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(Next door South of the Mansion House.)
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The subscriber respectfully informs the public that he is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line promptly and efficiently. He professes to thoroughly understand his business, and those patronizing him may expect to have their work well done.

Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, Magic Boxes, &c., repaired at short notice and on satisfactory terms.

Next door to Mansion House.

April 20, 1866

VANCE, DOWD & JOHNSTON,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
Charlotte, N. C.

Having associated themselves together, will practice in the Courts of Mecklenburg, Iredell, Catawba, Davidson, Rowan, Cabarrus and Union, and in the Federal and Supreme Courts.

Claims collected anywhere in the State.

April 2, 1866

MEDICAL CARD.

DRS. GIBSON & McCOMBS, having associated themselves in the practice of Medicine and Surgery, respectfully tender their professional services to the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country.

From a large experience in private as well as Field and Hospital practice, they feel justified in proposing to pay special attention to the practice of Surgery in all its branches.

Office in Granite Row, up stairs, opposite the Mansion House.

Dec 11, 1865

ROBERT GIBSON, M. D.
J. P. McCOMBS, M. D.

FULLINGS & SPRINGS

Have removed their CLOTHING and MERCHANT TAILORING STORE, to No. 4 Granite Row, lately occupied by J. S. Phillips. We are offering our stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

at cost for cash. Our former friends and patrons will do well to supply themselves at once.

We will keep at all times a good supply of Cloths, Cassimers and Vestings, which will be made to order in the best style and manner. We will keep also a good stock of Hats, Shirts, Drawers and other furnishing Goods.

FULLINGS & SPRINGS.

Jan 29, 1866

Hutchison & Springs,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Agents of the most reliable **LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES** in the United States.

Be on the SAFE SIDE and insure your property against loss or damage by fire.

Also, INSURE YOUR LIFE for the benefit of your wife and children.

RINKS taken at moderate rates.

Call on Hutchison & Springs, No. 4, Granite Row.

A. N. Y. HUTCHISON,

J. M. SPRINGS,

Agents.

March 5, 1866

Ladies' Hats and Bonnets,

Trimmed and untrimmed; Bonnet Ribbon, French Flowers, &c., very handsome, at

May 1th

MELROD & STEELE'S

Handsome and Fashionable styles of Ladies' DRESS GOODS, Laces, Shawls, &c., very cheap at

May 14th

MELROD & STEELE'S

Grain and Grass Scythes,

Scythe Smiths, Ames' Shovels and Spades, Collins' Axes, &c., at

MELROD & STEELE'S.

Ladies', Gents' and children's BOOTS and SHOES, "Gaiters," Mittens, and Slippers, very handsome and cheap, at

MELROD & STEELE'S.

Gents' and Youths' Caps and Straw Hats, very low, at

MELROD & STEELE'S.

Linens and Cotton Sheetings, Pillow-case Linens, &c., very low, at

MELROD & STEELE'S.

May 1th

MELROD & STEELE'S

J. T. BUTLER,

Watchmaker & Jeweler,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Respectfully informs the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country that he has opened a shop in the store occupied by C. M. Query, next to Spring corner, where he will give prompt attention to repairing Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, &c.

Watch-glasses and materials in general at wholesale and retail.

May 22, 1865.

The Southern Express Company,

For the transportation of merchandise, valuable packages, specie, bank notes, bonds, &c., for all parts of the South and Southwest, in connection with

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

have established their agency at 59 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, where orders to call for goods to be forwarded South will receive prompt attention.

Merchandise and valuables delivered to Hadden's, Kinley's, American and United States Express Companies, for the Southern Express Company, will receive prompt dispatch.

For particulars, rates of freight, &c., &c., apply at the office of the Southern Express Company, 59 Broadway.

H. B. PLANT, President.

Dec 18, 1865.

Tailoring.

JOHN VOGEL,

PRACTICAL TAILOR,

Respectfully informs the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country, that he is prepared to manufacture gentlemen's clothing in the latest style and at short notice. His best exertions will be given to render satisfaction to those who patronize him. Shop opposite Kerr's Hotel, next door to Brown & Stitt's store.

January 1, 1866.

Dividend Notice.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Charlotte, held on the 24th inst., a dividend of five per cent out of the profits of the last six months was declared, payable to the stockholders on demand. T. W. DEWEY, Cashier. July 9, 1866.

ALFRED MARTIN,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Personal and prompt attention given to the purchase and sale of all descriptions of Produce, and to the receiving and forwarding of Goods. Charges for the same as reasonable as those of any other regular business house in the city.

He has ample Warehouse and Wharf room, and an experience of thirty years in the business, and therefore feels confident of being able to give entire satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

Business—T. W. Dewey, John A. Young, M. L. Wiston, John Wilkes and Wm J. Yates, Charlotte.

June 25, 1866 2m

Genuine Durham SMOKING TOBACCO.

The undersigned is the sole proprietor of the above named article, being the successor of the original manufacturer.

Having obtained letters patent for said article, he hereby warns all persons against manufacturing or attempting to manufacture said article.

All vendors of the "Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco," must obtain it from me directly or from my authorized agents.

The following are my sole authorized Agents at present: Others will be added.

Stenhouse & Macaulay, Charlotte; W. D. Smith, Fayetteville; Walker, Farrar & Co., Newbern; Northrop & Cummings, Wilmington; H. D. Teel, Tarboro; J. E. Venable, Petersburg; Ashton & Emerson, Portsmouth, Va.; Adolph Berry, 172 West Pratt St., Baltimore; March, Price & Co., 51 Walter St., New York.

J. R. GREEN.

Durham's, Orange co., N. C., June 25, 1866 2m

Stenhouse & Macaulay, Agents at Charlotte.

PROVIDENCE ACADEMY.

The next session of this School will open 16th of July.

Particulars respecting boarding and tuition made known on application.

E. C. KUYKENDAL.

June 25, 1866 2t

CLOSING OUT AT COST.

No Misrepresentations.

In order to make a change in our business by Fall, we are determined to close out our entire Stock of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats,

Boots, Shoes, Gents' Furnishing Goods, &c., &c., and offer them at and below COST.

A call is solicited, and you will be convinced of the fact that nothing is misrepresented. The line of Goods as above enumerated are of the first class and complete.

Great inducements are being held out to Wholesale Buyers.

No. 24 Tryon Street, Parks' Building.

June 25, 1866.

ATTENTION

People of Charlotte and surrounding country!

SELLING OFF BELOW N. Y. COST.

NO HUMBUG—NO HUMBUG!!

A \$20,000 Stock of Goods must all be sold in three months.

The citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country will do well to call at H. E. MORSE'S before purchasing elsewhere, as they will save from 25 to 50 per cent by so doing.

Merchants from the city and country will do well to give me a call, as I will sell them Goods cheaper than the cheapest I have on hand, a large and well selected stock of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Millinery,

Ladies', Gents', Misses' and children's Boots and Shoes, a large assortment, all sizes; Calicoes of every variety; Hats and Caps; Confectioneries; Crockery; Trunks; Valises; a large stock of Notions, and many other articles too tedious to mention.

Don't forget the place—at Dr. Pritchard's old stand, opposite the Court House.

H. E. MORSE.

ALSO, for sale a fine, spacious RESIDENCE, with good Garden and out-houses attached.

H. E. MORSE.

June 25, 1866 3m

JUST RECEIVED.

Some No. 1 Market; large and fine Sacks Liverpool Salt; 500 bushels superior Corn.

A lot of North Carolina Shoes, made at Thomasville, Ladies' and Gentlemen's.

A lot of superior Shirts from Philadelphia.

Some beautiful Summer Prints; Bleached and Brown Domestic; Bleached Cotton Diaper; Bed Ticking, Fine Napkins.

June 25, 1866

B. B. WILLIAMS.

CATAWBA

English & Classical High School.

The second Session of five months of this School will commence the 9th day of July.

Tuition from \$10 to \$18, specie rates.

Boarding in families from \$10 to \$15, currency.

Boarding in clubs from \$8 to \$7, currency.

For circulars and further information address J. C. Clapp, Newton, N. C.

June 11, 1866

J. C. CLAPP, A. B.

S. M. FINGER, A. B.

LIME, LIME!

100 Barrels Thomstown LIME, in good order, for sale. Apply to Agent at N. C. Railroad Depot.

June 4, 1866

BINGHAM SCHOOL,

MEBANESVILLE, N. C.

A new term begins on the 25th of July next. For the accommodation of young men who cannot take a classical course, an ENGLISH AND COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT has been organized.

For terms address COL. W. M. BINGHAM.

June 18, 1866 1m

MEBANESVILLE, N. C.

NOTICE.

The undersigned have left all their Notes and Accounts in the hands of Mr. James H. Henderson of this city, where we hope all that owe us will call and settle, as soon as they can, as we need money.

KOOPMANN & PHELPS.

June 11, 1866.

STATE NEWS.

SUPERIOR COURTS—The Fall Term of the Superior Courts will be held as follows:

1st Circuit,	Judge Merrimon,
2d "	" Barnes,
3d "	" Warren,
4th "	" Fowle,
5th "	" Gilliam,
6th "	" Buxton,
7th "	" Mitchell,
8th "	" Shipp,

RELEASE OF MAJOR GEE.—It is stated that Major GEE has been released by order of Gen. Grant, in advance of the official publication of the proceedings of the Court Martial and of his acquittal. The Major is certainly at large and attended Church in this city on yesterday. We congratulate him, his family, and the friends of justice and humanity, upon his restoration to liberty. The exalted testimony borne to his character and worth on the trial, the evidences of his kindness and humanity in the trying position in which he was placed at Salisbury, his sufferings in confinement and the manner in which he bore them, will still further raise him in the public estimation.—*Rail. Sentinel 9th.*

Wonder if anybody will ever be tried for bad treatment to Confederate prisoners? Let justice be done to all.

COUPONS RECOVERED.—It will be remembered that, some weeks since, Chief Justice Ruffin had his pocket picked of some money and a number of coupons, at the N. O. R. R. depot in Raleigh. We learn that the coupons were found, a few days since, concealed in a cleft in the wall in one of the cells of the jail at Amelia C. H., Va. The pickpocket had been arrested in Virginia for some other crime, and had hidden the coupons as above stated. The coupons have been recovered by the owner.

A THIEF GUN.—We have been shown by Mr. William C. Miller of this place, an instrument of death, which properly may be called by the above name, invented and manufactured by a man in Wilkes county, for the protection of hen-roosts, stores, smoke-houses, &c., from the depredations of Burglars. The gun is ingeniously though simple in construction, the cost is small, and when charged and placed in a position to command doors and windows will prove the death of any thief that might attempt to enter. Smoke-houses and hen-roosts, barns and cribs can be protected in like manner. Indeed, a rogue will not be safe, where this gun is in use, in any attempt to depredate upon property.—*Statesville American.*

THE TILTBRENS.—We regret to see that these skirts, which have for some time, been "all the rage" at the North, are gradually making innovations upon the heretofore modest attire of our ladies.—*Wilmington Journal.*

We hope no respectable Southern woman will follow the miserable, indecent and vulgar fashions of the North.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

The Rev. Sterling Ruffin.—The Rev. Peter Doub is communicating, for the Raleigh Enterprise, a very interesting series of articles giving a history of Methodism in this State from its beginnings to the present time. Speaking of the early Conferences, the author says:

"There were only three or four years (between 1820 and 1825,) that these conferences met in North Carolina to do business, when they all ceased, as if by common consent. The first conference held for the Yadkin district, convened at Leaksville, North Carolina, at which thirty local preachers were present. They transacted a good deal of business, and during their stay, a considerable revival took place, and a number of souls were converted and joined the church. The second was held at Mt. Zion church, in the county of Stokes, North Carolina, in connection with a camp meeting. Much business was done at this conference. Among the persons licensed to preach at this session was Sterling Ruffin, the father of Judge Ruffin. And here let me remark that the day after Mr. Ruffin was licensed, he was appointed by the Presiding Elder to preach at a popular hour. He took for his text: 'What is man, that thou wilt him?' Psa. viii. 4. He confined himself in his discourse, mainly to the first member of the text. It was truly a masterly discourse, and occasioned every other sermon delivered on the occasion. I was acquainted with Brother Ruffin, and knew him to be a man of superior talents, and he became a very useful and popular local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He lived some years after this, a humble, faithful and happy Christian. His last sickness was a scene of great interest to his family; several of the family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; especially his wife and one or two daughters. The scene of his dying hour was truly grand, when he was thrillingly excited by the inward impulses of the Divine Spirit filling his soul overflowingly full of glory and of God. His last end was not only peace, but it was triumphantly glorious. His last utterance were 'glory, honor, victory.' Such was the overshadowing glory in this dying Christian's chamber, that nearly every member of the family were in raptures of triumphant joy, and with the dying Husband and Father, were heard to shout the praises of Immanuel, God with them."

This Mt. Zion camp meeting conference was an occasion of much interest to that community and the means of accomplishing much good, in regions beyond its immediate vicinity.

NO EXTRA SESSIONS.—Gov. Stone, of Iowa, announces that he will not call an extra session of the Legislature, at least at present, and the Governors of Illinois and Wisconsin will do as he does.

It is stated that nearly two hundred ministers of the English Established Church have addressed a letter to Cardinal Patrizi, expressing their earnest desire for the restoration of communion between that Church and the Roman Catholics.

ORDINANCES PASSED BY THE LATE CONVENTION.

An Ordinance to change the time of Elections in North Carolina, and for other purposes.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Delegates of the people of North Carolina in Convention assembled, That all elections for Governor of the State of North Carolina, members of the General Assembly, and all other elections, now required by law to be held on the first Thursday in August, shall hereafter be held on the third Thursday in October, under the same rules, regulations and restrictions, as are now prescribed by law.

Sec 2. That hereafter, until the first session of the General Assembly after the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, the House of Commons shall be composed of members elected from the counties in the following manner, viz: The counties of Alleghany, Brunswick, Camden, Cherokee, Clay, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Jackson, Jones, Duplin, Lenoir, Onslow, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Polk, Richmond, Tyrrell, Warren, Washington, Watauga, Yancey, Henderson, Transylvania, Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Carteret, Caswell, Columbus, Davie, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gaston, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Montgomery, Nash, Northampton, Person, Pitt, Stanley, Stokes, Wilson, and Mitchell, shall elect one member each.—The counties of Buncombe, Catawba, Cleveland, Craven, Cumberland, Forsyth, Granville, Iredell, Johnston, Mecklenburg, Moore, Robeson, New Hanover, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Surry, Union, Wayne, Yadkin, Chatham, Davidson, Orange and Wilkes, shall elect two members each.—The counties of Wake, Randolph and Guilford, shall elect three members each.

Sec 3. That all laws in contravention of this ordinance, be and they are hereby repealed; Provided nevertheless, that in case the Constitution be not ratified by the people, this ordinance shall have no effect, except that the elections shall be held at the time designated, and shall be held under the law as it existed in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, save that the County of Harnett may vote for a member as heretofore provided.

Sec 4. Be it further ordained, That nothing in this ordinance contained shall be so construed as to restrict the General Assembly hereafter from regulating the time of holding said elections. Ratified in Convention 20th of June, 1866.

An Ordinance concerning Widows who have qualified as Executrix to the last will and testament of their deceased husbands.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Delegates of the people of North Carolina, in Convention assembled, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That the widow of any testator whose last will and testament has been admitted to probate in this State, since the first day of January, 1862, and before the first day of May, 1865, notwithstanding such widow may have qualified to such last will and testament as Executrix, be, and she is hereby allowed to enter her dissent to the same, according to the same forms as are now provided by law for dissent of widows.

Sec 2. Be it further ordained, That in all cases where a widow shall dissent from the last will and testament of her husband, as provided for in the foregoing section, she shall be entitled to the same rights of dower as if her husband had died intestate: Provided, however, That no widow shall be entitled to the benefits of this ordinance, unless such dissent shall be entered within six months from and after the passage of this ordinance, nor in any case where the real estate of the deceased husband has been sold subsequent to his death, or has been divided between his devisees or heirs at law.

Sec 3. Be it further ordained, That this ordinance shall be in force from and after its adoption.

Ratified in Convention 15th of June, 1866.

An Ordinance concerning the crime of assault, with intent to commit Rape.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Convention of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That any person convicted by due course of law of an assault, with an intent to commit a rape on the body of any female, shall be punished by fine, imprisonment not exceeding two years, standing in the pillory for one hour, or one or more public whippings, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, at any one time, on his bare back, all or any of them, at the discretion of the Court, due regard being had to the nature and circumstances of the offence.

Sec 2. Be it further ordained, That all laws and clauses of laws, which conflict with this ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec 3. Be it further ordained, That this ordinance shall not affect the Legislative power over the subject.

Sec 4. Be it further ordained, That this ordinance shall be in force from and after the first day of July next.

[Ratified the 12th day of June, A. D., 1866.]

An Ordinance extending the time for the settlement of the Public Taxes by the Sheriffs and Tax Collectors of this State.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Delegates of the people of the State of North Carolina, in Convention assembled, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That the Sheriffs and Tax Collectors of the several Counties of this State be allowed time until the first of January 1867, to settle their accounts with the Public Treasurer, under the same rules, regulations and restrictions, and under the same pains and penalties as are now provided by the Revenue Laws of this State.

Ratified in Convention 22d of June, 1866.

An Ordinance repealing the provisions of section nine of an act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act concerning Negroes and

persons of color or of mixed blood," and for other purposes.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the people of North Carolina, in Convention assembled, That the two provisions of the section and act above recited, be and they are hereby repealed: Provided however, That nothing herein contained shall affect the provisions of the act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to improve the law of evidence," or prevent the General Assembly from repealing or modifying this ordinance.

Sec 2. Be it further ordained, That sections 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 66 of chapter 107 of the Revised Code, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Ratified the 10th day of June, A. D., 1866.

THE DOG GONDEST DOG:

BY BRICK POMEROY.

Durn the dog! There goes a three by five pane of glass out of the door, and there goes the cussiest and wussiest piece of excitable canine we ever saw! Four years ago, the day after a chap on the ears had the upper end of his snout punched for calling us a traitor, Bo Flatcher gave us that red and brindle batch of a dog, then done up small like, but looking so bull doggish that we were afraid of his picture for a week! Po, said he was an Alabama bull dog, imported from New Jersey in a basket, as a sample of the handsome of that country. But he was a pretty pup. His tail was no longer than a wicked man's prayer, and was full as stunning! And those ears! They looked like the small corner of plug tobacco. And such eyes! And such eyebrows! When he was but a child, so called, some monster must have slung him first against a stone wall, for his eyelids looked like Ben Butler's, sort of slamed of something! His jaws were pretty jaws. They were so severe in their angles—there was so much jaw in proportion to the pup that we wanted to call him *Scotchman*, but he wasn't that kind of a pet. But he was high out all jaw.

We kept him four weeks in the sanetum, and all that time hired a nigger to watch him. He'd steal—steal is no name for it. So we concluded to call him John Brown. And he kept the nigger mighty busy watching him, till at last the nigger