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FALL TRADE FOR 1874. 1500 Cases Boots and Shoes. TO BE SOLD AT THE BOOT AND SHOE HOUSE SMITH & FORBES.

FALL TRADE 1874. Boots, Shoes, Hats, Trunks, &c. TO THE PUBLIC. WE ARE NOW OFFERING TO PURCHASERS unparalleled inducements to buy their

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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 Points and South Atlantic Sea Ports enjoyed over its lines.

N. C. HARRY & CO., House, Sign and Frescoe Painters. PARTICULAR attention paid to frescoing Churches and Town Halls, throughout the Country. Office under Central Hotel.

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.

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CITY BULLETIN. The business of the city was slack yesterday. Some of the lawyers got over to Cabarrus court, and two prisoners will be carried over this morning.

The Hebrew Feast of Lights. The Hebrew Feast of Lights, commemorative of the heroic deeds of Judas Maccabees, began to be celebrated in the families of Israelites on last Thursday evening.

An Old Man Revisits Charlotte. Mr. Henry Richards, of Hillsboro, visited Charlotte on Sunday. He had not been here since 1830. He was then a boy 18 years old, and helped lay bricks on the Springs Building, corner Trade and Tryon streets.

The Transit of Venus. This interesting celestial event, about which the scientific world has so long been exercised, takes place to-night. As everybody knows the main value of the occasion is expected to consist in the additional information, it will bring to bear on the question of the sun's distance from the earth.

A Big Day's Hunt. Two young men of this city, Messrs. Ed. Williams and Henry Garvin, put in all yesterday hunting. They shot away about two pounds of shot each, and powder in proportion, and returned to the city late in the evening, with one tom-tit apiece, as the result of the day's tramp.

We Want the Money. Just so soon as the accounts can be made out, we will furnish to each one of our patrons who is due us for subscription, advertising or job work, a statement of his indebtedness. We expect these accounts to be paid upon presentation. It takes money to run a daily newspaper, and nothing but money will answer the purpose.

NATIONAL HOTEL, Salisbury, N. C. BEST conveniently situated for commercial travelers of any home in the city. Every facility in season.

How Is It? We were never a success as a solver of conundrums, and untraveling problems. The consequence is we are always "stumped" in the start, especially on a mixed up kinship proposition. We have one, however, for others to solve. Let us hear a solution?

Newspaper Postage. It is estimated that the aggregate value of newspaper stamps required for the year cannot exceed two millions. The reduction of the new law is equal to 40 per cent. on newspapers, but it is considered that the increased business will yield to the department a revenue of about a half million annually.

Exciting Race. A race, unsurpassed at the recent New Fair of the Carolinas, took place on one of our principal streets yesterday about noon. Two gentlemen wrote notes to the same lady to carry her to the Opera House, and each fellow told his darkey to beat the other fellow's darkey, and the darkeys started even from the corner of Trade and Tryon streets.

The Carolina Central. The Wilmington Journal of Saturday says: "The railway is rapidly approaching completion, but there has been some delay during the past few days, caused by the detention, in consequence of an accident, to a vessel loaded with iron for this road. There are two cargoes of iron for the road en route for this port, one of 400 and the other of 270 tons, and they were reported yesterday as at hand.

Attempt to Rob a Chicken Coop. On Sunday night, an attempt was made to rob the chicken coop of Messrs. Reel & Perdue, in the vacant lot next to their store on South Trade street, Mr. John Roberts, who clerks in the store, had some suspicion that such an attempt would be made, and so stationed himself in a dark place to watch.

The Churches Sunday. Sunday morning looked as bleak and dismal as it could, and the prospect was by no means an inviting one for church-goers. In consequence, the services were not so well attended as usual, except at the Episcopal Church, where, as had been announced, the beloved Bishop Atkinson officiated. Here a larger congregation than customary assembled, to hear words of truth and soberness from the lips of this venerable man of God.

A Citizen of Charlotte in the Cheap Transportation Convention. We observe from our exchanges that Col. Wm. Johnston, of Charlotte, introduced the following resolution at the Cheap Transportation Convention in Richmond: "Resolved, That the Convention recommend to Congress that it adopt as a national gauge 4 feet 8 1/2 inches, and that it offer sufficient inducements for all trunk lines of 200 miles and over to adopt this national gauge."

Talking in Theatres. If some of the wise and learned people would not at tempt to make a display of talent, by delineating every character as it enters the stage, it would be gratifying indeed to the play-going public. Some seem to think it a duty incumbent upon them to raise their voices, even above the actors, to tell at what particular time each one must enter, what he must do, and how to make his exit. Most people do not need any voluntary aid to keep them posted. And if such people as we have mentioned will continue to do so, they should take a private box, where their talent will be confined to their own hearing, and where they cannot disturb the audience.

A "Migratory" Local. It may interest some of our people to know that Mrs. Lander, whose troupe played "Elizabeth," so acceptably in this city about ten days ago, is the widow of Gen. Lander, of the Federal army; and that Frank Lawlor, one of the leading actors, was formerly the husband of Josie Mansfield, of Fisk-Stokes memory.

City Taxes. City Marshal Erwin is very anxious that persons who owe taxes, shall come promptly up and settle. These taxes should all have been paid before this time, and people will gain nothing by delay. "There is no escaping death and taxes," and, however it may be with the former, the sooner the latter is attended to, why, the better.

Personal. Dr. LaFar, a lecturer from Baltimore, who has delivered several lectures in this State within the past week or two, gave us a call yesterday. He had proposed stopping here to lecture but, in view of the amount of mental recreation which our people have recently enjoyed, reconsidered his determination, and will leave this morning for Columbia.

Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society. A meeting of the Jewish ladies, resident in Charlotte, was held yesterday at the residence of Jacob Rintel, Esq., when a society was formed with the above name. The following officers were elected: PRESIDENT—Mrs. J. Rintel. VICE-PRESIDENT—Mrs. Amalie Frankenthal.

Settlement with the State Treasurer. Our Sheriff, M. E. Alexander, Esq., settled with the State Treasurer on Saturday last, the State tax due by Mecklenburg county, paying to him and taking his receipt for \$26,273. In addition, he carried down and exhibited the receipt of Capt. S. E. Bell, County Treasurer, for \$7,265.75, school tax levied by the State and paid over to the county. Yesterday was the limit prescribed by law for the settlement of Sheriffs with the Treasurer, and in order to make his settlement Sheriff Alexander had to advance money out of his own pocket. Much of the county tax yet remains to be settled; indeed about \$40,000, and the Sheriff asks us to urge upon the people of the county to come forward and pay their dues, and save trouble to both him and themselves.

The Charlotte Fair. Long after the Charlotte Fair has been held and forgotten, the Polkton Ansonian, lashes into a very fury about the way it was managed, and in its issue of the 2nd inst., pours out the vials of its wrath upon it. Now, if it has taken the Polkton Ansonian six weeks to get mad, how long will it take the Polkton Ansonian to cool off? It says: "We are ashamed of the record of the Annual Fair of the Carolinas." Thanks to the Polkton Ansonian, for taking enough interest in it to get mad about it, but don't think it rather late in the day getting ashamed of it? There is a great deal of fudge about all this holy horror of gambling on Fair Grounds. We are opposed to it, and are free to say so, but it has been licensed on the Fair Grounds here and in other places by just as good men as those who demonstrate it, and the results upon high-toned, honorable gentlemen, and these indirect charges that they are parties to the swindling of visitors to the Fair Grounds, are as unjust as they are ungenerous. For our part we are heartily tired of it. If people are green enough to bet against a sharper's own trick, of course they will lose, but nobody advises them to do it. For our own part we have precious little sympathy for them. The managers of a Fair which licenses these schemes inside a Fair enclosure, are no more responsible for the swindling of visitors, than the State which licenses them inside its corporate limits, is for the swindling of its citizens. If one is not guilty the other isn't.

At his residence near Centre Church, Iredell county, on the 21st day of November, of consumption, Mr. R. H. Cowan, aged thirty-five years, Mr. Cowan, leaves an interesting and helpless family, consisting of a wife and five children.

THE LANDMARK. PUBLISHED BY STATESVILLE IREDELL Co., N. C. LEADING NEWSPAPER IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA. It is the only Democratic Paper published in Iredell County—one of the largest and wealthiest counties in the State—and has attained a larger local circulation than any paper ever heretofore published in the county.

THE BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA. ADDRESS, "THE LANDMARK," Statesville, N. C. A black horse mule, blind in the left eye, apparently eighteen or twenty years old, has been taken up by me, and will be returned to the owner upon proving property, paying for this advertisement and expenses. M. F. BOYDE, Boyte's Store, Charlotte, N. C. dec 6 St

In the serio-comic, Miss Anna is quite happy. Though her voice is not of the volume or brilliancy of one trained for the opera, yet she sings quite well, and in "Call Him Back Before too Late," particularly, she quite captivated her audience, as much perhaps, by the sentiment of the song, and her own cunning little ways, as by her manner of singing. "Dancing in the Moonlight," as well as "Little Fraud," by Miss Anna and Mr. Le Grand, were both excellent and were appreciated to the fullest.

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THE PALMETTO LINE—A NEW PASSENGER ROUTE BETWEEN ALL PORTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND CHARLOTTE. The attention of the travelling public along the line of the WILMINGTON, COLUMBIA & AUGUSTA AND CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA & AUGUSTA R. R. and at Columbia, is invited to the special arrangements made for their convenience and accommodation in visiting Columbia and Charleston, in the shape of Double Daily Fast Passenger Trains

Table with columns for destinations (Wilmington, Columbia, Augusta, Charleston) and departure/arrival times.

LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST! W. N. PRATHER & CO. are receiving daily their new stock of Good Things for the Holidays, consisting in part of FINE FRENCH CANDIES, of every variety and warranted pure and good. Sugar Fruits, Bananas, Oranges, Cocoanuts, Lemons, Northern Apples; in fact everything that is good to eat. Come one, come all, at W. N. PRATHER & CO'S. dec 8

TO COTTON PLANTERS. THE 50 saw gin which was run without cotton at the Fair of the Carolinas and was not noticed by the Committee, is for sale in possession of Mr. W. M. Yander at the 6 mile station on the A. T. & O. R. R. The gin has been running for several weeks and has given perfect satisfaction to customers. Write to the subscriber if you want a bargain. J. M. ELLIOTT, Dec. 8, 1874.

INFORMATION TO BUSINESS MEN. RECEIVED DECEMBER 5th, 1874. Southern Mutual Insurance Company, 1 Thousand Dollars, less Five Dollars deducted for payment in advance of maturity, in full of all claims and demands against said Company, arising under its Policy No. 9844, by reason of the damage by fire on the 12th day of September, 1874, to our stock of merchandise, the subject covered by said Policy, and in consideration of the payment of the Policy is herewith surrendered. D. N. SMITH, C. W. BRADSHAW, Agent, dec 6 St

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