

OUTLINES.

In accordance with pressure from France, the Russian fleet was ordered out of French territorial waters and Rojstevsky threatened with punishment. Yesterday was one of the most exciting in the grain pit at Chicago: John W. Gates' huge bull deal in May wheat collapsed and 5,000,000 bushels were thrown on the market, causing a sheer fall of 1 1/2 cents a bushel for the day; the market closed at \$1.00 against \$1.23 less than six weeks ago. Near Huntington, W. V., a well dressed man was found tied to a tree with his throat cut from ear to ear and a stab through the heart. Nan Patterson's mother wants to go to New York to see her unfortunate daughter, but the imprisoned girl would not hear to having her mother to see her in the Tombs. The beef trust investigation in Chicago finds that checks with fictitious names were passed through the banks. At Bridgeport, Ala., yesterday a negro was shot and killed by a white man. Eliza Stewart and her 12 year old son. In the railroad rate inquiry at Washington yesterday a prominent railroad man testified that New England had to be given a cheap rate on cotton in order to keep the mills running and labor employed. New York's tendering of 1,331 P. M. was raised last night and the prisons filled.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture.  
Weather Bureau.  
Wilmington, N. C., April 23, 1905.  
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. yesterday:  
Temperature at 8 A. M., 66 degrees; 8 P. M., 59 degrees; Maximum, 76 degrees; Minimum, 59 degrees; Mean, 68 degrees.  
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, .322.  
Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. yesterday (Friday), 13.1 ft.  
PORT ALMANAC—April 23.  
Sun Rises . . . . . 5:17 A. M.  
Sun Sets . . . . . 6:41 P. M.  
Day's length . . . . . 13 h. 24 m.  
High Water at Southport . . . 11:01 A. M.  
Low Water at Wilmington . . . 1:31 P. M.  
Weather Forecast.  
For North Carolina—Fair Sunday, except showers in south portion, colder in the southwest portion; Monday partly cloudy, fresh northeast winds.

There is no disputing the fact that the size of a man can't keep him from getting overcome by the sighs of a woman.

The municipal and government ownership people are now designating the opponents of their fads as "children of the octopus."

The revolutionists in South America have reason to believe that a strike in the United States is called that because we don't want to appear to be in the same class with them as hell-raisers.

"How should a man trim his sails to capture the woman he loves," asks a writer in a "smart set" society paper. Trim "em with long green and then write us if it is not quite a fetching color in that line of business.

Indiana has a law against matrimonial elopement but it seems to be another one of those kinds of laws that neither prevent nor prohibit. Acts of the Legislature in conflict with the laws of nature are bound to be a dead letter.

One of those Chicago savants declares that a man is like what he eats. "Tell me what a man eats and I will tell you what he is," says the man of learning. In some particulars the professor is right, for we know what a man is when he eats his word.

The newspapers are rashly publishing that ice cream is a sure cure for hiccoughs. This is the open season for hiccoughs and every girl will think it is awful funny to give an imitation cough enough to make a young fellow cough up the price of cream for two.

London physicians declare that investigation proves that a girl in that great city actually has ten minds. Why don't the girl make up one of her minds to come right out and tell those physicians that she is just an American girl bent on getting different impressions of Europe?

"The Mirror," a weekly newspaper, is now being published at Elm City by Mr. John W. Blount, the gifted brother of our brilliant friend Henry Blount, of Wilson. It is really a revival of the sparkling Wilson Mirror which Mr. Henry Blount published so many years. The Star's best wishes go out to its new Elm City contemporary.

The greater the uses are for raw cotton, the greater the demand, and the better the prices. Bagging made from cotton is to be a new industry in the South, two such companies having been organized the past week. The Atlanta (Ga) Bagging and Tie Company and the Huntsville (Ala) Bagging and Tie Company have organized to manufacture cotton bagging and ties. Nothing like diversifying our industries.

ODD FELLOW CELEBRATION

Eighty-Sixth Anniversary of I. O. O. F. Founding in United States—Elaborate Programme.

According to the beautiful custom of the order all over the world, the four enthusiastic I. O. O. F. lodges of this city will on next Wednesday night elaborate celebrate the eighty-sixth anniversary of the establishment of the independent Order of Odd Fellows in the United States. The observance this year will be confined to members of the order and the Daughters of Rebekah, the ladies auxiliary of the I. O. O. F., and the exercises will take place in Fyburn Castle Hall, third floor of the Merchants National Bank building. However, after the formal programme has been observed, there will be a spread of delightful refreshments when all formalities will be laid aside and the Odd Fellows and their friends will enjoy themselves without restraint.

The committee in charge is composed of Mr. E. N. Penny, chairman; Mr. W. W. Hodges, secretary; Messrs. J. W. Fleet, M. W. Jacob, J. H. Swinburn, C. F. Williams, J. P. King, C. D. Morrill, H. O. Craig, P. H. Murphy, J. P. Littleton and J. F. Whitaker. They have prepared an attractive programme for the occasion. The exercises open with an opening ode, prayer by Rev. C. H. Utley and reading of the proclamation by Mr. J. T. Riley. The anniversary ceremony according to the ritual of the order will next be observed and after a selection, "Sleep on My Lady Fair," (Serenade a Flute), by a mixed quartette composed of Mrs. J. D. Edwards, soprano; Mrs. F. A. Muse, alto; Mr. Green Peasey, tenor, and Mr. A. S. Holden, bass, with Mr. E. H. Munson as accompanist, there will be topical talks as follows: "Attendance," by Capt. F. B. Rice, and "Suspension For Non-Payment of Dues, and How to Prevent same," by Past Grand Master M. W. Jacob. "There Was a Man," will be rendered by the quartette and Mrs. Lord will talk on the "Rebekah Degree" and Mr. B. J. Jacobs, on the "Encampment." The quartette will sing "Believe Me, If All Those Embracing Young Chameas," and there will be further topical talks: "Our Home" by State Senator B. G. Empe, and "Benefits" by Deputy Grand Master E. N. Penny. The quartette will sing "The Flag That We Love" (March B Flat) and a closing ode and the benediction by Rev. C. H. Utley will bring the exercises to a close. A handsome Stief piano has been kindly loaned for the music and the Odd Fellows desire to publicly return thanks for the same.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Misses Fain, of Atlanta, Ga., are guests of Mrs. W. J. Crowell.  
Architect Frank P. Milburn, of Charlotte, was in the city yesterday.  
Col. H. M. Drane, of Armour, was a pleasant visitor to the city yesterday.  
Miss Elsie Stockard, of Raleigh, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Tom Moore, on North Seventh street.  
Mr. John Gilmore formerly of this city but now of the composing room force of the Lumberton Argus, came down on the excursion yesterday.  
Mr. P. C. Morton, of Jacksonville, Fla., is in the city on a business and pleasure trip. He is being cordially greeted by numerous friends here.  
Mrs. Nash E. Bunting and little son, Master William McDuffie Bunting, left yesterday morning to visit Mrs. Bunting's sister, Mrs. W. M. Glover, of Fayetteville.  
Mrs. W. H. Strickland and daughter, Miss Florence, of Waterbury, Conn., who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berry, for some time, have returned home.  
Mr. H. J. Walsh, the popular representative of the Richmond Paper Co., Richmond, Va., is in the city calling on the trade. Mr. Walsh is accounted one of the most versatile young "commercial tourists" on the road and gets the glad hand in every newspaper shop he visits in the South.  
Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "Right Reverend Robert Strange, Bishop of Eastern Carolina, arrived here from Wilmington at noon today, and is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. James Strange, on Rowan street. He will conduct the services at St. John's church to-morrow morning, and at St. Joseph's, colored, to-morrow night."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. Van Metts—For Sale.  
W. W. Hodges—Odd-Fellows.  
J. Well—Ladies' Gauze Vests.  
Academy of Music—Mabel Paige.  
W. A. Martin—Concord Chapter.  
C. R. L. & P. Co.—Cook with Gas.  
E. Warren & Son.—Announcement.  
J. D. Vann.—A Gentleman's Smoke.  
Harden's Pharmacy—Newborn's Herpicide.  
Samuel Bear, Sr., & Sons—Office Removal.  
James F. Post, Treasurer A. C. L.—Interest Due.  
Thos. F. Bagley—Wilmington Lodge 219 A. F. & A. M.  
Business Locals.  
Delmonico—Easter Dinner.  
Seaside Inn—Help Wanted.  
"House"—Dwelling to Rent.  
J. H. Stratus—Store for Rent.  
Rust & Co.—Money to Loan.  
Lock Box 858—Salesman Wanted.  
X. Y. Z.—Lady Canvasers Wanted.  
Premium Cider Co.—Salesman Wanted.  
St. Paul's Lutheran church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor: Easter Sunday—Concession and Absolution, 10:30 A. M. Holy Communion and Easter Sermon, 11 A. M. Vesper services, 8 P. M. Sunday School Easter Service 2:30. The church and school will both observe the day with special services. A cordial invitation to all.

PRODUCE TRAVELERS

Seventh Annual Meeting, Outing and Banquet of the American Association.

WAS HELD HERE YESTERDAY

Annual Election of Officers and Important Business Transacted—Oyster Roast at Sound—Affair at Orton.

The seventh annual meeting, outing and banquet of the American Fruit and Produce Travelers' Association, embracing in its membership representatives of practically all leading fruit and produce commission houses from Massachusetts to the Gulf of Mexico, were held here and at Wrightsville Sound yesterday and last night, members of the Association being now in this territory looking after strawberry shipments. The gatherings were all largely attended and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The weather for the outing at the sound was delightful and an oyster roast at the Light-house as a special feature of the trip was most heartily enjoyed by the jolly, good fellows who compose the Association and the "kindred spirits" who were their special guests for the occasion. The banquet last night at The Orton in which the business men and officials of the city and county, joined in, was an elaborate affair, doing credit both to The Orton, which served it, and the Entertainment Committee, composed of Messrs. Z. W. Whitehead, J. G. Thompson and J. R. Franklin, who arranged for it.

The executive session of the Association was called to order by President John H. B. Gerrish, of Boston, in the parlors of The Orton at 2 o'clock, a large attendance of members having been present. Mr. J. R. Franklin, the popular secretary and treasurer of the organization, was at his post as usual, having arrived on the morning train from Boston. The most important business of the meeting was the annual election of officers which resulted as follows:

President—J. G. Thompson, of Brown & McMahon, Philadelphia.  
Vice President—H. W. Pratt, of T. E. Holway & Co., of Boston.  
Secretary and Treasurer—J. R. Franklin, of Sterling & Franklin, Baltimore.  
Sergeant at Arms—Samuel F. Schreve, of W. A. Schreve & Sons, Washington, D. C.

The election of Mr. Thompson brings an ex-president of the Association back into the chair and one whose popularity among the "boys" knows no bounds. From the beginning he has been an active worker in the Association and his second election to the important office which he occupies is a handsome testimonial to his worth as a man and as an officer.

The election of Mr. Franklin is for the seventh consecutive year. Through all the changes of administration the Association has insisted upon keeping Mr. Franklin at the desk and there is no more worthy or substantial man in the organization than he. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow members and the shipping all over this section. He is a member of the firm of Sterling & Franklin, 27 East Pratt street, Baltimore, and is ever enthusiastic in the cause.

The reports of the retiring officers and heads of all committees yesterday were very gratifying to the Association and indicated a healthy growth since last meeting.

The newly elected president, Mr. J. G. Thompson, was elected as representative of the Association to the annual meeting of the National League of Commission Merchants with Mr. D. A. Gaddess, of W. H. Blodgett & Co., of Boston, as alternate.

The matter of standard and uniform packages for shipment of all kinds of produce, and especially strawberries, was taken up and strongly urged as best for the producer, the shipper and the consignee. The question will at the proper time be taken before the Legislature of the several truck growing States for the purpose of having laws enacted correcting the present unsatisfactory conditions.

In a very strong resolution which was adopted, members of the Association were urged not to buy produce, and especially strawberries, which does not bear the name or stamp of either the grower or the shipper. It was very properly stated that the responsibility for any discrepancies in a package should be ascertainable and that no grower would attach his name to a package, which was not up to the standard.

In another resolution the Association went on record as heartily cooperating with the National League of Commission Merchants in their fight against rebates in the refrigerator car service, which matter is now being investigated by the government.

At 3 o'clock the Association adjourned and at 5 o'clock took special cars at Front and Princess streets for the outing at the sound, which was lighted for its informality. A short time was spent by the visitors at the beach and all expressed themselves as much impressed with the possibilities of that great resort. The party returned to the city by 7 o'clock and crowded the lobby of The Orton in pleasant social intercourse until the hour for the banquet.

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SUPERIOR COURT AT AN END

Three Weeks' Term Expired By Limitation Last Midnight—No Important Cases Heard Yesterday.

New Hanover Superior Court after having been in session for three weeks expired by limitation last midnight. Judge Allen completed his work about noon and left on the afternoon train for Jacksonville to hold Onslow court this week, but he said it was unnecessary to adjourn sine die as some emergency might arise and nothing would be lost by allowing the term to expire by limitation. The next term of court will be held here May 29th. It will be largely devoted to the trial of criminal causes as a number of cases have developed since the docket was completed at this term.

Court met yesterday at 10 A. M. as usual and the sheriff returned as tales jurors for the day: C. E. Wood, Leon George, Wm. Sheehan, Jr., and G. W. Green; not found, Alex Boswell and M. S. Willard; excused by the court, Wm. Sheehan, Jr.

In the case of Warren S. Johnson, et. al. vs. the Johnson Dry Goods Co., it was ordered upon motion of Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, attorney for the plaintiff, that the cash assets in the hands of B. Bellamy, counsel for the defendant, be turned over to the trustee in bankruptcy after deducting costs from the first distribution of assets.

In the case of D. McEachern vs. A. H. Slocomb, judgment was given according to settlement out of court.

In the case of Ida E. Sneed against The Sneed Co., it appeared to the court that the receiver named in the case has turned over to the trustee in bankruptcy all the assets in his hands by order of the U. S. District Court, whereupon, upon motion of Hon. Jno. George, attorney for the plaintiff, the receiver was discharged; his bond released and the action dismissed at defendant's costs.

In the case of R. R. Stone, B. O. Stone and M. J. Corbett, trading as Stone & Co., against the Clyde Steamship Co., on an agreed statement of facts, the court was of the opinion that the plaintiff could not recover and the action was dismissed.

In the case of Louise G. Wright, widow of the late W. A. Wright, and others against Isaac Loftin, judgment was given for plaintiff.

Other proceedings yesterday were of no interest, the motion and summons dockets having been called and disposed of the day before.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Other Local on Fourth Page.  
—Dr. W. D. McMillan has been appointed chief marshal for Memorial Day. He will select his aides later.

—Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., will hold a special convocation Monday evening at 8 o'clock to confer the Mark Master's Degree.

—Hanover Seaside Club will hold its annual meeting to-morrow night at the rooms of the Howard Relief Club, Front and Orange streets.

—Tom Knight, the well known colored excursion manager, is arranging for one of his popular "one dollar excursions" to Newbern on Monday May 15th.

—British steamer Bona cleared yesterday for Liverpool with cargo of 8,208 bales of cotton, valued at \$345,225 and consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son.

—A building at Mr. A. O. McEachern's dairy in East Wilmington was burned Friday. The loss was partially covered by insurance of \$200 with Col. Walker Taylor.

—Schooner Bradford C. French arrived yesterday from Port Tampa, Fla., with cargo of phosphate rock for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.; vessel to C. D. Maffitt.

—The Delgado public school taught by Misses Augusta Wiggins and Reba Myers closed a very successful year Friday and yesterday enjoyed an outing on Wrightsville Sound.

—The Haymakers' Carnival came to a close last night after a week of splendid success. The Jones & Adams Company leaves on a special train today for Washington, N. C., where a carnival will be given this week.

J. D. Vann has accepted the agency for the Manhattan Briar Pipe Co., manufacturers and importers of one of the finest lines of goods now on the market. Mr. Vann has just received a very large and well selected line of imported hard rubber stems, etc.

—Irvin Taylor, white, a member of the carnival company, was arrested yesterday on a charge of having broken open a trunk and stolen several articles from another member of the company. The case will come up in the police court Monday at noon.

—Two per cent. interest on the new four per cent. certificates of indebtedness of the Atlantic Coast Line is due and payable at the office of Mr. James T. Post, treasurer, in this city. May 1st. Official announcement is made in an advertisement elsewhere in today's paper.

—Gough's excursion to Wilmington yesterday consisted of six coaches and a refreshment car, bringing 385 visitors to the city. Mr. C. H. Gattis, of Raleigh, travelling passenger agent of the S. A. L., was along with the party and assisted Mr. Gough with the management. Capt. Whitted was in charge of the train, which arrived at 11:30 A. M. and returned at 7:30 o'clock last evening.

—On account of Bishop Watson's death and out of respect to those more closely in touch with the late Bishop, who are members of the Association, The Wilmington Piano Club has postponed its regular meeting from next Tuesday until the following Monday night as well as their public concert, which was to be given on the 25th inst. The exact date for the latter has not yet been decided upon.

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No name will be entered on our books under this offer unless the order is accompanied with the cash. While this proposition is made primarily to secure new subscribers, old subscribers outside the city may avail themselves of its advantages at the reduced rate provided they pay all arrears and for not less than six months in advance.

On account of the heavy expense attached to our city circulation department this offer does not apply to city subscribers.

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