

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION. One Year, by Mail, \$5.00.

The Morning Star.

OUTLINES. The Weather Bureau reports improvement in cotton in some districts, but the crop on the whole is estimated to be smaller than last year.

WEATHER REPORT. U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, N. C., Sept. 1, 1903.

LOCAL DOTS. Spirits turpentine was firm on the local market yesterday at 31c.

FUNERAL OF MR. GABRIEL HOLMES. Will be held from St. John's Church this afternoon—Is His Honor.

TO CONSIDER 'PHONE RATES. Chamber of Commerce Will Meet for That Purpose To-morrow Afternoon.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Notice—In bankruptcy. Orrell & Carroll—Notice.

COTTON CROP YEAR ENDED.

Receipts heaviest in history of the Port. Secretary Hester's Report for United States—Monthly Statement.

Secretary Hester's official statement of the cotton crop of the United States for the year ending Aug. 31st was received yesterday by Secretary James Kyle.

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REMAINS A MYSTERY.

Death of Young Joseph Meier is Still a Question With the Coroner's Jury.

INQUEST CONTINUED TO-DAY. Experts Will Testify as to Condition of Body Immediately After It Was Run Over by Car—Significant Letter to a Justice—Other Notes.

Mystery appears yet to veil the circumstances surrounding the death of young Joseph Meier, who was run over and so horribly mangled by the trolley car on Greenville Sound early Sunday morning.

At the session of the jury to-day the two most important witnesses will be Dr. C. J. Manly, U. S. A., of Fort Caswell, and Dr. J. Arthur Dasher, of Southport, who were on the car which ran over young Meier and who will be expected to give expert testimony from their examination of the body a few minutes after the tragedy, with a view of establishing whether the man was placed on the rail after death or whether death resulted from his having been struck by the car.

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BOARD OF AUDIT AND FINANCE

Concurs in Appropriation of \$1,600 for Improved Fire Alarm Batteries—Bonds for Maintenance of Contracts.

No business of special importance was transacted by the City Board of Audit and Finance at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. Chairman H. C. McQueen presided and members in attendance were Messrs. C. W. Yates, S. P. McNair and J. A. Orrell.

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IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

A. J. Marshall, Esq., Appointed to Wind Up the Affairs of Sneed Furniture Co.

ORDER ISSUED ON MONDAY. Papers Served and Receiver Took Charge Yesterday—Liabilities Exceed \$5,000; Assets About \$3,000—Hearing Before Judge O. H. Allen.

Upon petition of Mrs. Ida E. Sneed, who sues in behalf of herself and all other creditors who may come in and be made parties plaintiff, Judge Oliver H. Allen, in chambers at Kenansville, N. C., Monday night issued an order appointing A. J. Marshall, Esq., receiver for the Sneed Furniture Company, of this city, and directing him to take charge of the business of that corporation and wind up same, ratably distributing the proceeds of same ratably among its creditors.

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COLUMBUS TELEPHONE CO.

Sale of Its Property, Franchise, Etc., by Receiver Weeks Yesterday—B. G. Empe, Esq., Successful Bidder.

C. D. Weeks, Esq., receiver, yesterday sold at auction at the court house door in Wilmington, all the property, franchises and other assets of the Columbus Telephone Co., of Whiteville, the sale having been by virtue of a recent order of Judge Oliver H. Allen upon petition of W. B. Cooper and other creditors of the corporation, who were represented by Messrs. Butts & Gore.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

I am pleased to announce that I will occupy my New Store at Old Stand, No. 29 N. Front St.

About Sept. 15, with the most complete line of "Up-to-Now" Dry Goods ever brought to our city. Our

CARPET DEPARTMENT.

Ladies' Underwear. At 114 Market Street. A. D. BROWN, Sole Agents for "American Lady" and "Her Majesty's" Corsets, and Butterick's Paper Patterns.

Many Men of Many Minds.

Many Shoes of Many Kinds are sold all over our "City." But remember when you want the Best Shoes for your Money,

for yourself or family, you must come to OUR STORE where we make the BEST SHOES our trade winners. Try one at GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS.

A Fifty Cent Window Display.

Notice our window in passing. A nice assortment of Furnishing Goods and Shirts, seventy-five cents articles at fifty cents for this week only. Call early and make your selections. J. W. H. FUCHS, Head to Foot Outfitter.

SPECIAL.

Our new interest quarter will begin Tuesday, Sept. 1. Deposits made now will bear interest from that date, payable in 90 days. The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President. C. M. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

POPULAR FIREMAN DEAD.

J. E. Jeffries Passed Away Last Night After Brief Illness. Mr. J. E. Jeffries, 31 years of age and a popular member of Engine Co. No. 1 of the Wilmington Fire Department, with headquarters at Fourth and Princess streets, died last night at 11:30 o'clock at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. Everett, No. 608 South Third street, after an illness of three days with typhoid fever.

TO-NIGHT AT CAROLINA BEACH.

Mid-Week Dance and Seashore Hotel Orchestra—Two Moonlight Trips. To-night the usual mid-week dance at Carolina Beach will take place, and it promises to be a most charming and delightful affair. The music will be by Hollowbush's splendid Seashore Hotel orchestra, which will also play on both trips to and from Wilmington.

FOR SALE.

TWO CAR LOADS NEW PRAIRIE HAY, and a complete line of Groceries. SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS, 18 Market Street, Wilmington.

NOTICE.

The partnership lately existing between the undersigned under the name and style of Orrell & Carroll was dissolved by mutual consent on September 1st, 1903.

Executor's Notice.

Having on the 11th day of August, 1903, qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, as Executor of the last will and testament of Samuel Bear, Senior, late of the county of New Hanover, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of said testator to present the same by the 15th day of September, 1903.