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LOCAL AFFAIRS:

JOS. P. CALDWELL, Local Editor.

Cotton Market.—The sales yesterday amounted to 324 bales. The market opened at 13-90 for low middling and closed at 14. The market is steady and is pervaded by a better feeling than for several previous days.

LOCAL DOTS.

Skating at Oates' Hall to-night.

Even the "flying ponies" have left us.

Go to the Skating Rink to-night at Oates' Hall.

Three weeks from yesterday until Christmas.

"Keno" is still popular, and "draws crowded houses."

There is little business these days in magisterial circles.

Read the new advertisements this morning.

There is not quite such a pressure upon hotel men now as there was this time last week.

The streets are in a slippery condition and walking was decidedly unpleasant yesterday.

We'll put Charlotte against the world for good order. Indeed it's distressingly orderly.

Thos L Vail, Esq, Secretary, says the money due the Fair of the Carolinas must be paid. See his advertisement.

Mr Joseph Grossihel, a young man very well known in this city, left last night for California, which State he will make his future home.

Visiting cards this season are rather larger than formerly, and are of the finest white unglazed Bristol board. The shape is varied according to taste.

Tradesmen who have Christmas tricks, or indeed anything else for sale, would do well to tell the people about it through the OBSERVER.—Everybody will see it there.

A short but earnest runaway by a mule attached to a wagon, added somewhat to the interest of matters on College street yesterday afternoon.

Rebuilding.—The work of rebuilding Rudisill's Mills, which were destroyed by fire about the middle of October, has been begun. The brick work was commenced Wednesday.

Cows in the Streets.—For the one hundredth time we call the attention of the authorities to cows running at large in the streets. Why have laws if they are not enforced?

Diptheria in Greenville.—A gentleman just from there, tells us that diptheria is raging seriously in Greenville, S. C., and that there were six deaths from it on Tuesday. We regret to learn this.

The New Opera House.—The brick work on the new opera house has been completed and the wall is now ready to receive the roof. We may reasonably expect that the building will be pushed to completion at an early day.

Jas. H. Smith, Esq.—His many friends in this city will learn of, as we announce it, with poignant regret, the death of the gentleman whose name heads this article. He breathed his last at Winnsboro, S. C., yesterday morning at half past three o'clock. Peace to his ashes!

Rev. L. S. Burkhead, D.D.—This gentleman, who for two years has ministered to the congregation of Tryon Street M. E. Church in holy things, will hold his last meeting for the Conference year with his Stewards this evening. Dr. Burkhead will leave the city to-morrow morning.

Thanks.—We return our thanks to Col. C. J. Cowles, Assayer of the United States Branch Mint, in this city, for the annual report of the Director of the Mint to the Secretary of the Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873. It is a book containing much valuable information.

Change of Operators.—Mr. Terry, of Montgomery, Ala., arrived in the city yesterday morning, and entered upon the discharge of his duties as operator of the Southern and Atlantic Telegraph Company at this point. Mr. Terry succeeds Mr W C DeGraffenreid, who goes hence to Atlanta to take charge of the Air-Line Railroad telegraph office in that city.

Poor Charlotte!—While cities and towns all around us of less size and note than Charlotte, are being entertained by the Tremaine Brothers, the Swiss Bell Ringers, the Chapman Sisters, the Black Crook and other troupes, Charlotte almost invariably gets the go-by, and has gotten it this season from every one of the troupes named. Poor Charlotte! Why is this thus? Are we always to languish and mourn from this cause?

The Pick pockets and Blacklegs who attended our Fair in such numbers, made a break for Wilmington as soon as it closed, in order to be ready to play their tricks at the Fair there. We put the people of that city on their guard.

Mr. Adams' Speech.—The Winnsboro *News* presents a first-rate synopsis of the speech of Mr. Adams, at our Fair last week. The synopsis is written from votes taken by the editor while Mr. Adams was speaking.

Who is He?—The Charleston *News and Courier* has a correspondent in Charlotte, who has lately been writing some exceedingly bright and entertaining articles about the Fair. He writes over the signature of "Occasional." Who is it?

Mayor's Court.—There was one case in this Court yesterday—that of a negro man maltreating his wife, but owing to the absence of material witnesses the case was postponed until this morning, when it will be investigated.

Marriage Ceremony.—Last evening at half past 6 o'clock, Mr. George King, the popular and efficient agent of Southern Express Co in this city, was united in marriage to Miss Ida Tatum, in St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. S. Bronson, the Rector. The couple left on the Air Line train at 8½ o'clock, for a bridal tour.

Painful Accident.—Yesterday afternoon about two o'clock, a man by the name of James Burton, an employe in the planing mill of P S Whisnant & Sons, sustained a painful accident by having his left hand caught in some of the machinery. Three of the fingers were cut off, and the hand was otherwise injured. Dr J P McCombs was called to the relief of the unfortunate man, and rendered all the surgical aid in his power.

New Papers.—We have received the first number of the *Bright Mason*, a paper just started in Concord, Chas. F. Harris, editor and proprietor. It is published in the interest of the Masonic order. The paper presents a creditable appearance, and is filled with choice matter both original and selected. We commend it to the craft as a publication well worthy of support. We wish friend Harris all imaginable success in his new venture.

The first number of *Evans' Independent* is on our table. Its publication has just been commenced in Raleigh by Capt T C Evans, and the paper is gotten up in Tom Evans' own peculiar and inimitable style. This number is filled with carefully selected articles, independent editorials, and the bright paragraphs for which Capt Evans is so noted. It is well worth the subscription price, $1.50 per annum. We wish Evans success in his undertaking, and hope that subscribers will pour in until he says, "enough!"

[FOR THE OBSERVER.]

The Commencement at Reidville, S. C.

We drop you a hurried line simply to say that the annual commencement at this place passed off with great credit to all concerned.

The annual exhibition on the part of Prof Burton's Institute reflected no little distinction upon his pupils and himself.

The address of J W Gray, Esq, of Greenville, S C, before the Hampton Literary Society was listened to with profound attention by a deeply interested audience.

The commencement of the Female College was pronounced "a success" by all present.

The graduates were from Virginia, South Carolina and Alabama.

Below is a list of them, together with the subjects of their compositions.

Col J P Thomas, of your city, was welcomed by a large audience and "Floride Calhoun Literary Society" has every reason to be proud of their gifted orator.

The President of the College addressed the graduating class on "The Women We Need."

The concert, and a splendid one it was, at night, under Miss Lizzie Anderson, of your State, closed the delightful exercises.

The following young ladies compose the Graduating Class. Their compositions are given with their names:—

Miss Cora W Smith, South Carolina "The Exiled Hero."

Miss Tennie M Venable, Alabama, "The Intellectual Endowments of Woman not Inferior to those of Man."

Miss Carrie P Williams, South Carolina "The Pride of the Palmetto State."

Miss Lula B Hutcheson, Virginia, "Decision of Character."

Miss Annie H Reid, South Carolina, "Leaflets of Imagination."

Miss Mattie F Hutcheson, Virginia, Valedictory.

A. B. C.

Reidville, S C, Dec. 3, 1873.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Rev Dr Burkhead and the Ladies of His Congregation.

The following correspondence, which has been handed us for publication, explains itself:

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 3rd, 1873.

Rev Dr Burkhead.

DEAR PASTOR: Please accept this cloak from the ladies of your congregation, (Tryon Street Methodist Church) as a token of thier good wishes for you. We pray our "Heavenly Father to keep you under His all-protecting wing."

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 4th, 1873.

To the Ladies of Tryon St Church:

MY DEAR FRIENDS: Please accept my sincere thanks for the very elegant cloak which you have so gracefully presented me. As I needed a cloak, your present came in good time. Allow me to assure you that the *spirit* of christian affection and personal friendship which prompted you to make the present is valued by me more highly than many cloaks.

As Pastor of Tryon St. Church, I have labored for two years, with a constant and sincere desire to glorify God and win souls to Christ. Thank God, I have not labored in vain. Many precious souls have been converted to God through my humble instrumentality. These are the seals of my ministry and the proofs of my apostleship. Dear Ladies, your presence and prayers have encouraged me in my toils. May the great "Head of the Church" abundantly reward you; and when life's labors and persecutions are ended, may we meet in Heaven.

Your devoted Pastor,
L. S. BURKHEAD.

New Advertisements.