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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

A further reduction of five cents a hundred pounds in the price of refined sugar is announced. U. S. cruiser Atlanta has landed marines at San Domingo to guard the U. S. consulate. The situation is regarded as critical. Four men were killed and many others wounded in a political riot in the city of Monterey, Mexico. New Orleans is making great preparations for the Confederate reunion in that city May 19th. Four passengers injured in a train wreck on the Southern, at Afton, Tenn. Schooner E. H. Weaver lost off Charleston, S. C.; captain and crew rescued by schooner Isabella Gill and landed at Savannah. Two persons were killed and ten or more injured by a fire in a tenement house in New York city last night. The Corbett-Jeffries fight is to come off in San Francisco in August next. President Roosevelt addressed an audience of six thousand people in Chicago last night; the degree of L. D. was conferred upon him at the University. Flood conditions in the lower Mississippi are unchanged. Everything seems to point to an amicable adjustment of the Wabash strike. U. S. Senator Clark and Congressman Brundage, of Arkansas, engaged in a street fight yesterday at Little Rock. Judge Lumpkin at Atlanta has granted a temporary injunction against the Atlanta Epigraphical and Stereotyping Unions. New York markets: Money on call firm at 6 1/2 per cent; cotton quiet at 10 1/2; flour unchanged; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 79 1/2; corn—spot steady, No. 2 nominal; oats—spot dull, No. 2, 42; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine nominal.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., April 2. Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.: Temperatures: 8 A. M., 59 degrees; 8 P. M., 67 degrees; maximum, 74 degrees; minimum, 55 degrees; mean, 65 degrees. Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 0.00 inches. Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 80 feet. FORECAST FOR TO-DAY, WASHINGTON, April 2.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday; Saturday colder, probably showers, brisk to high south winds.

Port Almanac—April 3.

Sun Rises..... 5:44 A. M. Day Sets..... 6:32 P. M. Day's Length..... 12 H. 48 M. High Water at Southport, 12:00 A. M. High Water Wilmington, 1:30 A. M. Carrie Nation is said to be in a dilemma. But that is not as bad for Carrie as being in jail. The new Shamrock can carry 14,700 square feet of sail, but it seems to us that with all that spread the little thing would be top heavy. The London Times, Monday, published a 200 word dispatch sent from New York by the Marconi wireless system. Marconi is getting there, and is making his mark. Diamonds (uncut) have gone up 15 per cent. in price, and now a corner is predicted. That doesn't "out any ice" with us, for we are not afraid of being caught in that corner. The Republican candidate for Mayor of Chicago asks the policeman to vote for him so that he can take the force out of politics. But that doesn't seem to strike the force with much force. Senora de la Rodega, of Los Angeles, had her 121st birthday party a few days ago. It isn't stated whether she invited that 137-year-old boy or not, but he probably felt slighted if she didn't. A young woman in Salt Lake is puzzling the physicians. She went to sleep twenty-eight days ago and persists in sleeping right along in spite of their efforts to wake her up. A statement of this kind coming from Philadelphia would not be so surprising. W. J. Bridges, one of the noted wheat growers in Georgia, makes money growing cotton, but he does it by raising cattle, thus enriching his land and making it strong to produce good crops. His method is to manure the land, and then, with proper cultivation, the land does the rest. The opinion seems to be taking root in France that there should be a Monroe Doctrine for Africa, to prevent some of the grabbers from crowding others. Judging from the talk of appropriating Holland, and other little countries in Europe by stronger powers, they may find use for something of the same kind in that part of the world. The Monroe idea seems to be growing.

SOME NEWS OF THE BUILDING

Over \$100,000 Construction Work Now in Progress—New Front Street Store. Hotel on Market Street.

A well known architect remarked last night that, including the Atlantic Coast Line additional offices, there is now going on in the city more than \$100,000 in new buildings. The showing thus made is a remarkably fine one. Nearly as much additional building is also said to be in immediate contemplation. Within the next few weeks work will be commenced on a new three-story brick store, with basement, for Mr. George O. Gaylord next south of the present building occupied by him on North Front street. Plans for the store are being drawn by Architect H. E. Bonitz and the contract will be let when all bids are in. The size of the structure will be 35x120 feet, and it is rumored that it will be occupied by Mr. N. F. Parker, the well known furniture dealer on Market street. It is said that the new hotel which has been talked of for some months will be erected on the northeast corner of Third and Market streets. The building on that site—one of the landmarks of the city—is now being moved, and it is said that \$10,000 will be invested in a neat little hotel of 23 rooms. It is not known who is behind the movement.

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GRAND LODGE ODD FELLOWS.

Joint Local Committee to Make All Necessary and Proper Arrangements for Meeting Here—Date Unchanged.

The four enterprising lodges of Odd Fellows in the city are making extensive arrangements to entertain the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. upon the occasion of its annual meeting here May 12th-15th. A joint committee of arrangements composed of three members from each lodge in the city has been selected and already the work of preparation for the State organization has begun. Mr. J. T. King has been made chairman of the joint committee and Mr. J. A. Orrell has been elected secretary of the same.

In order that the sessions might be held at the Seashore Hotel the committee petitioned the Grand Master for a change of date so as not to conflict with another State meeting at the beach at the same time, but it was decided best to let the date remain as originally set. The sessions will, therefore, be held in the Odd Fellows building, on Third street, but a number of jaunts to the beaches for the visitors will be arranged. The committee from the several lodges is composed as follows: Cape Fear No. 3—W. H. Yopp, B. F. King and W. L. Smith. Orion No. 67—J. E. Silva, O. D. Morrill and J. Orrell. Wilmington No. 139—J. T. King, J. J. Hopkins and E. J. Jacobs. Hanover No. 145—E. N. Penny, N. F. Parker and E. F. Johnsons.

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THE STABBING AFFAIR

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Says He Remembers Nothing of the Unfortunate Occurrence—Short Consultation With Lawyer—There Was Only One Witness.

The condition of Mr. Roderick MacRae, who was stabbed by young Samuel L. Mann Wednesday night, was unchanged this morning and the patient was reported from the house as resting very quietly. "He is holding his own remarkably well, but is not yet out of danger," was the reply to a telephone inquiry as to whether the wounds would likely prove fatal. During the day Mr. MacRae was kept as quiet as possible and no one was allowed to see him. Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy, the attending surgeon, was quoted, having said that the patient had an even chance for recovery, though it would take a day or two to actually determine the result. The greatest danger anticipated is that pneumonia will develop, in which event the complication would be very grave indeed. On the streets yesterday there were many anxious inquiries as the condition of the stricken man. Early in the day there were all sorts of rumors as to the worst having occurred, but these were met with prompt denials by persons qualified to speak with authority. The affair is greatly deplored and much sympathy was expressed not only for the sufferer in the unfortunate affair, but for those who are watching tenderly about the bedside. Young Mann was transferred to the county jail from the city prison at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. During the day he was sent for Attorney A. J. Marshall and had a brief conference with him, but it is not known what the line of defense will be. The prisoner gave no statement for publication, but it is understood that he told one of the prison attendants yesterday morning that he knew absolutely nothing of what had happened the night before; that he did not remember having stabbed anybody and was unable to account for the wound in his own leg. It is said that the cut was from Mann's own knife. Mr. MacRae was not aroused on the night of the unfortunate occurrence. Mr. Charlie Daniels, who lives in the vicinity of Mrs. MacRae's residence, appears to have been the only witness to at least a part of the difficulty. He was returning home from down town and carried a bundle. He saw Mann being led away in from front of Mrs. MacRae's home by Mr. W. W. MacRae and his brother. Mann called to Mr. Daniels, who knew nothing of the trouble, but laid his bundle inside his yard and started toward the men to ascertain the cause of the commotion. Mr. W. W. MacRae left Mann with Mr. Rod. MacRae in the meantime, saying he would call an officer. Then a scuffle ensued and Mr. Rod. MacRae was heard to cry, "I'm cut; get a doctor." It is said that while the Messrs. MacRae were conducting Mann away from the house and before the serious cutting occurred, an old negro named Tolson Bailey came along and was violently assaulted by Mann with his fist, apparently without cause and before the Messrs. MacRae could interfere. It was that incident that hastened Mr. MacRae to call an officer, leaving the frenzied young man in charge of the one whom he so violently assaulted a few minutes later. It will likely be several days before the affair can be investigated in the courts.

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AN ENTERTAINMENT TO-NIGHT.

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THE HERTY SYSTEM ADOPTED.

Turpentine Growers of Florida Well Pleased With the New Process—Cups Being Rapidly Manufactured.

The Jacksonville Times-Union of yesterday says: Dr. Charles H. Herty, expert in the Department of Forestry, United States Government, was in Jacksonville yesterday, having just returned from an extensive tour of South Florida, where he visited various large turpentine orchards to superintend the putting in of his patent cup, intended to take the place of the boxes now used to catch turpentine. Among the places he visited were Bradenton and Ellerbe, where a large number of the cups were put in. Nearly every extensive turpentine grower in the State, Dr. Herty says, judging from his observation, is preparing to put in the cups, and there is a heavy demand to supply the pottery at the factory.

A noteworthy feature about this is the fact that the turpentine growers are calling for the cups, in spite of the lateness of the season, and they are furthermore preparing to put in the cups for the two seasons. As an evidence of how general the system is becoming, Dr. Herty has now been called to the turpentine plants in Mississippi, and from here he goes to Bay St. Louis to superintend the same kind of work which he has been doing in Florida. From Bay St. Louis Dr. Herty has been asked to go to Alabama, and the prospects are that he will be kept exceptionally busy from now on until all of the growers have had the cups installed.

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