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### CITY.

"Lo! the poor Indian"—summer. Where is it?

Mayor Neff and family returned home Thursday.

The river is rapidly rising, consequent upon the late rains.

Look out for counterfeit postage stamps. Don't let them stick to you.

Multitudes of cots in the city; but of rather dubious appearance.

We are pleased to see our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. George Myers, back again in our midst.

Our citizens are talking of dispensing with the moon absolutely. The gas is so "beautifully brilliant."

The Rev. J. M. Hinton will preach in the City Hall to-day at 10 o'clock. Strangers are cordially invited to attend.

"Little Jack Plane" will finish his composition on the "Comet" next week after he has come the "comet-her" on the "coast."

Mayor Neff states that he will agree to pay for the laying of Nicholson pavement in front of his house; other property owners agree to follow suit.

One by one the wanderers return, and among them we notice Hon. E. M. Shoemaker, the late Union Republican Chairman of the County Commissioners.

The Star, with commendable enterprise, copied our State news of last Sunday for insertion yesterday.

Alas! for a star, which has to borrow its light.

Ashland, Pa., is paving her streets with slate.

Even slate would be a blessing to Wilmington. But we don't seem to be "on the slate" for that.

Sheriff Schrick yesterday, on execution, sold all the right, title and interest of Thomas Gardner in lots three and four, on block one west of a bridge, for \$1,000.

The plank walk on South street near Mulberry, is an excellent assistance for the astronomer. It has a seductive declivity and in these clouded evenings, with the weak doses of gas, we shut it as if a vapor.

The Cape Fear Building Association met last night and elected the following officers: R. H. Heston, Secretary.

Jas. McD. French, Treasurer.

Ten pounds of each has been accepted for \$5,000.

To-day is the first of October, and the second month of Autumn.

There's intelligence for the people. Our readers will please not forget that this is October; and moreover "the second month of autumn."

The Superintendent of Common Schools Geo. Rutherford, received upon engaging "home talent" for our schools; requests us to state that all persons desiring appointments as teachers, will forward their applications at once to his office at the City Hall.

Mark Twain thinks that soda water is not reliable for a steady drink. It is too gassy. The next morning after drinking thirty-eight bottles he found himself full of gas and as tight as a balloon. He had an article of clothing that he could wear except his umbrella.

The body of a colored man, subsequently recognized as that of John Hopkins, was found floating down the river about 2 1/2 miles from the city. The body was considerably decomposed, having been several days in the water. Coroner Allen summoned a jury and held an inquest. Verdict, accidental drowning.

Yesterday morning about eleven o'clock, a white boy about twelve years of age, while playing around the dock on Water street accidentally fell overboard, in about fifteen feet of water. He sank twice, but when in the act of sinking the third time, a colored man, by the name of Alexander White, caught him by the hair of the head and brought him ashore; more dead than alive! The little fellow was sent home to his parents.

Our laboring citizens, are reminded that the poll tax, collected by the Sheriff is to be expended exclusively for educating their children. Our common schools if well supported will be the pride and honor of the State. To do so, the necessary finances are required; and it devolves on the Sheriff to collect, and the public to promptly pay.

WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY.—This is beyond doubt the best and most complete dictionary of the English language ever published. The labor and research bestowed by the editors in its revision are apparent on every page. On the whole as a dictionary and repository of useful information it stands without a rival.—Nashville Dispatch.

A BIG STORY.—A rather excitable resident of Brunswick, who wished to be considered "travelled," was a faculty of "knowing as much as anybody" and on a late occasion when some one mentioned the scene of John Brown's death, our traveller cried out: "Oh, yes, I've been there—at home! I can show you a piece of the very sour apple tree on which John Brown was hung!"

We cheerfully recommend to parents and guardians, the old established and popular institution of learning presided over by Mr. J. N. Hinton. The building known as the Jewish Synagogue, on South Front street, has been secured by Mr. Hinton thereby affording ample room for any number of scholars. The sixth annual session will take place on Wednesday October 6th.

Circulars containing the full routine of study, terms, &c., can be obtained at any of our book stores.

The streets of the city might all be properly paved if our citizens agree to stand equal shares of the necessary expense. Many of the finest residences are rendered unsightly by the terrible condition of the pavement emanating from the immediate front. One thing is very certain, and that is, something shall be done. Now else the wet season finds us with the usual amount of inconvenience surrounding pedestrians, as well as a "plentiful lack" of energy being noticed by visitors who have asked for the last fifty years "Why is this thus?"

The Grand Jury for the county of New Hanover will soon convene in session, and many important matters will come before it for consideration. Our people look with much interest upon certain matters to be presented, and although the apparent apathy of the so-called "leading legal minds" to the peace and good order of the community seems to have paralyzed certain so-called "good citizens." Sufficient good and true men will be found, be found to indict a meretricious indictment, that evil doers may be warned and not cherish contempt for the indifference of the administration of justice in our city.

We called at the City Hall yesterday, and saw no evidences of the ferocious battles, and civil strife, said to have had their field in that quarter. No crowing Macbeth, nor crowing Macbeth was there to greet us. We asked our Superintendent of Common Schools, who safely ensconced in a 6 x 9 apartment, was busily engaged in shedding copious "rains of blue black ink" over immaculate papers, seemingly unconscious of the mimic day. Naught but the cooling and killing of those emblems of innocence and love—the dignities, who have donned themselves in the building, echoed back our footsteps as we entered and retired.

The benign Durfee, waxed eloquent over his deers (deers), and the blue eyed boy deputy, was as imperturbable, though as gallant and gentlemanly as ever.

Nor martial tread  
Nor sentinel's cry  
E'er disturbed the silent night.

SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS.—IS IT A GHOST?—Another of those mysterious visitations, accompanied by frightful noises and groans, has set the "hairs" of the residents of — street "standing on end."

Every evening about the hour of midnight, in a large white frame building near our City Hall, there is a long white robed figure presents itself before the upper window and after gesticulating in a warning manner, retires. Immediately after, is heard the most unearthly yelling and groaning imaginable. The residents have become alarmed and know not what to attribute it to. Some say that the supernatural visitations are owing to the death, under very suspicious circumstances, of a certain person some few years ago, and the noises now spoken of have been heard time and time again, but not of sufficient importance to be noticed by the general community.

Lately, however, the groans have been more frequent, and as before stated, always accompanied by the same spiritual being. Others again say—with apparent truth—that it is the murdered spirit of a soldier, whose "taking off" was by no means according to the "strict articles of war."

Whatever the cause, or whatever the means, profound ignorance at present seems to be our lot. Since the discovery of the one mentioned by us in a previous number of the Post, and its consequent collapse, we are speculating on the result of this second discovery. Suffice to say that we are receiving constant reports of the doings of his or her ghostship and will keep our

readers posted from time to time of all "sights and scenes" discovered by us relating to the "murder most foul, strange and unnatural."

Louis Buchanan, an inebriated daughter of Bacchus, was brought before Judge Cottle yesterday morning to answer for disturbing too much of the "ardent." Glibly and masticated protestations deafen the ears of administrators of the law; and credulity and experience availed against the wicked offspring of "defeated care," but inexorable justice shook her hand militant, and sternly was wont to again preside in full-robed dignity over the excited multitude.

Mary, a like her unfortunate prototype, bewailed the fate that harshly ordained so willing ear. "Peace; be still," was the cry from the crier, and amid profound silence Mary listened to the following fiat of justice: "You are fined \$20 and costs, with this provision, that the Mayor and Community do hereby respectfully requested to remit the same, on condition that you leave the city on the 31st day of October next, Anno Domini, 1869, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, P. M. Meanwhile you are to be in custody of the Marshal.

Sic semper tyrannis.

AN INDEBTABLE EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS. From the City Marshal's record of erection of buildings, and building improvements, we have compiled the following:

Number of buildings erected in the city during the year:  
Dwellings.....182  
Stores.....12  
Ware Houses.....6  
Stables.....2  
Work shops.....2  
School Houses.....2  
Ice Houses.....3  
Cook House.....3  
Gardens.....3  
Stables.....1  
Dwellings.....1  
Velocipede Rigs.....1  
Ice House (back).....1

Repeating or enlargements:  
Stores.....4  
Dwellings.....10

IN PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION.  
Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, Methodist Church (old).

The aggregate value of the buildings, exclusive of the churches, amounts to the flattering amount of \$276,500. The approximate valuation of the churches is stated to be \$16,000. Paid total \$292,500. The structure, of course, are of wood, with the exception of the new brick "block."

Such stupendous evidences of the progress, has raised us to a high position, and we have not to be discouraged. Two hundred and seventy buildings erected in the brief space of one year, in five or six years of our city, scarce twenty-five thousand inhabitants, exhibit a "stupendous" progress, from the feudalistic, and the spirit which awaited the "lighted" of our fathers. Thanks to the liberal concession of our City Fathers, Honors, bestowed to the comfortable, and indefatigable Marshal; and to our citizens who have enhanced the beauty, and magnified the prestige of our goal, by their solid investments, the Post shall always be ready to record their "stupendous" interest in the city's improvement.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Mr. Editor.—A newspaper of this city, known as the Journal, refreshes its readers with the following wing:  
"We take it for granted that policy will outwit the people in the contest, and these high positions will be prostituted to the necessities of the present. We are not prepared to cast our votes for Virginia next year through the Convention, and for a new 'truth' before the people can act in accordance with the true interests of the people, as we see it, and the interests of a people."

The paper was speaking of the election of United States Senators in Virginia. If the language means anything, it may be paraphrased as follows:  
"This business in Virginia is all pretence and sham. We don't mean it, we do what we have done in Virginia in order to cheat the government, and to make it believe that we accept the reconstruction acts, when we do not intend to do so. Let us cheat 'em."

This device of the Journal reminds us of the fellow in the colloquies of Erasmus:—"There was a great gale at sea, and the ship was plunging, and rolling, and creaking, and the sea was roaring, and the thunder following. An Italian was on his knees praying to the Virgin Mary, and promising that if he ever got ashore he would put in Notre Dame a wax taper as high as his nose." Another frightened fellow also, praying, interrupted the Italian, saying: "What do you mean? You know you can never give her a taper as high as that." To which the Italian, sotto voce, replied, "Keep still! Never you mind! If I ever get ashore I won't give her so much as a tallow candle!"

Don't you think, Mr. Editor, "general amnesty" ought to ensue, and that at once?

WILMINGTON N. C. Oct. 2d, 1869.

EDITOR OF THE POST:

DEAR SIR:—Dame rumor has it that by some, as yet unknown means, the ruffians who made the assault upon you in August last, are to go unwhipped of justice, and that you acquiesce in such an arrangement. We trust that this is not the case, as we regard the assault made on you as a blow at the liberty of the press, and an outrage, which if allowed to pass unnoticed will surely result in danger to the future peace of this community. If Democratic ruffians are allowed to beat or kill Editors of Republican

papers with impunity, or to dictate the articles which you are allowed to publish, let us know it, and prepare for it. The Peaceable citizens of the county look with anxiety to the action of the new Grand Jury in this matter, and earnestly hope that it may not be a lower to drop and that you at least will keep it before the people and not be a party to any measures, looking to lashing the affair up.

Our correspondent is informed that the Grand Jury have several matters in hand, but will doubtless, if composed of Republicans, do their whole duty.

Card.  
WILMINGTON Oct. 2, 1869.

The committee of arrangements, for the Fall at City Hall on Thursday evening next (October 7th, 1869), has secured the use of the Court room at the City Hall which will be used as a reception room. Ladies and gentlemen will please enter this room prior to going to the main hall; and at the same time the committee would inform gentlemen that they will do well to purchase their tickets before 9 o'clock, and abolish the old system of awaiting until the last moment. The arrangements have been agreed upon in order to avoid confusion and bustle.

No boys—or loungers—will in any case be allowed about the door of the hall. And positively no lady admitted unless her name appears on the list as invited.

HENRY N. JONES,  
THOMAS RIVERA,  
JNO. H. BROWN,  
GEO. W. BETTS,  
P. LARRINGTON,  
JAS. RICHARDSON.

N. B.—Persons desirous of invitations for persons who may have been neglected will please call on P. Larrington, giving name of person, residence, etc.

STATE.

Tarboro is to have a new weekly.

New Bern cotton market is lively.

Raleigh has a new Base Ball Club.

Greensboro has been invaded by a deer.

Polk county is infested with horse thieves.

Yarn cotton and mud are plenty at New Bern.

Five cents a quart for scuppernongs at Goldsboro.

Our State will yield a bountiful crop of dry land rice.

The New Bern Academy commences its session to-morrow.

The rain has improved the tobacco crop throughout the State.

Mr. Meninger, our Secretary of State, has returned to Raleigh.

Trade between Philadelphia and New Bern is increasing rapidly.

The Japan clover is not considered of great importance in this State.

The water in the Neuse has risen considerably since the late equinoctial.

The stockholders of the N. C. Central Railroad met at Asheboro to-morrow.

Piscatorial lovers will rejoice that fish is now the prominent dish at New Bern.

Hillsborough Recorder puts Orange county, against the State for petty women.

The corn crop in Granville looks gloomy. Oats on the average. Wheat tolerable.

The State Council of Friends of Temperance meet in Goldsboro on October 6th.

The grading on the Western North Carolina Road is finished twenty miles beyond Morganton.

Josiah Turner, Jr., has again been showing his asinine qualities in Rockingham county.—Greensboro Gazette.

Colton sold in New Bern Thursday at 21 1/3 a 23 1/2 cents. The same day it sold in Goldsboro for 23 1/2 a 23 1/2 cents.

Mitchell has issued an injunction against applying any of the State appropriation to building the branch Road from the Western F. C. Road to the lime kilns in Catawba.

The State tax in Edgecombe county amounts to \$19,773.85; the special tax for railroad appropriations \$19,369.10; and the county taxes for general purposes \$17,114.42.

Occasionally, when the train arrives at Middletown, a nice young man jumps off and kisses the best-looking girl at the depot, supposing it to be his sister. He apologizes so nice that the girls are getting so they look for him regular. Some big brother will jam his nose yet.

The New Bern Times in regard to the murder of Col. Nethercutt says:—We certainly condemn the crime as being a terrible one, but as one of the supposed murderers has been killed and the other taken out of jail and nobody knows what was done with him it is impossible to further punish the offenders.

Persons wishing to have stalls for the sale of refreshments, on the Fair Ground, must obtain a license from the Secretary, Dr. Smith.

As there seems to be a misunderstanding with regard to the exhibition of articles at the Fair, we would state that any person can exhibit any article without being a member of the Society, but membership is necessary to compete for a premium.—Standard.

The Penitentiary Commissioners of the State met in the Senate chamber in Raleigh on Wednesday last.

The proposals for furnishing 4,000,000 bricks, were opened and the contract awarded to Messrs. King and Whitelaw, of Raleigh, one third soft, at \$6.50. The following were the bids:

J. B. Cook, all hard at \$10.00, 1-3 soft \$9 50	King & Whitelaw, " 8 50, " 7 50
Gallagher & Cunningham, " 10.50, " 9 50	D. G. Fowle, " 9.00, " 8.50
Geo. T. Cook, " 9.00, " 8.50	

The Fall session of the North Carolina Deaf and Dumb Institution commences October 4th. The Directors, as well as Prof. W. J. Palmer, Principal, are anxious that a full attendance on that day of the students shall take place.

The Board of Directors is composed of Hon. David A. Jenkins, Hon. S. S. Ashley, Thomas Coates, Esq., James H. Harris, Esq., J. B. Neathery, Esq., T. F. Lee, Esq., and Prof. W. C. Kerr—gentlemen well qualified to guard the interests of the institution, in every particular, and we are warranted in the remark, that they discharge their duties with the most rigid fidelity.

LATE NEWS.

Cabinet news is dull.

Decrease in the public debt, seven and a half millions.

The National Bank of Norwalk has been robbed of \$30,000. No clue.

Secretary Fish and Commissioner Delano have just returned to Washington.

Judge Richardson has resigned the Assistant Secretaryship of the Treasury.

Edgar Snowden, the editor of the Alexandria Gazette, is proposed for the U. S. Senate from Virginia.

The City of Philadelphia has again been attacked by a democratic mob, waylaying and attacking a Republican procession.

POSTINGS.

First fire engine 1685.

Whiskey tax will be increased.

Philadelphia wants more water.

Atlanta is to have Public Schools.

Feather beds are injurious to health.

York, Pa., is to have a street railway.

Fiddle, D. D., is the latest musical degree.

Stereotyping invented in Scotland 1785.

Thirty-five Velocipede Halls in Gotham.

Fashionable hearse "are the latest novelties."

The La Crosse Indians are genuine—Indians.

Oil will not buoy you up—not even castor oil.

The Indiana State Fair opened on the 30th ult.

Turkeyfoot, Pa., has changed its name to Conference.

No regular reception at the White House. Capital idea!

Thirteen colored men in the Charleston Custom House.

Jersey City is to have the universal plague.—Geo. F. Train.

Telegraphing in mid-ocean is the latest thing advocated.

Drouth, drouth, drouth, is the cry from Maine to Alaska.

Manchester, N. H., has two towns called Skeag and Squoag.

### PERSO-GRAPHS.

Lord Stanley is married.

Is Dr. Livingstone alive?

A. T. Stewart has false teeth.

Geo. Law is worth \$5,000,000.

Geo. Peabody is in Manhattan.

Gen. Prim is "mucly" better.

Brigham is doing his militia.

Joe. Johnson is in Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. Geo. Banks is convalescent.

The Rawlins fund has reached \$50,000.

Jack Frost is coming. So is Christmas.

Greely is to be choosed, from Wisconsin.

Greely and Cady Stanton are "on the outs."

Prince and Princess of Wales are in Paris.

Prince Arthur has promised to visit New York.

Butler has been invited to the Georgia State Fair.

Prince Napoleon says New York has the prettiest girls.

Bagby succeeds Cameron as editor of the Petersburg Int.

Lucille Weston has played "Lady Isabel" one thousand times.

President Grant will not attend the Allentown, Pa., Agricultural Fair.

Grant, who killed Pollard, is a member of Bryant's minstrel troupe at New York.

Mrs. Blומר wears the same pants she did fifteen years ago. Not hard on pants.

Judge Chase and Jay Cooke are fishing at Cape May. Salmon caught and cooked to order.

Nesby says, Packer, "may keep his original name, but till he kin make a fito with a man we kin elect."

The Campaign in Pennsylvania—Speech of Senator Wilson.

The Philadelphia Republicans had an immense ratification meeting on Monday night. Among the speakers were Senator Wilson, of Massachusetts, a synopsis of whose speech is thus given in the Philadelphia Ledger:

Senator Wilson said it would not be proper to speak of the local politics of the local men, out of the statement made in regard to the Democratic candidates was that he was not deserving of the support of any thinking man in the State. On the other hand, Gov. Geary had been firm and steadfast in his support of the people. In his government of Kansas he gave the first indication of his leaning towards law and order, and in the future history will make honorable mention of Hon. John W. Geary.

The country has been sorely tried, but the God of our fathers has been with us. The Republic has never been more united and intelligent in its history, and it will continue true to the principles of the founders of the republic. It is not in our power to change the course of the Republic. It is not in our power to change the course of the Republic. It is not in our power to change the course of the Republic.

The day is a day of the future to the policy which is being advanced in the past. The Democratic party is to forget the past. We must not forget, but we will forgive, and we will stand by the work of the past. When a Southern rebel reports of a rebel says he supports the great policy of liberty, take him by the hand, but give your vote to no set of men who have a better view of the present. [Cheers.]

These men are in favor of the reputation of the national debt, and three-fourths of the Democratic press is in favor of the same reputation. We have a large national debt, and the interest should be reduced. It would have been reduced long ago if Andrew Johnson had not proven a traitor to the party that elected us. We have now a President who will not go back upon the principle of the men who elected him. [Cheers.]

Since the day of John Quincy Adams there has never been such an Administration as at present, more from the standpoint of justice to all men, and retirement in all departments. At Washington there has been a reduction of the clerical force, and men are made to understand that they must attend to their business, and in the first six months of the Administration the debt has been reduced \$496,000. [Cheers.]

Every Republican must go to the polls and vote for the cause for which our men died and bled, and we need success in order to pay for the time when specie payments will be resumed. In this connection he said he was in favor of an act of Congress declaring that a man who bargains to sell gold when he has none to sell, if convicted, shall be sent to the penitentiary. [Cheers.]

He closed with an entreaty of the Republican party, and urged his hearers to sustain the cause for which so many men now sleep in bloody graves.

### NOTICE.

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE Cape Fear Building Association will be ready for signature on Tuesday evening next, (5th inst.).

Stockholders are expected to pay their first installment when they sign the Constitution. I can be found at the Freedmen's Saving Bank every evening next week (after Monday), between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock.

R. H. HOUSTON,  
Secretary.  
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LOST.

A LARGE BRASS KEY, ABOUT A WEEK since, in the street. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at the office of the Wilmington Post.

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