

OUTLINES.

The New York cotton market was higher yesterday on predictions of frost in the Carolinas, steadiness on the part of interior spot holders, and on better demand from spinners. Frost news from the West and North-Frost affected the price of stocks in New York yesterday. In the Federal court at Norfolk yesterday, F. S. Royster and Charles F. Burroughs, defendants in the government's fertilizer trust case at Nashville, waived hearing and gave bond for their appearance in the Tennessee court, the jurisdiction of which they had intended to deny. It is believed at Norfolk that while Director General Barr and President Tucker, of the Jamestown Exposition, will accept the compromise for a committee to take charge of social functions, it is feared that the social differences are yet to be finally consummated.—The New York local of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union voted last night to call out the press and brokers' operators in New York, if such action meets the sanction of the National officers of the Telegraphers' Union.—A train running from Paris to Cherbourg, France, yesterday with 150 passengers was telescoped in a tunnel, but strange to say no one was seriously injured.—Near Nantes, France, yesterday a special train bound from Paris to Cherbourg, France, with passengers for the White Star Line steamer Adriatic, bound for New York, met with an accident in an 800 foot tunnel; another train came up behind it and telescoped the rear coach containing 150 people; but, strange to say, none were killed and several were only slightly injured; the passengers were mostly Americans, and they were quick to recover composure and allay the panic that prevailed.—At the hearing of the government's case against the Standard Oil Company in New York yesterday it was developed that the Oil Trust circumvented the Hepburn bill after it was passed by Congress.—New York markets: Money on call, easy 2 to 2 1/2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1/2, closing bid 1 3/4, offered at 2; spot cotton steady 11.90; flour steady, quiet; wheat easy, No. 2 red 1.05 1/4 elevator; corn firm, No. 2, 60 nominal elevator; oats steady, mixed 53 1/2; turpentine easy 54; rosin steady.

Don't let us be so conservative that we will fail to have the courage of our convictions. Selah!

Some books as well as some letters should be burned, as the Standard Oil Company also knows.

Oh, that mine enemy might write a book—if it's the book of records of the company.

When Pinkerton, head of the great New York detective agency, died he was worth \$3,000,000. He was the man behind the sons-of-guns.

An exchange remarks that Secretary Cortelyou is 45 years of age. Well that is plenty old enough for him to know that his boom for President has pollywogs in it.

When we get careless about remembering how fast North Carolina towns are growing, the postoffice receipts continue to bring us face to face with solid facts at the end of every month.

"What does confiscatory mean?" asks a contemporary. It means "business," with President Castro. He had one of his courts to fine the Asphalt Trust \$5,000,000, as the surest means of putting it out of business.

As soon as duck weather gets here and the Hon. Grover Cleveland packs his grip for Georgetown, we'll know that his health is not as bad as it has been reported to have been during the summer.

A cablegram a few days ago announced that 1,000 marriageable young women had left England for the United States. News like that is enough to make Johann Hock turn over in his grave. It was his own mistake in getting hung.

The Star learns from the Chattanooga times that Tennessee the past year produced 6,272,457 tons of coal. What Wilmington needs and wants is closer relations with Tennessee. A little railroad building will do the work.

Milan is a city of Italy. The manufacture of women's hats originated there. Milan gave Europe the fashions in headgear for women. After married women return from down town their husbands now frequently hear them speaking of Milan hats. Because hats and trimmings were made in Milan they were originally called Milanery. As the fall millinery openings will soon occur, Wilmington married men will be intensely interested in learning that "millinery" is nothing more nor less than a corruption of Milanery. A married man is no man at all if he isn't willing to almost go broke to see that his wife gets a pretty fall hat.

MRS. PURNELL DEAD

Wife of Eastern District Judge Passes Away in Hospital at Richmond.

NEWS OF DAY IN RALEIGH

Postmasters Convention Arrangements—Change of Filing Supreme Court Opinions—Educational Movement.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 25.—Mrs. Thos. R. Purnell, whose husband is the judge of the Federal Court for the Eastern District and whose home is Raleigh, died in a hospital in Richmond last night. She had been in poor health for several years and had been in a hospital there several times. She was born at Salem, this State, and her father, Mr. Zevely; was long postmaster there, the family being very prominent. Her body will be brought here for burial. She leaves a husband, one son and four daughters, two of the latter being married and residing at Norfolk.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction finds that the eight counties of Robeson, Tyrrell, Hertford, Greene, Orange, Alexander, Yancey and Graham have not a local tax school district within their borders and that Department is going to make a lively campaign in these counties aided by the superintendents thereof to bring about the creation of such districts. State Superintendent Joyner says that as soon as one is formed in a county and the people see the result, many others quickly follow.

Postmaster Briggs who has been working so earnestly for the State Convention of Presidential Postmasters here during State Fair week next month, is very much pleased at the fact that practically every one of the 106 will be on hand. The Postmaster General and other high officials of that Department, all the latter except two, the second and third assistant postmaster generals, will be on hand. It is expected that Postmaster General Myer will make some remark at the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Temple.

State Treasurer Lacy sticks to his belief expressed to the Legislature last Winter that the increase in tax values of property of all kinds this year in North Carolina, under the new assessment, will be a hundred million dollars and will not exceed that figure. State Auditor Dixon thinks it may go to one hundred and twenty-five million.

The Grand Jury in the Superior Court here today examined many persons in regard to the fatal collision of Southern Railway passenger and freight trains near Auburn, 10 miles from Raleigh, last month. Among the witnesses examined was State Treasurer Lacy, an ex-engineer and still a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The Montwhite Theatre Company has been chartered to build and conduct a theatre and general place of amusement at Graham, the stockholders being prominent citizens of that place.

The Supreme Court has changed its long established custom of filing opinions each Tuesday during term time and now files them each Wednesday. It is found that a little more time was required.

Rev. Dr. Alfred H. Moment, the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here continues critically ill but is holding his own.

Negro Stole Liquor.

Andrew Jackson, colored, employed for some time as porter at the store of M. F. Croom & Co., Wabers and Pines streets, was jailed yesterday by Constable Savage on a charge of the larceny of a quantity of liquor at different times from the store in which he is employed. Tuesday night he was seen to secret several bottles of whiskey and later to carry it away. A warrant was sworn out for him and a search of his house disclosed that he had not only stolen several bottles Tuesday night but he had been systematically at work robbing the place for some time as a quantity of liquor was found secreted at his house. He has employed Herbert McClammy, Esq., as counsel and will be tried at 9 o'clock today.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Buffalo Bill—Wild West Show. McKanna—Three Day Liquor Cure.

Business Locals.
Wanted—Nice Room.
Lost—Gold Fob With Locket.
A. T. Wilson—Carpenter Work.
Wanted—Planning Mill Foreman.
For Sale—Piano in Good Condition.
Wanted—Room to Store Piano and Furniture.
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Buy your matting today at Gaylord's. Three hundred remnants to be sold at cost.

A WEDDING SURPRISE

Miss Eleanor Preston King Attractive Bride of Mr. Joseph James Loughlin—Extended Bridal Tour to the North.

As quite a pleasant surprise to numerous friends here and elsewhere came the announcement yesterday evening of the marriage of Miss Eleanor Preston King and Mr. Joseph James Loughlin, popular young people of Wilmington, both being connected with the postoffice in this city. The ceremony was performed at half after six o'clock yesterday evening at the residence of Mr. Stephen Jewett, No. 405 North Third street, where the bride had made her home since the family removed from Wilmington some years ago. The service was by the Rev. Alexander D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and conforming to the wishes of both the bride and groom the wedding was a very quiet one indeed, only members of the family and a few very intimate friends knowing even that the wedding was to take place. The young people had planned that the marriage would take place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah J. King, in Williamsport, Pa., the early part of October but circumstances over which neither had control interfered with the arrangements and so it was decided to have the pleasant incident in their lives to take place here at the earlier date.

The parlors of the home were very attractively decorated for the wedding and flowers having been used tastily in the general scheme. The bride wore a handsome traveling suit of brown with hat and gloves to match. The groom wore the conventional black. There were no attendants and immediately after the ceremony, the young couple received the happy congratulations of those assembled, repairing a little later to the union station where they took their departure for a bridal tour north, spending a while at the Jamestown Exposition returning via Williamsport, Pa., where they will visit the bride's mother. They will be at home after October fifteenth at 513 South Front street, this city.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Loughlin have many friends here, who will not soon quite forgive them for the surprise which was given them but at the same time they will extend most happy felicitations upon their return. The bride is an attractive young woman and is much admired for her charming personality and delightful manner. Mr. Loughlin has been in the postoffice service for a number of years at Wilmington and is accounted one of the most efficient men in the government employ in the State. He is captain of the Boys' Brigade and has held other positions of honor and trust among his fellows. He will be congratulated most heartily upon his good fortune in the happy union for life yesterday evening.

EXPOSITION SOCIAL ROW

Barr and Tucker May Give In For Peace's Sake.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Norfolk, Va., Sept. 25.—While it is believed that the revival of the committee on entertainment to have charge of all social events at the Jamestown Exposition will be accepted by both Director General Barr and President Harry St. George Tucker, it freely admitted today that the settlement of the social differences is yet to be finally consummated.

Director General Barr is out of the city. President Tucker declined to discuss the matter today, declaring that he had yet to be acquainted with the full meaning of the action of the directors.

The feeling is general that the compromise measure will not be entirely satisfactory to either side but those engineering the settlement are confident that sufficient pressure can be brought to bear on both officials to secure their acceptance and restore peace.

STRIKE MAY ENLARGE.

Press and Brokers Operators May Be Called Out.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
New York, Sept. 25.—The New York local of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union voted tonight to call out all leased wire operators employed by the press and brokers' offices in this city, if such action shall be sanctioned by the National officers. Action by the National officers will be awaited before anything further is done.

It was voted also to ask the National officers to issue a call for the brokers and press telegraphers throughout the country to quit work.

The demand upon the men who are now working under contract is made in the interests of those who struck against the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies.

DISPENSARY FOR WELDON.

Sweeping Victory With Liquor Men Voting For It.

Weldon, N. C., Sept. 24.—The election today was a sweeping victory for the dispensary, the vote being 152 for the dispensary to 7 against it. Every saloon keeper in Weldon voted for the dispensary. The splendid victory was the result of personal work and interest taken in the election by Dr. I. E. Green and Senator W. E. Daniel.

SNIPES TRIAL BEGUN

Sensational Killing of Young W. L. Williams Year Ago Last September.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Jury Selected and State Practically Completed Its Testimony Yesterday—Mr. Gaston M. Murrell Fully Exonerated.

The case of young Lonnie Snipes, charged with the killing of W. L. Williams, a travelling man in a house of ill repute in this city a little more than a year ago, was entered upon in the Superior Court first thing yesterday morning at 9.30 o'clock. The selection of a jury to pass upon the questions at issue between the State and the prisoner was immediately begun, the panel was completed at five minutes to 12 o'clock and the State followed at once with its testimony so that by the time the recess was reached by 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, all the direct testimony for the prosecution was in and the defence announced that it would be ready with a number of witnesses when the session convenes at 9.30 o'clock this morning.

No other cases were taken up in the court yesterday, though the grand jury continued to grind out bills and there will be no delay from this source when the remainder of the docket is entered upon upon the completion of the Snipes trial. The grand jury yesterday afternoon, upon an examination of all the witnesses presented for the State, failed to find a true bill against Mr. Gaston M. Murrell, the grocer charged with setting fire to his place of business at Fifth and Campbell streets some weeks ago. The case had been very carefully prepared by Deputy State Insurance Commissioner W. A. Scott and the failure of the jury to find a true bill upon these facts is a complete vindication of Mr. Murrell, a fact upon which he was congratulated generally by his friends yesterday. Mr. Murrell is released from his bond of \$500 and goes forth absolutely vindicated.

Upon the convening of court yesterday morning the sheriff returned the usual twenty talemans for the day and an additional thirty from which to select a jury for the Snipes case: They were as follows: F. B. Culp, Thos. A. Lawther, J. A. Karr, W. F. Carpenter, W. B. Berry, Jno. B. Griffith, V. C. Bordeaux, M. J. Corbett, H. Z. Clowe, N. B. Futrell, Levi, McMillan, Jas. S. Williams, W. B. McMillan, J. H. Taylor, Jr., Jake L. Solomon, W. R. Barksdale, Eduard Wright, R. M. Turbeville, W. S. Bernard, W. V. Henry, J. A. Dennis, Owen Martindale, J. H. Hankins, E. S. Capps, Jno. E. Hewitt, S. W. Aman, H. L. Graham, Chas. H. Keen, I. B. Rhodes, S. Jewett. On account of their being court officers Messrs. Capps and Taylor were excused and Messrs. Rhodes and McMillan for other satisfactory reasons.

The entire special venire was exhausted before the panel was completed, a great number of challenges being made for cause and the State exercising one of its two peremptories and the defence three out of its four. The jury as finally empanelled is composed of Messrs. L. C. Sutton, E. Y. Beardsley, E. O. Hunter, H. M. Milliner, H. M. Foard, J. A. Karr, Jno. B. Griffith, V. C. Bordeaux, J. H. Hankins, S. W. Aman, N. E. Gallagher, and T. J. Herring.

The solicitor announced in open court that he would not ask for a verdict of murder in the first degree. He is assisted by F. W. Bonitz, Esq., in the conduct of the case for the State, while the attorneys for the defence are Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy, Herbert McClammy and Gafford & Gafford. The prisoner had a seat with his counsel and appeared more cheerful and in better physical condition than at the first trial. Interest in the case has rather waned and the crowd in the court room shows considerable diminution since last time. The Public seems to be tired of the details and few care to discuss the merits or demerits of the case on the streets.

Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, was the first witness yesterday and told of the investigation of the jury before him and of the pistol shot wound in the forehead.

C. T. Croom, the star witness for the State, was next introduced and his direct examination was completed when the hour for recess for dinner was reached. His story of the tragedy was the same as given at the former trial. He told of Snipes having fired the shot at Williams as the latter was acting a peacemaker between a woman of the house and a third party, who had fallen to the floor in a drunken scuffle. Snipes ran out of the house and witness being a special officer hurried out after him, finally shooting him down in the street, after the fugitive had wheeled on him as if to shoot. He said that Snipes, after he was arrested, confessed to him that he had shot Williams and pleaded with the officer to shoot him and put him out of the trouble.

The cross examination of Croom after dinner was by Mr. Marsden Bellamy, and was largely intended to impeach his character. Croom, how-

BUFFALO BILL IS COMING

Wild West Shows and Congress of the World Here on October 17th. Only Big Attraction to Come South This Season.

With the arrival of Advertising Car No. 1 and Mr. W. K. Hill, the press agent, the town began to talk yesterday of the coming of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Shows and Congress of Rough Riders of the World, which will give two exhibitions in Wilmington on Thursday, October 17th, this being the only big tented attraction to come South this year on account of the refusal of all Southern roads except the Coast Line to handle the circus traffic over their lines. The place of exhibition is the old Fair Grounds, near the County Home, but an effort will be made by the Consolidated people to have the shows on their line at Seventeenth and Princess streets. It is to be hoped that the change will be made as the inaccessibility of the old Fair Grounds would forbid anything like a large attendance unless the railroads could be induced to handle trains out there.

The shows come South direct from Madison Square Garden in New York and they are said to be larger and more representative than ever before. Colonel W. F. Cody, for whom the globe will be represented in the magnificent arena. Further announcement of the shows will be given from time to time until the date named.

ON THE CAPE FEAR

City of Fayetteville Cleared Yesterday; Lyon Arrives Today.

The steamer City of Fayetteville did not clear for the return trip to Fayetteville Tuesday evening as usual but remained in port to take a big cargo of canned goods that arrived by the Clyde steamer Carib Monday morning. There were 1,150 packages all told.

The Lyon was reported as having cleared for Wilmington yesterday afternoon from Fayetteville with cargo of factory goods and 40 bales of cotton. The steamer expected to stop in Elizabethtown to wait for a number of Knights of Pythias from Lumberton and other points. They are coming down for the production of Damon and Pythias at the Academy of Music under the auspices of the Wilmington lodges tonight.

ever, was not shaken in his story as previously told regardless of what impression may have been made by the cross examination tending to break down the witness' own character. This examination was merciless and some were of the opinion that it rather damaged than benefited the defence from the fact that the private affairs of the witness were dragged into court in a manner that is not ordinary.

Dr. R. B. Slocum, Surgeon in charge of the James Walker Memorial Hospital to which Snipes and Williams had been removed after the shooting, was next introduced. He told of the wounds and some other facts bearing upon the case.

Maude Pinner, proprietress of the place, and Violet McDonald, an inmate, were next introduced, but they seemed to know little of the actual facts of the shooting. Lotie Smith, who with Violet McDonald, was in the dance hall where the tragedy occurred, has left the State and she was called out yesterday and fined \$80 for non-attendance.

Sergeant Burnett, of the police force, was introduced to show that Croom had never said that the reason he shot at Snipes was that he turned in the street and shot at him. The defence will introduce a number of witnesses later to show that Croom did say that Snipes shot at him and he shot Snipes in self defence.

The last witness for the day was "Dickens" Daniels, who left the room before the tragedy occurred. He told a straight story and made a good impression. When his testimony had been concluded the Solicitor and Mr. Bonitz asked for a conference of a few minutes in regards to introducing a witness the State had just been able to secure. They retired but came in after a few minutes and said they were yet undecided as to whether or not the witness would be called and a recess for the day was ordered. Judge Biggs stated that the following morning he would pass upon the question of whether or not he would admit certain testimony of Maude Pinner as to statements made by Violet McDonald when she ran into witness' room and said "My God! Lonnie has shot a man out here," the question being whether it was a part of the gestae or was incompetent, the defendant not being present.

Judge Biggs ordered that the members of the jury should not read the city papers containing accounts of the trial and they were placed in the hands of a deputy sheriff with instructions that they be kept together and made as comfortable as possible. Court then took a recess until 9.30 A. M. today.

Buy a remnant of matting today at Gaylord's at cost.

READ THE STAR BUSINESS LOCALS.

FAVORITES ON TRACK

Patti, Jack of Diamonds, Sir Hanna and Miss Roaney Winners Yesterday.

AT FAIR GROUNDS COURSE

Attendance Was Large and Matinee Was Greatly Enjoyed—Several New Horses Watched With Interest—Officials of Races.

One of the most successful of the racing matinees yet given by the embryo Wilmington Driving Association was the meet yesterday afternoon on the old Fair Grounds track, near the County Home, the winners having been "Patti," the bay mare driven by Emerson, in the 2:40 class; "Jack of Diamonds," driven by C. W. Mills in the 2:30 pacing and trotting class; "Sir Hanna," driven by Wrede in the 2:35 pacing class, and "Miss Roaney," owned by Boushee and ridden by "Toby" in the running race.

The attendance upon the meet was estimated at between eight hundred and a thousand and the keenest interest was manifested in the several events. The judges were Messrs. D. McEachern, H. L. Fennell and E. A. Metts; starter, Mr. Foster, and timekeeper, Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr. The track was in good condition and the horses showed up to fine advantage in the several heats. The results are officially announced as follows:

2:40 Trotting—Won by "Patti," bay mare driven by Emerson; time 2:46. "Jim," driven by Brown second, and "Wilkes Boy," bay gelding driven by Kidd, third.

2:30 Pacing and Trotting—Won by "Jack of Diamonds," driven by C. W. Mills; time 2:28. "Barney," driven by Arringdale, second with "Traveller," driven by McEachern, third, on account of an accident which prevented the finish.

2:35 Pacing—Won by "Sir Hanna," driven by Wrede; time 2:41. "Queen," driven by Dr. Caldwell, second. Purples failed to show up on the course, although officially entered for the race.

The running race was by far the most exciting event of the four. There were three entries for the half mile course and "Miss Roaney," owned by Boushee, was an easy winner. "Sorell Boy," owned by Solomon and ridden by Gentry, was second with "Daisy," owned by Mills and ridden by "Snowball," third. Time was 58 seconds.

Mr. W. D. McMillan, Jr., did not enter "Miss Wilkes" in the 2:35 pacing class as he had expected as she was not in trim. The new and fast trotter owned by McEachern was also absent, having been shipped to Fayetteville to be put on the circuit under the care of a regular trainer.

WHY SOUTHERN TAKES IN SAIL.

Business Reasons, Not Retaliation, Mr. Finley Says.

(Special to Baltimore Sun.)
Washington, Sept. 24.—President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, today explained as follows the reasons for recent stoppage of construction work and reductions in shop forces:

"In some quarters it has been represented that work has been stopped and forces reduced as a measure of retaliation against adverse State legislation. In no case has this been true. This company has not been governed in any case by any but sound business consideration, such as must govern a railway as well as every other business enterprise. Current railway income is insufficient to provide funds necessary for extensive improvements and betterments. These can only be provided for, now as in the past, by obtaining new capital.

"Present financial conditions and the present attitude of investors toward railway securities are such that it is impossible for the moment to sell railway securities on a basis that any business concern, managed in accordance with sound business principles, would be justified in accepting. It has, therefore, been necessary to postpone many important projects for improvements. Only those will be pushed to completion at this time on which the work has progressed so far that the public and the railway can receive the benefit of their completion at an early date. Other projects have not been abandoned, but will be carried out just as soon as conditions are such that the necessary capital can be secured.

In no case has a reduction been made in a spirit of retaliation, but forces have been reduced and expenses curtailed in the same ratio in those States in which there has been no adverse legislative action as in others."

SEABOARD RETRENCHMENT

Men in Shops at Portsmouth Being Cut Off.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 25.—President Garrett, of the Seaboard Air Line, has begun retrenchment, and a cut in mechanical forces at the Portsmouth shops, which is to extend over the entire system. Practically all painters and many old men, for years in the employ of the Seaboard, have been discharged.