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VOST BOCK & AFFAIRS!

JOSO P. CALDWELL, LOCAL Editor.

Cotton Market .- Prices for low middling yesterday 14!@143. Market closed weak and ynsteady.

LOCAL DOTS.

Mayor's Court itemless yesterday. Remember the Berger family and Sol Smith Bussell to-night.

The new store of Capt S. B. Alexander, on College Street, is for rent.

Yesterday was as muddy, chilly, and generally disagreable, a need to be. last night at their hall.

The school children are loose now and serious. perfect happiness is the predominating expression in their countenances.

The scholars of the Presbyterian Misat the Chapel to-day.

declined?

Going Ahead .- Fort Mill has a dancing school in operation, under the supervision of Professor Bagar. So we learn from the former master of Terpsichorean Hall on the beautiful banks of classic Catawba.

our subscribers in this city are behind in

DAILY OBSERVER. ual, but they aggregate a considerable sum ed her clothes in order to escape detection. of money, which it is very important that The officer took her under arrest and

our subscribers who owe us will come for- by the officer, finally acknowledged to ward to-day, or between this and therefore having taken, the pocket book and \$5 of the year, and settle up their dues.

Marriage. In this city vesterday Mr. Richard L. Alexander of Mecklenburg county and Miss Jennie Davis of Chatham county, were united in the bonds of wedficiating minister.

For the Little Orphans .- A lady of this city spent a few hours several days ago in so iciting funds for the children in the Oxford Asylum, and without difficulty succeeded in getting \$95 in cash .-This is an institution to which the people of North Carolina owe a large debt.

Rock Hill on Saturday morning, went confounded with the Epiphany, and celefrom a gentleman who came from that months of April and May. In the fourth though it was placed in his hands by the the day of Christ's nativity. The result of

Our patrons who wish to lay in supplies there was no authentic proof of the identiof all kinds for Christmas, can determine fication of the day. The day is considered where they can buy to the greatest advan- in the double light of a holy commenoratage by examining the advertising col- tion and a cheerful festival and was acumns of this paper. It can be taken as an cordingly distinguished by devotion, vacainfallible sign that the firm which "can't tion from business and by merriment. afford to advertise," can't afford to sell Thecommon custom of decorating houses goods cheap

Suspension. The OBSERVER will be is sues to-morrow (Christmas) morning as usual. From that time there will be no paper issued from this office until next Tuesday morning, the 30th inst. We feel sure that none of our patrons will complain of this suspension, as printers have as great an interest in this joyous occa- ing of the cock, and that sion as any other class of persons. This arrangement will give us three days holiday and our subscribers may look for the visits of the OBSERVER on and after Tuesday morning next.

Horse Stealing .- The stealing of horses and mules, this bane of the honest and industrious farmer, is rife in the land. Mecklenburg county is not an exception, and accounts of the stealing of stock are becoming painfully frequent. Only last week we mentioned the stealing of a mule from Mr J M Grier, and on Monday night last, an iron-gray mare mule was stolen from Mr J S P Caldwell, who lives seven miles below Charlotte. Cannot something be done to stop this? If the laws were more severe in this particular it might exert a salutary influence.

The Berger Family.-This splendid troupe will appear to-night in Miller's Hall. The company is one which it is not necessary for us to praise; for all who ever heard of it at all have heard that it is one of the very best and most elegant entertainments now before the public. Sol Smith Russell, the greates of staget humorists, is a living curiosity, and one twitch of troops took the plaza and held it. his face is sufficient to set a house in a Attorney General Williams has renderroar. No one, young or old, can fail to ed an opinion that the Virginius had forenjoy this chaste and refined entertain- feited ber right to carry the United States ment, and we hope to see Miller's Hall fill- flag and that, at the time of her capture she

harlotte Observen.

CHARLOTTE N. C. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1873.

No 1,495

Experimenting .- A youth, Waiter Mul-Church streets, yesterday morning got an old bottle which he supposed to be empty and lighting a fire cracker stuck one end of it in the bottle and held the other end in his hand. He did this "just to see what it would do," as he says; and he soon found out. The bottle instead of being empty, had a quantity of powder in it, and ween the fire reached this there was the land was loudly applauded. The unan explosion and a scared boy there. The employed will march to the court house bottle was broken into a thousand fragments which were hurled in all directions. A portion of these struck the youth in the face, cutting several gashes in it and causing a considerable flow of blod. Fortun-The Yellow Jacket Fire Company met ately none of the pieces got in his eyes, and the injuries to his face are not very

Another Case of Fleecing .- On Monday afternoon a negro man from the country arrived in Charlotte and hitched his tent sion Sanday School have a Christmas tree in that detectable locality known as the "Five Points". He had his whole year's Col Bynum having been appointed to wages, \$175, in his possession. By and by the Supreme Court Bench, the question he formed the acquaintance of a witchnow on all lips is: Who will the Governor ling colored damsel by name Ella Bell, to appoint Solicitor, Gen Barringer having whom he showed his treasures. She at once became very "soft on him" and in veigheled him into the house of a negro woman near by, where she rifled his pockets of every cent of the money-all this within an hour of the time he had arrived in town. As soon as she had secured the money, the woman fled, and the man, A Word to our Subscribers -- Many of upon realizing his loss lodged imformation with the police.

their dues for this year's subscription to the Officer Healy took the case and about 8 o clock at night came upon the woman in a house near the Afr Line Raffroad on the will give any desired information as to the The amounts are small to cach individ- outside of the city limits. She had chang- property. charged the thest upon her: She indignant-We therefore earnestly beg that those of ly denied it, but being closely questioned which she turned over. She refused persis-By so doing they will discharge a most tently to confess to having taken any just obligation, and confer a favor upon us. more than that, although every means was resorted to to wring a confession from her

Omission. In speaking yesterday of The woman was carried to the lock-pp the church services on Sunday, we neg- and confined until yester lay morning lish Potatoes; 100 doz Fresh Eggs, nice lected to state that Rev Dr Parks preached when she was brought before Justice W. for making Egg Nog; 3 barrels of Sweet lected to state that Rev Dr Parks preached when she was brought before Justice W. for making Egg Nog; 3 barrels of Sweet lected to state that Rev Dr Parks preached when she was brought before Justice W. in the Court House at night to the congre- F Davidson. She still refused to confess gation of the Second Presbyterian Church, having the money or to tell where it was, and, in default of bail was committed to a u e ation, just the thing for jail to await trial at the next term of

Christmas .- To-morrow, the 25th day lock: Rev G. D. Parks, D. D., was the of- of Decembar, is considered by some to be the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of the World. As to this day and when is celebration was first commenced, there is a great deal of ignorance, even among gallon. intelligent persons. At this time a short history of the day may not be entirely inappropriate: . The institution of this festival was attributed to Pope Telesphorus. who died 135 years after the birth of Again .- The same mail agent who fail- Christ. At fir-t it was the most movable ed to deliver the OBSERVER package at of the christian festive days and was often down yesterday morning, and, we learn brated by the eastern churches in the place last evening, that the agent again century an order was obtained from Pope yesterday tailed to deliver the package, Julius I for an investigation concerning the 25th of December. In the opinion of Hotel Where to Buy Christmas Goods .- some of the most learned men of that age and churches Christmas, with evergreens | dec 24 2t is derived from ancient druid practice. It was an old belief that sylvan spirits might flock to the evergreens and remain unnipped by frost until a milder season.-Shakespe re alludes to an ancient tradition inst., at 12 o'clock M., for the year 1874, a that midnight spirits forsake the earth and go to their own confines at the crow-

'Ever gainst that season comes, Wherein our Savior's birth is celebreted. This bird of dawn singeth all night long And then they say, no spirit stirs

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A ferry boat on the Thames cap ized on Monday and thirteen were drowned.

The gas men of Copeulagan have struck nd the city is in darkness. Marian Fowler, Wm. Ramsay, and John

Whitlocks, convicted a year ago as Ku Klux, have been pardoned.

A prominent merchant of Rio Grande City, Texas, was murdered by Mexican bandits on Monday. A Cincinnati special says that the atti-

tude of the workingmen there causes a feeling of insecurity and apprehension. Emperor Welhelm of Germany had a light stroke of apoplexy on Monday.-

Much uneasiness is felt. In Matamoras on Monday there was a general fight over the mayoralty election. Several shots were fired and six were wounded on either side. The Federal RECEIVED this day another large lot of

ed to-night and to-morrow night with was carrying it without right and impro-such crowds as it never knew before. perly.

A St. Louis dispatch of Monday says :len, who lives on the corner of First and Grant, with persons who attended the furneral of Col. Dent from Washington, enjoyed a grand dinner given by Gen. Hawley, after which the gay party left for Washington.

A Chicago dispatch dated Monday says The laborers last nightwere disorderly. The sentiment that the day was approaching for an equitable division of the wealth of to-night. Grave consequences are appre-

In Cincinnati on Monday there were two meetings of laborers. The German meeting denounced the press as in league with the capitalists. Carl Rosa, the Austrian agitator, said that the condition of the working men was worse here than in Germany. The Irish meeting contented itself with denunciations against the city government. Both meetings were slightly attended.

New Advertisements.

Sale of Valuabe City Property.

Y virture of an order, of the Superior D Court of Mecklenburg county, I offer for sale the property in the city of Charlotte, on Trade Street, known as the residence of Mrs. A. C. Williams, containing four city lots. Parties desiring to purchase can learn terms, &c., from the undersign-I have authority to sell privately subject to the confirmation of the Court. If not disposed of before the 24th day of January, 1874 said property will be sold on that day to the highest bidder at the Court House door.

Col. W. P. Bynum or the undersigned dec 24 e-o-d 3t. Commissioner

For Rent

THE Store next to the storehouse now I occupied by Oates Brothers, on College Street. Apply immediately to dec 24 tf S. B. ALEX S. B. ALEXANDER.

PURE LIQUORS!

PAMILY Supplies and Country Produce. 200 large fat Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks and Guinaes; 4 crates mammoth Cabbage He ds, (5 to 15lb each;) 100 barrels m't. Mash country made Cora Whisky; I barre! country made Apple Brandy, which I guarrantee to be pure and free from any

Christmas Egg Nogg

Our Bar is supplied with the above Liquors with various other Fancy Drinks for the

HOLIDA'S.

Families Supplied with Pure Liquors on the most reasonable terms by the quart of

Common Liquors furnished if desired. but we prefer to confine ourselves strictly to pure Liquors. We have ordered an extra supply of FRESH OYSTERS for the HOLIDAYS, which will be served in any Tollet Setts, style, in our SALOON, or sold to our customers at reasonable prices for Cash. Remember our C. O. D. bill must be paid B. N. SMITH, every morning. Opposite Court House. dec 24 tf

Rare Chance for the Christmas Holidays.

THE entire stock of Watches, Clocks, 1 Jewelry &c., will be sold at public and private sale until all are sold. Commencing to-day at the Old Stand of the Penholders, mailing clerk. What more can we do? the inquiry was an agreement to make it late R. W. Beckwith, near the Charlotte HARRISON & McLURE, Auctioneers.

Notice to Shippers.

O'N Thursday the 25th inst., our Depots will be closed, in order to give emplyecs a chance to enjoy Christmas, and no business whatsoever will be transacted. W. W. PEGRAM, 'Ag't, C. C. & A., & A. T. & O. R. R. J. A. WILSON, Ag.t., R. & D. R. R., N. C. Div.

FOR RENT.

WILL offer for rent to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the city of Charlotte, on Saturday next, the 27th house and lot, situated on the corner of Tryon and 3rd streets. Said house contains six rooms and the necessary out houses, is in good repair, garden attached, good water on the premises. For further information apply to JOS H. WILSON, Agent.

Santa Clans' Headquarters.

F.J. REBMAN'S,

III HERE you will find an elegant assort-VY ment of Cakes, Candies and all kinds of Confectionaries, together with a very large assortment of Toys of all kinds, consisting of

HARMONICAS, CHINA JEWEL BOXES. CHINA TEA SETTS, ACCORDEONS,

TRUMPETS, &c. Also, a general assortment of FIRE WORKS. The public and especially the ladies are respectfully invited to call and examine my stock. Brick house, Tryon street, near

dec 23 3t the city clock. WANTED.

FEW Shares of Building and Loan A Stock T. H GAITHER.

FOR DECEMBER 25th! Toys and Fancy Goyds for Christmas Presents, at PUREFOY'S.

ANOTHER lot of those fine oranges, at PUREFOY'S. ANOTHER full supply of Boys' wagons with wood and iron axles, painted and yarnished, received this day, at PUREFOY'S.

TIDDY'S BOOK STORE

THE PLACE TO BUY

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

OF

and Descriptions.

TALL at TIDDY'S and see the largest U and certainly the most elegant assortment of Christmas goods ever exhibited to the astonished and admiring gaze of the citizens of Charlotte. An endless variety of

Writing Desks,

Scotch Goods, [new]

Hankerchief Boxes, new

Perfumery Cases,

Shells of the Ocean,

Calendars,

Necessarie,

Pungents, Writing Cases,

Cigar Stands,

Pen Wipers,

Gold Pens, Holders

and Pencils,

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GAMES

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CROQUET SETT, GOODS IN ANY QUANTITY Delivered

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NEW GOODS by Express every day till no september of the golding line ! Christmas.

TIDDY & BRO. Dec 20 1w Home and Democrat condense above.

Pleasure Ahead.

THE Skating Rink: will be opened in Oates' Hall, Tuesday night, 23rd inst and thereafter, regularly on Tuesday and Friday nights. Skating bommences at 7 o'clock. Admission 25 cents. dec 23 lw F. H. ANDREWS, Sup.

MILLER'S HALL. WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY,

December, 24 & 25. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Return of the Favorite and Ever Welcome



SOL SMITH RUSSELL. SWISS BELL RINGERS.

Parlor Orchestra.

LADIES'SILVER CORNET BAND! Everything New This Season. New Artists! New Music! New Instruments! New Costumes! ALL THE LATEST SONGS AND NEW

MUSIC! A Grand Christmas Carnival of

Music and Mirth. General admission 75. Reserved seats 100. Seats can be secured at Tiddy & Bros. The sale of reserved seats will commence

on Monday December 22nd, at 10 o'clock, W. W. FOWLER, dec 19 5t Business Manager

TUST received on consignment 25 boxes

nice large Irish potatoes, 10 sacks large Sweet potatoes, 25 boxes large fine Apples, 2 large Crates White Cabbage, 000 Bushels_sifted Meal, 25 sacks E. M. Holt & Sons, Family Flour, 5 barrels Fresh Corned Trout from Beaufort, N. C. Fresh Butter. Eggs, and various other choice produce in the line of family supplies, which is offered to cash customers, at bottom prices. Call and see for your-B. N. SMITH. dec 17 tf.

TEW LOT OF EXCELLENT JOB MA-TERIAL received at the OBSERVER OFFICE yesterday.

JOB WORK

of all descriptions done in the latest styles of the art. Two first class JOB PRINTERS are now engaged in the OBSERVER OFFICE.

G. W. CHALK, COMMISSION

MERCHANT. FOR THE SALE OF Cotton, Flour, Grain, Tobacco, and other produce.

AGENT FOR FERTILIZERS.

College Street, Charlotte, N. C.

Hear the Christmas Bell Ring! Santa Clause has come and his children are arriving daily. There are some who scatter broadcast over the daily sheet their fictitions nonsense of daily arrivals of stupendous wonders, while it would be difficult to find a time when they had one of them on hand; but when you see the signature at the bottom, attached to an article you may expect, not only to see a clear, bright smoke but a well kindled fire at the bottom. Now if you want to see some fine ornamented cakes, call on us. If you want fruits, stick candies, &c. to see the one hundred and one wonders of the 19th century, call. If you want something that will please the children here you can find it from the Papa and Mamma doll, to any extent. If you want to get married, here you can get cakes that will add beauty and sweetness to the occasion. If you want your Pigs, Turkeys, ers, albums, vases, work boxes, &c., suit-Chickens or anything else cooked, you able for Christmas presents. can have it done to order in the nicest style. Finally, it is much harder to say

what you could not get, or have done, than it is to get it, at W.-N. PRATHER & CO'S.

WE HAVE THE BEST SELECTED stock in Charlotte.

Oh Dear! Oh Dear What Shall We Do.

Every day brings something new to C. S. HOLTON & CO.

10 barrels Northern Apples.

15 hundred Oranges. 15 hundred Lemons. Citron in large quantities, chestnuts, banannas, pine apples, currants, raisins of all kinds, candies of every description. All of the above going off

with a rush. Fire works! Fire works! Franklin Bakery. Opposite Market. C.S. HOLTON & CO.

AN ELEGANT STOCK. CALL AND EXAMINE

F. M. SHELTON'S FINE ASSORTMENT OF CHAMBER Suits, What-Nots, Hat-Racks, Marble and Walnut Centre Tables, &c. His elegant Writing Desks are the very things for

Christmas Presents.

Large assortment of Spring Beds, always

LOST OR STOLEN!

A FEW Days ago, a small double case Gold Watch and Chain, the Chain weighing 21 pennyweights; also one set of gold shire buttons, shaped somewhat like a diamond and each having a small white stone in the middle; also a heavy gold ring with the initials "W H K" en graved inside.

A liberal reward will be paid for these articles or for any information which will lead to their recovery. Apply at This Or-

Large Lot of Choice t 7 Cramberries and Apples
Forsale at A R NISBET & BRO'S.

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proportionately low rates.

Five Squares estimated at a quarter-column, and ten squares as a half-column.

DR. F. SCARR,



Prescriptions prepared at all hours of the Day and night.

Choice Green and Black Tea, Selected especially for Family and Invalids, at june 29 Drug Store.

FRESH SPICES.

Just received a lot of select Spices for Pickles, Preserves, &c., at F. SCARR'S Drug Store.

> Pure Salad Oil. Finest article in Market, F. SCARR'S

june 29, 1872 Drug Store. THE BANK OF MECKLENBURG.

Authorized Capital \$500,660.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

JAS. TURNER TATE, President. THOS. W. DEWEY, Cashier, F. H. DEWEY, Asst. Cashier.

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General Banking Business. and furnish accommodations to all its Customers on Liberal Terms. The bank will receive Deposits subject to Check, and will Allow Interest 'According

to Agreement on all Deposits left on time, or issue Certificates of Deposit bearing interest at the rate of Eight per cent per Annum

on all sums lying undrawn over thirty Gold and Silver Coin, Bullion and Bank Notes Bought and Sold.

THOS. W. DEWEY.

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wants of our people. - Carolina Watchman.

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the State during the foregoing year. Christian Advocate. For sale at

important events that have occurred in

J. K. PUREFOY'S dec 11 1mdw3t Stationery Store. THE undersigned have received a com-I plete and full line of Groceries, Confectioneries, Musical Instruments, Toys,

Christmas Goods, cigars, tobacco, &c., which they are selling low for cash, and to punctual customers.

A. R. NISBET & BRO.

(ALL at A R Nisbet & Bro's and buy U coffee, sugars, molasses, teas, cheese MALL at A R Nisbet & Bro's and buy U French candies, ioy candies, sugar

MALL at A R Nisbet & Bro's and buy U accordeans, violins, guitars, tamborines music boxes, &c.
CALL at A R Nisbet & Bro's and buy U toys of all kinds, for children.

CALL at A R Nisbet & Bro's and buy torpedoes, cannon and small fire-crack-

BOARDING. MRS. A. W. MILLER is prepared to ac M commodate a few more boarders. Pleasant rooms, good fare and attentive servants. Apply at once.

Terms moderate. dec 9 tf A Very Choice Collection

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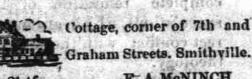
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Genuine Oswego Corn Starch. Light and nutritious diet for invalids, A infants and families. A fresh supply, at Scarr's, Drug Store. dec 11-tf

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Scarr's Drug Store.