Strict Good Ordinary..... Market weak. Sales to day, 179 bales. New York Market weak, spots declined Low Middling 151.

#### LOCAL DOTS.

Fire wood is commanding tall prices at

March will soon be here, and kite flying will then supercede shinny.

Neither the Mayor nor any of the Magistrates had a single case for trial yesterday. Disciples of Themis say this week is the dullest known in three months.

We noticed D J Carter, Esq., of the Lancaster Ledger, on the streets yesterday. The Mercantile Reading Association o Charlotte, will have a hop this evening. We all would know now how to appreciate good weather.

The time returns when our young men will lean over gates on moonlight nights. and admire one particular flower.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the ceding of Florida to the United States by Span. This transaction was in 1821.

A stray member of the late lamented Charlotte occasionally.

Granger, Jim Hinton, and Lady Washington, all horses well known in Charlotte. will run at the Charleston races.

The moral health of the community is good now, except that they will take the saddle off a horse occasionally.

Yesterday was a cold, raw and disagreewas most needed, nearly everybody was

The services in the Roman Catholic Church to-day, will consist of recitations of the losary of the B. V. M., at 7:39 p. m with reading of meditation.

Carrier boys are not allowed to sell copies of the OBSERVER, and any one seeing a carrier seiling or attempting to sell pa pers

ing at 7 o'clock.

the origin of the fire or the probable loss.

a cotton market, and every day car load Dead . after car load is carried off. We venture Chrriotte.

Dried Apple Pies. - People tell us that the dried apple pie season is at hand. We would like to be the possessor of a breech-loading double bareled shot-gun and get just one glimpse of the person who made the first dried apple pie; for Of all the poor grub beneath the skies, The poorest is dried apple pies.

The Mardi Gras Excursionists .- We learn that some of the Charlotte excursionists to Mardi Gras, left New Orleans on their return to Charlotte on Wednesday morning. Some of them expected to stop over one day at Mobile and one at Montgomery, while others are expected to ar Myers, of the Charlotte party, extended his trip to Texas, and H C Eccles, Esq., went from New Orleans to Jacksonville, Fla.

Street Work .- We are glad to note that the Street Commissioner is putting rocks in that level place in the street in front of Harty's China Store. It is a perfect lake soon be in a much better condition than they now are. It strikes us that the Board of Aldermen might better afford to pay out money for keeping in order the streets many new ones and widening alleys. It seems to us a little ridiculous to be opening and widening so many unimportant streets when the main thoroughfares of the city are in such a wretched condition as they are. Charlotte does not need new streets near so bad as she needs that those which she already has be made better. For instance, while the street force is engaged in opening and extending Fourth street,

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HOMICIDE IN STATESVILLE.

A Distressing Case-J. D. Elliott Shoots and Kills C. T. Neal in the St. Charles Hotel-Full Particulars.

From Conductor Jones, Route Agent Barkley, and other gentlemen who arrived in Charlotte vesterday morning over the A. T. & O. Railroad, we gather full particulars of a shocking homicide which occurred in Statesville on Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock. The victim was a young man, Charles T Neal, and his slayer Joseph D Elliott, the son of the proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel.

Mr. Neal was a native of Richmond, and last Sunmer went to Statesville and engaged in the tobacco business with J H McElwee, Esq. About three weeks ago he went to Richmond on a visit to his relatives, saying that he would return at the expiration of two weeks. He was a boarder at the St. Charles Hotel, and left owing the proprietor a bill of something like \$40 or \$50. He did not return at the end of two weeks, nor was anything heard of him. In consequence of this it began to be noised about that he had run away without paying his debts, several of which he had left unsettled, and did not intend to return. Young Elliott, it is stated, gave currency to this report, and announced his intention, if Neal did not return by a certain time, of writing to his (Neal's) father and asking him to forward the

amount of his son's indebtedness. On Thursday morning, however, Neal returned to Statesville, and was not long General Assembly, still stumbles into in hearing of the report which had been put in circulation about him. He went to Jo. Elliot and talked very sharply to him about the matter, and as they would meet at different times are ill-tempered sparring would occur. On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Neal, so it is told us, made the remark that he "believed he would thrash out the whole establishment and go to the other hotel," (the Simonton House). There is able day. Of course, just at the time it another report that he said "if Jo. Elliott fooled with him any more he would kill him," but this is denied.

After aggravating each other in almost

every conceivable way for nearly two days, they met in the office of the St Charles Hotel Wednesday evening, when their wrangling was resume I. After it had continued for some time, Jo. Elliott left the room, and going to his father who was in the back part of the house, told him will confer a fayor by reporting the fact to that if he did not have Neal taken out he would kill him. Mr. H C Elliott, the fa Local news is singularly scarce just ther, thereupon went into the office, and now, and waik through every street and catching hold of Neal, who was sitting bealley in town though one may, he will fore the fire with his hands in his pockets, pull up at his journey's end and report told him to go to theother house-that he didn't want him there any longer. The Lovers of good books will do well to at- young man got up, when Mr. Elliott, gettend the auction sale at the store opposite ting in front of him, put a hand on each the Court House. A rare-opportunity is shoulder and pulled him toward the door. offered for purchasing valuable works at Neal made no great resistance, but protestvery low prices. Sales will continue Fri- ed, saying, "Wait awhile, let me tell you," day and Saturday nights only, commenc- but Mr. Elliott repeated his former remark that he didn't want him in the house any longer, and continued to draw him for-Vire in Statesville .- We learn that the | ward. When the couple were near the kitchen attached to the dwelling house of door, Jo. Eiliott walked up behind Neal Mr P L Rose, of Statesville, caught on fire and reaching his arm around him, placed about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and the muzzle of a heavy Smith & Wesson was totally consumed. We did not hear pistol at his breast. It was all in an instant, the report of the pistol sounded through the house; Charife Neal stood Charlotte as a Cotton Market .- Char- perfectly still for a moment; then recllotte is im proving steadily all the time as ed, and fell into the arms of Dr. J J Mott,

It was a ranging shot. The ball enter gallons of milk per day. B. F. TYE. to say that no inland town of its size in ling the right breast of the unfortunate the South handles more cotton than does | young man, and, coursing crosswise, entered his heart. Almost by the time he could be laid on the floor he was a corpse. As he fell he exclaimed "You did it, but in cowardly way." The wound was probed by Drs. Campbell & Cowan, and the course of the ball found to be as above

After the shooting young Elliott walked deliberately over to the office of Col. R F Armfield, which is in the Court House, diagonally opposite the hotel, and secured the services of that gentleman as his counsel. Col. Armfield advised him to surrender himself, and he remained in the office until a constable came with a warrant for him. Elliot gave himself up, and was taken before Justice M F Freeland rive in Charlotte this morning. Col W R for preliminary examination. Up to the time that the train left Stateshad not been concluded.

The verdict rendered was in accordance same are paid.

with the facts as stated above. Elliott is said to have maintained a perfor a week after a rain. Mr. Northey is an fect coolness, and after the shooting drank efficient officer, and if he had a stronger a cup of coffee and then lit a cigar, talking street force and money enough to carry all the time in the most free and easy 300 BARRELS in fine order, comprisout his ideas, the streets of Charlotte would manner. The writer of this article knows the young man well. He is not more than 20 years of age, and up to the time of this unfortunate occurrence, had borne an irreproachable character. He is amiable and which we now have, than for opening so social, generous almost to a fault, and has very many friends in Statesville, the place where he is best known. Jo. Elliott is the very last person we were prepared to hear charged with having taken the life of a fellow-being.

Charles T Neal, the victim, is, as we have said, a native of Richmond, Va. He is a son of T D Neal, Esq., one of the most prominent tobacconists of that city, and a gentleman of wealth and influence. Chas. teams are sticking in the mud of Trade Neal has 2 brothers who are wealthy to- ers, Parlor Brackets, &c., &c., all of which bacco manufacturers of Danville, Va. The will be sold at low figures.

slain man was not more than 21 years of age. He was rather wild, but was kind of heart, and had made many friends since his removal to Statesville. He was known to be very courageous, and a young man who would not for a moment brook an in sult, but did not have the reputation of a brawler or bully. His father was telegrahed to from this place yesterday, and is expected to arrive in Statesville this morn

It should have been stated in the proper place that Jo. Elliot alleges, as his excuse for the shooting is, that he believed that Neal was trying to kill his (E's) father when he (N.) was being taken out of lire house.

We have made a p'ain statement o the facts in the case as we have heard them. Of course it is not our province, at this stage of the case, to offer any comments,

inasmuch as the matter is in the courts. The shooting occasioned the greatest excitement in Statesville, and feeling ran high on both sides. It is a most deplorable case, and it will be many a day before Wednesday night last will be forgotten in the town where the bloody tragedy was

The Atlanta & Richmond Air-Line Railroad .- A largely-attended meeting of the holders of the first-mortgage bonds of the Atlanta & Richmond Air-Line R R. Company was held yesterday at the office of Lancaster, Brown & Co., No. 1, Exchange Court. Mr. B R McAlpine presided. It was resolved to proceed at once to a foreclosure, and the following gentlemen were appointed a committee for the State Distillery, with machinery, fixtures purpose: G H Mumford, O H Palmer, H &c W Sibley, Eugene Kelley, Adran Iselin. Lucius Tuckerman and John H Fisher .-It was stated that there was alikelihood of a compromise with the Pennsylvania R R | Paid for. Company, as most of the Stock of the Air-Line was owned by this Company. It was resolved to deposit the bonds with the Farmer's Loan & Trust Company, receiving certificates therefor .- New 1 . & Journal of Commerce, Feb. 14.

Death of W. H. McCaw .- By referit will be seen that W H McCaw, Esq. of Columbia, died in that city yesterday from the effects of the explosion of a kerosene lamp. We make this announcement with the most profound regret. The public will by Col. J P Thomas and Mr. LaMotte, and to that paper over the signature of "Qui-Vive." Eouth Carolina can ill afford to lose such men as Mr. McCaw, and his sad and untimely death will be felt throughout all her borders.

Grumbling.-The resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen at its last meeting, mposing a tax of \$25 per month on all persons selling beef at any other place in the city than at the Market House, is creating considerable grumbling among those who have been in the habit of selling from cellars and other private places.

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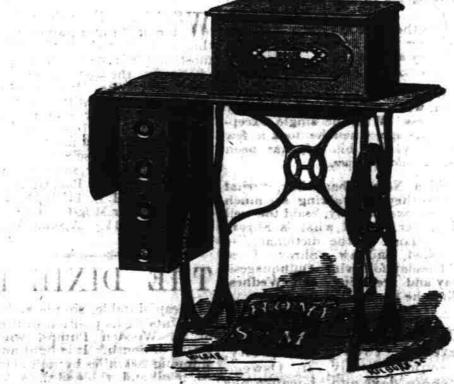
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