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SOUTHERN HARBORS.

Last summer there was held in Topeka, Kansas, a convention of the wheat growers of the West, which was attended by delegates from many of the wheat growing States. It was a large convention and the proceedings were participated in by prominent men who were not wheat growers, but who were interested in the prosperity of that section of the country. The object of this convention was to inaugurate a movement to secure Government aid for the improvement of harbors on the South Atlantic coast, thus enabling the wheat growers of the West to ship their surplus grain from these ports instead of being compelled to ship from the few ports to which they had been limited, and in doing which they were at the mercy of the railroads which bore their freights eastward, and which invariably took advantage of the freezing of the rivers to raise freight rates to such figures as they saw fit. The result, generally speaking, was that by the time the freight on a bushel of grain, from St. Louis, say, to New York, was paid, with the cost of handling and salesman's commissions, the returns to the wheat raiser were so small as to leave no profits, if they covered the expense of culture, which frequently they did not. This has been one of the causes of the depressed conditon of agriculture in the West, the cost of transferring the products of the farm to the seaboard for shipment.

From the centre of the great grain growing area of the West the distance is much less to the seaboard of the Southern States than to the seaboard of the Northern States, ensuring, with a good system of railways, the delivery of Western farm products at considerably less cost, and at the same time protecting the Western shipper from the dictates of monopolies which the absence of competition made arbitrary and mighty.

This it is which has turned the eye of the Western farmer and shipper southward, and given strength to the movement to connect the West with Southern ports, and to secure the aid of the Government in making these ports adequate to the demands upon them. The movement has strength and it will gain strength every year, for the more populous and productive the West becomes the more restive it will become under Eastern dictation, and the more it will realize the necessity of commercial independence. The farm products, and other products as well, seeking foreign ports must come, as her rivers run, southward.

Cincinnati, Louisville, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, and other great central Western cities, are looking for new short air-lines or as near air-lines as possible, pointing towards some Southern port, and the men are now living who will see grand systems of railroads constructed with terminal points at such of these ports as answer the purposes or can with a reasonable expenditure of money be made to answer.

The index finger points to Wilmington as one of these ports which presents many advantages, and whose geographical position, midway on the coast, makes it a desirable port for a large area of the central Western States, and even now the movement is progressing which within two years or so will through the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad and its connections link Wilmington to the Western system of roads and the cities which they tap by considerably shorter lines than any other seaboard city North or South can claim. The connection of Wilmington with the commercial centres of the West by short and direct lines of railroad, some of which largely controlled by North Carolina capital and by North Carolina men, the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley being wholly so, will give her vast importance and exert an influence on her future that it would be impossible now to estimate. Taking this into consideration with the productive possibilities of the section of North Carolina through which this road runs, the mineral, timber and other resources and the industries which they will create, the man need not be classed as a visionary who would predict for this city within the next two decades thrice the population which she now claims, with a volume of trade and multiplied industries in comparison with which her present trade and industries will be insignificant. We will take the chances, however, of being classed as a visionary and venture to put this opinion in print.

The Russian Government does not seem to have fully appreciated the benevolent disposition of Prince T. Key Kubah Mirza, first cousin of the Shah of Persia, who in his desire to keep up the volume of currency and make money matters easy was running an extensive counterfeiting establishment, for it rudely snatched him up and sent him to Siberia.

MINOR MENTION.

The indications become stronger from day to day that it is the purpose of the Republican majority in Congress to recognize no rule or custom of that body which may restrict their power or give the minority any show for resistance against any measure the majority may see fit to introduce. The unexampled and arbitrary conduct of Speaker Reed, when he refused to entertain a motion of Mr. Bland for the appointment of tellers, and his refusal also to entertain a motion by the same gentleman to have the *Record* amended so as to show the position of the Speaker, in both of which Mr. Reed was sustained by his party, is proof conclusive of this. It is a singular proceeding for the Speaker of the House to thus in effect proclaim himself Czar of the House, from whose decision no appeal can be taken unless the mode of appeal be agreeable to him. In his refusal to entertain a motion for the appointment of tellers he overrode a custom as old as the House itself and one which obtains in all deliberative bodies, and one which he has doubtless made many a time in his legislative career. Mr. Reed is now, however, in a position where he can play the role of despot, and thus strangle effective opposition by the minority, which he seems determined to do and in which it also seems he has the backing of his Republican colleagues. They must be contemplating some mean devilment when they resort to such tactics.

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The Republican party should pay its debts. Here we have a printing house in New York suing for $11,500, the payment of which has been refused on the plea that it was a debt contracted by the blocks-of-five Dudley, the distinguished friend of the President, at whose special request he was appointed to the position which he held when he contracted the debt. But if they will swindle a printing house, which may be able to stand the gouge, out of $11,500 for printing campaign documents to help elect Harrison, they should not carry their swindling operations so far as to defraud the poor, confiding colored brethren in the South out of the little sums they promised to pay as a reward for hustling around and drumming up votes for the party at the last election. A number of those from this State failing to get any response to their demands are now appealing to Senator Vance by letter, asking him to intercede and see if he can't persuade the chairman of the National Republican Committee to keep his promises and ante up some of the back dues. As the chairman is a U. S. Senator this is a delicate matter for Senator Vance, who naturally shrinks from poking bills of that kind at him, although his sympathetic nature sorrows for the poor, bamboozled colored hustler, who in his confiding simplicity pinned his faith to the promises of a Republican campaign manager.

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Governor Campbell, of Ohio, in his first message to the Legislature pronounced himself in favor of ballot reform and devoted some space to a review of the Australian system, to which he seems to have given considerable attention. He says that it has been adopted by and is now in use in varying forms among 85,000,000 of people. It has been in use for five years in Norway, seven in England and Italy, twelve in Belgium, fourteen in Canada, and thirty in Australia. It has been adopted with modifications in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Indiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Montana, Michigan, Connecticut and Kentucky. In every State where it has been tried it has given satisfaction. It is a bill for this system of voting which Senator Butler proposes to offer as an amendment to the federal election bills when they come up for action in the Senate.

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Texas now claims a population of between two and a half and three millions of people, and ten years hence, with even a much less proportionate annual increase than at present, will be by considerable odds the most populous State in the Union. Territorially she is large enough for four reasonably sized States, and doubtless efforts will be made to divide her into two or more. The terms of her admission into the Union provided that she might be divided into four States. But it would be a right hard thing to get the average Texan to consent to this, for she is prospering, has public lands enough to run the State and make her as rich as she wants to be, with nothing to gain by a sub-division, but much prestige to lose. For these reasons and others she will probably prefer to remain the same Lone Star that she is instead of splitting up into four smaller stars.

Steam Tug Sunk.

The steam tug *Sophie*, owned by Messrs, Ross and Sanford, contractors, of Savannah, Ga., sunk yesterday evening in the lower Cape Fear river. The tug was shifting anchors for the dredge boat *Savannah*, at the time of the accident. Capt. S. W. Skinner, with pumping apparatus, will leave here this morning for the scene of the disaster, and will soon have the sunken tug afloat.

Their Business Booming,

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at Robert R. Bellamy's Wholesale and Retail Drug Store at their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable artiele from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Coup, and all throat and long diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottlefree, large size $1. Every bottle warranted. †

HABEAS CORPUS CASE.

J. M. Woolard, One of the Parties Held For the Murder of W. T. Brown Discharged from Arrest.

It was four o'clock yesterday afternoon when Judge Meares took his seat in the court room at the City Hall, and asked if the parties interested in the habeas corpus case of J. M. Woolard were ready. The court room was crowded with spectators, all the witnesses summoned were in attendance, and the prisoner with his counsel, Messrs. D. L. Russell, Marsden Bellamy and John D. Bellamy, Jr., were present, as were the attorneys who represented the State, Col. B. R. Moore and Mr. Du Brutz Cutlar.

The witnesses—the same whose testimony has been given in the STAR—were called and answered to their names. It was agreed by counsel that the main facts should be admitted, and the Court stated that it did not care to hear testimony except as it related to the defendant Woolard.

The first witness was Dr. Burbank, who testified as he did at the investigation before the Mayor and at the Coroner's inquest, that he made a post mortem examination of the body of W. T. Brown, stating the location and character of the wounds, and giving it as his opinion that Brown's death was caused by wounds on the front and back of the head.

Altogether, the testimony of ten or a dozen witnesses was taken, but it was merely a repetition of what they had before stated and which has already been published in the STAR, and after its conclusion and arguments by counsel on both sides the Court announced its decision, discharging the prisoner, J. M. Woolard, from arrest, and he walked out of the court room a free man.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Yesterday's Proceedings—Cases Set for Trial To-day.

In the Superior Court for New Hanover county, before his Honor Judge Graves, Mr. P. B. Manning having been licensed by the Supreme Court, was duly qualified as a practising attorney by taking the oath prescribed by law.

The following cases were heard:

Bynum & Cotton vs. J. F. Garrell, agent. Continued for plaintiffs.

R. W. Hicks vs. John McDuffie, et al. Continued for defendant upon payment of costs of this term.

H. W. Humphrey et al., vs. The Board of Trustees of Front Street M. E. Church. Suit to recover $485; amount paid for vault in the church yard and expense of removal of remains of the late Bryan S. Koonce. Messrs. Koonce and Isler appeared as counsel for plaintiffs and Messrs. Russell and Ricaud and E. S. Martin for defendants. The case was given to the jury late in the afternoon, and a verdict was returned finding all the issues for defendants.

Cases set for to-day are the following: Russell & Ricaud vs. T. J. Green; Horace Walters & Co. vs. Geo. W. Price, Jr.; Geo. D. New vs. Flora Frances New; Tathom Bros. vs. G. A. Peck; Andrew J. Walker vs. Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Co.; Worth & Worth vs. N. G. Shaw; J. H. Strauss vs. Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R. Co.; Jesse Martin et al. vs. John Martin et at.; Jesse Martin et al. vs. Wilmington Gas Light Co.; Jesse Martin et al. vs. Preston Cumming and wife; Jesse Martin et al. vs. Hettie C. Ward.

Supervisors of the Census.

A circular from the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., gives the following list of Supervisors' districts in North Carolina, each district as laid out to be under the charge of one Supervisor, yet to be appointed:

FIRST DISTRICT—Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

SECOND DISTRICT—Chatham, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Johnstown, Nash, Northampton, Orange, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne and Wilson counties.

THIRD DISTRICT—Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, Richmond and Sampson counties.

FOURTH DISTRICT—Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanley, Stokes, Surry, Union and Yadkin counties.

FIFTH DISTRICT.—Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, McDowell, Macon; Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey counties.

FOR THE FARMERS.

How to Save Meat in Warm Weather.

Mr. Jno. T. Bellamy, writing the STAR from Enfield, N. C., in relation to the loss that so many farmers have sustained this season in failing to "save their bacon" says:

Meat may be saved in very warm weather, if, as it is cut out, you have a kettle of *boiling brine*. Dip each piece of meat in this for about one minute; take it out and lay it aside to cool, and while cooling have a quantity of pulverized nitre (nitrate of potash) dust and sprinkle over the *flesh* side of each piece about a dessert-spoonful, which will be absorbed by the meat in about half an hour; then pack the meat down, *flesh side up*, with plenty of fine salt—say one inch deep—all over the meat. In a week or so overhaul and resalt. Years ago I used to put up from 25,000 to 30,000 pounds of meat every winter, and never lost any, or hesitated to kill in warm weather.

Barque San Antonio.

The British barque *San Antonio*, which grounded Tuesday morning at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, on what is known as the "Middle Ground," was reported yesterday as being in the same position and full of water. A powerful steam-pump was sent down to her from Capt. Skinner's shipyard yesterday, with Capt. Harper's tugs, and an attempt was to have been made in the afternoon to get the barque afloat. The *San Antonio* is in ballast, from Barbadoes, and as stated yesterday is bound to this port, consigned to Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co. The captain and crew of ten men remain on the vessel. The captain's wife and daughter were taken off and landed at Southport Tuesday evening.

C. F. & Y. V. R. R.

Official Inspection of the Road and Its Equipment—To be Open for Traffic February 15—The Schedule, Etc.

Col. J. A. Gray, President of the C. F. & Y. V, R. R., Superintendent J. W. Fry, Mr. J. W. Brown of Baltimore, of the firm of Brown & Lowndes, financial agents of the road; Mr. J. C. Wrenshall, civil engineer, of Baltimore, and receiver of the Danville & New River railroad, and Dr. D. W. C. Benbow, of Greensboro, N. C., left Greensboro on Monday to make a tour of inspection of the Fayetteville and Wilmington extension of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad. Capt. Fry and Mr. Wrenshall stopped at Fayetteville and the remainder of the party came through to Wilmington on the Carolina Central, and went up over their road yesterday to within eight miles of Fayetteville where they were met by Capt. Fry and Mr. Wrenshall. They inspected the roadbed, stations, bridges and trestles, with a view of placing the bonds on this division on the market. Col. Brown and Mr, Wrenshall expressed themselves as highly pleased with the character of the country through which the road passes, there being every indication that the traffic will be very large. Mr. Wrenshall is an engineer of large experience, and he said he had never passed over a new road so thoroughly equipped and complete in all its appointments.

The bridge and new depot at Fayetteville, which are finished, were also inspected and found to be in excellent condition.

All the track will be laid by the first of February, and the road will be opened up for traffic its entire length on February 15, at which date through passenger, mail and express trains will be put on to run daily between Wilmington and Mt. Airy.

To-day, the party above mentioned will go down to Southport on the Company's steamer, the *Compton*, returning at 5 p. m., and this evening Col. Gray and Capt. Fry, will go to Maxton, on the Carolina Central, and Messrs. Brown and Wrenshall will return to Baltimore.

The distance from Wilmington to Mount Airy is 248 miles, and the time ten hours; the following being the schedule: Leave Wilmington, 9.40 a. m.; arrive at Fayetteville 1.45 p. m., stopping there 30 minutes for dinner; will leave Fayetteville at 2.15, arrive at Greensboro at 7.10, and arrive at Mount Airy at 7.45 p. m. Returning, train will leave Mount Airy at 5.40 a. m., arrive at Greensboro, 9.30; leave Greensboro at 9.50 a. m., and arrive at Fayetteville 2.10 p. m., for dinner; leave Fayetteville at 2.40 p. m. and arrive at Wilmington, 6.45 p. m.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

The Jury Find that W. T. Brown Came to His Death at the Hands of Walter Yates and J. M. Woolard.

Coroner Jaeobs concluded the inquest yesterday—begun last week—in the case of the death of W. T. Brown. The witnesses examined were Dr. Burbank, N. D. Casteen, Walter Way, James Canaday, R. H. Moore and Forney LeGwin. The testimony was substantially the same as that before the Mayor Monday. The jury found that W. T. Brown came to his death at the hands of Walter Yates and J. M. Woolard, on the 17th day of January, 1890, in the house of Emma Jackson. Woolard was at once arrested and placed in the custody of the sheriff, Yates being already in jail on the charge of manslaughter.

In the afternoon Woolard was brought before Judge O. P. Meares, on a writ of *habeas corpus*. He was attended by his counsel, Messrs. D. L. Russell, Marsden and Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., and was admitted to bail in the sum of $500 for his appearance before Judge Meares, this afternoon, at half-hast three o'clock for an investigation of the case, in the Court room at the City Hall.

VESSEL ASHORE.

The Rritish Barque San Antonio from Barbadoes.

The Signal Service Observer at Southport telegraphed at 2.30 p. m. yesterday: "A barque thought to be either English or Norwegian, went ashore on the bar about 11.15 a. m. The tug *Blanche* went out with some pilots and has just returned. They report that they could not get near enough to her on account of the high sea to learn her name. An English steamer, thought to be the *Merjulio*, has a hawser to the barque and will doubtless try to pull her off when the tide rises; but the pilots think she will probably not be able to do it. They report that Capt. Savage of the Life Saving Service arrived just in time to pick up and save from drowning, five men from the steamer, whose boat had turned over."

At 3.50 p. m., the observer telegraphed as follows: "The British barque *San Antonio*, Capt. A. B. Troop, bound from Barbadoes to Wilmington, in ballast, ran ashore on the Middle Ground, about 300 yards west of the channel, about 11.15 a. m. The captain of the Life-Saving Station thinks the vessel will come off at high tide without much damage. The crew consists of ten men. The captain's wife and daughter are now in Southport."

THAT CELEBRATION.

A Mount Airy Merchant Calls on Wilmington to Celebrate.

The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway will be compleled to Wilmington in less than thirty days. Shall we have a celebration? A letter to the STAR from a leading merchant of Mount Airy says:

"Stir up your people and let us have a celebration on the completion of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway. Let your committee get cheap rates, tickets to be good for five or six days, and we will send a large crowd from this place and points below, and you know that will do your town good."

Business men of Wilmington, are you ready for the question?

"Nothing But Skin and Bones,"

is the inelegant though appropriate expression used in describing the appearance of many females whom Nature intended for perfect specimens of her handiwork, but who have been reduced to this distressing condition by some of the organic troubles, peculiar to the sex, styled "female complaints," the symptoms of which are "an all gone feeling," weakness in the back, especially mornings, nervousness, and sometimes hysteria. The cure for these beauty-destroying troubles—and an undoubted one in every case—is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and it renders it unnecessary to consult a doctor—a disagreeable duty for a modest woman. Of druggists. †

KILLING OF W. T. BROWN.

INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE BEFORE MAYOR FOWLER.

Dr. Burbank's Testimony—Walter Yates Committed in Default of Bail to Answer to the Charge of Manslaughter.

There was again a great gathering of people in the Court at the City Hall yesterday afternoon to hear the continuation of the investigation before Mayor Fowler, of the circumstances that led to the death of Wm. Thos. Brown, in the early morning of Friday last. The persons under arrest charged with participation in the difficulty that preceded the finding of the dead body of Brown on the railroad track—Walter Yates, J. M. Woollard and J. J. Canaday—were present with counsel, Mr. John D. Bellamy, Jr., and Mr. J. A. Marshall, while Col. B. R. Moore, Solicitor of the Criminal Court, and Mr. D. B. Cutlar were also in attendance in behalf of the State.

All the witnesses, a score or more in number, were sworn, and the examination was at once proceeded with.

Dr. T. S. Burbank was the first witness called. He testified that he had made an official examination of the body of W. T. Brown Sunday morning about 11 o'clock, at the place to which it had been removed, near Sneed's Ferry; it had not been buried; found the body in a coffin, and stripped it; found the right side of the face badly bruised; found a cut on the right side of the nose that extended to the membrane covering the bone; there was a smaller cut a half inch in length—outside of the right eye, about the same as the other; the right eyelid and eye, and the right cheek were much bruised and swollen. On the back of the head, found a wound a half inch long that went down to the skull. Examined the body and found no wounds upon it. Dissected the scalp and found the the tissues all bruised and much diffused blood; removed a portion of the skull, and found a blood-clot just beneath the cut on the front of the head near the nose; the brain was very much conjested; found a very large clot of blood on the brain on the back of the head; in his opinion these wounds were sufficient to cause death. Asked about the possibility of the deceased freezing to death, and being shown a tabulated statement of temperatures on that night and the morning following, ranging from 32 to 38°, he explained the effects of cold on the system when the heart stopped, he said the whole external surface would be cold. In his opinion the fall at the railroad cut could not have caused the wounds on the head of deceased. If deceased had fallen and his head had struck on the angle of a cross-tie, it could have caused a wound such as was found on the head, but could not have caused all the wounds; the wound on the outer corner of the right eye was made by a blunt instrument; the wound on the inner corner was a lacerated wound extending downwards about half an inch. Striking on a cross-tie could not have made such a wound; both wounds conld have been made at one time by brass-knuckles or a blow of the fist Gave it as his opinion that the lower edge of the seat of the chair with which Yates struck Brown would have caused the wound on the back of the head of the deceased.

Green Brown, brother of deceased, testified that he accompanied Dr. Burbank, and identified the body as that of W. T. Brown, his brother.

Walter Way was again called and testified as he did last Saturday. After the conclusion of Way's testimony Solicitor Moore said it was a prima facie case that called for the holding of defendants; but at the request of the defence the examination of witnesses was proceeded with.

J. M. Woollard, one of the parties accused of assaulting Brown, was called and testified. Denied striking deceased, but did put his hand on Brown's breast and ask him not to raise a row. Woollard said in answer to questions, that he had lived in Wilmington three or four years; was born in Columbus county, and knew Yates some time, but was not a particular friend of his; did not see Yates treating anybody; was not drunk himself; some of the crowd had been drinking; Brown was drunk; policemen entered the room at the time Yates struck Brown; the police officers were there two and-a-half or three hours; Brown was advancing on Yates when the latter struck him with the chair.

J. M. Holloway testified that there was a little row at the dance, between J. J. Canaday and Yates; the latter struck Canaday; Brown came to the door and cursed Yates; Woollard put his hand against Brown and told him not to raise a fuss; Woollard did not strike Brown; Brown backed and came again to the door and advanced on Yates; witness heard the crash of the chair, but did not see the blow; if Woollard struck Brown, he (witness) did not see it. After the blow with the chair, asked Brown, "Are you hurt? and Brown sorter smiled, and said no, just stunted a little." To the best of his knowledge, Brown went out of the back door of the house. He had no bruise on his face when witness asked him if he was hurt, and he immediately left the house.

Emma Jackson was again called and told the same story she did on Saturday, as to the fight. Had known Holloway for years; he sent some of the invitations to the ball; she sent some, and Miss Blizzard sent some of them.

N. Casteen, like most of the other witnesses, didn't know much about the fight, although he was in the room; he turned his head and looked out of a window, and when he turned again Yates had struck Brown. That was all he knew about it, although he did hear Woollard tell Brown to keep quiet sometime before. In answer to a question from the Mayor, witness said Brown was not advancing on Yates when the latter struck him with the chair.

A youth named LeGwin was the next witness; he repeated the same story he told Saturday; there was a quarrel between Yates and Canady; Brown came in and cursed Yates; he (witness) with Emma Jackson got Yates into a corner and tried to keep him quiet, and when Yates got up to strike Brown, witness ran out of the room and did not see anybody strike a blow.

J. A. Hankins was also present in the room when the row began, but when he saw Yates raise the chair he left the room; he went back again after some of the girls, and with them went to Yates' house and told him to go to the Mayor's Court in the morning. In answer to questions, Hankins said he went to the house with the musicians; went to have some fun; hadn't danced before in fifteen years.

R. H. Moore, policeman, testified that he went to the house about 12 o'clock; was called by Emma Jackson, who said she expected trouble. He was on the piazza of the house and heard a scuffle and went in, and saw a chair raised and Brown struck; caught the chair and took Yates into custody, as he striking Brown again; it was a pretty severe blow on the front of the head; Brown and Yates were facing each other. Saw Woollard in the room; did not see him strike any one; saw no marks on Brown's face; saw him go out the front door; called to officer Howland to arrest Brown; was at the house three-quarters of an hour altogether; Brown, Yates and Canaday were under the influence of liquor; Yates got away from witness after they left the house.

Officer Howland testified that he went to the house a few moments before 12 o'clock; was called in by the woman Emma Jackson; went on back piazza with Moore; saw Yates advancing with chair raised and strike Brown; other officer caught chair before a second blow was struck; Brown said he was not hurt; arrested Brown and turned him loose to arrest other parties—Woollard and Cannady—and when he returned to where he had left Brown the latter had gone; saw no marks on Brown's face, and he said he was not hurt; did not see Woollard do anything, arrested him because he was in the crowd. In answer to the Solicitor, said he was on the piazza when the blow was struck; house was about twenty yards from the place where Brown was found dead the next morning. Emma Jackson asked him two nights before to come to the house that night.

After hearing Howland's testimony, and arguments by counsel, the Court committed Yates to the custody of the sheriff in default of $800 bail, on the charge of manslaughter. while Woollard was discharged, and J. J. Canaday was held in a bond of $100 to answer for engaging in an affray.

The Coroner's inquest, postponed from last Saturday, will be held at the City Court room this morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Death of Mrs. E. A. Purnell.

We are again called upon to record the death of another one of our old native citizens, Mrs. Eliza Ann Purnell, which took place on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Washington Catlett, in this city. Her death was not unexpected, as she had been a sufferer for a long time, with an incurable disease.

Mrs. Purnell was born in Wilmington in 1822, and consequently was in her sixty-eighth year. She was the eldest daughter of the late Gov. Dudley, and was a highly educated woman. She married in 1841, Mr. Thomas R. Purnell, of Halifax, a prominent young lawyer, and a man of more than ordinary ability, who died in 1846, and by whom she had three children, but one only surviving, T. R, Purnell, Esq., of Raleigh. She was one of the most generous of women, kind hearted and liberal and devoted to her kindred and friends, giving amply of her means before misfortune overtook her in the loss of property, to all who were suffering or distressed or who needed assistance. There are many in our midst who will remember her for her many deeds of generous kindness.

Her funeral took place from St. John's Church yesterday afternoon, thence to Oakdale Cemetery, and the following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: Col. Jas. G. Burr, Hon. O. P. Meares, Col. E. D. Hall, Mr. Wm. Watters. Mr. David S. Cowan, Mr. J. Alvis Walker.

NEW HANOVER SUPERIOR COURT

Convened Yesterday, with Judge Graves Presiding.

The January term of New Hanover county Superior Court convened here yesterday, with Judge Graves on the bench and the Solicitor, Mr. Oliver H. Allen, in attendance.

The following cases were disposed of:

The Louis Bergdall Brewing Co. vs. J. G. L. Gieschen. Judgment for defendant.

Emanuel Roderick, Jr., vs. Minnie Lee Roderick. Judgment for plaintiff for divorce.

The N. K. Fairbanks Co. vs. W. H. Styron. Judgment for plaintiff.

Calvin Gummer vs. Maggie Gummer. Judgment for plaintiff for divorce.

Frank Taylor vs. Catharine Taylor. Judgment for plaintiff for divorce.

D. L. Russell vs. Anthony Davis and F. D. Koonce. Judgment for plaintiff.

John Ryan & Co. vs. The Messenger Publishing Co. Judgment for plaintiff.

John Ryan & Co. vs. J. A. Bonitz. Judgment for plaintiff.

The following cases are set for trial to-day:

Bynum & Cottou vs. J. F. Garrell, agent.

R. W. Hicks vs. John McDuffie, et al.

H. W, Humphrey et al., vs. The Board of Trustees of Front Street M. E. Church.

Charged with Arson.

William Myers and James Rountree, both colored, charged with arson, in setting fire to the house on King's Alley, near Front and between Queen and Wooster streets, which was destroyed by fire last Friday, were arrested and brought before the Mayor yesterday, but the investigation of the case was postponed until to-day. The house was the property of Mr. W. H. Alderman, and was occupied by colored people, with whom Myers and others, it is alleged, had quarrelled.

A Fleet of Square-Riggers.

A fleet of ten square-riggers arrived at Southport yesterday and Sunday and were reported by the Signal Service observer yesterday afternoon as on their way up to Wilmington. The names of the vessels are, the Norwegian barques *Sulphide* from Rio, *Camilla* from Table Bay, *Dovre* from Port Natal; German brig *Clara*, from Demarara; German barque *Bertha*, Buenos Ayres; Norwegian barque *Gyldenlove*, from Savannah; British barquentine *Ventnre*, German brig *Carl Johan*, and Norwegian barque *Ofir*.

"I have thee on the hip," cried rheumatism, seizing his victim and tossing him on a suffering bed. "Not so," he cried, "not so! Wait, my ancient foe, just five minutes, until the boy brings a bottle of Salvation Oil, then we'll see who wins the day."

Patti, it is said, guards herself carefully against cold. She evidently does not believe in free concerts, but does believe in the free use of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, as it has cured her several times. †

SENSATION AT WILSON.

A LIVELY MILL IN A BANKING HOUSE.

Prominent Citizens Engagod in an Affray—A Constable Accidentally Shot by One of the Parties.

[Special Star Telegram.]

WILSON, N. C., January 22.—This morning, between 10 and 11 o'clock, Calvin Barnes, a prominent citizen of Wilson, went to the banking house of Branch & Co. to consult with Mr. A. Branch regarding an account that he owed Branch, Biggs & Co. The lie was passed between them, and Mr. Barnes knocked Mr. Branch through the window of the counting room and followed this up with a number of blows. Mr. J. C. Hales, cashier of the bank, hearing the noise, ran to see what was the matter and tried to part the combatants, when Mr. Jas. Sterrett, a step-son of Mr. Barnes—not knowing Mr. Hale's intention—knocked him down and commanded him to stay there.

After Mr. Branch got up all three, Branch, Barnes and Sterrett, started out of the bank. At the front door Mr. Sterrett turned, after he and Mr. Barnes had started down the street, and gave Mr. Branch a stunning blow which came very near felling him to the floor. The parties then separated.

Some fear was entertained that the difficulty would be renewed. So all of the parties were placed under a peace bond. All went well until about 3 o'clock p. m. Mr. Jas. Marshburn, township constable, was sent to arrest Messrs. Barnes and Sterrett and take them before a magistrate, and while he with his prisoners was on the opposite side of the street, Mr. Branch ran out and began firing at Mr. Barnes. The balls went wide of their mark, but unfortunately one of them lodged in the left heel of the constable.

ELECTRICAL MURDER.

One Man Killed and Another Severely Shocked, Together with a Horce, by Trailing Wires in Newburg, N. Y.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Jan. 20.—This morning at 9 o'clock a man stopped his horse in front of F. W. Parsons' shoe store, in Water street, tied the animal to an awning post and went away. A few minutes later the horse touched his nose to an iron post and fell into the gutter like a log. Thomas Dawson, ran to help the horse, but no sooner did he place his hands on the animal, than he (Dawson) fell dead. Thomas Saltz who saw Dawsow fall; hastened to his assistance and took hold of him to lift him up, but received a terrible shock, and he too dropped to the ground as if dead. An electric light wire had sagged and lay upon an iron rod extending from the awning post to the building; and the full force of the electric current was passing down the iron post into the ground, The insulation material of the wire had become thoroughly saturated by the rain.

The body of Dawson was carried to the store and laid upon the floor, where it still lies, awaiting the aetion of the coroner.

Mr. Saltz was only stunned; he got up, brushed his clothes, and walked away. Neither was the horse killed. It was cut loose from the post, lifted to his feet and driven off.

Dawson was a laborer, and for a number of years a grave-digger in St. George's Cemetery. He was a large and powerful man, weighing over two hundred pounds. He was well and favorably known, and leaves a wife and children.

There is great excitement and indignation in this city. The electric light wires, even when taut, are only a few inches above the iron awning frames in front of buildings.

It seems that Dawson in assisting the horse took hold of the head gear, and at once fell forward, his head striking against the iron awning post. An examination of the body disclosed the fact that the deadly current was received on the left side of the head, which had rested against the awning post. The neck was blistered, the hair singed, and the ear badly burned. Drs. Wiggins and Howell subsequently made a thorough examination of the whole body. The man's eyes were open; his face bore no evidence that he had suffered any pain.

BREACH OF PROMISE.

Cammerer vs. Muller—A Verdict for Plaintiff of $12,000.

NEW YORK, January 19.—The jury in the suit of Miss Caroline Cammerer vs. Clemens Muller, for $100,000, for breach of promise, to-day attended the opening of their sealed verdict in the Supreme Court. They found for the plaintiff in the sum of $12,000. This verdict was reached Saturday night after a deliberation of five hours. The plaintiff was not in Court; the defendant, however, was there. A motion by the defendant for a new trial was denied, and the motion of plaintiff for allowance was granted.

NEW YORK, January 20.—Judge Ingraham to-day denied the motion to set aside the verdict giving $12,000 to Miss Caroline Cammerer, of Philadelphia, in her suit for $100,000 from Clemens Muller, as damages for breach of promise of marriage. The motion was made by counsel for Muller on the ground that the amount of damages given was excessive, and that the verdict was against the weight of evidence The defendant was allowed sixty days within which to prepare papers on the appeal, and the plaintiff's counsel were allowed 5 per cent. on $12,000 for their services.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

A House Wrecked and One Person Killed and Eight Badly Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, January 22.—An explosion of natural gas, about 9.30 o'clock this morning, completely wrecked a three-story frame dwelling on Thirty-eighth near Butler street, killing one person almost instantly, and seriously injuring eight others, two of whom may die.

Who is Mrs. Winslow?

As this question is frequently asked, we will simply say that she is a lady who for upwards of forty years has untiringly devoted her time and talents as a female physician and nurse, principally among children. She has specially studied the constitution and wants of this numerous class, and, as a result of this effort, and practical knowledge, obtained in a life-time spent as a nurse and physician, she has compounded a Soothing Syrup for children teething. It operates like magic—giving rest and health, and is, moreover. sure to regulate the bowels. In consequence of this article Mrs. Winslow is becoming world-renowned as a benefactor of her race; children certainly do RISE UP and bless her; especially is this the case in this city. Vast quantities of the Soothing Syrup are DAILY sold and used here. We think Mrs. Winslow has immortalized her name by this invaluable article, and we sincerely believe thousands of children have been saved from an early grave by its timely use, and that millions yet unborn will share its benefits and uuite in calling her blessed. No MOTHER has discharged her duty to her suffering little one, in our opinion, until she has given it the benefit of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Try it, mothers—TRY IT NOW. *Ladies' Visitor*, New York City. Sold by all druggists. 25 cents a bottle. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Oxford *Ledger:* Mr. E. C. Day, who recently contracted a romantic marriage in Henderson to a lady from Mississippi who advertised for a husband and a correspondence followed which resulted in a union, has come to grief early in his honeymoon. He was arrested in Oxford Friday night on a charge of forgery committed in Clarksville, Va.

— Durham *Sun:* The Grand Jury adjourned to-day about noon, after attending to a large volume of business. It has been a working grand jury as it is very evident they investigated a great many cases. Judge Armfield, in his charge, called their attention to the law on trusts in this State, and the grand jury made careful investigation of the reports which had come to the ear of the Court. After summoning a large number of witnesses and enquiring into the matter they failed to return a presentment against any firm as violating the statute.

— Asheville *Citizen:* The boys Dryman and Bruce, who were arrested for robbing the Irishman of $37.00. had a preliminary hearing before Justice Malone yesterday morning. After taking the evidence of several witnesses, the prisoners were bound over to the next term of the criminal court in bond of $300, in default of which they were committed to jail. —— Zeb. Vance Westall, a nephew of Maj. T. C. Westall, of this place, was killed last Thursday while felling a tree, near Craig's Mills, on Armstrong creek, McDowell county. A dead limb, which had fallen from an adjacent tree and lodged in the one upon which Mr. Westall was working, feel when the tree was cut down, and striking Mr. Westall, killed him instantly. Mr. Westall was 35 years old, and leaves a wife and one child to mourn his untimely end.

—Charlotte *News:* There was a big forest fire in the long pine leaf region near Hamlet, last night. A number of turpentine fields were burned over; but beyond that, no damage has been reported. ——Mr. Harvey A. Deal, late business manager of the *Chronicle*, has associated himself in the job printing business with Mr. Ed. H. DeCamp. ——The freight train on the Carolina Centrol road which arrived here yesterday afternoon from Laurinburg, left a dead brakeman at Hamlet. The name of the unfortunate brakeman was Walter Pratt. He was a colored man and had been in the employ of the road for sometime. The accident which resulted in his death,