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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Gen. Miles left Washington yesterday for the Philippines. — Confederate veterans of New Orleans decline to thank the proffer of the G. A. O. to build a home for indigent Confederate soldiers. — Fire in a cotton mill at Stonewall, Miss., caused damage to the amount of \$125,000. — The Great Council of Red Men will hold its next session at Atlantic City, N. J. — The battleship Wisconsin and the cruiser Cincinnati have been ordered to the Isthmus of Panama. — A committee of the People's Alliance appeared before Gov. Stone, of Pennsylvania, and submitted a plan for settlement of the anthracite coal strike. — Marconi declares he has solved the problem of sending wireless messages over a distance of more than 1,500 miles. — At Richmond, Va., last evening Lewis Berkeley shot and wounded Miss Annie Kessler and then killed himself. — J. P. Morgan and Senator Hanna and others are trying to raise one million dollars for the work of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. — Coal barges sunk in the gate off Fire Island; crew were rescued and taken to Providence, R. I. — New York markets: Money on call was strong at 7 1/2 per cent; cotton quiet at 8 1/2c for middling uplands; flour was firmer and held higher on best grades; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 77c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 72c; oats—spot dull, No. 2 33 1/2c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady at 47 1/2 @ 48.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,  
WEATHER BUREAU,  
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Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M.:  
Temperatures: S. A. M., 64 degrees; 8 A. M., 70 degrees; maximum, 77 degrees; minimum, 57 degrees; mean, 67 degrees.  
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since last month to date, 2.43.  
Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Wednesday, 1.1 feet.  
COTTON REGION BULLETIN.  
Except traces reported in the Oklahoma and Savannah districts, there has been practically no rainfall during the past 24 hours. Temperatures continue moderate.  
FORECAST FOR TODAY.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—For North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness Friday; rain in the west and warmer in the east portion; fresh to brisk winds; Saturday, cooler and fair; except rain on the coast.

Port Almanac—September 12.

At 6 A. M. 5.39 A. M.  
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High Water at Wilmington 2.25 A. M.  
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A Boston woman of 59 years invested \$250,000 on a newly twenty-six-year-old husband. Her people think her insane, but she declares that was the best investment she ever made.

California produces daisies a foot in circumference. We produce daisies here whose circumference is over two feet, and they grow several feet high. The California daisy can't hold a candle to ours.

Gov. Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, says that is the grandest State in the Union. It may be noted in this connection that the sovereigns of that State re-elected him Governor by a satisfactory majority.

When a man contracts a fondness for sweet stuff it sometimes sticks to him a long time. A Missouri paper tells of a citizen, aged 89 years, who climbed a tall tree to capture a swarm of bees which had settled on a limb, and he got 'em.

Gen. Grosvenor, of Ohio, seems to be proud of the fact that "the Republican party presided at the birth of the infant Cuban Republic." It had a very narrow escape from being strangled, and hasn't fully gotten over the bungling operation yet.

The scientists in the John Hopkins laboratory have discovered an intestinal microbe which, it is said, causes many of the summer complaints of infants and so much infant mortality. This is an important discovery, from which great results are anticipated.

The mother of the late Walter Q. Gresham, Secretary of State under President Cleveland, has been a resident of New Albany, Ind., for seventy years. She celebrated the hundredth anniversary of her birthday last Monday. Nearly five hundred guests helped her celebrate.

The steamer Chesapeake, sailing from New York to Baltimore, when about twenty-five miles out from the latter city ran into water that was as "red as wine," but it didn't taste like wine. The color was caused by some red sediment that floated on the water and mixed with it. Maybe it was stuff from Pelee.

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## MULLET CATCH POOR, SO SAY THE FISHERMEN.

Only Five Thousand Pounds Have Yet Reached Local Packers—Shortage Attributed to Dry Weather.

This is the month of the "September mullet," but fishermen say their success in hauling for the favorite "salt fish" this season has been very limited; in fact, the catch up to the present time has been comparatively none. The demand for mullets, however, as is usually the case when none is to be had, is very strong and the prices are good. There is no last season's stock on hand and packers, who have secured the few that have reached the market the past week, have been able to dispose of them easily at \$5 per keg of 100 pounds. Last year about this time they were none too good sale at as low as \$4 per hundred.

## LOCAL DOGS.

The first coots of the season were on the market yesterday and sold for 50 cents per dozen.

Rev. Thos. Dixon will lecture at Warsaw Saturday night before coming to Wilmington on Monday.

Southport Standard: "A friend writes us that the telephone line is nearing Town Creek and will soon be to Southport."

## ACTIVITY IN TIMBER OPERATIONS.

Up-River Country is Alive With Lumber and Shingle Mill Men—Tramways.

The Bannerman correspondent of the Pender Chronicle yesterday writes as follows:

"Mr. J. M. Myers, of the Wilmington Shingle Co., has a lot of contractors drifting out thousands of pine and cypress logs for his plant in Wilmington. His new steamer is now completed and will ply the North East river, transporting logs to his plant."

## NEWS OF THE WHARF

Busy Day in Shipping and Other Operations in Wilmington's Wholesale District.

## RIVER IMPROVEMENT BEGUN.

Chamber of Commerce Will Be Entertained To-night—Another Cotton Steamer Cleared—Schooners That Arrive and Depart.

The second cotton cargo of the season from this port for foreign export was cleared last night on the British steamer Polona, 1,898 tons. Capt. C. H. Holtum. She carried 9,135 bales, valued at \$410,000 and the cargo is consigned to Liverpool, England, by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son. The first cargo of the season was aboard the British steamer Tuskar, which cleared a week ago to-day with slightly a larger cargo—9,741 bales valued at \$480,000. The big British tramp steamer Tolosa, 2,099 tons, Capt. Widder, arrived yesterday from Baltimore for a cargo of cotton and will go into a slip at the Champion wharf, succeeding the Polona, as soon as she has cooled. The Tolosa is the largest cotton vessel to reach here so far this season. The Rosewood and Sir Richard Grenville also have berths at the Champion wharf and are being loaded as rapidly as possible.

The Chamber of Commerce banquet will not take place until to night instead of last night as was erroneously stated in these columns yesterday. It was also stated in error that the proprietors and members of the staffs of the city newspapers had been invited to "become members of the Chambers" when it should have been "members of the party" on the trip to the beach and guests at the supper. The event promises to be a delightful one to-night. There will be fifty or more in the party, who will leave Front and Princess streets at 7:30 o'clock on a suburban car under special charter. Mr. C. H. Robinson has been invited to preside and as previously noted Hon. A. M. Waddell and Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy will make addresses. Members of the Chamber, who have customers in the city for the night, are asked to take them down for the occasion.

The Chamber of Commerce is indebted to the Hill Directory Company, of Richmond, Va., member of the Association of American Directory Publishers, for 23 volumes of city directories of the same number of cities, North and South. The list includes New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Kansas City, Cincinnati, Memphis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Camden and Asheville. The volumes are valued at more than \$150 and were placed in the library of the Chamber for reference of members.

The Diamond Steamboat and Wrecking Co's dredge Watcoosa, in charge of Capt. Edgar D. Williams, is engaged in cutting a four-foot canal, 30 feet wide and about a quarter of a mile long, from a point in the river just this side of the "dram tree" to Mr. T. J. Gore's distillery at "Summer Hill."

Capt. Chas. M. Holtum, of the British steamer Polona, which leaves to-day for Liverpool, tenders to all his valued friends in the city of Wilmington and suburbs, his sincere thanks for the kind reception and many favors accorded to him during his brief stay, and assures all of his hearty appreciation of same, and in bidding adieu, trusts to have the pleasure of meeting all again in the near future.

The schooner Chas. C. Lister, an old trader at this port, which has not been here before in some months, arrived yesterday with a cargo of salt from New York for the Durham & Kleuppelberg Co., of Charlotte, N. C. She is being unloaded at the Carolina Central wharves for further shipment of the cargo by rail.

The government dredge Ajax went to work yesterday on the shoal in the river opposite Kilder's mill, which gave the cotton steamer Tuskar trouble as she was proceeding down the river a few days ago. It is expected that sufficient dredging will be done to give the big vessels immunity from further trouble at that point.

Cotton receipts yesterday were 2,394 bales, against 193 bales on the same day last year. In sympathy with New York the local market dropped off an eighth during the day, the closing quotations having been on the basis of 8 1/2 cents for middling. Last year the market was firm at 8 1/2 cents on a corresponding day.

Two schooners cleared yesterday for New York—the Emily F. Northam, Capt. Pennell, with a cargo of lumber consigned by the Cape Fear Lumber Co., and the four-master Clara A. Donnell, Capt. Jamieson, with a big cargo of cross-ties consigned by the Hall Tie and Lumber Co.

The river steamboats on the shoals above Elizabethtown got off yesterday with the rising water. The Highlander proceeded to Willis' Creek and will reach here to-day for a return trip to Fayetteville.

The four-masted schooner Maroon, Capt. Spooner, arrived yesterday from Boston, and will be loaded with cross-ties by Flynn & Co. The vessel has a net tonnage of 881.

## CONTRACT CLOSED FOR THE PYTHIAN CARNIVAL.

It Will Be Held Week Beginning Nov. 3rd and Will Be Down Town—Superb Free Fireworks Display.

"The Knights of Pythias Carnival and Merchants' Fall Festival" will be held in the downtown district of the city for the week beginning November 3rd and an engagement was made late last night with the Layton Carnival Company to furnish the attractions.

It was originally intended to hold the Carnival on the O. A. N. grounds and a letter was read last night at a meeting of the committee from the vestry of St. James' parish, which controls the property, offering the site upon very liberal conditions, but there was an insistent demand on the part of several retail merchants who appeared before the committee, to have the fair down town and their urgent request was at length granted.

The change in date is for the reason that the Layton Carnival Co. could not be engaged before that time as contracts had already been made with the management of the State Fair at Raleigh to carry many of the attractions there. Mr. Bert Hoss with whom a special committee had the final conference, said that his show, greatly strengthened by several from the State Fair, would come here fresh and up-to-date and would be the largest ever exhibited in the State upon a similar occasion.

Of course the Carnival is conditioned upon the correctness of an abiding confidence the committee has in the business people of the city, who are expected to contribute something to the financial support of the undertaking. Committees will wait upon them in the near future and liberal responses are earnestly hoped for.

One of the big events of the week will be the reproduction on the river front, of Mount Pelee in eruption, which is said to be the most elaborate display of fireworks ever made in the State. This will be free and will last an hour. It will cost the Carnival Committee an even \$500, but the testimony of other cities is that the exhibition is well worth the price.

The meeting of the General Committee last night was largely attended and the situation was canvassed thoroughly. Mr. Hoss, who leaves to-day for Newbern, was present and made his proposition. This was carefully gone into by the committee as a whole, and at length a special committee, composed of Mr. S. H. Flatblate (chairman), Messrs. T. D. Meares, W. F. Robertson, L. B. Rogers, B. O. Stone, H. E. Bonitz and W. E. Perdue, was appointed to finally consummate the contract, provided certain details were adjusted. This special committee had a conference with Mr. Hoss at the Orion and the contract was closed at midnight.

The Pythians are at work for the fair and will make a big success of it.

## WILL LEAVE TO-DAY FOR ATLANTA.

Mr. G. F. Quinn, Delegate to Convention of Brotherhood Carpenters and Joiners.

Mr. G. F. Quinn, delegate-elect, will leave for Atlanta to-morrow afternoon, over the A. C. L., to attend the Bi-annual Convention of The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and will be present at the mammoth trade meeting, which is by far the largest in the world. Over 1,800 local unions will be represented from all over the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The carpenters of Local 899 will hold a special called meeting at the residence of the chaplain, Mr. Charles E. Kriner, this afternoon, to give their delegate a happy "send off," and in all probability stuff him with more suggestions than forty Philadelphia lawyers could remember. Still all who know "Frank" will be satisfied that the interests of unionism in the South will be safe in his hands.

His office, that of financial secretary, will be filled by Mr. Jessie E. Smith during his absence, which will be protracted no doubt until well on in the month of October.

The STAR wishes him a pleasant and profitable trip to our Southern metropolis.

## THE CHICKEN SCARED HIM.

That is Escaped Convict's Excuse for Stealing a Fowl Last Night.

About 10 o'clock last night Policemen Frank George and D. A. Rowan arrested an extraordinary chicken thief at Fifth and Castle streets. His name is Henry Fallard, aged 19 years, and he is colored.

The officers espied the "coon" and the chicken and knew that the two in such close communion at that hour of the night was at least a very suspicious circumstance.

They accordingly halted the negro and accused him of the theft, which he admitted, but excused himself by saying that he started in the yard of Wm. Sampson, colored, and was scared by the chicken, so he picked the fowl up and thought he would sell it.

At the station house, shackles were found on the negro's ankles and he confessed also to being an escaped convict from the Horry county, S. C., chain gang.

A silk umbrella was found on the negro besides the chicken, and it is thought it had been stolen also by the negro.

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## CUMBERLAND COUNTY PRIMARIES.

The Hale-McNeill Faction Snowed Under in the Cross Creek Precincts. [Special Star Telegram.] FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 11.—The Democratic primaries for the selection of delegates to the county convention were held here to-day. Cross Creek (Fayetteville) township voted as follows with reference to the two factions in the fight: Precinct No. 1 was uninstructed, except for McKeithan for Clerk. Precinct No. 2, voted against the McNeill-Hale faction 77 to 29. Precinct No. 8 was 50 to 6 against McNeill-Hale, while No. 4, the home precinct of Messrs. McNeill and Hale, went 73 to 37 against them.

Returns from most of the county precincts indicate about the same ratio as between the factions.

Here For Clarence Davis. Sheriff T. S. Burch, of Florence county, S. C., arrived in the city last night and will take back with him to-day Clarence Davis, a young negro who has just completed a 90 days sentence on the New Hanover county roads. Davis at the time of his conviction here was wanted by Sheriff Burch to complete a term on the Florence county roads, from which he escaped 90 days before his time was up.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bishop, of Monroe, N. C., are in the city, the guests of Mrs. Bishop's mother, Mrs. Jasper Bishop, No. 210 North Sixth street.

## Quick Sellers

AT POPULAR PRICES. We refer to a lot of heavy and medium weight Skirtings in Black and also in colors, just in. Also a fine assortment of NEW

## GINGHAMS FOR FALL AND EARLY WINTER.

As we claim this Store to be the center of new and fashionable goods we can with confidence ask a careful inspection in all the lines we carry.

## SPEAKING OF CARPETS!

Our line of these goods is complete, with all sizes of Rugs to match. MATTINGS—New, pretty and cheap. "American Lady" and "Her Majesty" Corsets are great favorites with many of our customers. Butterick Patterns, which are regarded the best on the market.

Respectfully, A. D. BROWN.

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SPLENDID SHOWING OF Fall and Winter Dress Goods. The newest things in Dress Goods are with us, including the beautiful Silk and Cotton Velvet cords.

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