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

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

LOCAL DOGS.
A Merry Christmas.
Charlotte Grange Patrons of Husbandry met in their hall yesterday.

The new opera house when finished will comfortably seat 1,000 persons.

We have heard that another effort will be made to have the sentence of Baker commuted.

The Christmas services of the Episcopal Church will not be held to-day, owing to the repairs now going on in the church.

The deposits of the S. C., N. C., and A. T. & O. R. R. will be deposited to-day, and no business of any kind will be transacted.

The congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church will sing the weekly prayer meetings in the Court House.

The Farmer's Savings Bank of Mecklenburg county, will begin operations in the store house now occupied by Thos. A. Gaither on Trade Street.

Two negro men have been arrested as being connected with the robbery of the negro from the country on Monday, mention of which has been made in these columns.

Now don't get so drunk to say that when you go home at night you will put your umbrella to bed and stand you, elf in the corner of the passage.

The negro woman who picked the pockets of a country darkey of \$195 on Monday evening, has not yet finished the whereabouts of the stolen money.

The carriers will be around this morning with their addresses. We hope their labors for the public will not go unrewarded by the public.

Contributions to the Orphans.—We are instructed to say that Mrs. Z. B. Vance will be glad to receive contributions for the Orphans in the Calvary Asylum. While everybody else is making merry during the holidays, shall these children of the public be allowed to want?

Suspension.—It will be remembered that the OBSERVER will hide its diminished head from this morning until next Tuesday. (In consequence of this our devil is standing on his head, waiting for copy, as we write this.)

This Day.—Eighteen hundred and seventy-three years ago, there was born a child into the world, and they called his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." This is the anniversary of that day.

Episcopal Church.—We are requested to say that Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, D. D., recently consecrated Ass't Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, will officiate in St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 11 A. M. Sunday 28th.

Christmas Tree.—The Christmas Tree given the children of the Presbyterian Mission Sunday School yesterday was quite an elegant affair from all accounts, and was greatly enjoyed by the little folks.

New Idea Restaurant.—If any more of our citizens should be unable to get home on account of the streets being closed up, or they can get almost anything desirable in the eating line at the restaurant of Mr. Bennett Barnes, on Green Street.

Services To-day.—The usual Christmas service of the Roman Catholic Church, began yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock with consecration of the communications. Today mass will be celebrated at 6 and 7 o'clock. A. M.; High Mass at 10 A. M., during which there will be a sermon by the Priest, Rev. Father J. B. Hauds.

Personal.—Dr. Sam Bard, formerly Provisional Governor of Dakota, and now editor of the Atlanta News, was in Charlotte yesterday on his way from Washington, and took the Air Line train last night for Atlanta. Dr. Bard was last week appointed by the President, Post Master at Atlanta, and although considerable opposition is made by the present incumbent and his friends, Dr. Bard expresses himself as perfectly sure that the Senate will promptly confirm his nomination immediately upon its assembling after the holidays. He says that one of the causes leading his nomination by the President, was his persistent efforts in behalf of general amnesty.

Baker's Story of his Escape.—Joseph Baker has made a statement to Deputy Sheriff Caldwell, concerning his escape, which may prove of interest. He told Mr. Caldwell that, after cutting through the ceiling, he went into the garret between 12 and 13 o'clock. He said he made several attempts to escape the guard but could not. The watchman, Baker said, seemed to stay at the end next the cell, in which he was confined. He (the watchman) was around at the end where Baker got out a few minutes after 5 o'clock. In a few minutes he walked around to the outside and it was then that Baker let himself to the ground by means of his improvised rope.

New Advertisements.

Notice.
All persons indebted to the Singer Machine Co., for monthly payments on their Sewing Machines, are hereby notified not to make any payments to F. B. Wood, as he is not at this time nor has not been in the employ of the said company since Oct., 1873.

All gents now employed by us have written power of attorney to collect for us, and we will not be responsible for any payments made otherwise than to such agents, or at the office of said Singer Machine Company. H. C. TURPIN, dec 25-1f.

Sale of Valuable City Property.
BY virtue of an order of the Superior 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. Williamson, containing four city lots. Parties desiring to purchase can learn terms, &c., from the undersigned. 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 will give any desired information as to the property. A. BURWELL, Commissioner. dec 24 e-o-d 3f.

For Rent.
THE Store next to the storehouse now occupied by Gates Brothers, on College Street. Apply immediately to S. B. ALEXANDER. dec 24 tf

PURE LIQUORS!
FAMILY Supplies and Country Produce. 200 large fat Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks and Geese; 4 crates mutton Cabbage and Guinness; 5 to 15th each 100 bottles of He-ds, (5 to 15th each) 100 bottles of Irish Potatoes; 100 doz. 3 barrels of Sweet Irish Potatoes; 100 doz. 3 barrels of Sweet Mash country made Corn Whisky; 1 barrel country made Apple Brandy, which I warrant to be pure and free from any adulteration, just the thing for

Christmas Egg Nogg.
Our Bar is supplied with the above Liquors with various other Fancy Drinks for the

HOLIDAYS.
Families Supplied with Pure Liquors on the most reasonable terms by the quart or gallon.

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 style, in our SALOON, or sold to our customers at reasonable prices for Cash. Remember our C. O. D. bill must be paid every morning. B. N. SMITH, Opposite Court House. dec 24 tf

Rare Chance for the Christmas Holidays.
THE entire stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry &c., will be sold at public and private sale until all are sold. Commencing to-day at the Old Stand of the late R. W. Beckwith, near the Charlotte Hotel. HARRISON & McLEURE, dec 24 tf Auctioneers.

Notice to Shippers.
ON Thursday the 25th inst., our Depots will be closed, in order to give employees a chance to enjoy Christmas, and no business whatsoever will be transacted. W. W. PEGRAM, Agt, C. C. & A. T. & O. R. R. J. A. WILSON, Agt, R. D. & R. N. C. Div. dec 24 2f

FOR RENT.
I WILL offer for rent to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the city of Charlotte, on Saturday next, the 27th inst., at 12 o'clock M., for the year 1874, a 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. dec 23 td

Santa Claus' Headquarters.
AT F. J. REBMAN'S,
WHERE you will find an elegant assortment of Cakes, Candies and all kinds of Confectionaries, together with a very large assortment of Toys of all kinds, consisting of

DOLLS, HARMONICAS, CHINA JEWEL BOXES, CHINA TEA SETS, ACCORDIONS, 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 the city clock. dec 23 3f

WANTED.
A FEW Shares of Building and Loan Stock. T. H. GAITHER. dec 24 tf

FOR DECEMBER 25th!
RECEIVED this day another large lot of Toys and Fancy Goods 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 tires, painted and varnished, received this day, at PUREFOY'S. dec 23

R. F. DAVIDSON,
DEALER IN
FURNITURE,
NO. 4 WEST TRADE STREET,
Opposite Brem, Brown & Co's. Dry Goods Store.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.
Metallic Burial Cases, Caskets, Spring Beds and Mattresses, and a full assortment of Furniture always on hand. June 21

CHRISTMAS

AT
TIDDY'S BOOK STORE.
THE PLACE TO BUY
CHRISTMAS GIFTS,
OF
All Kinds and Descriptions.

CALL at TIDDY'S and see the largest 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,
Porte Folios, Work Boxes,
Scotch Goods, [new]

Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, new

Perfumery Cases,
Shells of the Ocean,

Toilet Sets,
Calendars,
Necessaries,
Pungents,
Writing Cases,
Cigar Stands,
Penholders,
Pen Wipers,
Gold Pens, Holders
and Pencils,
BIBLES,
PRAYER BOOKS,
HYMN BOOKS,
ALL SIZES.

GAMES
OF All Kinds,
From a 25c Card
To a \$10 Parlor
CROQUET SETT,
GOODS IN ANY QUANTITY Delivered
free of carriage anywhere within the city limits.

NEW GOODS by Express every day till Christmas.

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

Pleasure Ahead.
THE Skating Rink will be opened in L. Oates' Hall, Tuesday night, 23rd inst. and thereafter, regularly on Tuesday and Friday nights. Skating commences at 7 o'clock. Admission 25 cents. dec 23 1w F. H. ANDREWS, Sup.

MILLER'S HALL,

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY,
December, 24 & 25.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Return of the Favorite and Ever Welcome Berger Family.



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. Book Store.

The sale of reserved seats will commence on Monday December 22nd, at 10 o'clock. A. M. W. W. FOWLER, Business Manager. dec 19 5f

FOR CHRISTMAS!

JUST received on consignment 25 boxes nice large Irish potatoes, 10 sacks large Sweet potatoes, 25 boxes large fine Apples, 2 large Crates White Cabbage, 1000 Bushels sifted Meal, 25 sacks E. M. Hale & 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 yourself. D. N. SMITH. dec 17 tf

TO BUSINESS MEN

NEW LOT OF EXCELLENT JOB MATERIAL 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 dec 3

G. W. CHALK,

COMMISSION MERCHANT.
FOR THE SALE OF
Cotton, Flour, Grain, Tobacco, and other produce.
AGENT FOR FERTILIZERS.
College Street, Charlotte, N. C. sept 14

Hear the Christmas Bell Ring!

Santa Claus has come and his children are arriving daily. There are some who scatter broadcast over the daily sheet their fictitious 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 which you expect, not only to see a clear view of the subject, but a well kindled fire at the bottom. Now if you want to see some fine ornamental cakes, call on us. If you want 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, Chickens or anything else cooked, you can have it done to order in the nicest style. Finally, it is much harder to say what you can't find, or have done, than it is to get it, at

W. N. PRATHER & CO'S. dec 17 1f

JUST THINK!

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.
15 hundred Northern Apples.
15 hundred Oranges.
15 hundred Lemons. Citron in large quantities, chestnuts, bananas, 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. dec 20 1f C. S. HOLTON & CO.

AN ELEGANT STOCK.

CALL AND EXAMINE
F. M. SHELTON'S
FINE ASSORTMENT OF CHAMBER Suits, Waist-Coats, 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 on hand. dec 21 1f

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 shirt 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" engraved inside.

A liberal reward will be paid for these articles or for any information which will lead to their recovery. Apply at THIS OFFICE. dec 21 1f

Large Lot of Choice Cranberries and Apples.

For sale at
A. R. NISBET & BRO'S. dec 7

DR. F. SCARR,

and Druggist
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Prescriptions prepared at all hours of the Day and night.

Choice Green and Black Tea.
Selected especially for Family and Invalids, at
JAS. SCARR'S
June 29 Drug Store.

FRESH SPICES.
Just received a lot of select Spices for Pickles, Preserves, &c., at
F. SCARR'S
June 29 Drug Store.

Pure Salad Oil.
Finest article in Market.
at
F. SCARR'S
June 29, 1873 Drug Store.

THE BANK OF MECKLENBURG,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.
Authorized Capital \$500,000.

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

AT THE BANKING HOUSE OF TATE & DEWEY.

This Bank Chartered Under Act of the General Assembly and duly organized under Laws of the State of North Carolina, with ample means is prepared to transact

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 days.

Gold and Silver Coin, Bullion and Bank Notes Bought and Sold.

THOS. W. DEWEY, Cashier. Jan. 1 1873.

Turner's N. C. State Almanac.

It is undoubtedly the best publication of the kind in the State. There is none other to compare with it in point of useful information and general adaptation to the wants of our people.—*Carolina Watchman.*

••• This Almanac is the most valuable now published in North Carolina and should be in every family.—*Tarboro South-crover.*

Turner's ALMANAC.—This is one of the most complete almanacs ever published in North Carolina, and contains features that others have never known. A new and interesting feature is a record of the most important events that have occurred in the State during the foregoing year.
Christian Advocate.

For sale at
J. K. PUREFOY'S
Stationery Store. dec 11 1m3w3f

THE undersigned have received a complete 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.
CALL at A. R. Nisbet & Bro's and buy coffee, sugars, molasses, teas, cheese and salt.

CALL at A. R. Nisbet & Bro's and buy French candies, toy candies, sugar fruits, sick candies, &c.

CALL at A. R. Nisbet & Bro's and buy accordions, violins, guitars, tamborines music boxes, &c.

CALL at A. R. Nisbet & Bro's and buy toys of all kinds, for children.

CALL at A. R. Nisbet & Bro's and buy torpedoes, cannon and small fire-crackers, albums, vases, work boxes, &c., suitable for Christmas presents.

BOARDING.

MRS. A. W. MILLER is prepared to accommodate a few more boarders. Pleasant rooms, good fare and attentive servants. Apply at once.
Terms moderate. dec 9 1f

A Very Choice Collection

OF Hyacinths and Tulips, Direct from Holland. Also Crocuses, Narcissus, Ranunculus, Pansies, Anemons, and Crown Imperial. For early flowers, plant at once. Just received at
SCARR'S DRUG STORE.

New Homes for the New Year.

PARTIES having houses to lease may be assisted in securing tenants by placing the same in our hands. Fees moderate to landlords and tenants, and cover written contracts and counsel. We also negotiate sales of Residences and Lots in the city and farms in the vicinity.
GRAHAM & NASH,
Attorneys, Court House. dec 5 1m.

A Positive Assertion!

That the best Flour in the city is at J. S. WILLIAMSON & CO'S. Every sack or barrel warranted.
Our terms Cash. [nov 13-1f]

Hams! Hams!!

JUST received, a large lot of Hams. Also a lot of Elk Mountain Cheese, Hominy and Grits. Call soon and get a supply before we get out. J. L. BROTHERS & CO. dec 9

Prepared Cocoanut.

An elegant article for Pies, Caramels, Puddings, &c. For sale at
Scarr's Drug Store. dec 11-1f

Genuine Oswego Corn starch.

A Light and nutritious diet for invalids, infants and families.—A fresh supply, at Scarr's, Drug Store. dec 11-1f

To Rent.

Cottage, corner of 7th and Graham Streets, Smithville. F. A. McNICH. dec 21 1f