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Wilmington as a Collection District—Its Comparison with Other Ports, &c.

As one pretty good set-off to the repeated efforts emanating from interested sources, and calculated and intended, no doubt, to injure our port, we were informed at the Custom House yesterday that \$98,514.66 had thus far been collected for the seven months commencing with the fiscal year that began on the 30th of June, and that the indications now are that the amount will reach \$100,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

While on this subject we have thought that a little comparison may not show to the disadvantage of our port. We are informed that the collections at the Wilmington Custom House last year footed up \$74,754.56; those at Norfolk and Portsmouth combined, for the same period, \$49,153.30, and at Charleston \$98,730.11.

We learn from the official reports, from which the above facts are gleaned, that there are 127 Collection Districts in the United States, in 70 of which it costs more to make the collections than at Wilmington, and in 56 of which less expense is involved, the latter including the largest cities, such as New York, where the collections amount to the immense sum of \$139,579,563.88, and where the percentage for collection amounts only to the insignificant sum of \$1.84 for every \$100.

The Storm Yesterday—Some of Its Effects—Velocity of Wind, &c.

A severe gale prevailed here yesterday, accompanied much of the time by rain, though we learn at the Signal Office that up to 3 P. M. the rainfall had only aggregated 80-100 of an inch. The barometer fell rapidly from 11 P. M. on Friday night until yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, when it was down to 29.64; and afterwards continued its rapid descent until 4.38 P. M., at which time the storm centre passed this place, when it recorded 29.35.

There was no communication north or south by signal wire, owing to the cable being dragged away by a vessel which broke loose from her moorings in the harbor during the gale.

The Horrible Murder in Newbern.

Mr. Joseph M. Agostini, whose murder in Newbern on Thursday night last was mentioned in our telegraphic columns yesterday, was a brother of Mr. F. M. Agostini, Sr., of this city. We find full particulars of the dastardly deed in the Newbern Commercial News, which we condense as follows:

Mr. Magilton, clerk, Mr. Galloway, telegraph operator, Mr. Joseph M. Agostini, night watchman, and Henry Bryan, a colored man, were in the street office of the road, Mr. Agostini was sitting by the stove warming. Mr. Magilton was engaged in writing at the desk, and requested the negro to cease talking as he had important work to do. Mr. Agostini, rising from his seat and touching the colored man on the lapel of the coat, remarked pleasantly, 'Come, Henry, let's go; we are disturbing these gentlemen.' Bryan was talking somewhat loudly and became angered at being told to leave the office, and as quick as a flash struck Mr. Agostini a blow—it was thought by the bystanders on the scene—that the report sounding like a slap, and immediately Mr. Agostini sank in a chair. The parties present were surprised at the assault, and rushing to the aid of the old gentleman, they discovered that he was stabbed in the neck. The murderer made no effort to escape. He stood mute and sullen, with his cotton hook in his hand, while Mr. Agostini was being removed to a table and his wound bled. Moses Mason, constable, appeared promptly on the scene, and took Bryan in charge and to the jail. The officer demanded his knife, but Bryan said he had none; that it broke off when he cut Mr. Agostini.

Further Interesting Facts Connected with the Olden Times.

We again have recourse to the old files temporarily in our possession: Wm. Calder & Co., in the Cape Fear Register of Nov. 23, 1831, advertise ship chandlery, hardware, groceries, &c., at No. 5 South Water street, near Market dock.

The dissolution of partnership between H. Baker and G. G. Doane is announced. Murdoch McKay advertised medicines of all kinds. G. & C. Bradley, 'At the sign of the Large Shoe,' give notice that they have a full stock of boots and shoes, and announce 'Repairing done at short notice.'

Edward P. Hall advertises dry good, &c., at his new store near the Town Hall. Thos. J. Loidell advertises all sorts of groceries, furniture, &c.

DESTRUCTION OF THE GEN. ARMSTRONG.

In former issues we had some interesting references to the privateer General Armstrong, an old acquaintance in our waters during the last war with Great Britain, and now as a matter of historic interest, coupled with that which must attach to her final destruction and the terrific struggle which preceded it. It will be seen that she had changed commanders in the meantime, our old friend Sinclair having been succeeded by Capt. Reid.

FATAL, October, 1814.

The American privateer Gen. Armstrong, (seven guns and ninety men), was captured and arrived at Fayal 26th Sept., 1814, about noon to obtain water; nothing in sight, the captain anchored. Before many hours, His Majesty's brig Cerberus, came in and anchored near her. About 6 o'clock H. M. Majesty's ship Plantagenet, 74 guns, and the Zola frigate, 38 guns, came in and anchored.

The Late Dr. Murphy.

We briefly announced in our last, the unexpected death of Dr. Hanson Finley Murphy, a leading physician and well known citizen of Pender county, at the age of 70 years, who had been very ill for some weeks. Dr. Murphy was born in the Black River section of New Hanover county, studied medicine with Dr. Austin Flint, graduating about 1841, and had been actively engaged in practice ever since. He practiced in portions of Duplin, Sampson and New Hanover counties in former times, over an area of sixty miles or more, and as a country physician was equal to any in the State.

From the Cape Fear Recorder of a still older date than we have been copying from (Sept. 26, 1825.)

The Recorder at this time was published weekly by David Smith, Jr., at three dollars per year. It contains not the first local item of news. Among the advertisers we notice John Taylor, ship chandlery, &c.; Wm. H. Lippitt, groceries, tobacco, &c.; Stow & Whittier, groceries; J. A. Taylor, corner Front and Market streets, saddles, bridles, harness, boots and shoes, &c.; Lazarus & Whitmarsh, iron, sugar, &c.; Charles B. Morris, Jailor, has an advertisement up-side down to attract attention; John Cowan, Cashier, advertises a house for sale or rent at Smithville; James Dickson and A. M.

Hooper, Trustees, advertise a lot of property to be sold at the Court House door, a portion on Orange street, some between Church and Castle streets, &c.; Messrs. James C. Cole, Natham' Smith, Wm. S. Webb, T. A. Pastur, Lewis Foscoe and T. Sparrow, managers, advertise a 'Masonic Lottery' for the benefit of St. John's Lodge No. 3, of New Bern.

The Prices Current list embraces much the same articles as are to be found in it now. Butter sold at 15 to 20 cents per pound; cheese at 7 to 10; sugar at 8 to 9; corn at 60 to 65 cents per bushel; meal at 80 to 90 cents; rice (100 pounds) at \$3@ 3.25; cotton at 13 cents per pound, for good quality; turpentine \$1.60 to \$2.75; tar, in water, 90 cents; rosin \$1.75 to \$2.00; spirits turpentine 38 to 40 cents per gallon.

An old publication of April 31, 1811, gives the scheme of a lottery, as follows, and advertises it as follows: This scheme is for the purpose of clearing and making navigable for rafts and boats, the main branch of the Six Runs in Sampson county, from Kerby's Landing to Fryer's Bridge, so-called, \$60 prizes from \$4.00 to \$100—1,100 blank tickets will be distributed.

The intention of this lottery will be understood to be the advancement of trade and the advantages of water carriage for sugar, tar and turpentine, in great abundance from that quarter from where there could be no conveyance but by water. It is hoped gentlemen, &c., &c., &c.

THE STANCH SHIP PHOENIX, CAPT. TRUMAN, WILL BE READY TO TAKE IN ON MONDAY NEXT.

By the way, our contemporary of the Raleigh News and Observer has, like ourselves been luxuriating among old files, and from an interesting description of Canova's celebrated statue of Washington, from the papers of the day, we notice that on Saturday, Nov. 10, 1831, the statue arrived at Wilmington. It was brought up the Cape Fear river to Fayetteville, and thence taken to Raleigh in wagons specially built for the transportation of the heavy boxes. So slow did things progress that it did not arrive there until Dec. 24, 1831. And the statue stood, says our contemporary, admired of all, in the low and contracted rotunda of that quaint old Capitol until Tuesday, June 21, 1831, when the building was destroyed by fire, and the great treasure of art which it covered, calcined by the heat, was shivered into fragments.

Mr. Isaac James, an old and well-known citizen of Holly Shelter, Pender county, but residing for the time being between Harrison's Creek and Topsail Sound, where he was running a turpentine farm, died very suddenly Wednesday morning. He got up about 4 o'clock, lit his pipe and smoked it, and then retired to bed again, being at the time apparently in his usual health. Soon afterwards some of the family noticed that he was breathing very heavily, and before any of the neighbors, which were summoned, could reach his bedside he was dead. We have not heard any cause assigned for his sudden death, but suppose it was heart disease. Deceased is said to have been between 55 and 60 years of age.

A Belligerent Senator who Can't Keep His Ball.

COLUMBIA, February 8.—Senator Fishburn was released from jail Wednesday afternoon, giving his bond for \$2,000 to keep the peace. Mr. Fishburn has secured his seat in the Senate and spoke on the stock law. To-day the debate was resumed, and Mr. Fishburn was compelled to take his seat by Lt. Gov. Kennedy, President, on account of being out of order in his remarks. When the Senate adjourned Mr. Fishburn approached the presiding officer and asserted that his rulings had been unfair to him. Lt. Gov. Kennedy replied, 'Oh, no, Fishburn, I tried you as you would have done any other Senator.' Mr. Fishburn responded, 'You are a d-d liar, sir.' Whereupon Lt. Gov. Kennedy struck him. They were separated. Mr. Fishburn followed Lt. Gov. Kennedy to the street and finally overtook him and struck at him with his stick. The blow was warded off by a gentleman with the Lt. Governor, and the parties were separated. Mr. Fishburn was finally committed to jail.

MURDER AT NEWBERN.

Joseph M. Agostini, a Railroad Watchman, Killed by Negro Employee. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) NEWBERN, February 8.—Joseph M. Agostini, watchman at the Midland Railroad, was called upon by the station agent to remove Henry Bryant, a negro employee, who was disorderly. Bryant drew a knife and stabbed Agostini in the neck, cutting the carotid artery and causing death in a few minutes. Bryant was jailed.

FINANCIAL.

New York Stock Market—Prices Irregular. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) NEW YORK, February 8, 11 A. M.—The stock market opened somewhat irregular, but in the main 1/8 per cent. higher than yesterday's closing prices, the latter for Boston A. Line preferred, while Richmond & Alleghany opened 1/2 per cent. lower at 90. In the early dealings the market fell 1/4 per cent. Denver & Rio Grande, and Hamilton & St. Joseph preferred leading the decline. At 11 o'clock a recovery of 1/4 per cent. took place in the general market, Jersey Central leading the rear.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION—PROFESSOR PERRY, OF WILLIAMS COLLEGE, ON FREE TRADE—MON. E. L. KIMBALL PRESENTS THE ADVANTAGE OFFERED IN THE SOUTH—A KIND WORD FROM FRANCIS D. MOULTON—FIRE AT BURLINGAME AND SALES.

NEW YORK, February 8.—At the session of the National Agricultural Convention yesterday, Professor A. L. Perry, Williams College, in his address on free trade proposed to illustrate his arguments by the injury by the tariff in the case of cotton seeds and steel rails. He said in a crop of 6,000,000 bales of cotton the tariff duty of 35 per cent. raises the cost of these 12 cents per bale, or one-third of the value of the cotton.

Mr. Kimball said the time for fling such motions and affidavits had expired. The matter was postponed until the motion before the court was disposed of. Mr. Scoville then proceeded to argue in support of his motion for a new trial.

At the conclusion of Mr. Scoville's remarks Judge Cox took all the papers in the case for his advancement, until to-morrow. The jury were required to attend to-morrow, which was looked upon by some as an intimation that the court may accede to Mr. Scoville's request.

Further Particulars of the Coal-Fit Explosion in Chesterfield County—Thirty-Two Lives Lost—Forty Murder of a Store Clerk in Pittsylvania County.

COALFIELD, February 4.—An explosion occurred at the groove shaft of the Midlothian Coal Mines, about eleven miles from this place, at 1 o'clock yesterday. Thirty-two men were caught in the shaft and there were no hopes that any of them will be gotten out alive. The gas testers went down nearly to the bottom of the pit three times, but were forced to return on account of the bad quality of the gas, which was suffocating. They report the gas to be a mixture of coal gas and hydrogen, and that the explosion was again to-day, which was the unfortunate. The news of the disaster rapidly spread and soon a crowd had gathered at the shaft, and the scene was most distressing, as nearly every one had some relative or friend among the buried miners.

The shaft in which the explosion occurred is nearly 300 feet deep, and is about three-fourths of a mile in a lateral direction. The Midlothian coal mines belong to the estate of the late H. H. Burrows, of New York, and cost nearly two years ago between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

SEVERE SNOWS.

FREDERICKSBURG, February 4.—A severe northeast snow storm has prevailed in Northern Virginia for fifteen hours past, and is still raging. The snow is twelve inches deep on a level and is drifting badly. Railroad trains are delayed and communication by country roads is cut off.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—A severe snow set in here this morning, about 8 o'clock, and at 10 o'clock P. M. still continues. Snow has fallen to the depth of twelve or fourteen inches on a level, and in many parts of the city is badly drifted.

Reports from Baltimore, New York State and other points show that the storm is quite as severe at those points. PETERSBURG, February 4.—Snow fell here to-day to the depth of four inches, and was followed by a rain storm which extended as far south as Weldon, and as far west as Lynchburg. At points west, along the line of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, snow fell to the depth of fourteen inches. Trains in every direction are delayed.

Argument on the Motion for a New Trial—A Prominent Member of the Bar to Assist Mr. Scoville.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—When Guiteau was brought into Court to-day he requested permission to sit at his counsel's table, and Col. Corkhill not objecting, the Court allowed him to do so. He commenced to address the Court, but was stopped by Judge Cox.

Mr. Scoville asked for more time, stating that he had no more to say, but that he had a prominent member of the bar had promised to assist him next week. He also desired to make a new motion relative to additional grounds that he had discovered in a new trial. These grounds were unauthorized conversations with the jury by outside parties; and second, a subsequent admission of an expert, that he thought Guiteau insane, but did not say so in his affidavit.

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RALEIGH NEWS-OBSERVER: We have given a shaving from the tire of engine No. 13 of the Carolina Central, which is quite a curiosity.

Another shaving, now on exhibition in Major Winder's office, is 84 feet long. They were cut by Mr. W. T. Brewer, one of the employees of the engine. A great deal of importance does not seem to be attached to Mr. T. D. Carter's suit for the Western North Carolina Railroad. We suspect that if Carter's lawyers look to a division of the estate for their pay, they will be disappointed. Three negro men, Henry Horton, John Freeman and Henderson Johnson, were yesterday lodged in jail here, in default of \$100 bail for their appearance on charge of entering and robbing the store of Mr. S. W. Terrell, of Rolesville. I am in your debt in connection with the Gen. M. W. Ransom was the man that made application to Judge Brooks in behalf of the Kirk prisoners (that is correct). After Gov. Bragg, Gov. Graham, Judge Battle, Judge Merrimon and others obtained writ from Judge Pearson, and the Judiciary being exhausted and the officer authorized to serve the same having been arrested and made a prisoner by Kirk, then it was that the gentleman named Kirk was arrested by Gen. Ransom (and others, perhaps). Gen. Ransom then applied in person to Judge Brooks and obtained the writs for the prisoners. Judge Brooks revived the exhausted Judiciary by having the writs issued to S. S. Marshall, which caused Kirk to deliver the prisoners (of which I was one). I write this for the information of those not knowing the facts stated. Yours, J. C. GIBBITT.

STATESVILLE LANDMARKS: Mr. Chas. Price is not a very strong man in this district. He was very anxious to be the candidate for elector on the Hancock ticket in 1850, and at the Congressional Convention at Yadkinville somebody nominated him. The person who nominated him voted for him, but nobody else did.

SHELBY AURORA: It is again rumored that the authorities of the Carolina Central Railroad, contemplate extending their line of road through to Spartanburg for the purpose of making connection with the Great Southwestern Railroad. Mrs. Wood Eskridge, of this place, was splitting a piece of kindling wood last Tuesday, when the hatchet glanced and struck her leg just above the knee, severing the artery, and inflicting a very serious but not necessarily dangerous wound.

GOLDSTON MESSAGER: Our worthy friend, Mr. Samuel C. Jones, a worthy citizen of Brodhead township, and his family have our most profound sympathies in their double bereavement. The death of his two sons, Joseph J., aged 16 years, died on the 25th of January, and Samuel C., aged 19 years, on the morning of the 26th. Mrs. Penelope Holt, aged 70 years, the venerable mother of E. W. Holt, of this place, and Capt. E. J. Holt, of Johnston county, died at the residence of Dr. J. W. Holt, in this place, on Tuesday night last.

NEW BERN APOE: If the proposed line of railroad shall be extended to this point, it will command the entire travel of any road in the State. The passenger traffic between this point and Washington would be large, and in the summer great numbers of our citizens would visit Beaufort harbor over the new line of railroad. The link to be completed between this point and Washington and Beaufort harbor would be considered one of the most important railroad connections ever proposed in the State.

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER refers editorially to the statement made concerning Johnston and Price by its Washington correspondent and the denial of the former. It quotes: 'In a certain number of the paper, the assertions of our correspondent are false and the fabrication of a penny-liner.' On seeing this card our correspondent writes us that he has information from some of the most distinguished Republicans of this State that in Washington, this much he says in his own vindication, and further, that he has the best of reasons for believing his statements to be literally true.

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