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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Graveyard investigations at Knoxville, Tenn., disclose that of 251 graves opened, 235 have been found to contain empty coffins. The school boy who was shot by a teacher in the academy at Spartanburg, S. C., last Monday, died yesterday.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27. Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Port Almanac—February 28. Six Rises, 6.36 A. M. Six Sets, 5.52 P. M. Day's Length, 11 H. 18 M.

The first mid ocean newspaper ever published was issued on the Eturia on her last trip across from New York. The dispatches came by the Marconi wireless system.

Hon. Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, is quoted as saying that it is "evolution" and not "legislation" that the negro needs. He seems to have changed his mind.

An Indiana astronomer says he has discovered green things in the sun and thinks it may be inhabited.

Confucius advised his folks to "use men as you do wood." But a good many men wouldn't let you do it, wouldn't let you saw them up, plane them down, drive nails in them and all that kind of thing.

Notwithstanding the provision in the final settlement between China and the allies after the Boxer racket, that China should import no more arms, it is said there is a lively trade in arms now going on, the arms principally coming from Belgium, but also from the United States, Germany and Great Britain.

Mrs. Coulter, the only woman member of the Utah Legislature, has introduced a bill prohibiting "treating" in that State. The women applauded this, but when they discovered that it applied to ice cream, lemonade, soda water, etc., as well as liquors and cigars, they contended she was running the counter too deep.

About the highest priced tooth on record is in a temple in Siam. It is a sacred tooth, from the jaw of a sacred monkey, and is kept in a gold box inside of a half dozen other boxes. The Portuguese once had a racket with Siam, gobbled that tooth and cost Siam \$6,000,000 to get it back. The monkey which furnished the tooth is dead.

A correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, writing from High Point, in this State, says there are fifty-one manufacturing establishments in that town, most of them furniture manufacturers, which turned out last year \$2,500,000 worth of furniture. Twenty years ago it was an insignificant railroad station, with no factory of any kind and but a few hundred inhabitants, who took life easy.

REVENUE ACT PASSED

Adopted on Third Reading in the House of Representatives Yesterday.

NOW GOES TO THE SENATE.

No Amendment Except Reducing the Tax on Oil Dealers—Liquor License on Retailers Stands Double—Merchants Will Pay on Sales.

The Revenue bill passed third reading in the House yesterday and will now go to the Senate for enactment into law. A large number of amendments were offered but all except one were voted down.

The tax on undertakers as finally fixed is \$25 for towns of over 15,000 people, \$15 for towns between 10,000 and 15,000, and \$5 for towns under 10,000.

The license tax on merchants, after a number of amendments were voted down, is as follows:

On sales not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, forty cents on each thousand dollars.

On sales over fifty thousand dollars and less than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, twenty-five cents on each thousand dollars.

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The steamer Sanders arrived yesterday afternoon from Little River, S. C.

The government stump puller H. G. Wright is on the ways at Skinner for slight repairs.

There is no snow to speak of in North Carolina now, but slaying is going on just the same.

Sunday night at the First Baptist church, 7:30 o'clock, Dr. Blackwell's theme will be "Woman."

The revenue cutter Tuscarora arrived yesterday afternoon from a cruise along the coast.

Mr. H. E. Bonitz, the architect, is distributing a neat little advertising novelty in the shape of a cut glass ink stand and aluminum pen tray.

THE HOTEL ROBBERY.

Negro Who Entered Rock Springs Brought Over to the Higher Court Yesterday.

THE CHARGE IS BURGLARY.

Cleverly Devised Scheme to Rob Another Man Probably Frustrated by Mr. Vincent, the Real Victim—Testimony Received by Mayor.

The Rock Springs Hotel robbery yesterday in the municipal court, and the mulatto, Allen Jones, arrested in connection therewith, was sent to jail in default of \$100 bond for his appearance in the Superior Court to answer the charge of burglary.

The evidence secured at the preliminary trial was rather conclusive and Jones' unsavory reputation in the community will probably ensure for him a good long term in the penitentiary.

Mr. Vincent, the guest who was robbed, was the principal witness at the trial and testified that after daylight yesterday morning he found the pocket book stolen from his trousers in a pile of crosses along the route which he pursued the mulatto when he was alarmed during the night.

At the Superior Court it is said that evidence will be introduced that the negro Jones was seen during the afternoon previous to the burglary peeping into the office of Mr. Wallace Alderman, who was paying a large sum of money for timber to a gentleman from the country, who subsequently went to the Rock Springs Hotel and was assigned to a room next to that of Mr. Vincent's.

It was proven at the trial yesterday that about 10 o'clock on the night of the robbery Mr. Vincent and two other guests came into the office of the hotel and saw a strange man sitting in the hands as if drunk or asleep.

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Speaking of Governor Taylor's lecture the Nashville Banner says: "While dallying in the garden of Paradise, and speaking of universal love, he sang for the she-money: 'My Love is a Precious Baboon.'"

For a Game Preserve. By a lease filed for record yesterday at the Court House by Gerritt Walker and wife to Pembroke Jones, the last named for a consideration of \$100 cash and \$100 each year for five years secures the exclusive right to enter upon 800 acres of woods land for the first named in Harnett township for the purpose of hunting and shooting all kinds of game which may be thereon, or which may be put thereon by Mr. Jones.

Ten Cent Cotton Again. Farmers who have been fortunate enough to hold a part of their cotton crop until now are in "great shape."

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THE CITY CHARTER.

Bill Passed Senate Last Night Definitely Fixing the Date of Election.

OTHER LOCAL MEASURES.

Chief of Police Elective by the People. May Sell the Old Court House—To Move Robeson's County Seat Wilmington Harbor Master.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 27.—There was a two hour session of the Senate to-night during which the following notable bills were passed: To appropriate \$300,000 for pensions to Confederate soldiers with amendment so as to apply also to deserters who returned to the service.

To amend the charter of the Carolina and Northern Railroad Co. To establish a dispensary in Kinston. To amend the charter of Wilmington as to municipal elections.

The bill to authorize the sale of a portion of the old court house property to Odd Fellows was ratified. A bill passed the House regulating fishing and to protect claims in New Hanover.

The House passed a great number of other measures mostly on roll call. A bill of note was: To incorporate the Roanoke Island Celebration Co.; to incorporate the Bank of Sanford, Cumberland county; to compel attendance upon schools in Washington; to regulate the machinery Act as prepared by the Joint Finance Committee.

Philipps introduced a bill to protect orders, claims and terrapins in Brunswick county. The New Hanover forces, which have been in Raleigh for several days for and against the pending bill in the Legislature to amend and revise the pilotage laws at Wilmington, returned yesterday morning.

The fight, however, is not yet ended. Senator Morton's bill reducing the yearly license rate from 25 cents to 15 cents per ton on vessels and imposing a heavy penalty upon tug boat owners who attempt to raise rates in a discrimination against vessels applying for license will come up before the Judiciary Committee of the House Monday, a postponement from to-day having been made yesterday.

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IMPERIAL MAY COME.

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WILMINGTON WAREHOUSE CO.

Contract for Buildings Will Be Awarded Monday—Orangeburg, S. C., Being Visited by Mr. Dodd—Other Notes of Local Market.

Mr. Geo. B. Pritchard, of Goldboro, representing the Imperial Tobacco Company, was in the city yesterday and made a proposition to the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company to lease its prize house and stemmery as soon as they are completed in the northeast section of the city.

The Imperial is one of the world powers in the tobacco market and that the company should desire to get control of the prize house and stemmery here is construed to mean that Wilmington has very bright prospects.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE.

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THE CODE COMMISSION BILL.

New Southport Railroad Chartered—Regulating Sale of Liquor by Prescription—Fire Insurance Law—High Hats in Theaters.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 27.—A great number of local and many general bills were passed to-day in both the House and Senate. The Code Commission bill was amended in the Senate to include the names of the commissioners chosen in the Democratic caucus last night and the bill was passed, the commissioners being T. B. Womack, N. Y. Galley and W. B. Dodman. The bill was sent to the House for concurrence.

A joint resolution that the Senate amend the bill to the election of trustees of the University at noon to-morrow was passed. A bill regarding fire waste, providing a great number of regulations as to the case of buildings insured, elicited a lengthy discussion and was tabled.

The Senate passed the following notable bills that have previously passed the House: To incorporate the Currituck Railroad Co.; to amend the charter of the Stone Mountain Railroad Co. to enable the Norfolk and Western Railroad Co. to extend its lines in North Carolina; to incorporate Trinity College.

The following bills were passed and sent to the House: To incorporate the Virginia and Carolina Railroad Co. to allow Guilford Battle Ground Co. to dedicate ground to the United States government, upon which to erect monuments to the war veterans, who are physicians, to hold post mortem examinations; to amend the charter of the Asheville and Crook Mountain Railroad Co.; to amend the charter of Southport; to convert the \$300,000 fund from swamp lands in the hands of the State Board of Education into a permanent fund for aiding in erecting and improving school houses by loaning the money to counties and districts; to regulate the appointment of directors of State institutions so more than one director may be chosen from one county and that superintendents be in no way connected with the board.

Baldwin's bill to prevent high hats in theaters was tabled. Among the bills introduced was one by McNeill to make it a misdemeanor for physicians to prescribe whiskey on Sunday, except in good faith; by White, to regulate fire insurance and increase public revenue (passed immediately); by Mann, to fix the place of meeting of Board of Dental Examiners; to amend the charter of the Southport and Northeastern Railroad Co.; by Pollock, of Lenoir, to establish improved roads from Kinston to Jacksonville, Onslow county.

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THE NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY. The news of General Gordon's sudden illness was printed in the Associated Press telegrams of the STAR yesterday and was the cause of much uneasiness among Gen. Gordon's friends here, until the receipt of the telegram by Col. Woodward in the afternoon.

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We claim that the COAL we are selling is as good as any Domestic soft COAL sold on this market. Try it and you will find it so.

Our Price Is \$5.00 Per Ton.

When you pay more, you are out the difference for looks.

Weight Guaranteed. Give us your orders and save money.

Wm. E. Worth & Co. Phones—Bell 94. Inter-State 146. Feb 11 th

Special Notice!

Our new interest quarter will begin Monday, March 2nd. Deposits made on or before that date will receive three months' interest at our June 1st quarter.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co., 163 Princess Street. J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President. C. B. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

AGRICULTURAL Implements, HARDWARE, TINWARE.

Very Creditable Exercises in Lecture Room of First Baptist Church Last Night.

The Francis Willard Memorial in the lecture room of the First Baptist church last night was well attended, considering the threatening weather.

The exercises opened with scripture reading by Mrs. Margaret Walker. Mrs. W. F. Oldham, president of the W. C. T. U. of Wilmington, then paid a beautiful tribute to the life and work of Miss Willard and the great cause which she espoused.

Two dramatic readings on temperance by Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell were much enjoyed and he was followed by Mr. B. M. Wescott in a short talk against the liquor traffic.

Mrs. Joseph Loughlin touchingly rendered a solo, "Throw Out the Life Line," with accompaniment by Miss Fannie Corbett.

After benediction by Rev. J. W. Potter, pastor of Market Street M. E. church, those present enjoyed a social session which was delightful for its informality and union.

John W. Plummer, Jr. Bell 'Phone 680. Feb 28 th

ICE CREAM, \$1.00 Per Gallon. SWEET CREAM 50c QUART.

Sweet and pure for Sunday. Always on hand new and SWEET CREAM 50c QUART.

J. W. Murchison & Co., 126 South Front Street. Feb 28 th

ACADEMY OF MUSIC SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH.

Matinee at 3 P. M. Evening at 8:30 P. M. The Pace Maker of Modern Comedy. "HELLO BILL."

Rocking Chairs. Cane Bottoms, 75 cts. Split Bottoms, 65 cts. (While they last.)

This is a good sample of the prices on all our other furniture. GASTON D. PHARES & CO., The Furniture Man. 110-112 Market St. Inter-State 76. Feb 25 th

Sick Room Comfort. Hot Water Bottles, Atomizers and all the various appliances which add so much to the comfort of the sufferer and aid in his cure.

HARDIN'S Palace Pharmacy, 126 South Front Street. Feb 28 th

Fresh Goods. Just arrived per steamer to-day: Made sugar and cream (the same), Tourmaline, Bluebonnet, a beautiful flavoring for soups, gravies, etc. Soda water, Soda water, Soda water (extra peeled), Coddled water, Pickled salmon, kippered salmon, Canned salmon, etc.

WILMINGTON GROCERY CO., No. 15 South Front Street. Bell 'Phone 14. Inter-State 'Phone 6.

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