

The Wilmington Post

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, SUNDAY, JAN. 22, 1882.

Single Copies 5 Cents

NUMBER 4.

VOLUME XV.

WILMINGTON POST

Entered at the Postoffice at Wilmington, N. C., as Second Class Matter.

TO THE COLORED CITIZENS OF PENDER COUNTY.

BURGAW, Pender County, N. C., January 21st, 1882.

There will be a convention of the colored citizens of Pender county at Burgaw, at 11 o'clock a. m. on the 11th day of February next, for the purpose of taking steps looking to the enforcement of the rights of the colored citizens in the courts. The colored citizens of the various townships will please hold meetings on the 4th day of February, at 12 m. for the purpose of electing delegates to said convention.

ALFRED LLOYD,
G. W. CARR,
W. MCINTIRE,
J. B. MCLEESE.

Approve of the above call.

A. V. HORRELL,
Chairman Rep. Com.

Major-General Hancock has been in Wilmington for a few days.

The National Board of Health has been in session for the past week at Willard's Hotel, in Washington.

When President Davis has introduced a bill in the Senate to retire Judge Hunt of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Mr. I. G. Martin has been appointed supervising special agent of the U. S. Treasury Department, in place of Mr. A. K. Tingle, relieved.

Sherman's funding bill seems to give the Democrats great trouble. Sherman is too much for the Democratic party, and has been for years.

The Star Route cases are being tried in Washington. Attorney-General Brewer has taken hold of the cases with an earnestness that means trouble to the offenders.

Gilbert's case will probably be submitted to the jury by Thursday next. Mr. Porter, for the prosecution will read up the argument, and then the Judge will charge the jury, when they will retire and bring in a verdict of guilty, it is to be hoped.

Albert H. Dowell, Esq., has just commenced the publication, in Raleigh, N. C., of an independent political paper. We have heard considerable of independent papers, they do not as a general thing last very long, but we hope this will be an exception to the rule. We wish Mr. Dowell success in his enterprise.

The leading colored citizens of Pender county have very properly taken hold of the matter of enforcing their rights in the courts, and have called a county convention, to be held on the 11th of February next, at Burgaw, N. C. We hope all the townships will look after this matter at once, and Mr. Horrell, chairman of the Republican Committee will approve of the call. Horrell is always on the right side.

Henry Bacon, Esq., the mismanager of the river and harbor improvements, has finally moved his headquarters to this city. We suppose his superior officer has done this for the purpose of making it more pleasant for him. Well, if Henry will also change his manner of conducting government affairs, as well as his base operations, he may be able to (after a long time of faithful service) cut live the bad conduct he was guilty of at Smithville.

Mr. Gilbert Kidder has purchased a large lot of timber land up on the Carolina Central Railroad, and has established a very large saw mill near that road, and we learn is manufacturing lumber rapidly. He is a young man of exceedingly great energy, and will make a fortune where many men would starve. If we had more Kidder North Carolina would be prosperous.

When most of our people turn over to take their second nap, he has done half a day's work. It is the man who attends to his own business who makes the money. The man who does not get up until the breakfast bell rings is not to be trusted—and our city and State is full of them. If we could trade off some hundred thousands of them for a few hundred young, active driving men like Mr. Gil. Kidder, we would soon have a state worth living in. And while on this subject we wish to particularly mention the case of a young lawyer, who had an excellent practice, but he married great opportunities for young men of enterprise that he quit his practice and purchased land in North Carolina and is now making money, and also money. In place of looking around the city, picking up small fees, he is working from 5 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock at night. He has a wife, hearty, manly look, and is making a fortune. God will bless such men as Alick, London and Gilbert Kidder. Let us have more of them.

Military Order, Loyal Legion United States

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY, STATE OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, January 5, 1882.

I.—At a stated meeting of this Commandery held at Delmonico's, corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-sixth Street, on Wednesday evening, January 4th, 1882, the following Report of a committee, appointed to draft resolutions relative to the death of Companion Abbott, was adopted:

Brevet Brigadier General Joseph C. Abbott, late Colonel 7th New Hampshire Volunteers, and ex-United States Senator from North Carolina, died at Wilmington, N. C., October 8th, 1881, in the fifty-seventh year of his age.

His name was among the first enrolled upon the list of membership of this Order. He was born at Concord, N. H., July 16th, 1825, and having studied law, was called to the bar in 1852. From 1852 to 1857 he owned and edited the *Market Guard*. He was Quartermaster General of the State of New Hampshire from 1855 to 1861, and in the latter year raised a regiment of volunteers for the war, in which he served as Lieutenant Colonel. In 1863 he was made Colonel. In 1865 he was brevetted a Brigadier General for gallant services in the capture of Fort Fisher. After the war of the rebellion he became a citizen of North Carolina, and engaged in the lumber business in that State. He was a delegate to the state constitutional convention in 1867, and was elected to the state legislature in 1868, and in the same year was elected a Senator in the Congress of the United States for the term ending 1871. He served on the committees of Manufactures, Military Affairs, the Pacific Railroad and Enrolled Bills. This chivalric soldier, accomplished gentleman, man of letters, genial companion and generous friend, not only unsheathed his sword in defence of his country, but also rendered important service in her councils.

The Companions of this Order cherish the memory of the high distinction and unflinching patriotism which characterized the life of General Joseph C. Abbott, and tender their warmest sympathies to his family, and desire that this tribute of respect be inscribed upon the records and be published in the usual manner.

PERRY C. LOCKWOOD,
Brevet Major U. S. Vol.
WILLIAM H. GUELLE,
Brevet Brig. Gen. U. S. A.
GEORGE SEWELL,
Chief Engineer U. S. Navy.
Committee.

By order of Major-General Henry W. Stinson, U. S. Vol., Commander.

CHARLES A. CARLETON,
Brevet Brig. Gen. U. S. Vol.,
Recorder.

GOLDENRO, N. C., Jan. 20, 1882.

To the Editor of the Post:

Will you allow a colored citizen of North Carolina enough space in your paper for the following. While we see in your paper and other leading papers in the state the school question discussed so ably in reference to text books, &c., we see nothing said in regard to teachers and their salary, and upon this subject we would like to speak. After deciding what text books should be used, our second thought ought to be about teachers. We must have good teachers, and how is it to be brought about. Why by having an educational school board or school committee as they are called in some states. If we have first-class teachers at home they should by all means be employed, and the school committee ought to see that they are employed. They spend their money with us, help our business, and it is right that they should be employed. But if good teachers cannot be found at home, why then it is the duty of the committee to find them elsewhere. But for a Board to employ third grade teachers (which is next to no teacher) and place them into schools, more especially high or graded schools, merely because they are friends or relatives of that Board, it is wrong and I protest against it. Yet it is done, and no one who is versed in school affairs can deny it. I say, Mr. Editor, the very idea of employing third grade teachers, I heard an examiner say once "that if he had his way that no third grade certificates should be given, that a person had no business teaching that held such a certificate." I notice that in some states in the south that some of our colored youths wish to become teachers too soon, by the time they can read in the Third or Fourth Reader they think they can teach. Well, it is true they might probably teach a child his A B C's, but even in the primary department it needs a good and intelligent teacher, one who knows all about the formation of letters, &c. I have known persons to get well advanced in college before becoming well versed in

the formation of letters and words, and this a person should be before trying to teach the little minds—And now, what harm is done to this kind of a teacher? Why, after he gets his third grade certificate he goes to teaching; his or her school days are ended; they know all that is to be learned, and that certificate, they seem to think, is their diploma. It is a great injury to our schools, and not only to schools, but to the school committee who employ such teachers. It looks as if they had failed to do their duty, or as if they were incapable of judging what qualifications a teacher should have to teach a school. In some few instances we have school boards appointed, some of whom cannot write and others can read very little. Now, Mr. Editor, whose fault is it that such men get these appointments? Why, those who appoint the school committee. It is their duty to get educated men, men of intelligence, who are capable of visiting our schools and finding out whether the teacher is improving his scholars or not, or whether he has good government, &c.

And thirdly, if we have good teachers they ought to have good pay; for teaching, if well done, is very laborious work. A good teacher, well paid, will do more good than a dozen of these would-be cheap teachers. While passing through Goldsboro the other day, I learned that there were two graded schools carried on, one white and the other colored. On inquiry I found that the whites were progressing finely, that their object had been to get the very best teachers they could, (in these graded schools the Principal examines his teachers, so of course, he knows just what kind of teachers he has employed) and everything works smoothly. But in the colored school they had not been so particular about selecting their teachers, they had a few first grade and a few third grade teachers, and that no examination had been made by the Principal, so, of course, he did not know whether his third grade teachers were capable of teaching or not. I asked, how comes this? and was told that if the third grade teachers were examined they would not pass, and that would necessarily throw them out, and that the school committee were determined to keep to them in, as some were friends and relatives of that committee. I therefore determined to write on this subject as soon as I reached my destination. I say that it is a shame to have such frauds put upon the people, and it ought to be looked into.

Respectfully,
C. O. M.

MR. EDITOR: Recently having occasion to go on a somewhat extended trip into the country, I was compelled by stress of weather to stop at a cabin for twenty-four hours, where the means of passing time agreeably were of a limited kind. A tattered testament in the smallest type, and a last year's medical almanac were the only things of a book description. As the bachelor who occupied the log shanty was a considerable producer of turpentine he took a weekly newspaper for the market reports. I rummaged around and soon found two or three entire copies of Mr. Bernard's weekly *Star*. Come, said I to myself, I will read the editorials of the *Star*. Of course, while at home, I do as every other person in the city does, look at the new advertisements, glance at the locals, read the telegraphic news, but carefully avoid the editorials, which it is known Mr. K. writes. I, however, am omnivorous in my reading, being able to devour anything from Hegel to a dime novel, buckled to the big-typed stuff, and actually read all of it in three papers. As Traddles says, though, it was a pull. Grattiano's infinite deal of nothing; his two grains of wheat in two bushels of chaff. Falstaff's one half pennyworth of bread to a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

Ben James, the well known colored crank, who has been imagining for a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

The young man Wheeler, together with the little ten year old daughter of Mr. Lake Cartwright, near Whiteville, whom he was charged with abducting, reference to which was made in last Sunday's Post, made their appearance at the home of the Cartwright's on Wednesday last, accompanied by the father of the girl.

Collector Davis, at Benson, is expecting three large cargoes of steel rails for the Midland Railroad. One of the vessels probably got in yesterday. These cargoes will run the collections of the Custom House up to thirty or thirty-five thousand dollars. We congratulate our neighbors. We hope this is only the beginning of large arrivals of imports, and that Benson will yet collect a million dollars in duties per annum.

There was a young colored man, named F. P. Powell, on our streets during the past week, who had neither feet or hands, but is said to be able to do anything that anybody else can who are provided with these useful appendages. He was born in Columbus county, and is about 24 years of age.

Two small boys were out gunning a short distance below McIlhenny's mill pond, on Wednesday, when, as alleged, a strange colored man made his appearance, seized the guns and made off with them, threatening to shoot the boys if they followed him.

Ben James, the well known colored crank, who has been imagining for a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

The young man Wheeler, together with the little ten year old daughter of Mr. Lake Cartwright, near Whiteville, whom he was charged with abducting, reference to which was made in last Sunday's Post, made their appearance at the home of the Cartwright's on Wednesday last, accompanied by the father of the girl.

Collector Davis, at Benson, is expecting three large cargoes of steel rails for the Midland Railroad. One of the vessels probably got in yesterday. These cargoes will run the collections of the Custom House up to thirty or thirty-five thousand dollars. We congratulate our neighbors. We hope this is only the beginning of large arrivals of imports, and that Benson will yet collect a million dollars in duties per annum.

There was a young colored man, named F. P. Powell, on our streets during the past week, who had neither feet or hands, but is said to be able to do anything that anybody else can who are provided with these useful appendages. He was born in Columbus county, and is about 24 years of age.

Two small boys were out gunning a short distance below McIlhenny's mill pond, on Wednesday, when, as alleged, a strange colored man made his appearance, seized the guns and made off with them, threatening to shoot the boys if they followed him.

Ben James, the well known colored crank, who has been imagining for a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

The young man Wheeler, together with the little ten year old daughter of Mr. Lake Cartwright, near Whiteville, whom he was charged with abducting, reference to which was made in last Sunday's Post, made their appearance at the home of the Cartwright's on Wednesday last, accompanied by the father of the girl.

Collector Davis, at Benson, is expecting three large cargoes of steel rails for the Midland Railroad. One of the vessels probably got in yesterday. These cargoes will run the collections of the Custom House up to thirty or thirty-five thousand dollars. We congratulate our neighbors. We hope this is only the beginning of large arrivals of imports, and that Benson will yet collect a million dollars in duties per annum.

There was a young colored man, named F. P. Powell, on our streets during the past week, who had neither feet or hands, but is said to be able to do anything that anybody else can who are provided with these useful appendages. He was born in Columbus county, and is about 24 years of age.

Two small boys were out gunning a short distance below McIlhenny's mill pond, on Wednesday, when, as alleged, a strange colored man made his appearance, seized the guns and made off with them, threatening to shoot the boys if they followed him.

Ben James, the well known colored crank, who has been imagining for a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

The young man Wheeler, together with the little ten year old daughter of Mr. Lake Cartwright, near Whiteville, whom he was charged with abducting, reference to which was made in last Sunday's Post, made their appearance at the home of the Cartwright's on Wednesday last, accompanied by the father of the girl.

Collector Davis, at Benson, is expecting three large cargoes of steel rails for the Midland Railroad. One of the vessels probably got in yesterday. These cargoes will run the collections of the Custom House up to thirty or thirty-five thousand dollars. We congratulate our neighbors. We hope this is only the beginning of large arrivals of imports, and that Benson will yet collect a million dollars in duties per annum.

There was a young colored man, named F. P. Powell, on our streets during the past week, who had neither feet or hands, but is said to be able to do anything that anybody else can who are provided with these useful appendages. He was born in Columbus county, and is about 24 years of age.

Two small boys were out gunning a short distance below McIlhenny's mill pond, on Wednesday, when, as alleged, a strange colored man made his appearance, seized the guns and made off with them, threatening to shoot the boys if they followed him.

Ben James, the well known colored crank, who has been imagining for a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

The young man Wheeler, together with the little ten year old daughter of Mr. Lake Cartwright, near Whiteville, whom he was charged with abducting, reference to which was made in last Sunday's Post, made their appearance at the home of the Cartwright's on Wednesday last, accompanied by the father of the girl.

Collector Davis, at Benson, is expecting three large cargoes of steel rails for the Midland Railroad. One of the vessels probably got in yesterday. These cargoes will run the collections of the Custom House up to thirty or thirty-five thousand dollars. We congratulate our neighbors. We hope this is only the beginning of large arrivals of imports, and that Benson will yet collect a million dollars in duties per annum.

There was a young colored man, named F. P. Powell, on our streets during the past week, who had neither feet or hands, but is said to be able to do anything that anybody else can who are provided with these useful appendages. He was born in Columbus county, and is about 24 years of age.

Two small boys were out gunning a short distance below McIlhenny's mill pond, on Wednesday, when, as alleged, a strange colored man made his appearance, seized the guns and made off with them, threatening to shoot the boys if they followed him.

Ben James, the well known colored crank, who has been imagining for a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

The young man Wheeler, together with the little ten year old daughter of Mr. Lake Cartwright, near Whiteville, whom he was charged with abducting, reference to which was made in last Sunday's Post, made their appearance at the home of the Cartwright's on Wednesday last, accompanied by the father of the girl.

Collector Davis, at Benson, is expecting three large cargoes of steel rails for the Midland Railroad. One of the vessels probably got in yesterday. These cargoes will run the collections of the Custom House up to thirty or thirty-five thousand dollars. We congratulate our neighbors. We hope this is only the beginning of large arrivals of imports, and that Benson will yet collect a million dollars in duties per annum.

report of his Catholic Majesty, then we respectfully and earnestly suggest that in future all Democratic conventions be held on the favored spot, as he can on such occasions meet his peers, friends and many of his indentured apprentices at home. Uncle Sam's Tilden might open a bar and build a railroad to the new Democratic headquarters.

These persons who have given me their names as subscribers for the Post will please send the money at once.

JOHN H. WHITMAN.

There are most too many tramps circulating around town.

A Baptist Church is to be erected at Myrtle Branch, Brunswick county.

Our friend, R. M. Croom, of Pender county, was in the city on Friday last.

Mr. D. M. West has been appointed Superintendent of Bellevue Cemetery.

Wm. Dabney, colored, better known as "Catfish Billy," died at the county Poor House a few days ago.

Two colored men, for reckless driving on the streets, were arrested Monday afternoon and fined heavily by the Mayor.

Rev. Geo. Leonard Chany, of Boston, Mass., preached in Tileston Upper Room, in this city, on Sunday afternoon last.

Some of the trees in various parts of the city commenced budding during the late warm spell, and green grass was also springing up in many localities.

The horse disease known as "Pink-eye," which has been spreading through the country for some months past, has finally reached Wilmington. We hear of several cases here.

Archbishop Gibbons and Bishop Keane, with the visiting clergy, in attendance upon the installation of the Right Rev. Bishop Northrop, left for their homes on Wednesday morning last.

The "All Soul's Christian Union," is the name of an organization that gives entertainments at Tileston Upper Room every Friday evening, and is said to be accomplishing much good in a quiet way.

Golden Lyre Lodge, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, celebrated its anniversary, on Monday last, by a parade through the principal streets, in which several visiting Lodges participated. An address was delivered by George W. Price, Jr., at St. Stephen's A. M. E. Church.

A dwelling house, the property of Mr. N. R. Fowler, and occupied by Mr. Isaac B. Nuthrop, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night, about half past 12 o'clock. The building was located on Second between Nun and Church sts. Mr. Northrop only saved a portion of his furniture.

There was a young colored man, named F. P. Powell, on our streets during the past week, who had neither feet or hands, but is said to be able to do anything that anybody else can who are provided with these useful appendages. He was born in Columbus county, and is about 24 years of age.

Two small boys were out gunning a short distance below McIlhenny's mill pond, on Wednesday, when, as alleged, a strange colored man made his appearance, seized the guns and made off with them, threatening to shoot the boys if they followed him.

Ben James, the well known colored crank, who has been imagining for a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

The young man Wheeler, together with the little ten year old daughter of Mr. Lake Cartwright, near Whiteville, whom he was charged with abducting, reference to which was made in last Sunday's Post, made their appearance at the home of the Cartwright's on Wednesday last, accompanied by the father of the girl.

Collector Davis, at Benson, is expecting three large cargoes of steel rails for the Midland Railroad. One of the vessels probably got in yesterday. These cargoes will run the collections of the Custom House up to thirty or thirty-five thousand dollars. We congratulate our neighbors. We hope this is only the beginning of large arrivals of imports, and that Benson will yet collect a million dollars in duties per annum.

There was a young colored man, named F. P. Powell, on our streets during the past week, who had neither feet or hands, but is said to be able to do anything that anybody else can who are provided with these useful appendages. He was born in Columbus county, and is about 24 years of age.

Two small boys were out gunning a short distance below McIlhenny's mill pond, on Wednesday, when, as alleged, a strange colored man made his appearance, seized the guns and made off with them, threatening to shoot the boys if they followed him.

Ben James, the well known colored crank, who has been imagining for a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

The young man Wheeler, together with the little ten year old daughter of Mr. Lake Cartwright, near Whiteville, whom he was charged with abducting, reference to which was made in last Sunday's Post, made their appearance at the home of the Cartwright's on Wednesday last, accompanied by the father of the girl.

Collector Davis, at Benson, is expecting three large cargoes of steel rails for the Midland Railroad. One of the vessels probably got in yesterday. These cargoes will run the collections of the Custom House up to thirty or thirty-five thousand dollars. We congratulate our neighbors. We hope this is only the beginning of large arrivals of imports, and that Benson will yet collect a million dollars in duties per annum.

There was a young colored man, named F. P. Powell, on our streets during the past week, who had neither feet or hands, but is said to be able to do anything that anybody else can who are provided with these useful appendages. He was born in Columbus county, and is about 24 years of age.

Two small boys were out gunning a short distance below McIlhenny's mill pond, on Wednesday, when, as alleged, a strange colored man made his appearance, seized the guns and made off with them, threatening to shoot the boys if they followed him.

Ben James, the well known colored crank, who has been imagining for a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

The young man Wheeler, together with the little ten year old daughter of Mr. Lake Cartwright, near Whiteville, whom he was charged with abducting, reference to which was made in last Sunday's Post, made their appearance at the home of the Cartwright's on Wednesday last, accompanied by the father of the girl.

Collector Davis, at Benson, is expecting three large cargoes of steel rails for the Midland Railroad. One of the vessels probably got in yesterday. These cargoes will run the collections of the Custom House up to thirty or thirty-five thousand dollars. We congratulate our neighbors. We hope this is only the beginning of large arrivals of imports, and that Benson will yet collect a million dollars in duties per annum.

There was a young colored man, named F. P. Powell, on our streets during the past week, who had neither feet or hands, but is said to be able to do anything that anybody else can who are provided with these useful appendages. He was born in Columbus county, and is about 24 years of age.

Two small boys were out gunning a short distance below McIlhenny's mill pond, on Wednesday, when, as alleged, a strange colored man made his appearance, seized the guns and made off with them, threatening to shoot the boys if they followed him.

Ben James, the well known colored crank, who has been imagining for a year or two past that he was a victim of conjuration, and who brought himself and family to the verge of starvation, died at the Poor House on Wednesday morning last from lock-jaw, brought on by frost-bitten feet, the result of exposure.

The young man Wheeler, together with the little ten year old daughter of Mr. Lake Cartwright, near Whiteville, whom he was charged with abducting, reference to which was made in last Sunday's Post, made their appearance at the home of the Cartwright's on Wednesday last, accompanied by the father of the girl.

Collector Davis, at Benson, is expecting three large cargoes of steel rails for the Midland Railroad. One of the vessels probably got in yesterday. These cargoes will run the collections of the Custom House up to thirty or thirty-five thousand dollars. We congratulate our neighbors. We hope this is only the beginning of large arrivals of imports, and that Benson will yet collect a million dollars in duties per annum.

Wood has been cheap the past week in this market; selling from \$2 25 to \$3 per cord.

The body of a colored man was found drowned in the river opposite this city on Monday last.

Mr. John Newton has resigned the light house at Bald Head, and Mr. Asa Ross has been appointed.

A small colored boy, named Castle Lawrence, was sent to jail on Wednesday, charged with stealing a copper still pipe.

The Post is only \$2 00 per annum.

The widow of the late Isaac B. Granger and Mr. William L. Smith, jr., were married in this city on Tuesday, the 10th instant.

Dr. C. T. Murphy, a prominent citizen of Sampson, and well known in Wilmington, died at his home in Clinton on Sunday last.

Mr. Edward Kidder met with quite a painful accident a few days ago. He stepped on something which slipped, and sprained his ankle.

Messrs. A. J. Shaw, and W. M. Monroe of Bladen county, were in the city last week. These gentlemen give splendid accounts of matters in old Bladen.

Mr. J. H. Doshier has been appointed Keeper of the Frying Pan Light Ship. Mr. Doshier is a young man of ability, and we have very little doubt but what he will make a good officer.

Bishop Keane, of Richmond, delivered a lecture Tuesday night, at St. Thomas' Catholic Church, to a large audience, on the subject of 'The Bible, the New Revision, and the Catholic Church. He is an able and gifted orator.

DEATHS DURING THE WEEK.—The deaths and interments during the past week were as follows: In Oakda, none. In Bellevue, B S Carter, malarial fever. In Pine Forest, John Blackman, 65 years, of kidney disease; Lewis Davis, 35 years, dropsy.

THE SHERIFF'S TAX RETURNS FOR 1881.—Sheriff Manning on Tuesday settled with the County Commissioners for the taxes for 1881, as follows:

School Fund,	\$13,594 66
General Fund,	35,204 71
Special Fund,	7,064 35
Total,	\$55,913 72

The Post is only \$2 00 per annum.

At the annual meeting of the Christian Association of the Front Street M. E. Church, Tuesday night, W. W. Hodges was elected President, Thos. E. Davis, Vice-President, Jas. W. King, Secretary, Mrs. M. E. Parker, Treasurer, and Miss Lizzie Kelley, Mrs. W. W. Hodges and Miss M. A. West, committee for visiting the poor and distributing funds.

Mr. George W. Gates, the very excellent master machinist of the Western N. C. Railroad, was in our city for a very short time last week. He speaks highly of the future prospects of his road. He has many friends in this city who would have been delighted to find him made his stay longer here. But he is a thorough business man and will not neglect his duties for his own or others' happiness.

A colored man from South Carolina, named R. A. Bull, was inveigled into a house on North Water street, a few nights since, by a colored woman named Alice Fairfield, who claimed to be his cousin, and robbed of \$35. An officer afterwards recovered \$40 of the money, which was found concealed in one of the girl's pillows, and she is now luxuriating in the county jail, where she will await her trial at the next term of the Criminal Court.

The Post is only \$2 00 per annum.

Don't forget to have the whole family vaccinated at once, in our advice to all. It is true there is no small-pox in the city, but Norfolk, Richmond, Philadelphia, Chicago, Chattanooga and other cities have got it and our citizens should be fully prepared before we get it. It can do no harm to be vaccinated if the small-pox don't get here; should it be introduced in the city, then the timely precaution will be exceedingly beneficial.

A PETITION.—Mr. Jas. Sweeney has a petition in circulation, which has already been numerously signed, asking an appointment as messenger for the Treasury Department at Washington. Mr. Sweeney, it will be remembered, met with the misfortune of having one hand blown off entirely, and the other partially, by the premature discharge of a cannon while firing a salute in honor of the late President Garfield, on the occasion of the public demonstration of sorrow on the part of our citizens at his untimely death. It is to be hoped he will meet with success.

Mrs. M. F. STYVEN Died on Monday night last. Mr. Edden had resided in this city for many years, and was one of the oldest saloon keepers. His death was very sudden—he was out at 5 o'clock walking about the streets, and was dead before 11 o'clock.

The Champion Compress Company have erected a large warehouse and elevator on the west side of the river, which is supplied with Hunt's automatic railway and elevator combined. It is said to work splendidly. The building is 246 feet long, 45 feet wide, 16 feet deep in the clear, and has a capacity of from 6,000 to 7,000 tons, with a shed attached which has a capacity of about 1,000 tons.

CITY AFFAIRS.—The Board of Audit and Finance, at a meeting on Monday evening appropriated \$800 for the building of a bell tower on the lot of the Howard Relief Fire Engine Company No. 1, on Fourth, between Market and Dock streets, the removal of the old bell thereto, and the attaching of an electric fire-alarm to the same; continued the pay of the police force at the increased rates; voted a new set of harness for the horses of the Howard Relief Engine Company, and approved of a proposition of J. D. O'Sullivan and W. H. James to furnish material and repair the small-pox hospital below the city for \$55.

A WOMAN NEARLY BURNED TO DEATH.—A Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, living near South River, Bladen county, was nearly burned to death a few nights since. Her husband was away from home and she and her child had laid down on a lodging before the fire. She awoke soon afterwards to find her clothing in a light flame. Mr. Mitchell Johnson, a relative, wishing to see Mrs. J.'s husband on business, arrived at the opportune moment, and after bursting open the door, which was found locked, finally succeeded in saving Mrs. Johnson from further injury by throwing a bucket of water over her. She was badly burned however, and is not expected to recover. He next turned his attention to the child, which was still