

## WILMINGTON.

WILMINGTON, N.C., March 4, 1873.

News of the Day.

The cab drivers of Berlin are on strike.

Fifteen hundred cases of measles are reported in Atlanta.

Ex-King Amadeus and wife were to have taken their departure from Portugal yesterday for Italy.

The improvements on the James River are being rapidly pushed to completion.

Hon. John L. Orr, of Georgia, Russia, has arrived in Paris, on his way to St. Petersburg.

The Carlist army, operating against the Spanish Republic is said to number 25,000 men.

The Atlantic National Bank has over a million dollars on special deposit. This is an evidence of the increasing prosperity of that flourishing city.

A steamer, the name of which is unknown, founded Saturday morning in the river Mersey, below Liverpool. All on board are supposed to have perished.

The friends of Davis are very confident that he will beat Secretary Boutwell in the Massachusetts Senatorial race.

It is again rumored in Washington that Grant will take his Southern tour this spring.

Mr. Hargrove of Washington, cut his wife's throat Sunday, while suffering from an abberation of mind, and then stabbed himself to death.

Congress has ignored the Credit Mobilier almost entirely. It will adjourn without taking further action in the matter.

Strangers were crowding into Washington yesterday to witness the inauguration. The city was assuming a holiday appearance.

The President's inaugural address was distributed through the country at 12 o'clock yesterday by telegram.

No action was taken yesterday in the case of Senator Patterson who was recommended for expulsion by the Morrill committee.

The following Ku-klux prisoners have been pardoned: Miles Carroll, Miles McCulloch, Henry Warlick and James A. Saunders.

Congress has reached no decision as regards Louisiana affairs. The case remains in *situs quo*. A bill for a new election was tabled Saturday by a vote of 23 to 23.

The trade in cotton in New York last week was very dull, and the market declined. There was but very little export demand, and the home trade was restricted by light transactions. Total sales for the week, 94,923 bales.

The Port Royal Railroad, from Augusta to Port Royal, South Carolina, has been completed. The first train over it reached Augusta at 2 o'clock Friday night, amid the booming of cannon.

The Richmond club of the University of Virginia Alumni have determined upon the endowment of a scholarship to be called the Bichmond Club Scholarship. They are raising \$7,000 for the purpose.

Two young lawyers, R. T. Davis and Drury A. Hinton, of Petersburg, Va., had a fight in the Mayor's court Saturday morning. No damage sustained by either party.

The difficulties on the frontiers of Mexico and Texas continue. Marauding parties constantly disturb the peace of the country. The Federal army has driven Lozada's troops into the Sierras, where they are fortifying.

The steamship Manitobian, of the Allan Line, from Liverpool, arrived at Norfolk Saturday, with eighty cabin, twenty-one intermediate, and forty steerage passengers on board, bound for Virginia and North Carolina. She also brought considerable freight. The passage was boisterous. Passengers report that a large number of their friends will come to Virginia in the spring.

The General Assembly adjourned yesterday. We will give our readers a full synopsis of the acts passed, as soon as they are given to the press.

The Forty-Second Congress expired yesterday. An extra session of the new or Forty-Third Congress assembles at Washington to-day. Judge Merrimon takes his seat, as successor to Mr. Pool. It is a subject of congratulation for North Carolinians that the State has now a more worthy Representative in the United States Senate than John Pool.

The eyes of the country are turned to Washington today. The inaugural ceremonies will be grand and imposing, no doubt; and President Grant will enter upon his second term of office, amid much glorification and justification. The Ossians during the week will contain full accounts of the ceremonies. We will give expression to the sentiments of thousands of Southern people when we say we hope the new administration will be better than the old one. It is high time the government was becoming more honest and respectable, and less worthy the contempt of all men who base notions of integrity.

## GOV. HOLDEN'S STAR IN THE ASCENDANT.

It is rumored in Raleigh that Ex-Governor Holden will be appointed Post Master in place of Calum J. Rogers the present incumbent. The office would be a good place for the Ex-Governor to vegetate in. He has ability enough to make a first-rate postmaster.

In that humble position he could weep at leisure over his "fallen greatness." The party would give him the place by halves. The High Priests of Radicalism should not turn their backs on him, but let him remain. He did what he could for his party, even to sacrificing the dearest interests of his own dear people.

And now, when "an old man broken with the storms of life," they should give him a few post-office crumbs "for charity."

## SEASONABLE WORDS.

The Proprietary will be a good citizen of the United States in the Vatican last week. An audience was ready to him to which he replied saying among other things that he would always pray for a country particularly blessed by God with fertility of soil and industries important, and he would even pray for the increase of its blessings. He said he hoped, however, that "material things would not become the sole affection of the American people, for excessive love of riches corrupts the heart."

This is a brief but most appropriate sermon. His Holiness evidently understands the weakness of Americans. The feverish desire to make money has seized upon the wretched political and people of America; it is seen throughout all grades of society; it is seen in all parts of the country. Love of riches has corrupted every fibre of the national heart; it has polluted the fountain of Legislation and all the streams of justice.

The words of the Pope it is to be hoped will be taken to heart by those of our people, who regard money, making as the chief end of life, and set their affections upon the perishing things of this earth.

To those persons who are groping in the darkness of materialism, who are absorbed in worldly things and are looking to nothing beyond this present transitory state of existence we would in this connection commend the exquisite thoughts of Bishop Heber on Immortality. In one of his most eloquent sermons, he said:

"It cannot be that earth is man's only abiding place. It cannot be that life is a mere bubble cast upon the ocean of eternity, to float for a moment upon its waves, and then sink away to nothingness. Else, why is it that high and glorious aspirations leap like angels from the temples of our hearts and are forever wandering unsatisfied? Why is it that the rainbow and the cloud come over us with a beauty that is 'not of earth and then pass away, leaving us to muse upon their loveliness? Why is it that the stars which hold their midnight festival around the throne of heaven, are set far above the grasp of our limited faculties, and are forever mocking us with their unapproachable glory? And why is it that bright forms of human beauty are presented to our view on earth, and then taken from us, leaving the thousand streams of our affections to flow back in Alpine torrents upon our hearts? No! Earth is not man's only abiding place. We are born for a higher, nobler destiny. There is a realm above where the rainbow never fades; where the stars will be spread out before us like islands that slumber on the bosom of the ocean, and where the beautiful beings that here pass before us like visions of loveliness, will stay in our presence forever!"

These are apt and gracious words, most fully spoken—"spies of gold in pictures of silver." There is no more eloquent and beautiful passage in English literature, and it is worthy to be stored in every man's memory, especially in these times when mortal things threaten to engross the whole attention of the people not only of the United States, but of the whole world.

**DEATH OF AN EX-CONFEDERATE IN THE EGYPTIAN ARMY.**—We are permitted to state that Major Hunt, of the Egyptian army, who served on board the Confederate steamer Shenandoah, was killed late in January by a fall from his horse. The letter referred to is from Colonel Ward, of the same service, and gives the following particulars: "The horse became unmanageable, ran off, and the major drove in the hands of the rider. After this the animal was beyond control, and firmly threw his rider against a stone wall, fracturing his skull. He was a brave man and a good officer." —Norfolk Virginian.

Wadsworth needs only a dozen temperance societies.

## LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MONDAY, Feb. 28, NIGHT SESSION.

Lieut. Governor called the Senate to order at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Waring, Chairman of the Committee appointed to negotiate with the Messrs. Coleman Brothers in regard to their relinquishment of their contract, submitted an elaborate report, stating that the Messrs. Coleman would surrender the contract upon the payment of \$15,000.

Report accepted by a vote of 30 to 0.

Mr. Waring introduced a bill authorizing the State Treasurer to pay the Messrs. Coleman \$15,000 for rescinding the penitentiary contract.

Mr. Avery moved an amendment to the effect that the said companies shall pay for the removal of any convicts who may escape while in the employ of said road.

Mr. Morehead, of Guilford, offered an additional amendment to a section authorizing county Commissioners to work the prisoners in the jails of the several counties on the roads, and to levy special taxes in the several counties through which it may pass.

Mr. Cowles moved that nothing in this bill shall interfere with an act already passed giving to the McAlary & Statehouse Turnpike Company the use of 50 convicts.

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