

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

The object of the convention called to-night is the nomination of a candidate for Mayor.

Those candidates who are already in the field and who prefer to receive a regular nomination at the hands of their fellow-citizens, in convention assembled, will submit their respective claims to the convention, and have already expressed their willingness to abide by the decision of such convention.

The fruit crop about Madison has escaped without injury from the recent frosts. Halifax had a tournament (!) on Tuesday. The "Knight of the Lost Cause" were there; so was John Smith.

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STATE NEWS.

Greensboro expects to have a town hall built this summer.

Wilmington had the last Hop of her season on Sunday night.

Prof. Meader, of New Garden Guilford county, is dead.

Great fires are now burning in the Mountains.

The Good Templars of Hillsboro will have an entertainment on May 6th, for the benefit of their lodge.

The Raleigh News claims that there will be no Agricultural Fair at Goldsboro this year.

The Sentinel complains that no movement is made by the Raleigh Conservatives to bring out a ticket.

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By an act, no doubt suggested by Thiers, no member of the Napoleon family, can reside in France.

Gov. John T. Hoffman, of New York, was in Rome, Italy, on the 21st ult., having returned from Naples.

The Louisiana papers say they had rather have continuation and all the evils of military despotism than the present regime of plunder, debauchery and oppression. Desperate, truly, must be the condition of a people who talk that way.

SOUTH CAROLINA ITEMS.

Rumors of a host in Chester last week are true.

Chester is brilliantly lighted with thirty-six lamps, or rather thirty of them in the lamps.

Col. Ames is now busily engaged in laying down iron, &c., on the railroad from Greenville to Atlanta.

There have been extensive and destructive fires in the woods, in various parts of Lancaster and Sumter counties, during the past week or ten days.

Mrs. Sarah Turner, of Columbia, wishes to learn the whereabouts of her son Samuel, who is thirty years old, and has been missing for two months.

George Hart has had a night of riot, drunkenness and incendiarism. After firing at a crowd he rescued the Methodist church which caught fire; a stable belonging to the Weston House was burned.

Senator Sprague refused to unite with the citizens of Columbia in a joint stock enterprise to erect water works, but proposes to sell his property for \$300,000. They have not yet responded.

Two-thirds of the cisterns in the city of Charleston have gone dry in consequence of the protracted drought. The water supply is becoming a serious question in Charleston.

There are now attending the city schools in Charleston 3,970 pupils; comprising 1,274 white females, 1,160 males; 767 colored females, and 669 colored males, with a prospect of an increase.

The first annual regatta of South Carolina occurs on the 8th and 9th of May. The first day's sport embraces a one mile dash for White-hull boats; prize \$50. Two mile dash for boats of any description; prize, a single snail boat. Third race, one and a half miles, for any boat except shells; prize, seventy-five dollars.

Greenville Republican: The residence of John Priestly, colored, near Chick's Springs, was consumed by fire on Thursday morning last, with all its contents. We regret to learn that his little son, three years old, was burned up. The father and mother were at work in a field near by, when they discovered the smoke coming through the house. They ran, but too late to save the child, or anything.

Columbia Union: It is stated that a small farmer on the outskirts of Columbia, lately bought 80 acres of land. Last year he put 40 acres in cotton. He raised 40 bales of 500 pounds each on this 40 acres. He had the advantage of a good supply of stable manure from the town and of labor from the same source. The total cost of production was nine cents a pound. He sold his crop on the spot for 18 or 19 cents per pound, making a clear profit of nearly \$50 a bale. The exceptional advantages which enabled him to do this, were an unlimited supply of cotton hands from the town, who worked for 50 cents a day and "found" themselves, and the control of the manure product from a livery stable.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. Big sun umbrellas are predicted. Tourists are crowding into Switzerland. Now is the time to plant advertisements.

The London Daily Telegraph now circulates 175,000 copies. The cows in Vermont yield an income of \$5,000,000 a year.

On Monday of last week 24,000 shad were landed at Alexandria, being the largest number in one day since 1856.

An Indiana lawyer lately defended a man for keeping his saloon open after 10 o'clock at night. He made the plea that it was 10 o'clock until it was 11, and won his case.

Blanton Duncan, of Kentucky, declares that "if principles are to govern, the Democrats have a bright future before them."

Chicago dogs are great epicures. They won't eat beef when they can get live babies. This fastidiousness seriously affects the growth of the population in Chicago.

A singular duel took place the other day at Vicksburg. The weapons used were knives. The sweet names of the combatants were Rosa Dent and Violet Carter. As the result of the combat the Violet faded forever.

A young man lives in Alexandria, Minn., whose heart is not regenerate. He went to a donation party, the other day, paid a dollar for his supper and stole the minister's gloves that cost two dollars.

The funniest suit for breach of promise of marriage on record is to come before a Pittsburg court, the plaintiff being a woman, with a husband, and, as she claims, a good one. The man who jilted her and married another in her youth is possessed of considerable wealth.

A foreign letter was received at the office in Richmond, says the Dispatch, directed to the "Nearest Relations of General A. S. Johnston, care E. A. Pollard, Richmond, Va." It was marked "Important," and the P. M. was requested to "forward." This will be done upon application of the proper person.

Céspedes states the force of the Cubans at 10,000 to 12,000 armed men in the field, with an equal number of convoyers and servants, who perform service in the army.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OBSERVER.

[From the American Press Association.]

By the Southern and Atlantic Line.

NOON DISPATCHES.

Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—For the Middle and South Atlantic States and westward to the Mississippi, north west winds, partly cloudy and clearing weather. For the Western Gulf States, northerly winds and cloudy weather, followed by easterly winds Thursday night.

France.

PARIS, April 24.—Gambetta opposes the election of the Count de Remusat to the vacant seat in the Chamber of Deputies, and contends that they are acting from improper motives.

Breaking of a Scaffold—Several Persons Injured.

BROOKLYN, April 24.—A scaffolding at 240 and 242 Hamilton Avenue, gave away suddenly about 5 o'clock p. m. yesterday, carrying four men to the sidewalk, a distance of 40 feet. The fall and the weight of the falling timbers injured all the workmen more or less seriously. Two were sent to the hospital, and two taken home.

Spanish Affairs—An Outbreak in Madrid Imminent.

MADRID, April 24.—The attempt now being made by the Permanent Committee of the Cortes to change the status of the Spanish Cabinet by substituting a Conservative ministry, has created great excitement in this city.

An arising of the populace in support of the present ministry is imminent, and threats of violence are made against members of the Permanent Committee by excited citizens. The military patrol the streets near the Hall of Congress and every precaution is taken to suppress any outbreak.

MARKETS.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Wall St.—The monetary situation is improving and it is thought the stringency in money is near an end. In the early part of the day money was worth 1-16 per cent per diem but during the afternoon there was a gradual decline in rates, and before 3 o'clock loans were made at 6 & 7 per cent per annum. After that hour money was offered at 4 and 5 per cent.

Gold was quiet and firm, varying from 117 1/2 to 117 3/4. Governments closed quiet and steady. Southern State bonds were dull, without a sale in the entire list.

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The Indian Commissioners.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The Indian Commissioners met yesterday evening at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Numerous awards were made, but it was decided not to make them public until the whole shall have been completed.

Move to Appoint a Woman City Physician.

JERSEY CITY, April 24.—At a meeting of the Public Commissioners last evening, one of the Commissioners moved that Mrs. Sarah DeHart be appointed city physician at large. Mrs. DeHart's application was endorsed by a large number of prominent citizens, among them Congressman Scudder and Attorney General Gilchrist. After considerable discussion the matter was laid over, the Board not being quite assured that it has authority under the charter to make such appointment.

Arrest of an Editor.

BROOKLYN, April 24.—Judge Neilson, of the city court, yesterday granted an order for the arrest of Henry C. Bowen, editor of the Brooklyn Union, and defendant in the libel suit for one hundred thousand dollars, brought by Thomas W. Fields, superintendent of schools, the cause of the action being the publication of an article concerning plaintiff published in defendant's paper on the 16th inst. Bowen will be taken to the Sheriff's office to-day to give security for his appearance on the day set for his trial.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Wall St.—Noon.—Money stringent, 1-16 and interest. Gold opened at 117 1/2; sold up to 118; now lower 1/2.

Governments irregular. Stocks dull with general decline, consequent on continued money stringency. Cotton spots quiet; futures dull; low middlings 18 1/2; middlings 19 1/2.

Sir Samuel Baker's Expedition—Suicide of an Earl.

LONDON, April 24.—A dispatch received here from Khartoum, the capital town of Nubia reports that Sir Samuel Baker and the exploring expedition under him are secure at Faloookna, above Gondokow. The expedition is progressing safely and all the party is in good health.

NIGHT DISPATCHES.

Stokes' Case—Argument of Counsel.

NEW YORK, April 24.—District Attorney Phelps made a lengthy argument for the people on the Stokes Case, contending that there was no substantial error which would justify the Court of Oyer and Terminer in disturbing the verdict rendered against Stokes at his last trial, and arguing that the judgment of the lower court should be affirmed. Fullerton followed Phelps in a brief argument, claiming that the Judge's charge at the last trial was in accordance with law and did not conflict with the statute regarding the law of numbers.

Remaine then closed the argument in a most impressive appeal to the courts in his client's behalf, urging that, in view of the many strong points raised, the court should order a reversal of the prisoner's judgment.

Heavy Robbery in New York.

NEW YORK, April 24.—On Monday night one of the most daring burglaries successfully carried out for a long time, was perpetrated in a Broadway lace house. The thieves succeeded in carrying away nearly \$10,000 worth of goods. The thieves succeeded in forcing the locks off a large trunk in Salsambier & Carpenter's second floor and took 78 pieces of silk, valued at \$5,800. They also visited W. H. Carpenter's store, and on the same floor picked out several pieces of silk valued at \$2,300. No clue to the thieves.

In all Probability.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—No further intelligence of fighting the Modocs has been received from San Francisco by the War Department to-day. Gen'l Schofield had received a request from a citizen of San Francisco to be allowed to embalm the body of Capt. Jack, Boston Charley, Hike Jim and other noted Modocs. The applicant wished them for public exhibition. Gen'l Schofield will probably defer his answer until he catches the noble savages.

Troubles with the Mexicans.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The Treasury Department is in receipt of the following information relative to the condition of affairs on the Mexican border dated El Paso, Del Norte, March 21: On about the 15th inst., an American rancher, living near Fort Quitman, was brutally murdered by Mexicans, his body thrown into the Rio Grande and his horses driven into Mexico by the Mexican marauders. Immediate pursuit was made by a party of citizens, the Mexicans overtaken, and a fight ensued, in which the pursuers were defeated and they returned to Fort Quitman, without having accomplished the recovery of the animals or the arrest of the murderers.

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Flour—For State and Western, firm, good demand. Southern flour firm, fair demand; 5.85 to 8.15 for common to fair extra and 8.05 to 12.50 for good to choice extra.

Wheat firm, good demand; corn firm, good request. Cotton steady and quiet; low middlings 18 1/2; middlings 19 1/2. Galveston, cotton quiet; good ordinary 15 @ 14.

New Orleans, demand moderate; middlings 18 1/2. Mobile, quiet and unchanged; middlings 18 1/2. Savannah, quiet; middlings 18 1/2. Charleston, quiet; middlings 18 1/2. Baltimore, dull; middlings 19 1/2. Norfolk, steady, demand moderate; low middlings 15 1/2. Wilmington, quiet; middlings 18. Memphis, active; 17 1/2. Augusta, demand moderate; middlings 17 1/2.

Telegraphic Notes. Bull's Head Bank of New York has reopened. Of the million due to depositors three-quarters has been paid.

The President of the Union Pacific Railroad says, its financial condition requires the abrogation of the free pass system. Mr. Colender a New York Billiard table manufacturer, proposes a grand international billiard game, to be open to the world.

At an early hour yesterday morning the New Jersey Plow Company's Boating House at Newark, was destroyed by fire. Forty boarders barely escaped with their lives. Loss \$15,000, insurance \$5,000.

Henry C. Bowen, editor of the Brooklyn Union, was arrested yesterday by the deputy sheriff, on an order issued by Judge Neilson in the suit of Horace B. Clafin against and entered into bond for his appearance at Court when wanted.

[Louisville Courier-Journal Editorial, April 7th.]

Postponement of the Public Library Gift Concert.

It will be seen by the announcement in our advertising columns that the third gift concert of the Public Library of Kentucky, which was to have taken place to-day, has been postponed until July 8. This postponement has not been occasioned, as we are advised by Gov. Bramlette, by the small sales of tickets; on the contrary, the sales have been unusually large—much larger than at either of the preceding concerts—so large, indeed, that the time given by this ninety day postponement will enable Gov. Bramlette to dispose of every ticket and insure a full drawing without any reduction or scaling of the gifts, as has heretofore been the case. Gov. B. sees his

way so clearly that he announces in the most positive and unequivocal language that the drawing will take place July 8, and that it will be a full one. The owner of the tickets drawing the capital gift will receive \$100,000 in greenbacks without discount, and so of all the other gifts. The money sufficient to pay all the gifts, \$500,000 in greenbacks, is already on deposit in the Farmers' and Drivers' Bank, set apart for the payment of the gifts and can be used for no other purpose, as will be seen by the cashier's certificate. With a knowledge of these facts, and we do not hesitate to guarantee their scrupulous fulfillment—their will be such a demand for the tickets now on hand that in all probability not a single one will be left for sale weeks before the time of drawing. There never was a fairer or more honorably-conducted enterprise before the public, and it has, as it deserves, the entire confidence of the people. It is one of those schemes in which the purchasers of tickets feel the most positive assurance that the drawing will be fair, for it will be controlled by the most prominent and distinguished citizens of the State, and those who draw will be certain to get the money the moment their tickets are presented. April 25. *It. d. & w.

New Advertisements.

10,000 GIFTS, \$500,000.

ON Tuesday, July 8th, 1873, the Third Grand Gift Concert, under the management of Ex-Governor Thos. E. Bramlette and authorized by special act of the Legislature, for the benefit of the Public Library of Kentucky, positively and unequivocally comes off in Public Library Hall, at Louisville, Ky., when 1,000 Gifts, all cash amounting to \$500,000, will be distributed by lot among the ticket-holders. The money to pay all these gifts in full is already in bank and set aside for that purpose, as the following certificate shows: OFFICE OF FARMERS' AND DRIVERS' BANK, Louisville, Ky., April 7, 1873.

This is to certify that there is in the Farmers' and Drivers' Bank, to the credit of the Third Grand Gift Concert for the benefit of the Public Library of Ky., Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, which has been set apart by the Managers to pay the gift in full, and will be held by the Bank and paid out for this purpose, and this purpose only. (Signed.) R. S. VEECH, Cashier.

Only a few tickets remain unsold, and they will be furnished to the first applicant at the following prices: Whole ticket \$4.00; halves, \$55; quarters, \$2.50; 1/16th \$1.00; 1/32nd \$50; 1/64th \$1.00, and 1/128th \$50. For tickets and full information apply to THOS. E. BRAMLETTE, apr 25 dt-wkwlw] Louisville, Ky.

LOST!

IN the city of Charlotte, on the 24th inst. A Check dated April 24th, 1873, on the First National Bank of Charlotte, for the sum of \$250, drawn by John E. Brown, payable to M. M. Phifer or bearer. A person is hereby forewarned not to trade for or purchase the same, as notice has been given to the Bank not to cash the same. M. M. PHIFER, apr 25

SOMETHING NEW.

A LOT of Elegant French Parasols, just received at BREM, BROWN & CO'S, apr 25 3times

COUNTRY HAMS.

550 LBS of the very best Country Ham just received, and if you want to secure one do not wait long but come quick. Also, lot of elegant Bologna Sausage, and a car load of Liverpool Salt, at J. F. BUTTS' Market, apr 25

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

THE copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of Graham & Williams, in the city of Charlotte, N. C., is dissolved this day by mutual consent. John D. Williams, Jr., having purchased the entire stock in trade including Furniture and Fixtures, Land Lease, as well as book accounts and notes due the firm, assumed the payment of all claims against the firm. He may be found at the same stand occupied by Graham & Williams, where he invites a call from all those having unsettled business against the late firm. ARCHIBALD GRAHAM, JR. JOHN D. WILLIAMS, JR. April 24th, 1873.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. April 24th, 1873.

In order to close out I will sell my entire Stock of Groceries at Cost. The attention of the trade is respectfully invited. JOHN D. WILLIAMS, JR. Democrat and Home copy 2 times, apr 24 tf

NEW BOOT & SHOE STORE

HAVING received the most of our New Stock of Boots and Shoes, Hats, Trunks, Leather and Shoe Findings, we are now prepared to offer them to the

WHOLESALE & RETAIL

Trade and feel confident that the Style, Quality and price of our goods can not be surpassed in this market. We call Special attention to our stock of Ladies, Misses, Children's and Infant's Boots and Shoes. Also, a fine selection of Men's, Boys' and Youth's Fur, Wool and Straw Hats. We feel assured that all who may favor us with a call, will be pleased with our stock and prices. SAMPLE & ALEXANDER, apr 24 tf

CABBAGE, CABBAGE

HAVE almost played out, and in its place we get to-day, a barrel of Kraut, and the most excellent we have had this season. We heard a man say he could smell it 57,000 miles, but it must be a mistake, you can't smell this half that distance, at J. F. BUTTS' Market, apr 19]

BACON, BACON!

100,000 pounds C R Sides, 25,000 lbs SC Hams, 5,000 lbs Leaf Lard, Flour, Corn and Onions, constantly on hand. Apply at Nat Gray's, opposite Presbyterian Church, of T. H. MEANS, apr 23 tf