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FALL TRADE FOR 1874.
1500 Cases Boots and Shoes
TO BE SOLD AT THE BOOT AND SHOE HOUSE
SMITH & FORBES,
Tryon Street, CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nearly opposite Central Hotel.
Within the next ninety days, we intend to sell a large stock of Men's, Women's, Boys', Misses' and Children's BOOTS, SHOES and HATS, comprising all grades, with a proportion of which have been
Manufactured Expressly to Our Own Order.
Merchants in Charlotte, as well as those in the surrounding country, will find it to their advantage to call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.
If you wish to sell Goods as low as any house in New York, Boston, or Baltimore, with freight added. They can always save the expense of a trip North by buying from
SMITH & FORBES,
Between the First National Bank and Bank of Mecklenburg.

FALL TRADE 1874.
WE ARE NOW OFFERING TO PURCHASERS unparalleled inducements to buy their
Boots, Shoes, Hats, Trunks, &c.,
AT OUR
600 and Shoe Establishment, in 1st National Bank Building.
Opposite Central Hotel, Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
We keep the only strictly Retail Boot and Shoe Store, to be found in the city, and having bought our goods exclusively for CASH, in such quantities as to command low prices we flatter ourselves that we cannot be undersold in the South. Call and see us, and we will satisfy you that we have the best stock of goods ever offered to the RETAIL TRADE.
WADE & PEGRAM.

MRS. P. QUERY,
Has the Largest and Finest stock of
MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS
in the State. Call and see her.

CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA & AUGUSTA R. R.
Charlotte Agency, Oct. 20th, 1874.
The Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad
INVITES the attention of all Merchants and Cotton Shippers in Charlotte, and upon the roads connecting there, to the extraordinary advantages of connections with all Northern Ports and South Atlantic Sea Ports enjoyed over its lines.
1st. The Great Atlantic Coast Line via Columbia, Wilmington and Portsmouth to Baltimore, Daily, Insurance 3 per cent.
Philadelphia, Daily, Insured.
NEW YORK, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY INSURANCE 1 PER CENT. BOSTON, TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, INSURANCE 1 PER CENT. PROVIDENCE, WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
2d. By way Wilmington and Direct Steam Line to Baltimore, Wednesdays and Saturdays, Insurance 2 per cent.
PHILADELPHIA, EVERY WEDNESDAY, INSURANCE 1 PER CENT. NEW YORK WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS, INSURANCE EQUALIZED TO THAT OF NORFOLK.
3d. By the Charleston Line to Baltimore, Weekly.
PHILADELPHIA, EVERY FRIDAY, TO NEW YORK, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS, TO BOSTON, EVERY SATURDAY.
THE unrivalled Steam Line facilities of the three Ports of Portsmouth, Wilmington and Charleston, and the combined equipments of the C. C. & A., W. C. & A., and other roads, enable us to bid for cotton and all other merchandise in unlimited quantities, and assure our patrons of absolute freedom from detention.
Gen'l Manager, HOB. R. R. BRIDGERS.
Gen'l Superintendent, COL. JOHN B. PALMER.
Gen'l Freight Agent, H. S. ANDERSON.
W. W. PEGRAM, Agent.

N. C. HARRY & CO.,
House, Sign and Frescoe Painters.
PARTICULAR attention paid to Frescoping Churches and Town Halls, throughout the Country. Office under Central Hotel.
DON'T FORGET TO CALL AT THE
STORE OF
W. N. PRATHER & CO.,
First door above the Market House, and get some of those fine Bolivia Apples, which are so beautiful to look at and so good to eat. Also, Oranges, Lemons, Cocoanuts, Pine-apples, &c.
Molasses Taffy, something the little ones like so WELL, fresh every day.
FRESH ARRIVAL OF
Latest style LADIES HATS, PLUMES, FLOWERS and TRIMS, for our retail trade. Call and see them Ladies before they are all gone. At the retail store of
WITKOWSKY & RINTELS.
JUST RECEIVED BY EXPRESS
New Style Felt Hat, Beaded Trimming, Steel Buttons, Ostrich Feathers, Breakfast Shawls, Knit Jackets and many other varieties at
KOOPMAN & ROTHSCHILDS.
Nov. 28.

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Subscribers will please look out for the cross mark on their papers. They are thus notified that their term of subscription has expired; and are respectfully requested to renew at once.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.
One Square one time, \$1 00
" " two days, 1 50
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" " three weeks, 10 00
" " one month, 12 00
Contract Advertisements taken at proportionately low rates.
Five Squares estimated at a quarter-column, and ten squares as a half-column.

CITY BULLETIN.
There's talk of a hop.
And the Swiss Bell Ringers come next.
Pioneers will take heed to the advertisement of their President.
And there are rumors in the air of still other marriages yet! Roll on the bell!
The Columbia Phoenix, of October 23, reached our office yesterday. As well never as so late.
Remember to look out for the transit of Venus on the 8th inst. If you miss the sight then you will have to wait until 1882.
The Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad, is putting up an engine and car shed, 33x26, near its depot, (the C. C. & A.) in this city.
We call attention to the advertisement of the Magic Polish. The proprietor claims that it contains no mercury. We have seen it clean window glass very well.
Just after supper last evening, the office of the Central Hotel was more lively looking than it has been since Fair Week. It was crowded with people.
There were no cases in the Mayor's Court yesterday, and there have been no misdemeanors to speak of in the city since Court began. Verily, Judge Schenck is about to break up our business.
Stocks of Christmas goods already adorn many of our stores, and infantile minds are perplexed with a calculation as to how many days it is before Santa Claus will come.
It will be seen by advertisement in another column that Prof. Wm. Hare will give three performances in the Charlotte Opera House, beginning to-night. We are slow to recommend a show.
We don't recognize the rights of goats to run at large as they do on the public streets. If a few more were turned loose on the community, every fellow will have to leave town, or else a few skunks will have to be introduced to sorter tone down the scent in the atmosphere.
Large Yield.
Mr. W. D. Tharp, of North Iredell, sowed last Fall one quart of Tappahannock Wheat, and it yielded him 2 1/2 bushels and 1/2 gallon. This shows what this county can do in the production of wheat if the farmers would pay it the proper attention, by sowing only the best seed and putting it in rich land.

Cotton Yesterday.
More cotton was sold in yesterday than on any previous day this season. The platform was crowded with it late in the afternoon, and what with the cotton brokers sampling it, the weighers weighing it, the inspector inspecting it, and the truckmen loading, the scene was a busy and cheerful one.
Venus Visible.
The planet Venus is now visible in broad daylight, Eastward of the sun, under favorable conditions of the atmosphere. She is best seen in the afternoon. She has attained her greatest brilliancy and will gradually lose her light till the 8th of this month, when she will be visible only as a black spot moving slowly across the disc of the sun.
Mis-statements.
In our mention in Tuesday's paper, of Mr. Gregory's broker office, we made two mis-statements: He does not sell to country merchants, but only to city merchants, and those of a few neighboring towns. He does not keep the stocks always on hand, but orders are given him, and he forwards them and has them filled. These are little things, but are calculated to mislead.

A Fool Nigger.
Yesterday at noon, in carrying the prisoners back from the Court House to the jail, in some way or other one of them was overlooked. All the others had guards assigned to them except this one, and he, fool like, just walked quietly along the street, until the officer counted over his prisoners, found one missing, and took him in charge. He ought to be sent to the Penitentiary for life.
Speedy Justice.
On the 25th ultimo, a negro named Abe White, and another, stole two bags of cotton from the plantation of Messrs. Stenhouse, Macaulay & Co., near Pineville. They both ran off immediately, and was yesterday apprehended in this city, the other escaping thus far. The captured one was carried before Justice Martin, who turned him over to the Grand Jury. A true bill was found and given to the Solicitor, and in less than two hours the negro was tried, convicted, and sentenced to the Penitentiary.
This reminds us of the history of the "good ole dese," as Josh Billings calls them, when recals didn't go for weeks and months and years "unwhipt of justice," as they have latterly.

St. Charles Hotel,
STATESVILLE, N. C.
SITUATED in the Centre of Town.
THIS HOTEL has been thoroughly refitted and refurnished and under my management, as lessee, offers to the travelling public the advantages of a first-class Hotel.
Omni-bus at the depot on the arrival and departure of all trains.
M. SCHLOSS, Formerly of Raleigh.
NATIONAL HOTEL,
SALISBURY, N. C.
MOST conveniently situated for commercial travelers, of any House in the City.
Every delicacy in season.
Sep. 5

Lost Alligator.
Some days ago an express messenger between Charlotte and Richmond, started out from here with an alligator in his charge, consigned to Richmond. When he got there and went to check off his freight, the alligator was missing. He looked and looked, turned over boxes and one thing and another, but that alligator never has been found. What became of it is "one of those things no fellow can find out." Maybe it crawled to the door, box and all, and got away, while the door was open.

Personal.
We had the pleasure of a call yesterday from Col. Nathaniel Knight, of the Wadesboro Argus; Col. K. is one of the most venerable quill-drivers in the State.
Col. C. Bouknight, of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, was in the city yesterday.
The editor returned unexpectedly yesterday, without having gone to the meeting of the Cheap Transportation Association, as he intended.

Ben Sneed.
There are two persons who mourn the fate of Ben Sneed, who was sent on yesterday by Judge Schenck; the City Marshal and the local historian. Ben has furnished the former many a fee, and the latter many an item; for whenever a morning passed that Ben wasn't at the Mayor's matinee, we always took courage and knew he would be there next morning. Ben, farewell! "Bring in another horse!"

Improving.
The young man Parish, who was shot about fifteen days ago, at the boarding house of Mr. McNinch, is gradually improving. He is able to be up occasionally, and to walk about for a short time. The ball has never been extracted, and the young man still suffers with a pain in his stomach at odd intervals. The mother of young Norris, who did the shooting, has been very kind to the wounded man, nursing him assiduously and do everything in her power to alleviate his sufferings.

Lecture at the Carolina Military Institute.
On Friday evening next there will be a lecture at the Institute, beginning at 7.30. The lecturer will be the Rev. W. H. Campbell, of Wimsboro, S. C., who is well known in that State as an able divine and an accomplished writer and speaker. As the Rev. Mr. Campbell is a finished elocutionist, an intellectual treat may be anticipated. His subject, "The Tragedy of Macbeth," will no doubt be handled in a style both graceful and strong. The parents and friends of Cadets, and the public generally are invited to attend.

Ejected for Bad Conduct.
A drunken man was guilty of disorderly conduct at the opera last night, and declined to cease his obnoxious demeanor or to leave. Policeman Healy promptly and properly ejected him, and though he resisted with all his might, he was dragged down the steps and hurried off to the lock-up. The noise made created a good deal of excitement, but did not interfere with the opera. Officer Healy is entitled to credit for the prompt manner in which he discharged his duty.

The Mantua Makers, Not the Milliners.
A note from one of the milliners of the city yesterday, tells us that we were mistaken yesterday morning in saying that none of the milliners of the city would take an order for a dress in a month. She says it is the mantua-makers who are so busy, and not the milliners, and calls our attention to the difference between the two. Well, so be it; we were never good at drawing nice distinctions, and we didn't know before whether the mantua-makers made the bonnets and hats, and the milliners the dresses, or whether the milliners made the bonnets and hats, and the mantua-makers the dresses. We know they both work on female harness, and that's all we do know about it. So it is the mantua-makers who make the dresses who are so busy, and not the milliners who make the bonnets, for they don't make dresses. Now we have it.

The Opera House Last Night.
The people of Charlotte never had the opportunity of attending just such an entertainment as was presented last evening at the Opera House. Boleman Girl was produced with decided success by the Holman English Troupe, the best that has ever visited Charlotte, and one of the best that has ever travelled South. There was not near such a crowd present as the company deserved, and as its reputation warranted us in expecting. Such music is rarely ever heard before Southern footlights as was rendered by Miss Sallie Holman, as Arline, and she charmed as much with her face and manner as with her voice. She manifests sprightliness and versatility, and quite won the hearts of the audience, particularly that part composed of the young men. Thaddeus, by Mr. Ryse, was more than creditable to that gentleman. The overture was charming; the combination of voices is extraordinarily fine, and from the beginning to the end, the interest of the audience never flagged, and the applause was never anything less than enthusiastic and general.
The evening's entertainment concluded with the laughable farce "Caught at Last." It brought roars of laughter from the audience, and was of itself an entertainment. The Opera House rang with the repeated peals of laughter, and everybody left in a high good humor.
Upon the whole the company is an excellent one. We are sorry they stay with us in so short, and hope it will give us a call next season.

Attempt at Robbery.
Last evening about 9 o'clock, a very daring attempt was made to rob the money drawer of the store of Mr. John Roberts, on Tryon Street, near the Methodist Church. Mr. Roberts was in the next store, conversing with Mr. J. F. Robman, the proprietor, and after talking some time with him started into his own. As he got to the door he observed a negro reaching over the counter, and heard the lock of the money drawer turn. He walked easily up to the man, laid his hand on his back, and as he turned, a scuffle ensued in which the negro threw Mr. Roberts against a rack and put him in such a position as to force him to either catch himself or be badly hurt. He released his hold with one hand and the negro escaped. Mr. R. pursued him down Tryon street into Sixth, from Sixth into College, and up College for a considerable distance, but became exhausted and was forced to give up the chase.
The would-be thief took off his shoes and stockings at the door, before entering the store, and these are now in Mr. Roberts' possession. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Robman were sitting in a room of the store, Mrs. Robman in full view of the negro, yet, strange to say, she did not see him.

Reports of the Grand Jury.
The Grand Jury was discharged yesterday afternoon about half past four o'clock, after a very long and arduous session. They were discharged with very complimentary remarks by His Honor. The Grand Jury made two reports, which we append herewith which are well worthy consideration; particularly that one in relation to four terms of Court per year. It is evident that two terms are too few for a county with as much legal business as this one, and we hope the Legislature will favorably consider this report and the recommendation which it contains. These meet with the hearty approbation of the members of the bar, and, indeed, all interested. That part of the second report which refers to the Court House, is also of importance. Although the Jury does not exactly recommend a new one or changes in the present one, their sense on the subject seems very plain. The present Court House is old and dilapidated; is an unsightly structure, badly arranged, ill-adapted to its uses, and not such a Court House as such a county should have.
The following are the reports:
CHARLOTTE, N. C. Dec. 2nd, 1874.
FALL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY.
To the Hon. D. Schenck,
Judge of the 9th Judicial District:
SIR:—We the undersigned Grand Jurors of the Court and County aforesaid, would respectfully recommend and petition the Legislature of North Carolina, the necessity of four regular sessions of the Superior Court of two weeks each (per year) for Mecklenburg County, instead of two regular terms and the necessity of special courts as it has been heretofore.

Judge Onderdonk and Mr. Matthews.
Mr. Edward Matthews, of the Carolina Central Railway Company, has addressed a circular to the members of the General Assembly of North Carolina, a copy of which is in our possession. It is in reply to certain charges made against him in a circular addressed to the same body by Judge H. G. Onderdonk. Mr. Matthews replies specifically to all the charges made against himself and the administration of the road, and deals Judge Onderdonk some very heavy blows. He says among other things: "So far as I can learn, Onderdonk is alone in his opposition to the Company. He has tried in vain to get other stockholders to join him. To the best of my knowledge, every other stockholder is satisfied with the management of the road."

Court Yesterday.
The Court had a busy day yesterday, from early in the morning until nearly dark. As part of the fruits of the day's labors, seven negroes were sentenced to quarters in the Penitentiary. The following are the names of the negroes, their offences and sentences and the trials of these consumed the day:
Taylor McLean, for forgery, (changing an order from \$2 to \$5) sentenced to 10 years; Adam Lee, for stealing, 2 years; Nathan Barnes, stealing, 5 years; Peter McRorie, stealing, 5 years; Ben Sneed, stealing, 5 years; Lam Heart, stealing, 2 years; Abe White, stealing, 2 years.

The Sorrows of a Clerk.
The other day, a clerk for one of our business houses had business for the firm in one of the upper counties of South Carolina, and as he was about starting, one of the firm begged him that he had a horse and mule which he had taken for debt a few days previous; so he told the clerk just to go through the country, taking his horse and mule along with him, and sell them while he was gone, if he could get a good price for them. The clerk started out, riding the horse, and leading the mule. As he got to the edge of town, near the Fair Grounds, an apprehension seized the mule that his leader had designs upon him; so, setting his fore feet forward, and extending his neck, he declined to go further on that way. The clerk coaxed him and then cussed him, and finally tried the persuasive eloquence of a brush upon him, but the mule would not go; he stood there with that same stolid unconcern and fixedness, with which we are apt to believe Casabianca stood on the burning deck. The clerk then changed the saddle from the horse to the mule, but being put in the lead didn't make the mule work any better. This plan wouldn't do at all; he had to change back, and as he got down to take off the saddle, the mule scooted; he didn't hold back then; oh! no.
The clerk under the horse to a fence, our friend set out in quest of his mule. He returned, however, shortly, to get the horse to ride on in search of the other animal, and just as he got up to him, another horse came rearing along and seized the clerk's horse, which broke loose and scooted it "over the hills and far away," in the direction the mule had taken.

The last seen of the young man, he was trudging along down by Morrow's Turn Out—and still a-cussing. This story is true, if a friend of the clerk, who has hitherto borne a good character for reliability, can be depended upon, and we think he can.

New Advertisements.
ATTENTION PIONEERS.
YOU are hereby ordered to meet at your Hall, this evening at 7 o'clock, sharp. A full attendance is desired, as business of importance will be transacted.
By order of the President,
Dec 3 11 F. A. MCNINCH.

MAGIC POLISH.
This Polish is used for cleaning Glass, Silver Ware, or anything that is susceptible of a polish, and wherever used it is pronounced to be the best polish ever offered to the public. It is warranted not to injure or scratch the finest surface.
The owners of the patent depend upon the worth of the invention for its recommendation, and if it does not do all that it is claimed to do, they ask no pay for it.
The following named gentlemen, citizens of Charlotte, who have used the polish, declare it to be the best they ever saw, and have no hesitation in recommending it to the public under their guarantee:
A. Hales, Jeweler,
W. N. Frasier & Co., Grocers,
J. R. Davidson, Livery and Sale Stable,
F. M. Shelton, Dealer in Furniture,
J. M. Miller, M. D.,
McMurray & Davis, Dry Goods.
Refers also to prominent citizens of Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C., and Atlanta, Ga.
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WEST & SONS.
ALADDIN SECURITY OIL,
THE BEST OIL IN USE.
WARRANTED 150 DEGREES FIRE TEST.
WATER WHITE IN COLOR.
FULLY DEODORIZED.
AND IT WILL NOT EXPLODE.
It burns in all Coal Oil and Kerosene Lamps.
TRY IT. Ask for "Aladdin Security," and take no other.
WEST & SONS,
113 and 115 W. Lombard St., Balt., Md.
dec 3

ATTENTION ALL.
We have the largest and best selected stock of Groceries and Confectioneries that it has ever been our pleasure to exhibit to the people of Charlotte.
1,000 lbs Brick Candy.
1,000 lbs Starch Candy.
50 Bushels Chestnuts.
500 lbs Nuts of all kinds.
50 Bushels Ground Peas.
Pickles by the barrel.
Imperial Gun Powder and Black Tea.
Miscellaneous Notions, up to tedious to mention.
Crackers of every description.
Patented Meats, and canned goods.
Sardines, Honey, Gelatine.
Dedicated Cocoanut, Tapioca.
All of the above goods will be sold as low as the lowest. Give us a call opposite the Market.
dec 2-11.
C. S. HOLTON & Co.

FOR RENT.
The Store formerly occupied by Elias Cohen & Roseler. Possession given immediately. Apply to
J. K. PUREFOY,
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BOARD AND ROOMS.
Two large and pleasant rooms, with board can be had, upon application.
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TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.
The National Hotel, in Atlanta, Georgia, is still under the proprietorship of the undersigned, and will continue to be so notwithstanding the report of its sale.
JAMES E. OWENS.
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FRESH ARRIVAL!
We have just received a fresh supply of Bananas and Oranges, and keep constantly on hand a full supply of Confectioneries, Fresh Cakes, Fresh Crackers, &c.
Our goods are fresh, and we sell them at the lowest cash prices. We mean what we say. Call on
F. H. ANDREWS & Co.,
Opposite the Court House.
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AMUSEMENTS
OPERA HOUSE.
"THREE NIGHTS ONLY."
Commencing THURSDAY DECEMBER 3rd. Three Millions in it.
PROF. WM. HARE.
Of Manchester, England. Neurologist and Ventriloquist in his first-class entertainment, called BEGONE DULL CARE.
Everybody receives a present the first night buying a ticket in the afternoon. You may get 3 presents. Box office open this day from 4 to 6 P. M. Avoid the rush. Secure your seat and 3 opportunities for present. Admission 35 cents. Reserved Seats 15 cents extra.
SEE PROGRAMME.
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OPERA HOUSE
MONDAY & TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 7th and 8th.
RETURN OF THE EVER POPULAR AND FAVORITE
BERGER FAMILY!
WITH THEIR
SPLENDID NEW COMPANY,
COMPRISING
LADY ORCHESTRA!
LADIES' SILVER CORNET BAND!
SWISS BELL RINGERS!
GREAT COMEDY COMPANY!
LARGER, STRONGER AND BETTER,
THAN EVER BEFORE.

The first appearance in Charlotte of the renowned Comedian and Greatest Character Vocalist of the age
MR. JAMES W. MOORE!
First appearance of the talented Humoist
LE GRAND!
ALL THE LATEST SONGS
NEW MUSIC
ADMISSION—Dress Circle, Orchestra Chairs \$1.00. Parquette 75 cents. Gallery 50 cents. Seats can be secured in advance at Tiddy's Book Store WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE.
No improper characters admitted.
W. W. FOWLER,
Business Manager.
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