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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

JOS. P. CALDWELL, Local Editor.

Cotton Market.

MONDAY, February 16, 1874

Inferior, ... 6@10
Ordinary, ... 12
Good Ordinary, ... 13
Strict Good Ordinary, ... 13¾
Low Middling, ... 14¼
Market Quiet.
Sales to day, 65 bales.
New York Market quiet. Low Middling 15¼

LOCAL DOTS.

The Board of Aldermen met last night. Proceedings hereafter.

Large crowds of persons at each of the churches on Sunday.

The funeral services of Mrs. S C Wolfe took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from Tryon street M. E. Church.

A synopsis of Gov. Vance's Baltimore lecture will be found on our fourth page, copied from the Baltimore *Sun*.

A one-eyed steer pulled a load of wood into Charlotte yesterday for which the driver asked $1.25. Modest!

Jim Hinton and Lady Washington, horses which ran at our Fair last Fall, were among the successful racers which ran at the recent races in Savannah.

No one, so far as we can learn, has yet been able to learn the name of the unfortunate man who was killed by the train at Harrisburg depot last Wednesday night.

Twelve car loads of tobacco, the greater part of it from factories in North Carolina, will be shipped over the Air-Line R R this morning for points south.

A hard thing to do—sit in the gallery of a church and pay close attention to the sermon while the body of the church is filled partly with pretty girls. So says one who seems to have tried it.

Error.—We erred in Sunday's paper in saying that the Charlotte excursionists to Mardi Gras are stopping at the St James Hotel. They are at the St. Charles. We were misinformed as to the matter.

Returned.—Capt Waring and Col Brown Senator and Representative from this county have returned home, the Legislature having adjourned *sine die* on yesterday. These gentlemen say there was a virtual adjournment on Saturday evening.

Thanks.—We are indebted and hereby return thanks to H P Helper, Esq, of Davidson College, for copies of the "Impending Crisis of the South," "The Negroes in Negroland," and "Nojoque"—works of his brother, Hinton Rowan Helper.

The Fair Grounds.—We understand that the Grangers are negotiating for the grounds of the Fair of the Carolinas. We have heard it said that if they do not succeed in buying them, they will hold a Fair of their own in Charlotte next Fall.

Dr. Columbus Mills.—This gentleman who has been in St. Louis attending the National Grange will arrive in Raleigh tomorrow in time to preside at the meeting of the State Grange, of which he is Master. Dr Mills returns from St. Louis *via* Washington City.

Fire Water.—We are indebted to Messrs. J T Suggs & Co, through Mr. J A Bixby, for a bottle of the celebrated old Peter Hanger Rye Whiskey. This whiskey is distilled in Augusta county, Va., and is noted wherever it is known for its purity and excellence.

Robbery.—On Saturday night a thief or thieves entered the barn of W. J. Yates, Esq., editor of the *Democrat*, and stole therefrom three sets of harness, two horse collars and one fine bridle. In addition to this the thief tore the gates from their hinges, and left them lying on the ground.

Supreme Court.—We learn from Raleigh that the Supreme Court reached the end of the docket yesterday, and will to-day take up the cases which have been placed at the end. We learn, further, that about forty cases will have to be disposed of before the Mecklenburg cases are reached.

Bold Act.—Yesterday morning Mr. Jno A Newell, who lives about seven miles from Charlotte, came into town horseback and hitched his horse in the vacant lot in rear of the store occupied by Geo W Chalk & Co, corner of Trade and College streets. When he got ready to leave town he went to his horse and found that during his absence some one had stolen the saddle from its back, leaving the horse and the blanket. There is no clue to the thief.

Personal.—Maj. C. Dowd, President of the Commercial Bank of Charlotte, has returned from the North.

Col H P Hammett, Mayor of Greenville, was at the Central yesterday.

Col J P Thomas, of the C. M. I., left the city last evening for Columbia, where the tax-payers' convention meets to-day. He will probably extend his visit to Charleston in the interest of the Institute.

We see from the Raleigh *News* that Col. W R Myers, of this city, has been appointed by Gov. Caldwell one of the directors of the Insane Asylum, and that the Senate has confirmed the nomination.

Narrow Escape.—We learn that on Sunday a little negro child, whose parents live on Church street near the Statesville Railroad, made a very narrow escape from being burned to death. The child was left in the cradle before the fire, while its mother went into the basement of the house, where she remained for some time. Presently she heard loud screams from the child, as though it were in great agony, and running up stairs she found that the fire had communicated itself to the clothes in the cradle, and that the child was being severely scorched. The mother seized it and rescued it from the cradle before it had been much injured. A little later, however, and the child would have been severely if not fatally burned.

Mardi Gras Day.—To-day, Shrove Tuesday, or *Shrovetide*, called by the Germans *Fast Nacht* (fast eve) and by the French *Mardi Gras* (fat Tuesday) is the day before the first Wednesday of Lent. It obtained its name from the universal custom in all Roman Catholic communities to visit the confessional, making acknowledgment of sins, and thus to prepare for Lent. After the confession the remainder of the day was at first only a holiday, but soon became more or less a period of merriment and license. All kinds of amusemedts were tolerated in the observance, provided the participants abstained from eating flesh. The occasion is less boisterously celebrated now, but among the French and their descendants it is still a standing period of fun and frolic.

Mayor's Court.—Mary Ann Wallace and Fanny Simonton, colored, were before the Mayor yesterday morning for drunkenness and disorderly conduct on Sunday night in a house on College street between Trade and Fourth. They were made to dance to the tune of $7 and costs, each.

T H Harris, a white man, was also before His Honor for wrestling on Sunday in rear of the Central Hotel, thereby creating an excitement and drawing a crowd, which made a noise and disturbance very much to the scandal of the city. Mr. Harris paid $1 and the cost.

Two countrymen, named Pharr and Misby, were in town yesterday afternoon, and after slashing an unlimited number of "straights" beneath their belts, began bantering each other for a horse trade. In the discussion as to the comparative merits of their horses, they quarreled and became very noisy. The fight, however, was spoiled by Misby stumping his toe and falling with his head on a rock. After this, both parties were arrested and carried before the Mayor, who fined Misby $10 and cost, and put him up until he got sober.

A Great Deal of Smoke and no Fire.—Sunday afternoon, a little white boy reported to a number of persons at the C C & A R R Depot that a small colored boy had fallen in the well which is just at the end of the N C R R, and at the side of the railroad eating house. The boy said he was standing on the platform when the little negro went up to the well with a bucket; that presently he heard the chain drop off the pulley, and, looking around the negro was nowhere to be seen. The boy expressed himself as morally certain that he had fallen in the well, and, as part proof, pointed to a hat lying on the ground near the place.

This story created quite a sensation, and soon all manner of hooks were brought into requisition. These were lowered, one kind after another, and the body was fished for until some time up in the night.—The efforts of the party to find it were, however, unavailing, and operations were suspended until yesterday morning. Then they were resumed with renewed earnestness.

The water in the well was about 12 feet deep, and it was thought probable that the body had sunk to the bottom, and that this was the reason why the hooks had failed to bring it up. Hence it was decided to draw off all the water, or as much of it as should be necessary, and to this end the forces went to work. One bucketful after another was drawn out and as the bucket reached the top each time, the dusky workers and lookers-on extended their eyes wider and wider, in expectation of seeing the mangled remains of the drowned boy appear to their gaze.

By and by it occurred to some of the party that it was somewhat singular that no boy in the vicinity had been missing; but as many maintained a stradfast belief that the boy was in the well, the drawing process went on until the well was drained as dry as could be by means of buckets.

Having exhausted the water, the buckets began to come up filled with mud and dirt, and about 4 o'clock in the afternoon the whole party quit work, having had their labor for their pains, and very thoroughly disgusted with themselves for having for a moment believed such an improbable story. There being no boy in the well of course none was pulled out of it.

Save Your Doctor's Bill.—When Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry will cure coughs, colds, bleeding at the lungs, and arrest the fell destroyer, consumption, it does more than most physicians can do. The use of a single bottle, costing one dollar, will satisfy the incredulous that they need look no further for the required aid.
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Regulations for Lent in the Diocese of Richmond and Vicariate Apostolic of North Carolina.—The following, says the Richmond *Dispatch*, are the regulations for the coming Lenten season as officially promulgated by the Right Reverend Bishop of the diocese:

1. The Lent this year will commence on Ash-Wednesday, the 18th of February:

2. Every day of Lent (Sundays excepted) is a fast-day, binding on all not legitimately dispensed. Only one full meal (to be taken after mid-day) is allowed by law.

3. Flesh-meat is allowed on Sundays at all the meals; and on weed-days, at the principal meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, except the first, the second, and last Saturday.

4. To those who fast, custom allows in the morning a cup of coffee, of tea, or chocolate made with water, and a small portion of bread; also an evening collation, not to exceed the fourth part of an ordinary meal. Those not having control of their times of repast, and forced to take their dinner at a late hour in the afternoon, are permitted to transfer the collation to the morning.

5. Flesh-meat and fish are not to be used during Lent at the same meal.

6. Excluding flesh-meats, if the proportion customary for a collation be not exceeded, it is permitted to use at collation the articles of food, such as fruit, butter, cheese, eggs, or even fish.

7. The preparation of food with hog's lard is allowed.

8. Being under 21 years of age, old age, infirmity of health, pregnancy, the nursing infants at the breast, and hard labor, are good causes of dispensation from the fast. But good reasons for being exempt from the fast are not always reasons to be exempted from the abstinence.

9. The Paschal-time extends from the first Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday; during which time Catholics who have attained the use of reason are bound to make confession of their sins, and, when approved by their confessors, to receive Holy Communion. A child at the age of seven years is considered bound by the law of confession. Parents should take notice of this fact.

Given at Richmond this 2nd day of February, 1874. By order of Right Rev. Jas. Gibbons, Bishop of Richmond and Administrator Apostolic of North Carolina.

Died.—In this city, on the 12th and 14th inst, the infant son Robert Morrison, and daughter Rosa Variena, of L. A. and M. M. Blackwelder.

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