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NEWS SUMMARY.

e Senate has passed the House bill olish the Police Commissioners of the rict. --- Orton will be cited to apbefore the House for contempt. Every county in the State was repted at the Democratic State Convenheld on Monday in Indianopolis. The Democrats of Ohio adopted a ation to the effect that the decision of gress should be potent in disposing Presidential question, but that any apt to proclamate a man into the e should be resisted to the extent of ppeal to arms. ---- The Obio river frozen over at Cairo on Monday night. Bennett and May have fought and en hands and the latter has gone e with a bullet in his b-reast. -Governor Isham G. Harris-was elect-. S. Senator on the first ballot in Houses of the Tenpesse Legislature he long term, to succeed Hon. Henry per, whose term expires March 4th, ____ Steamer Seminole, Boston Savannah line, collided at sea with Montgomery from New York for Han, when the latter sunk in seven ntes, Josing 13. ---- Samuel H. rburn, charged with robbing the Bank etersburg of \$16,700, and who fied city, has returned with the declaration Lis entire innocence. ---- St. Clair Brown has been appointed tobacco incor for the Fourth District of North



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SENATE.

MONDAY, Jan. 8.

Green': Bill to protect mocking birds Proposition and grievances.

By same : Bill to prevent the sale o ntoxicating liquors in the State. Propositions and grievances.

Caho: Bill to change certain sections of the constitution of the State. Referred to to the committee on county governmentand ordered to be printed.

Caho: Bill in relation to Justices of the Peace. County government and ordered to be printed.

courts in the several counties of the State. Next. County government and ordered to be

printed. Short : Bill to amend and consolidate the charter of Great Falls Manufacturing Company, in the county of Richmond Corporations. Bill to repeal chapter 245 of the laws

of 1874-'75 (known as "House bill 422.") presed second reading.

Bill explanatory of certain acts and to pounds. cepeal House Lill 422, passed by the General Assembly of 1874-'75. (This bill

was similar to the bill just passed, except that Senators claimed its preamble was objectionable, because it charged fraud directly on securing the passage of House 11 422.)

A motion made by Mr. Troy to postpone its consideration until the first Friday in next December, was carried. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, The following potitions, were presented,

The Charlotte Observer tells us that Maj. Engelhard, Secretary of State, has has seclected Capt. G. L. Dudley, of this city, to fill the clerkship in his office.

The newest fan has a black chalk etching on pale pink silk; the mounting s of smoked pearl, with two incrustations of coral pearl between the sticks, so that, a rosy flash shall play from the hand when the fan is in motion.

The Daily Hotel Gazette, published in' of the series. . San Francisco, assumes to give a list of prominent hotels in the country and according to its reckoning there is but one hotel kept in Wilmington and that is Caho: Bill to establish a system of the "Gee House, by J. E. Lippitt & Co."

> At a recent private sale in Constantinople a Ciscassian girl of fourteen, with chestnut hair and blue eyes, brough 200 pounds, Turkish; another of eighteen, who played the violin, brought 130 pounds; a Georgian girl brought 120 pounds, while a black girl, a gool cook, brought 38 McKay, for the defendant.

The late General Bartlett, after having been several times wounded, wrote to the lady of his choice, releasing her from her engagement, and it was she who wrote the memorable worls; "I'll marry you if there's enough left of your boly to hold your soul." He livel happily and left five children.

Officers Elected.

Cashier-A. K. Walker.

Teller-H. M. Bowden,

Bookkeeper-A. Gilbert.

Double Column Ad.

The Snows of the Past.

Superior Court.

Another Masquerade.

The regular annual Masquerade Ball, are that this will prove the most pleasant paddle boxes were badly injured.

Supreme Court.

The docket from the Fourth District was taken up on Monday in the Supreme Court before a full bench, and the following cases argued :

State vs. James Matthews, from Robeson county, on certiorari, was argued. Attorney-General for the State and W. W. L. McKay for the defendant. State vs. Andy Winecroft, from Robeson county. Case argued. Attorney

General for the State and W. W. L.

John C. Heyer vs. Ned Beatty, from New Hanover county. Case argued. W. N. H. Smith and George V. Strong for the plaintiff and D. L. Russell for the defendant.

H. R. Kornegay, Administrator et al. vs. John D. Spicer-motion to dismiss. from Sampson county. Case argued. W. S. and D. J. Devane for the plaintiff and A. T. and J. London and Busbee & Busbee for the defendant. Judge Faircloth hav-

The River.

When the steamer D. Murchison left given by Mr. James M. Brown, will take Fayetteville yesterday morning the river place at the City Hall, next Tuesday had risen there 20 feet with prospects of evening, the 16th inst. The list has been but very little more, which is much less closed and left at Capt. Lippitt's store, of a freshet than was expected. The day principles, nor elaboate recital of what it corner Front and Princess streets, where previous Capt. Garrason carried his tickets may be had. Everybody knows steamer to a point about 11 miles above how very delightful these masquerades Fayetteville and the river was so obstructhave always been and the indications ed with masses of floating ice that his

A Cold Bath.

A dranken sailor, belonging to one of the vessels now in port, while passing last night along the wharf foot of Mulberry street stumbled and fell overboard. The bath was a cold one but the man was not too drunk to swim or to yell lustily with a good courage for help. It came in the persons of three colored men who were fortunately near at hand and who soon succeeded in fishing out of the river

Where to Get It.

Be it respectfully understood and know all men by these presents, that we do not advise anybody to drink spirituous liquors "just for fun," but if they will do so the best plan is to get the best and the best of everything can be found at Brock's Exchange, on North Front street, advertisement of which appears to-day, you will find there good ales, pure wines, old liquors, genuine Havana cigars and the fattest of New River oysters, Besides, a very important feature, the billiard tables

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CAROLINA.

hermometer at zero in Statesville or Wednesday.

& M. E. Church at Statesville is near ugh to completion to hold services in. e Barrett storehouse, in Monrce, sold at He auction last Saturday for \$1,700. limmy Starke, a boy' 13 years of age, comes telegraph operator at Morganton.

Neuse riveri rising rapidly, and vast ets of ice are floating down the stream. The Statesville Landmark goes into p monrning for the late Judge Mitch-

adi s are becoming frequent visitors the galleries of the House of Represen-

Ir. Crews, of Charlotte, has filled four e ice houses, having put up over 000 pounds.

amuel Johnson, colored, of Salisbury, been appointed porter in the Execu-Department,

benezer Moore, a young white man in vbern, hus a shattered right arm, sel from reposing it too confidingly on muzle of a shot gun.

here have been 62 applicants for position of State Labrarian. Most of m have, however, fallen out of line, the contest has narrowed materially. "he Ra'e gh News learn ffrom a coir.sident that on last Friday, Mrs. tistine Avey, aged 107 years, died in wan county. She was a very sprightold lady, and up to the time when was 104 years old, worked regularly in field. One of her sons was killed in Mexican war at the age of 45 years,

Gov. Vance has appointed Johnstone nes, Esq., of Raleigh, as Adjutant neral of the State, and also the followgentlemen as the Governor's staff, or Roberts, of Gates; Capt. A. B. An- finance committee. ews, of Wake; Paul B. Means, Esq., of barrus, and John N. Staples, Esq., of

The Monroe Enquirer says : 7,403 les of cotton have been shipped from place, from from 1st of September to st December 1876. The whole numshipped all of last season, was only 13 bales, being only 580 bales more an was shipped in the last our months. is confidently thought that the sales this ason will reach 10,000 or 12,000 bales. The Charlotte Observer says: A n.an the name of Falkner, of Deep river ighborhood, near Wadesboro, accidentally

and, under the rules, lay over: H ll. colorel, of New Hanover: A petition from colored citizens of Nash county, asking colonization.

The following resolutions were introduced, passed their first reading and took their place on the calendar, or were referbattery. Verdict guilty. red to appropriate committees:

Roberts: A resolution of inquiry battery. Case now on trial. n relation to the impeachment of J. C. I Harris, Solicitor for Sixth Judicial District.

Calendar. The following bills we e introduced, Board of Directors of the First National passed their first reading and went to the Bank, held yesterday afternoon, the folalendar or were referred to appropriate lowing gentlemen, all present incumbents, committees:

Kenan: A bill in relation to inwere elected to serve for the ensuing lictments for larceny of money. Judiciary. year, viz. : Moring: A bill to amend section 40, President-E. E. Barruss.

chapter 68 of Battle's Revisal, in relation to examination of teachers. Judiciary. Jarvis: A bill entitled an act to amend section 4, chapter 10, Battle's Revisal, in relation to interest on bonds, bills, notes, etc. Proposition and grievances.

Fennell: A bill for the benefit-of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Propositions and gr.evances. This bill provides for a State appropriation of \$5,000 to be made

for the year 1877 and 1878. Ransom: A bill to amend section 26 chapter 104, Battle's Revisal, in relation to roads, ferries and bridges. Judiciary Prof. W. C. Kerr, State Geologist, in response to reso ution of inquiry as to the expenditures of his department, submitted lengthy report which, on motion of Mr. Carter, of Buncombe, wasordered printed. offers is fresh from first hands. H. B. 176; Bill to be entitled an act to modify and change article vii, of the constitution of North Carolina, was taken up and referred to judiciary committee.

H. B. 168: Bill to be entitled "an act relating to county government," changing the provision of sections 1 and 5, article

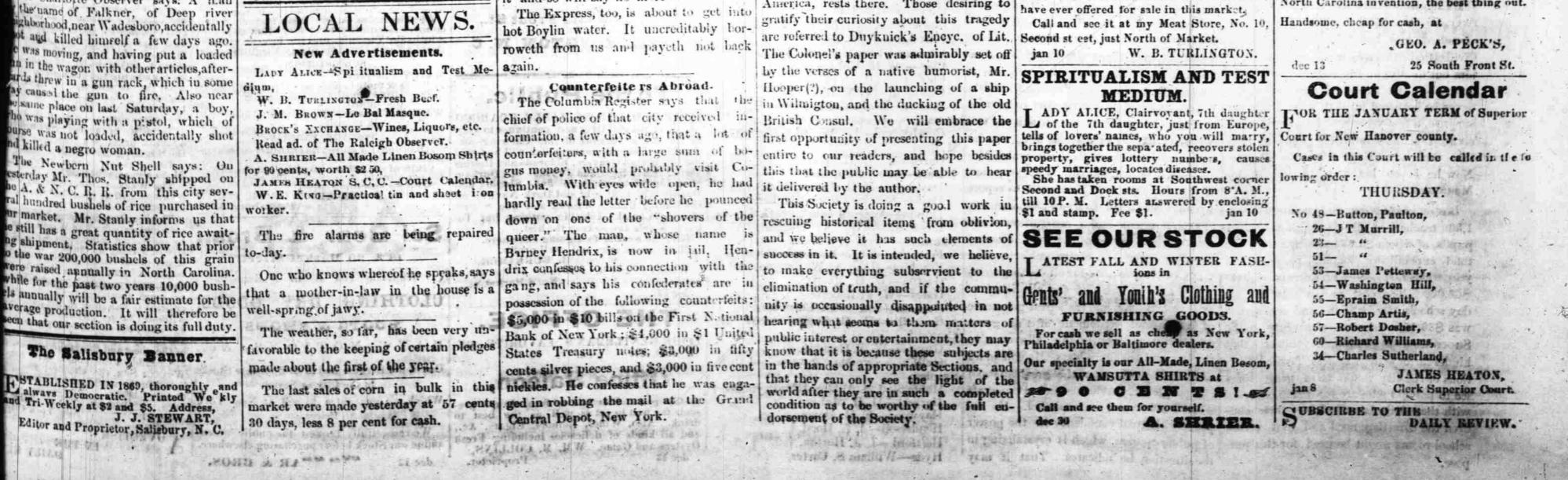
vii, of the constitution, on municipal corporations, was taken up and referred to committee on county governments.

H. R. 73: Resolution to instruct the Attorney-General to bring suit to recover bonds issued to A. L. & O. R. R. Co., known es, with the rank of Colonel: Gen. W. as the Keogh blackmail suit. Referred to

structive to the life of birds and game of McGehce moved a suspension of the rules to take up the bill to incorporate all_kinds. he Milton & Sutherlin Narrow Gauge

Railroad Company, the motion prevailed and the bill passed its several readings and was ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

H. B. 191: Bill to amend an act enti-



In the case of Wm. Myers and X. J. ing been of counsel below, did not sit at Blackman, heard yesterday, the jury ren- the hearing of this cause. dered a verdict of not guilty.

The Meeting on Monday.

The following cases were called to-day: State vs. James Merritt, for assault and account of the proceedings of the Histori- journed over from the 21 inst., was held at cal and Scientific Society, but no data their Banking House, in this city, vester-State vs. W. H. Howe; for assault and were furnished us. It seems that a reso- day afternoon, when the following gentlelution was passed forbidding the remarks men were chosen Directors for the ensu-

At a meeting of the newly elected public ; therefore our reports, until some Rosset, James Anderson, Alfred Martin, through the courtesy of members.

Mr. A. R. Black presented informally, dentally from the same locality, in digging elections. a ditch on his land at Rocky Point. Many

Disbursing Clerk-J. H. Boatwright conjectures and surmises were raised by

diffierent members, but as the matter goes We invite attention to the many thad- to the appropriate committee, we will not vertisement of Mr. George Myers, a it ap- venture on crude opinions. This and pears anew on the fourth page of this such other problems are made matters of

both in the qualities of his goods and the they object to committing themselves to exceedingly low prices at which they are crudities.

offerd, to all who may be in want of first-The meeting being now organized, the class groceries. His stock of groveries is regular essayist, Col. James G. Burr, pre- Brock's Exchange. being constantly relpenished and all he sented a paper on the "Early History of

the Cape Fear." This historical account extended from the early settlement in 1659 and 1664 by the New England The Statesville Landmark alleges that settlers and the Yeamans Colony, to a the present snow has not been equalled period within memory of some of our since the memorable snow of the winter dest citizens. Most of the living inciof 1856-'57. The old citizens will remem+ dents clustered around old St. James ber that in the winter of '1855-'56 it Church, the venerable and homely strucsnowed every Saturday for six weeks; and ture which preceded the present buildthat in the winter of 1856-'57 it snowed ing. No paper has yet been written on every Sunday for seven weeks. The snow this subject, which gives so good an insight of this session although not equal to those into the manners, religious culture and of 1856-'57 in depth, was almost as dedoings of society as it existed in Wilmington from its foundation to the burning of the old Court House.

> We can only speak of important featares of this very good paper. The lists of biography of the dead now sleeping in St. James' Church-yard adds very much to our knowledge of the old citizens, and most of us will be surprised to know that the mortal remains of Thomas(?) Godfrey, the author of the first tragedy written in America, rests there. Those desiring to

are now free. The Diwson Bink.

The regular annual meeting of the We were in hopes to give yesterday an stockholders of the Dawson Bank; adof individuals, on debate, being made ing year, viz: F. W. Kerchner, A. J. De-

other arrangements can be made, must be H. A. Burr, E. Peschau, J. L. Eoatconfined to such items as we may get wright, John McRae, J. A. Maultsby, James Dawson and Robert Strange.

Subsequently at a meeting of the newly before the meeting was called to order, a elected Board of Directors, F W. Kerchhuman skull, the lower jaw-bone of a deer | ner, Esq., was chosen President and Wm. and a lightwood knot, all exhumed acci- Larkins, Esq., Cashier, both being re-

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Le Bal Masque.

HE LISTS FOR THE MASQUERADE Ball, to take place at the CITY HALL, TUESDAY EVENING, 16th inst., have been closed and left at Mr. J. W. Lippitt's store, where Tickets must be procured.

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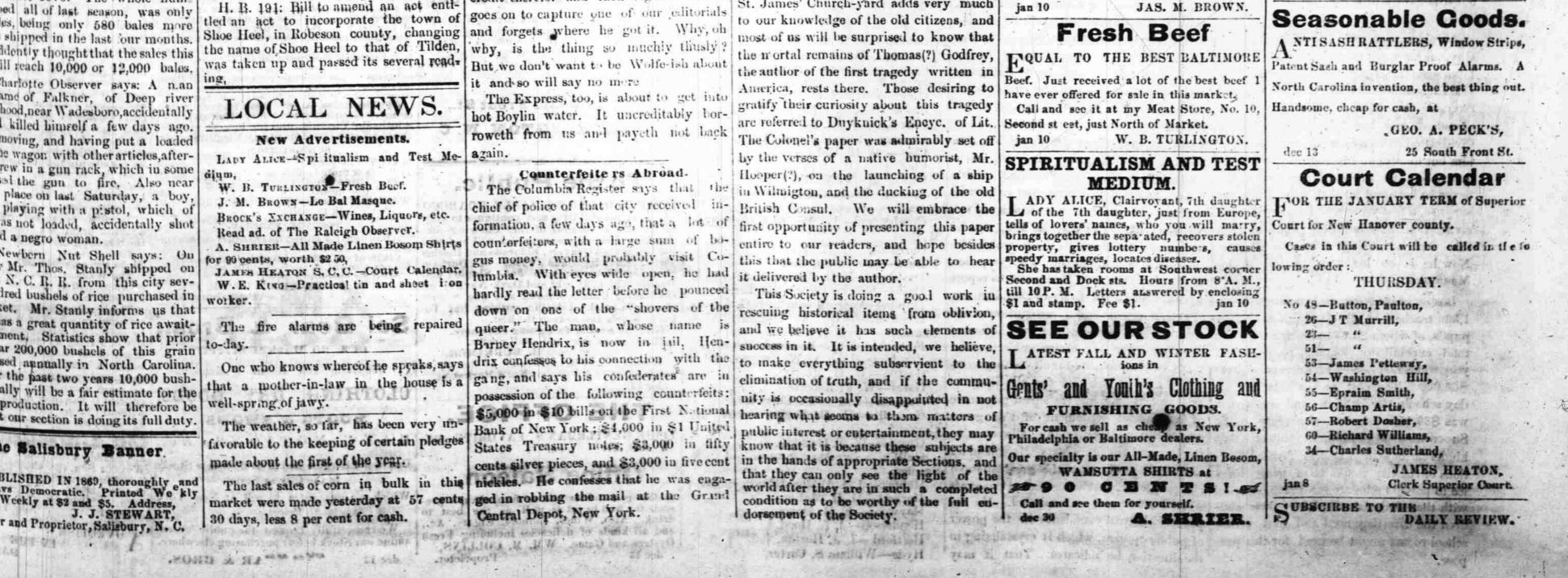
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