very well satisfied with prices realized during the season and traces the cause to the unusually fine quality of berries shipped. He says that the farmers around Willard have been in the berry business only a short while and the land is not so nearly exhausted as at other places, where remunerative prices have not been realized.

MASONIC CEREMONIES.

Corner-Stone for the Splendid New Temple Auspiciously Laid Yesterday.

FIRST ERECTED IN THIS STATE

Exercises by Grand Lodge—Oration by Col. Julian S. Carr—Very Large Audience Present—The Lodge Meeting Last Night.

The corner-stone for Wilmington's magnificent Masonic Temple, the first ever erected in North Carolina, was auspiciously laid yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock by the Grand Lodge in the presence of a large concourse of Wilmingtonians and visitors.

According to the prearranged programme the members of the Grand Lodge and Master Masons assembled at St. John's Hall at 3.30 o'clock and formed a procession for the march to the scene of the ceremonies, Plan-tagenet Commandery acting as escort for the Grand Lodge. The parade was a beautiful one and the marching was in tune to stirring and especially good music by the Second Regiment Band.

When the members of the Grand Lodge and others who were to participate in the programme had taken their places on the improvised platform, and the Second Regiment Band had rendered an appropriate selection, Grand Master R. J. Nobles, of Selma, made the formal announcement as to the purpose of the assemblage, and called upon Grand Chaplain A. M. Simms, of Raleigh, to invoke the blessings of God. The Grand Chaplain's prayer was able, comprehensive and fervent.

Cecilia Quartette sang quite sweetly "Safe In The Rock That is Higher Than I." After which the Grand Secretary read the list of articles deposited in the cornerstone. A Masonic hymn prescribed for the occasion was sung, after which the stone was formally tested, Deputy Grand Master B. S. Royster, of Raleigh, applying the square; Senior Grand Warden H. I. Clark, of Hamilton, the level, and Junior Grand Warden W. S. Liddell, of Charlotte, the plumb, each declaring that the craftsmen had performed their duty well. The corn, the wine and the oil, emblematic of nourishment, refreshment and joy, were poured upon the stone by members of the Grand Lodge.

Other features of the ceremony prior to the oration by Col. Carr were the consecration of the stone, the grand honors, the delivery of the implements of architecture to the architect Mr. Chas. McMillen, the proclamation by the Grand Master and a selection by the Cecilia quartette.

The Orator Introduced.

To Col. A. M. Waddell, Mayor of Wilmington, was assigned the pleasant duty of introducing the orator of the day, Col. Julian S. Carr. Addressing the members of the Grand Lodge of the Masons of Wilmington and the assembled concourse of people, Col. Waddell said:

"Five years ago Wilmington was honored with the presence of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the occasion being the centennial of St. John's Lodge No. 1. This was an especial honor, being the first time in the history of the lodge that they had met outside of Raleigh since 1794. Features of that occasion were the reading of a history of St. John's Lodge No. 1 and sketches of many of the leading Masons of the Lodge.

"It is my pleasant duty to introduce the orator of the occasion. This is especially pleasant because in childhood he was my next door neighbor and through all these years he has been my good friend. He was a member of my regiment during the civil war, and for many days he was chosen Major General of all the United Confederate veterans. He has been eminently successful in business. He is widely known as a benefactor and generous philanthropist, a bright Mason, a great business man and a true-hearted North Carolinian.

"Ladies and gentlemen I introduce Col. Julian S. Carr."

Col. Carr's Oration.

Col. Carr was greeted with a perfect storm of applause. He spoke for probably an hour, delivering a masterful address, which to publish in full would require four or five columns of space.

In his introductory remarks, Col. Carr said he was honored with the privilege of addressing his brethren of the mystic tie, as represented in the Masonic bodies here to-day is an evidence of esteem for which any man might be profoundly grateful, but when the occasion is the laying of the corner stone for a temple of Masonry, in which to teach the truths and practice the virtues that for more than a century have made the place and the tomb of history in the annals of the craft, and when the scene of the memorable event of this day is the beautiful metropolis of the State, the birth place and the tomb of Revolutionary patriots, of scholars and divines, of soldiers and statesmen without number, and of beauty and wit, grace and devotion, in the fair woman, who add the splendor of their loveliness and purity to the halo of their ancestral pride, then humility overcomes me, I am as a pilgrim profoundly grateful, but when the occasion is the laying of the corner stone for a temple of Masonry, in which to teach the truths and 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