

DAILY OBSERVER

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News of the Day.

... The city of Washington was packed with people yesterday. Hotels were overflowing.

... The River and Harbor Bill gives Mobile harbor \$100,000.

... A majority of the Spanish Cortes evince a determination to carry through the bill for the abolition of slavery before the adjournment.

... On Sunday night, in the harbor channel, the ship "Chacabuco," from San Francisco for Liverpool, collided with the "Torch," and sank immediately. Twenty-four lives were lost. The "Torch" went down also, but all aboard were saved.

... On Sunday evening the cry of fire created a panic in the congregation of Rev. Talmadge Pashall, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Several persons were crushed to death.

... It is thought in Washington, that Pinchback, the colored Senator of Louisiana, will not be admitted to his seat in the Senate on his present credentials. William L. McMillan claims the seat. He belongs to the McHenry faction. Morton characterized the McHenry Legislature as a mob legislature, in a debate upon Louisiana affairs.

... A dispatch from London states that the Bank of England has been swindled on a gigantic scale by an American named Horton alias Warren, by skillful forgeries of Rothschilds and other numerous financial houses. It is supposed the fraud was perpetrated by a ring of American scoundrels. Two thousand and five hundred pounds reward is offered by the Bank.

... By Special Telegram from Washington last night, we are informed that the inaugural ceremonies took place yesterday without any startling events. Grant has entered upon his second term. Others may rejoice; we do not.

[Editorial Correspondence.]

ALL ABOUT LINCOLNTON.

LINCOLNTON, N. C., March 1, 1873. This ancient town is a quiet place. It is always quiet and peaceful except on election days, or on Saturday when trade is brisk. Lincoln would be

A GOOD PLACE. for a weary man of the world to go to rest himself. Here he could enjoy undisturbed repose forever, and forever; none of the noisy excitements of this wicked, bustling world of ours would break upon his rest, in the midst of these law-abiding, peace-loving, gentle people. Lincoln is

OLD FASHIONED. In appearance, it has much of the flavor of age about it. The dwelling houses are antique-shaped. Though there was no lack of space when the town was originally built, the houses of the first settlers are built right upon the streets; many of them have no front yards. There was a reason for this. The early inhabitants were enthusiastic in their dreams about the future of Lincolnton: they expected it to become the

London of the South. (Good) Charlotte is, so they, economized as much as possible in the matter of space. The town is one of the brightest, most sparkling places under the sun. The streets are drawn with myriads of pieces of mica, which glitter in the sunlight, and the hills around sparkle with untold thousands of tiny mirrors of mica. This is a peculiarity of the soil.

MICA. is used in the manufacture of stoves and lanterns. So here is a good place to start a stove and lantern factory: iron, too, is in abundance in this section. An enterprising man could make his fortune here in this line. One thing about this old place pleases the eye of a visitor—it is so

CLEAN AND NEAT. New brooms they say do always sweep clean; the good citizens here must have a full supply of new brooms. Brooms ought to be cheap, as there are plenty of old straw heads around the town. There are some

IMPROVEMENTS. visible in the place. A fine large one-story brick residence is being erected on a hill near the depot. Several new structures have been put up in that quarter known as Negro Town, in the eastern part of Lincolnton. Several dwellings have lately received fresh coats of paint. Other improvements are contemplated.

THE POPULATION of Lincolnton is constantly on the increase. Every now and then the numbers are swelled by the arrival of some new-born child. It is estimated that the number of the inhabitants foots up to about one hundred white and four hundred colored people. So the Conservatives hold the balance of power, which is blessing the citizens ought to be thankful for. There are no less than

THIRTY WIDOWS

here. The bachelors are hardly worthy of being numbered, only takes interest enough in them to make a count. The old maidens of the village can muster in pretty good strength. Here, as everywhere else, they rank among the best and most useful citizens: they dispense charity, nurse the sick, and are the very flowers and ornaments of the churching life.

ADMISSIONS IN HOSPITALS. of Lincolnton are languishing here in another part of North Carolina. It has the most flourishing school in the place; at play hours a bevy of

YOUNG CHILDREN ENJOY. may be seen frolicking on the green grass in her yard. The pretty daughters of the honored Editor of the Charlotte *Democrat*, are numbered among Miss Alexander's scholars. This is a good place for the education of girls, as they are entirely withdrawn from the excitements of social life and the frivolities of fashionable circles. Within sight of this school, and in striking contrast to it, stands a deserted, desolate building, the bare sight of which should make all lovers of North Carolina "who have tears to shed" shed them right there, on that lonely spot. It is the old

Lincoln Female School, which is fast falling to decay. It has almost played out. It was erected by the first settlers of the place, and was once the pride of a flourishing congregation, of which only two families now remain. The ancestors of the Motz', Ransoms, and Hokes worshipped here long years ago. The Church has always been called the White Church, because it was originally painted white. It is a dark and dingy-looking object now.

The

RELIGIOUS INTERESTS of Lincolnton are in a flourishing condition. The Presbyterian Church, a substantial brick building, has a congregation, which is constantly increasing, under the pastoral care of its eloquent pastor, Rev. E. Z. Johnson. The leading lights of this Church are W. H. Michal, David Schenck and Squire John F. Phifer. The

METHODIST CONGREGATION ranks next in point of numbers. The building is the handsomest Church edifice in town. The Church is prospering under the ministrations of its young and energetic Pastor, Rev. A. Sharpe, who is well seconded in his efforts by J. C. Jenkins, B. F. Grigg, S. P. Sherrill, John E. Roger, and other devoted members of the Church. The

EPISCOPAL CHURCH looks like it might have been transplanted from some Parish in England, it is so antique in appearance. It is surrounded by a large burying ground, shaded by cedars, where Episcopalians and Presbyterians lie side by side at perfect peace in the slumber of the tomb. The two Churches have long used this graveyard as a common burying place. The gallant young General Ramseur's remains lie here. Rev. W. R. Wetmore, is the Minister of this Church, and its "pillars" are Col. John F. Hoke, Vardry McBee, R. H. Sumner, William S. Bynum, L. E. Thompson, and several others. The congregation numbers about the same as that of the Methodist Church. The

BAPTISTS have no church building, but they are making arrangements to erect one very soon. In this good work, Rev. N. Cobb of Shelly, is aided by the Wilkie Brothers, Mr. R. W. Cobb, H. P. Crawford, Esq., J. W. Bean, and other citizens of the Baptist faith. In connection with churches and graveyards, it is worthy of note that a

MARBLE YARD has been established here recently by Mr. R. J. Rudisill, who is determined to let no man in western North Carolina grieve for the want of a tomb stone. The

BAR OF LINCOLNTON is one of the ablest in the State. Col. John F. Hoke, Mr. W. S. Bynum, L. E. Thompson, Esq., and Mr. D. Schenck, all have their headquarters here. Lawyer Schenck has moved his office to his new and beautiful home on the outskirts of the town. The view of the

MOUNTAINS from this place is very fine. The best view can be obtained from the observatory on the top of the Kistler House. The South Mountains are plainly visible, while far beyond rise into view the blue outlines of Table Rock, Grandfather mountain, Short off, and other peaks of the Blue Ridge. To the south of the town are plainly seen King's Mountain, and the small mountains known as Spence's, Lawson's, and Crowder's. The climate is most equable, the water pure and cold, and in point of healthiness place in the South can excel Lincolnton.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES of this section. The enterprise and industry of the Tiddys has greatly benighted this part of the country. They are the heaviest shippers over the W. C. & R. R. They pay out about one hundred thousand dollars, mainly in North Carolina for rags, and expend in wages at the mills as much as twenty-five hundred dollars a month. Two miles and a half below Lincolnton on the South Fork, is the site of the

OLD LINCOLN FACTORY which was the first Cotton Factory established South of the Potomac. It was built by the father of Colonel John F. Hoke, in 1834, when goods were wagoned to and from Philadelphia. It was burned accidentally during the war, after which event, the Confederate Government erected on the spot a large and splendid brick building for the purposes of a Laboratory. The building is lying idle now. The water power at this place is one of the finest in western North Carolina, and as the property is for sale cheap, an excellent opportunity is offered for some enterprising capitalists to establish a factory. The location is a beautiful one, and the country around magnificent. If the

MONEYED MEN of Lincolnton would combine their capital in some manufacturing enterprise it would greatly benefit the county as well as themselves. There is as much as \$100,000 on special deposit in the Banks of Charlotte, belonging to citizens of this county. This money is drawing on the average about eight per cent interest. It would do better than that if invested in some substantial manufacturing enterprise. There are several notables here. The

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