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LOCAL AFFAIRS: COTTON MARKET.—Sales yesterday were very light. The ruling price for low middling for 1874, at the following cheap rates, payable monthly, which admit of monthly, weekly or daily changes:

LOCAL DOTS. Two days and a half yet left to Baker. The schools generally will resume next Monday. Bishop Lyman returned to Raleigh on Monday night.

Prof. Phifer.—We are glad to know that this gentleman has so far recovered as to be able to be out, and it is expected that the concert by the Mozart Musical Society, for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum, which was postponed on account of his sickness, will be given next week.

THE VIRGINIUS TO BE LABELLED AND SEIZED BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—It has been ascertained from an official source, that the Virginus will be seized by the Collector of the Port of New York, and labelled by the District Attorney in accordance with instructions already forwarded to these officers.

BANK NOTICE. In accordance with usual custom the Banks of this city will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 1874, New Year Day, that being a legal holiday under State Law.

RAILROAD BONDS. C. C. & A. R. R. CO., TREASURER'S OFFICE, Columbia, S. C.

To the Merchants and Business Men of Charlotte.—We are proposed to contract for advertising in the DAILY OBSERVER, for 1874, at the following cheap rates, payable monthly, which admit of monthly, weekly or daily changes:

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in monthly session at the Court House next Monday. Col. John H. Wheeler, of North Carolina History fame, was registered yesterday at the Central Hotel.

The Strikers. COLUMBUS, OHIO, Dec. 29.—Two hundred striking engineers have assembled. Letters were read from engineers of other roads tendering half their pay. She meeting resolved to stand firm. The brotherhood opposed a resort to force to prevent others working the engineers.

THIS HOTEL is first-class in all respects. The fare is always good, and well prepared; the servants are polite and attentive; the rooms are comfortable and the beds always nice and clean.

FOR SALE. A COMPLETE set of "BLANCHARDS" improved machinery for making "PLOW HANDLES," capacity of which is 500 per day; also one 20 H. Power Engine and Boiler, Saw Mill, Pulleys, and Hangers, Wood Turning Lathe, Variety Moulding machine, belting, &c. Or in other words a "FIRST CLASS PLOW HANDLE FACTORY."

To Our City Subscribers.—Many of our subscribers in this city are behind in their payments for the OBSERVER for the year that ends to-morrow. We earnestly request that they will immediately settle up the amounts due, which, however trifling to each individual amount in the aggregate to a considerable sum.

St. Charles Hotel, Statesville.—We ask for attention to the fact of this really excellent house. It is what is claimed for it—a first class hotel. The Messrs Elliott, aided by Messrs Shields and Bell, well known hoteliers, will not allow a guest to leave the house dissatisfied.

Arrival of the Virginus Prisoners. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Junia with the Virginus survivors has arrived. The Health Officers found her sanitary condition good. The vessel proceeded to her dock. The survivors are excluded from visitors.

TO MY PATRONS! A Happy New Year to All. THE SUBSCRIBER feeling grateful for the very generous patronage extended to him during the past two years, respectfully asks a continuance of your kindness for the future.

WANTED. A FEW Shares of Building and Loan Stock. THE Store next to the storehouse now occupied by Oates Brothers, on College Street. Apply immediately to S. B. ALEXANDER.

Good Resolutions.—This is the season when everybody forms good resolutions for the next year. (A saloon proprietor said, yesterday afternoon, that business is "awful" dull from New Years until about the middle of January, when the good resolutions again set in and make up for two weeks lost time.)

Church Notes.—The churches on Sunday were filled with large audiences, all things considered, the day being bright though somewhat cold. The pulpits were occupied as usual by their pastors, except at the Episcopal and Methodist Churches.

The Midland North Carolina Railway Company. The London Financier, of the 5th inst., publishes the organization of this Company, with Hon. C. RANDOLPH THOMAS as President, Sir JAMES R. MACKENZIE, Bart, as Vice President, a number of English gentlemen on the Board of Directors, and APPLETON OAKSMITH, Esq., as General Manager.

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.

R. F. DAVIDSON, DEALER IN FURNITURE, NO. 4 WEST TRADE STREET. Opposite Brem, Brown & Co's. Dry Goods Store, CHARLOTTE, N. C. Metallic Bureaus, Caskets, Spring Beds and Mattresses, and a full assortment of Furniture always on hand.

Returning Home.—Samuel G. Brown, Esq., of York county, S. C., passed through Charlotte yesterday morning on his return from Albany Penitentiary, where he has been confined for more than two years charged with Ku Kluxing. Mr. Brown is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of York county. He seems to be in good health and spirits.

Assaulted and Robbed.—On Sunday last, while Mr. John Phifer, who lives in the "Logtown" section of this city, was walking along the C. C. & A. R. R., not a great distance from town, he came across two men on the railroad, one white and the other black.

Newbern Republic.—On Saturday afternoon last, Mrs. Mary Bratcher an aged and estimable lady of sixty years, wife of Mr. Lewis Bratcher at Bachelor Creek near this city, while attending to her household affairs, was so severely burned by her dress igniting from the flame in the fireplace, that she died in great agony within twelve hours after the dreadful calamity. Her husband, Mr. Bratcher, was severely burned upon the hands in his endeavors to extinguish the fire, which unfortunately he did not succeed in doing until his poor wife was burned nearly to a crisp. A daughter, Miss Susan, was also slightly burned.

THE BRIGHT MASON, CONCORD, N. C. The Only Paper in the SOUTHERN ATLANTIC STATES Devoted Entirely to MASONIC INTEREST. ONLY ONE DOLLAR A YEAR! Circulation now 6500. Clubs of 20 or more, 75 cts. Every MASON in the land should subscribe. Address, PUBLISHER BRIGHT MASON, Concord, N. C.

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

The Air Line Railroad.—It was announced in these columns some time ago that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had purchased from the Southern Railway Security Company its interest in the Atlanta and Richmond Air-Line Railroad. The sum paid, it is understood, says the Atlanta Constitution, is \$1,825,000. The purchase is made subject to the first mortgage, which amounts to about \$4,000,000, but the cost of the road has been upwards of \$8,000,000.

Rope Walking.—The DeOville Brothers will give one of their tight rope performances at the public square to-day, the rope being stretched from the top of the drug store of W. R. Burwell & Co. to that of Dr. J. H. McAden. They perform both together, acting the double trapeze, performing on stilts, personate drunken characters, walk enveloped in a sack, and perform many other daring and thrilling feats. The exhibition is free to all.

Important Sale! BY Virtue of a mortgage deed executed to me, I will begin on the 29th January and sell each successive day until sold out, the entire stock of goods of JNO. F. BUTT, consisting of Groceries, Confectioneries, &c. Terms positively CASH. dec 30 till day W. J. BLACK.

Important Sale! WE will sell at Auction at the Jewelry Store of the late R. W. Beckwith, on Wednesday, December 31st, 1873, One Swiss Regulator, one fire Proof Safe, Clocks, Watches and all the tools fixtures and other personal property. Terms Cash. HARRISON & McLURE, Auctioneers. dec 30 21

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. Large assortment of Spring Beds, always on hand. dec 21 ft

DR. F. SCARR, and Druggist Chemist. 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 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 Salsud Oil. Finest article in Market, at F. SCARR'S, June 29, 1872 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. Jan. 1 1873. THOS. W. DEWEY, Cashier.

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-erner. TURNER'S ALMANAC.—This is one of the most complete almanacs ever published in North Carolina, and contains features that others have never had before. 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 mdw3t

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, stick candies, &c. CALL at A. R. NISBET & Bro's and buy accordions, violins, guitars, tambourines, 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, allums, 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. dec 9 tf Terms moderate.

A Very Choice Collection OF Hyacinths and Tulips, Direct from Holland. Also, Crocuses, Narcissus, Ranunculus, Polyanthus, 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. BHAMAM & 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 13-14] 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 Coconut. AN Elegant article for Pies, Caramels, A Puddings, &c. For sale at SCARR'S Drug Store. Genuine Oswego Corn starch. A Light and nutritious diet for Invalids, A infants and families. A fresh supply, at Scarr's, Drug Store. dec 11-14 To Rent. Cottage, corner of 7th and Graham Streets, Smithville. F. A. MCNINCH. dec 21 ft