

LOCAL NEWS.

Valuable Papers.

We have before us now four papers which are of great intrinsic value as relics of some of the illustrious dead of the mighty past of this American Union.

The third paper is in the shape of a bond for making over a tract of land, written throughout and signed by the hand of the gallant Light Horse Harry Lee, the father of our own Robert E. Lee.

The fourth and last of the series is a letter signed by no less a person than the illustrious Washington himself. It was written from Philadelphia under date of August 7th., 1793, and is addressed to Col. Robert Hooe, Alexandria, Va., and the subject matter of the letter is relative to the settlement of an estate.

These venerable and valuable papers were given to Col. Jas. G. Burr, of this city, at Goldsboro, last week, by Dr. John H. Hill, an old Wilmingtonian, but now a resident of Goldsboro, he having received them at Alexandria many years ago.

Sampson Fair.

CLINTON, Friday, Dec. 14, 1877. The weather for the past few days has been very auspicious for the fair.

The attendance on Wednesday and Thursday was slim though on Friday everybody and his aunt turned out to hear Vance speak, which was the event of the occasion so to speak.

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CAROLINA.

Sheriff Long, of Richmond county, was thrown from his buggy and badly injured by his horse's running away, on last Saturday-week.

Mayor's Court.

F. Anderson, a white seaman, was tried for being drunk and disorderly on the streets. He was fined \$10, and committed until the money is forthcoming.

Charles Collins, assault and battery, case continued until to-morrow.

Delafair Towers and Abo McKenzie, for fighting, were fined \$2.10 each.

Brooklyn was on its muscle Saturday night and as a consequence there was a general knock down and drag out entertainment which lasted until a Justice of the Peace commanded the force in the name of the State.

Maurice Daly and Cyrelle Dion, two noted billiardists, passed through this city last night en route for Charleston where they play to-night, and give exhibitions of their skill.

Interesting Postal Rulings.

The National Union publishes the following rulings of the Postoffice Department which are of general interest:

It is the duty of postmasters at other than letter-carrier offices to distribute local newspapers from the boxes of general delivery of their offices free of postage, when the same are properly dried, folded, and addressed, one copy to each actual subscriber residing in the county where the papers are printed, in whole or in part, and published.

Postmasters are required to be always in readiness, in person or by their assistants, to receive the mail when it arrives, and when the mail stops over night where there is a postoffice it must be kept in the office.

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Hotel Arrivals.

PURCELL HOUSE.—Wilmington, N. C. December, 15 and 16.—Cobb Bros, prop's, C. H. Sloan, J. U. Ashley, S. C. J. D. Shaw, Lincoln county; E. B. Pike, R. H. Ramsey and wife, Philadelphia; Wm. Totho, New York; Wm. C. Morgan, Charlotte; A. R. Thomas, Cleveland; J. S. Clark, Syracuse; E. M. Wrenn, Baltimore; M. Latimite, R. H. Harris, Richmond; W. A. Gaylord, Columbia; C. M. O'Neil, P. Lake, Washington; Charles M. Johnson, W. A. Patterson, city; J. M. Borroughs, Richmond; Jas. J. Donnelly, Thomas W. Snooks, Ediney Ashworth, Philadelphia; T. T. Smith, W. A. Moody, Charlotte; P. D. Cowan, city; R. J. Nixon, Pender county; M. B. Ruggles, H. P. Stern, John M. Gill, New York; N. Moseley, Halifax; Harry C. Stockhold, R. Mayo, Jr., Virginia; L. Aaron, Warsaw; S. Weeks, Faison's Depot; W. F. English, J. D. Aaron, R. J. Southerland, Mount Olive; Liston Mallard, Duplin county.

CONKLING'S TERMS.

The Retirement of Everts Before he Will Accept Overtures from Hayes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Administration is unquestionably in a sad quandary about the New York appointments. Hayes wants to stand by Everts, and probably will, but a strong pressure is being brought to bear on him to induce him to carry the issue with Conkling no further.

To-night the event of the season in the eyes of the youth and beauty of Clinton will be the ball, which will take place at the Academy. Every one is looking forward to it, and seems bent on having a good time.

Gov. Vance, while here, is the guest of the Mr. Edwin W. Kerr, and has been the recipient of several testimonials of public favor in the way of serenades and cheers from the people as he would pass along the streets.

The racing is between horses of local fame, and some of them were very pretty and exciting, though no extraordinary time has so far been made.

The Fair financially was a success, and we are glad to learn that a sufficient amount of money was taken in at the gate and ball to pay off the debt of the Association and the premiums offered for meritorious articles on exhibition.

One week more and it will be here.

THE WAR.

A Heavy Battle at Metchka with a Russian Success.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A Russian official despatch dated Bogot, December 13, says:—"Sixty battalions of Turks yesterday attacked the forces of the Grand Duke Vladimir all along the line, directing, however, their principal efforts against the left and centre. They attacked Metchka six times, but were each time repulsed with great loss."

"At 1 p. m. the Thirty-fifth division of the Twelfth Russian army corps appeared on the scene, and attacking the Turks in flank, compelled them, with the co-operation of the rest of the Russian forces, to retire upon Krasna, their retreat to Jovan Cliflik being cut off."

"The Grand Duke Vladimir narrowly escaped being killed by a ball which struck very near him." A Bucharest special despatch says a bullet also grazed the Czarowitch's head in this engagement.

Suleiman Pacha, describing the same affair, claims that he carried some of the entrenchments of Metchka, but was unable to hold them owing to the fire from the heights and the arrival of Russian reinforcements. He consequently withdrew to his original positions after a seven hour's battle. Three thousand Russians were killed.

The battle described above is probably the same which was reported in yesterday's despatches to have taken place near Metchka, although there is a discrepancy as to the date, one despatch making it the 11th and the other the 12th.

A telegram from Kamarh, dated December 13, says:—"Cannonading is proceeding to-day between the Turkish and Russian positions."

Bad weather is setting in throughout Bulgaria. A proclamation of the Servian government was issued at Belgrade yesterday announcing that the Servian army has been ordered to cross the frontier, where Turkish troops are already concentrating.

The Sultan's Speech.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 14.—In his speech from the throne yesterday, on the opening of the Turkish Parliament, the Sultan declared that Russia began the war. Turkey, compelled to defend herself against aggression, had offered the utmost resistance. The Ottomans had displayed a most patriotic spirit, as evinced by the self-denial of all classes, and the courage of the Turkish soldiers had excited the admiration of the world.

His Majesty spoke with special approbation of the formation of a civic guard. His non-Mussulman subjects had shown a conscientious desire to share in the defence of the country. The Constitution granted to non-Mussulman subjects perfect equality in the eye of the law. Therefore, as they had acquired corresponding duties at home, it was only natural that they should share the military service, and the Government had decided to enlist non-Mussulman subjects in the ranks of the army.

The Sultan's dearest wishes were to see all the classes of his subjects enjoy the blessings of complete equality, and the country profit by the acceptance of modern ideas, financial reforms, the fulfillment of national engagements, the adjustment of taxation in accordance with the rule of sound political economy, the collection of revenue on an equitable system, reform to facilitate the tenure and sale of landed property, the bestowal of municipal privileges as the basis of an administrative system, and finally by the reorganization of the gendarmerie. Unfortunately the calamities of war had retarded the accomplishment of these reforms.

The peace and war parties are contending for the supremacy. It is believed that the war party will prevail. There is trouble in Lebanon in consequence of the refusal of the inhabitants to furnish a military contingent or send Deputies to Parliament, based on the fact that the Lebanon is under European guarantee.

ANNUAL EXPORT TABLE.

THE ANNUAL EXPORT TABLE for 1877, will be issued about the 1st of January 1878. Parties wishing copies will please notify the undersigned.

The Cosmopolitan.

[LATE THE CENTENNIAL] Market Street, South Side of Market House.

THE FINEST BEER, WINES, LIQUORS, and CIGARS offered to everybody at low rates.

NEW RIVER OYSTERS, Fresh every Day and Served Up in any Style Desired.

FREE LUNCH Every Day at 11 o'clock.

For 10 Cents YOU CAN GET A FIRST-CLASS Shave with cologne, or 25 cents will have your hair cut in the latest style at the REFORM BARBER SHOP, Under the National Bank.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

WILMINGTON MARKET, DECEMBER 17-4 P. M. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market opened quiet at 30 cents, and closed dull at same figure, without any reported transactions.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market steady. Hard \$1 35, Yellow Dip and Virgin \$2 15 per bbl. Receipts sold at quotations.

COTTON—Market opened dull and nominal. No sales reported: The following are the official quotations:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Cotton, Spirita Turpentine, Rosin, Tar, and Crude Turpentine.

MARINE NEWS.

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New Advertisements.

BROWN & RODDICK

OWING TO THE SUCCESS AND SALES CONSEQUENT UPON THE

LARGE REDUCTIONS

We have made upon very many special lines of Dry Goods, we have decided to add the following

LIST OF SPECIAL BARGAINS

which excel in attractiveness and cheapness anything we have yet offered.

No. 1

A varied lot of Dress Goods, in Serge, Rep and Alpaca Mixtures, 15 cents per yard.

Our Dress Goods Department

is replete with all the Novelties, and at prices that cannot fail to meet the approbation of all.

Blankets

from \$1.75 to \$12.00; Flannels in White and Colored, Twilled and Plain; also full line of Opera in Plain and Plaid;

Bleached Cottons.

Amoskeag Bleached Cotton, 8 cents; Fruit of the Loom Cotton, 10 cents; 4-4 Androscoquin L Cotton, 10 cents; 4-4 Wamsutta, 12 1/2 cents; Pride of the West, 14 cents.

Lutheran Festival.

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS TOYS, Christmas presents and Christmas cakes at the Festival in aid of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mountain Beef.

YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND THE choicest and fattest beef in the Market at Stall No. 8, and just now I am offering some beautiful

Spartanburg & A. R. R.

THIS NEW ROUTE IS NOW OPEN to the travelling public. Passenger trains leave daily the Depot of the G. & C. R. R. in Columbia at 12:45 p. m., and arrive at terminus of S. & A. R. R. at 8 p. m., where close connection is made with four-hour coaches for Flat Rock, Hendersonville, Asheville and Warm Springs.

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Notice.

ANOTHER LOT OF GERMAN HAND and Limberger Cheese, Magdeburg Sour Kraut, C. B. Dutch Herrings. Just received, at

New Tobacco Store.

NOW OPENING ON FRONT STREET, Two doors North of Geo. Myers Grocery Store. The finest Tobacco, Cigars, Snuff, and Fancy Goods offered at the Lowest Prices.

To our Friends and the Public Generally.

NOT TO BE OUTDONE AS Regards low prices, we offer a full set of Teeth on Silver plate for \$25.00. The same on Gold plate for \$50.00; perfect fit guaranteed and entire satisfaction in every instance. Filling and all dental operations performed skillfully at correspondingly low prices. Teeth extracted without pain. Carr's Tooth Paste constantly on hand.

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