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LOCAL DOTS.

—Tar was quoted at only \$1.30 on the local market yesterday—a decline of ten cents from last week's quotations.

—Justice McGowan was the only down town magistrate that "had business" yesterday. He tried three unimportant cases.

—The schooner *Venus*, 194 tons, came from Georgetown to Baltimore put in at Southport for harbor at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

—St. John's Lodge No. 1, F. and A. Masons, will elect officers for the ensuing masonic year at its regular monthly communication to-night.

—The Clyde steamer *Richmond* is expected in port from New York this morning. The *Saginaw* passed out at Southport at 8.40 o'clock Sunday morning.

—The Wilmington Sigma Alpha Epsilon men, of whom there are about twenty, will meet tomorrow night at 8.30 o'clock at the parlors of The Orton, to organize a local branch of the fraternity.

—The Grand Lodge of North Carolina Masons, (colored) will convene at Goldsboro to-day. A number of the members of Wilmington lodges will go up on the A. C. L. train this morning.

—Constable Wm. Sheehan, Sr., yesterday prepared renewal of his bond for the year beginning December 1st last. His sureties, in the sum of \$1,000, are Messrs. M. O'Brien, Sol Bear and Godfrey Hart.

—Mr. A. L. Calhoun and others are making an effort to organize a bank at Ohio, S. C. The capital stock will be \$50,000, of which about \$12,000 has been subscribed. Some of the stock is to be offered in Wilmington.

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Wilmington yesterday lost one of her most prominent and highly esteemed citizens in the death of Mr. Norwood Giles, who passed away at 11.30 A. M. at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary V. Walker, on Front and Chestnut streets. He has been afflicted with aneurism of the heart and for the past three months his condition has been of a serious nature. He was sick at his home in New York until he was brought to this city Wednesday, November 29th. All of his family were at his bedside when he died. His death cast a gloom over the entire community, for he was universally esteemed by all who knew him, and his family had the sincere condolence of his wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Giles was the son of the late Mr. William B. Giles and his wife, who was Miss Almeria Weston. The deceased was born in Wilmington November 10, 1846, and reached the 53rd year of his age on the 10th of last month. In 1848 Mr. Giles' parents moved to Savannah, Ga., where his father engaged extensively in exporting lumber. He also had business interests in Wilmington, and moved back here about the close of the civil war.

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COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD REFUSES GALLOWAY CLAIM.

Content Against Judge Battle's Ruling That Pickpocket Victim Should be Reimbursed Out of Forfeited Bonds.

It was decided at the regular meeting of the County School Board held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, that payment of \$32 to Mr. A. J. Galloway, of Goldsboro, out of the forfeited bonds of the pickpockets, who defaulted at the Spring term of the Criminal Court, be refused, the order of Judge Battle's enjoining payment of this amount to the party named to the contrary notwithstanding.

STAR readers will remember the circumstances of this case; of how Mr. Galloway's pockets were picked of \$32 on a trip down to the city from Goldsboro last Spring; of the subsequent arrest of the three alleged thieves and the forfeiture of their bonds, the amount (\$600) going by law to the school fund.

At the last term of the court Judge Battle ordered the amount, less court costs and the \$32 laid claim to by Mr. Galloway, paid into the school fund. The board yesterday afternoon decided that it was proper to pay the costs of the case but that from no is at stand point did they consider themselves liable to Mr. Galloway in the sum named. This conflict of authority is likely to involve an interesting controversy and one which will probably have to be settled in the courts.

George Rountree, Esq., was present by request during the consideration of the matter and from him legal advice touching the case was sought.

At the meeting Col. W. A. Johnson, the chairman presided, and Capt. Donald MacRae and Mr. W. H. Sprunt, the other members of the board were present.

The only other matter of interest considered at the meeting was the examination and approval of the November statement of County Treasurer H. McL. Green. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$3,793.88. The board adjourned subject to a call of the chairman.

The Size of the Crop.

In a circular just issued by Latham, Alexander & Co., the well known bankers and cotton commission merchants of New York, it is shown that the percentage of cotton that has come into sight for the past twelve years up to December 1st averaged 51.44 of the entire crop of the several years. It is shown, further, that according to New Orleans figures 4,541,000 bales of the new crop had come into sight December 1st, 1899; and that if it is 51.44 per cent. of the entire crop, then the total crop for the year ending September 30th, 1900, will be 8,827,000 bales.

Yachtful Thieves.

Capt. W. A. Sanders, of the steamer *Seabright*, was led a lively chase yesterday afternoon by a diminutive fire boy, whom he detected stealing a bundle of sacks from the steamer's wharf. The thief was one of a number of pickaninnies who infest all the steamboat landings in quest of what they may steal, and Capt. Sanders, although the negro dropped the sacks, was anxious to put his hands on the fleeing youth in order to make an example of him to others evily inclined. The youngster fled up an alley to Front street and thence to the south until he was lost sight of by Capt. Sanders.

Royal Auction Election.

Cornelius Harneet Council No. 231, Royal Arcanum, elected officers last night for the ensuing year as follows: Vice Regent—R. B. Clowe. Regent—W. C. Galloway. Orator—W. H. Turlington. Secretary—John Cowan, Collector—J. W. Bell. Treasurer—L. L. Greenwald. Chaplain—Rev. S. Mendelsohn, D. D. Guide—Henry Burkheimer. Warden—Jos. Sternberger. Sentries—A. Silverman. Trustees—Roger Moore, I. J. Bear, George Sloan.

Representatives to Grand Council—Rev. S. Mendelsohn, D. D.; Alternate, B. J. Jacobs.

Tug *Blanche's* Collision.

The wreck report of the steam tug *Blanche*, of the Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Company, which was injured in a collision with the Charleston tug *Waban* off Bald Head on Wednesday, was yesterday filed by Capt. L. G. Pepper, master. The vessel is valued at \$11,000, and the damage is estimated at \$500. Her owners had insurance amounting to \$5,000. The *Blanche* has completed temporary repairs and is on the river as usual until the return of the *Alexander Jones* from Baltimore, when she will go on the ways for permanent repairs.

Appointed Storekeeper and Gauger.

Mr. George R. Bate, Republican, of this city, received notification yesterday from Col. E. C. Duncan, collector of internal revenue in this district, that he has been appointed storekeeper and gauger in District No. 4, under Rule VI of the civil service. Mr. Bate will probably be assigned to one of the distilleries near this city.

If you are looking for a sweat-shop garment you are in the wrong place. We don't sell any clothing we do not guarantee. M. H. CURRAN.

Tickets on sale for the Christmas holidays by the Seaboard Air Line, December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, also December 30th and 31st, 1899, and January 1st, 1899, good until January 4th, inclusive.

BURGAU FIRE-SWEPT LAST SUNDAY NIGHT.

Two Livery Stables and Seven Horses, and W. D. Croom & Bro.'s Stock of General Merchandise Destroyed.

Bruce Williams, Esq., of Burgau, came down to the city yesterday morning and brought news of a disastrous fire at that place on Sunday night.

Fire broke out about 11 o'clock in the feed room in the front portion of Mr. W. N. Rivenbark's livery and sale stables, on the north side of Front or main street. The ringing of the court house bell aroused the entire population, and the men fought the fire heroically, but before the