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CHARLOTTE, N. C. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1874.

W. M. SMITH. W. S. FORBES.
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, a large 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. We mean to sell Goods at 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 our home.

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WE ARE NOW OFFERING TO PURCHASERS unparalleled inducements to buy their
Boots, Shoes, Hats, Trunks, &c.,
AT OUR

Boo' 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.

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 Points and South Atlantic Sea Ports enjoyed over its lines.

1st. The Great Atlantic Coast Line via Columbia, Wilmington and Portsmouth to Baltimore, Daily, Insurance 1 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 of Wilmington and Direct Steam Line to Baltimore, Wednesdays and Saturdays, Insurance 1 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.
TO 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 to assure our patrons of absolute freedom from detention.

ANNOUNCEMENT.
I TAKE this method of informing my friends and the public generally, that I am now occupying my New Store, at the Old Stand, where I shall be happy to see them; and I promise if they favor me with a call, they shall not go away dissatisfied. If polite and treatment, and the best goods at the lowest prices, can give satisfaction.

CONFECTIONERIES!
A LARGE Assortment of Fresh and
PLAIN CANDIES, ALMONDS, ENGLISH WALNUTS, PECAN NUTS, TILBARTS, "NEGRO TOES" AND CHESTNUTS, FINE NORTH-EASTERN APPLES, CALIFORNIA PEARS, MALAGA, GRAPES, FIGS, DATES, PRUNES, RAISINS, ORANGES, LEMONS, PRESERVED FIVE APPLES, PRESERVED PEACHES, CANNED PEACHES, CANNED OYSTERS.

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" " one month, 8 00

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Five Squares estimated at a quarter-column, and ten squares as a half-column.

CITY BULLETIN.
Last night was a beauty!
Hand in church notices to-day.
We are getting now among the best choruses.

The officials of the Carolina Central left yesterday morning on their return to Wilmington.

Haverley's Minstrels are booked for the Charlotte Opera House on the evening of the 1st of January—next Friday week.

There are a thousand and one perfectly loyal patriots who want to serve their country by running as route agents on the Carolina Central Railroad.

It will be seen by the published proceedings of the House on Wednesday, that Mr. McCubbin, of Rowan, introduced the bill to give Mecklenburg four terms of Superior Court annually. It was referred.

In the first trial of the case of Hislop vs. Hoover, before Judge Henry in this city in 1872, the verdict was in favor of the plaintiff and not the defendant, as we stated yesterday. We had been misinformed.

A friend who has recently invented and had patented a new fire extinguisher, has appointed us agent for the sale of the same, and a specimen can be seen at this office by our young gentlemen friends. No others need apply.

The fronts of the new stores of Sims & Dowd, Alexander, Seigle & Co., and S. P. Smith, are something new in architecture in this city; we mean the high top pieces on the front. That on Mr. Smith's store is very high and quite showy.

The Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company have built an addition to the office which stands on its platform and that of the North Carolina Railroad, and now has a nice ticket office from which tickets will be sold this morning for the first time.

Gen. W. L. T. Prince.
This gentleman, originally of South Carolina, but late a resident of Wadesboro, has arrived with his family in this city, where he will make his home in future. He will take up the practice of his profession—the law. We extend to Gen. Prince, and to all like him, a cordial welcome to our city.

Cotton Yesterday.
There was a very cheering rise in the price of cotton yesterday. It advanced about an 1/8, and at the end of the day closed firm. In this connection we will observe that the editor of the *Financial and Commercial Chronicle*, the best authority in the United States, estimates the cotton crop at 4,300,000. This is higher than it has usually been estimated this season.

Burglary.
The notorious Austin Lane, colored, is at last "in for it." He was before the Mayor for burglary on the premises of Foy Morehead, colored, and, upon conviction, was confined in jail in default of \$300 bail. He broke into the house through a window, and, upon being discovered, attempted to use violence upon some of the family. And he'll go to the Pen.

Accident to the North Carolina Train.
Yesterday morning, while the day express on the North Carolina Railroad was going North, when within 4 miles of Salisbury, one of the axles of the tender, to the engine broke, and threw part of the train from the track. Two cars were considerably smashed up, but no one sustained any injury to speak of. In consequence of the run-out, the train due here at 10 in the afternoon did not arrive until 10 last night.

Personal.
Gen. C. Leventhorpe, of Caldwell county, was registered yesterday at the Central Hotel.

The Salisbury Watchman confirms a rumor which we had heard, that W. H. Bailey, Esq., of that city, will, on the 1st of January, take up his residence in this city. Mr. Bailey is a lawyer of distinguished ability, and will, no doubt, enter early into a large practice at the Charlotte bar.

The editor of the *Observer* returned from Wilmington last evening, too tired to be of much account, and will "give in his experience" to-morrow.

Injured by Falling Timber.
Yesterday afternoon an accident occurred to a white workman on the Second Presbyterian Church, whose name we failed to learn. A heavy piece of timber was being raised from the ground with block and tackle, when the rope broke or the timber slipped. The piece fell and struck the man on the back of the head, felling him to the ground, and pinning him there, laying across the back of his neck. Four or five men were required to remove it, and when this was done the man was found to be comparatively unharmed. He was soon walking about as well, to all intents and purposes, as ever.

Accident on the Carolina Central.
Yesterday evening about dark the Carolina Central passenger train coming to Charlotte, had an accident about 6 miles from the city, just this side of McAlpine's creek. The train was running not exceeding 10 miles an hour, when the sinking of one side of the track, which is not yet settled, threw the rear end of the ladies' coach from the rails. So slowly was the train running, that, with the exception of a few bruises, none of the passengers were hurt. The stove was overturned, and some of the seats were displaced, and the car was so much injured that it was found necessary to leave it while the train came on to Charlotte.

On a Ten Cent Spruce.
Last evening two men went into a certain bar room of the city, and one of them ordered whiskey. The bar tender set two glasses and a decanter on the counter. One of the men poured his glass level full, and after drinking half of it, handed it to his friend. The bar keeper said, just before the other drank, "if you make two drinks of that I'll charge you 20 cents." "I won't pay it, then," said the one who had drunk, and then turning to his companion said, "don't drink the rest." The fellow set the half emptied glass back on the counter, when the bar keeper took it up and dashed the contents square in the face of the man who had ordered the drinks.

Startling Information.
Just as we go to press we learn from a gentleman direct from Charlotte that the Carolina Central Railroad has purchased the mortgage bonds of the W. N. C. R. R. from Sibley and McAden and is now the sole mortgagee of the latter corporation. We shall not comment till we gather all the particulars. We learn that it is the intention of the Carolina Central, if it can get possession, to commence work on the unfinished portion of the road right away.

To tell the truth, Railroad matters are so mixed up in this State that we confess our inability to form an opinion on the subject. They are, like the books of old man Mull, "sorter scrambled."—*Piedmont Press.*

Charlottesville Articles at the Wilmington Fair.
We notice in the Wilmington papers the names of the following exhibitors at the Fair in that city, from Charlotte, and the articles which they have on exhibition: Stenhouse, Macanay & Co., bale cotton. Miss Emma Eldins, croquet, tidy and collar, beautifully worked. The Star says: "Mr. P. S. Whisman, of Charlotte, has on exhibition a fine assortment of hubs and spokes, for which there is no premium offered. Mr. W. F. Cook, of the Carolina Agricultural Works, of Charlotte, has a full sample of plows, constructed of native wood and iron, also corn shells and feeders and combination plow, or five plows in one, a useful invention." Mr. J. S. Myers, has at the Fair, the large and splendid Durham bull which he purchased at the recent New Fair of the Carolinas.

The Cadets.
The Wilmington *Journal*, of Thursday, has the following concerning the cadets of the Carolina Military Institute of this city: "This fine looking body of youngsters, nearly 90 strong, instead of 50, as reported yesterday, have attracted much attention in our city, not only by their handsome appearance on parade and the precision with which they execute the different manueuvres when on drill, but by their gentlemanly appearance and deportment as well. They are here under charge of Colonel J. P. Thomas, the Superintendent of the Carolina Military Institute, who is accompanied by Lieut. Lyons, Professor of Modern Languages, Lieut. Cain, Professor of Mathematics and Physics, and Lieut. Hutson, Professor of Ancient Languages.

A Smash Up.
The passenger train on the Carolina Central Railway, through from Charlotte, which arrived here yesterday morning, collided at the depot in this city with two engines, which were at the tank for water. The train was on a down grade, and was therefore at considerable speed. Two of the engines were wrecked and the tank was yard engine. No one was hurt, with the exception of Col. Ames, who was on the engine, and who received some few slight bruises as he jumped. The damages, we are informed, can all be repaired in a few days.

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A Man Stabbed—Probably a Fatal Wound.
On Thursday afternoon a difficulty occurred near Huntersville, in this county, between two men, Jas. O. Cook and W. F. Cook, who reside in the neighborhood of Shepherd's Roads, Iredell county. The men are distant relatives, and had been to Charlotte, to sell their cotton. On their return they encountered some hands at work on the railroad just this side of Huntersville. The men became involved in a difficulty first with them and afterwards with themselves. In this last trouble James produced a knife and advanced with it upon the other. A person who happened to come along, but whose name we cannot now recall, attempted to take the knife from him, but failed, and in the attempt had one of his hands considerably cut. Freeing himself from the hold of the man who would have staid him, James made again for W. F., who ran and was pursued by him.

After a short run the angry man overtook his kinsman, and plunged the knife into his thigh, inflicting a deep wound. Drs. Walker and Wilson were summoned, and rendered all the surgical aid in their power to the wounded man. When the train bound for Statesville came along, he was put on it and carried to Shepherd's.

We did not learn what became of the man who did the cutting. Both of the men were drunk or under the influence of liquor at the time of the difficulty. The physicians report that the wound is a very serious one, and is likely to prove fatal.

The Carolina Central and Its History.
At this particular time, when the eyes of so many are turned to the Carolina Central Railway, upon its completion from Wilmington to Buffalo, via Charlotte, a brief history of the road may not be uninteresting. During the session of the Legislature in the Winters of 1855-'56, a charter was granted to the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company, said company to run its road from the town of Wilmington, in the county of New Hanover, to the town of Rutherfordton, in the county of Rutherford, through portions of the counties of New Hanover, Brunswick, Bladen, Robeson, Richmond, Anson, Union, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland andutherford. On the 31st day of October, 1856, the Company was duly organized at Wadesboro, Anson county, by the election of a Board of Directors, who selected Haywood W. Guion, Esq., as President. An engineering corps was started upon both Divisions, and in July, 1856, the entire road was located, and profiles, maps, and estimates of the work were prepared and ready for the reception of bids, and many sections of it were taken before the meeting of the stockholders in October of the same year.

Obstructions.
Sidewalk obstructions may be seen on different streets. Persons desiring to pass, can do so if they know how to maneuver and understand the aboriginal idea of single file.

"The much vexed question as to how sidewalk obstructions shall be prevented seems to be no nearer a satisfactory settlement than ever, and that, too, in the face of the law which reads: 'That no goods, wares, merchandise, bundles, hogheads or any article of trade, shall be allowed to remain on the sidewalk, so as to obstruct the free passage of said walks; and any person or persons offending against this ordinance, shall forfeit and pay five dollars for each offense.'

"But Fashion as Directs," Etc.
A youth of thirty-six Summers, who dearly loves all lovable members of the gentler sex, is "perfectly delighted" with the style of the present day. He is confident that if the matter were put to a vote, the majority of gallants would decide in favor of the way the girls dress this winter. His comparisons are unique and interesting; as an evidence of which, what can be more convincing than to say of a lady dressed in full fall costume, that she "looks just ready to be picked up and spirited away on the delicate pinions of the gentle zephyrs," or "glides along like some phantom shadow-light, and airy as the winds that blow the leaves from off the trees." From all of which it may safely be concluded that the youth referred to is not without a susceptible heart, and would be accepted if he had courage to propose, but will never be ditto, because he hasn't.

THEY FEAR THE LIGHT.
The following resolution offered by Mr. Beck of Kentucky, in the House of Representatives on Monday, failed to be introduced for the want of the requisite two-third vote. It being a sharp hit at several radicals high in office, including the President himself, the republicans voted it down! They fear the light!

Resolved, That a select committee of five members of the House be appointed by the Speaker to inquire whether any officer or officers of the government of the United States or of the District of Columbia, or person or persons in the employment of the government of the United States or said District, or other person or persons, has or have used any means to obstruct the administration of the law in said District, and especially with reference to the recent trial and other proceedings in the so-called safe burglary conspiracy; that said committee shall have power to send for papers and administer oaths and to sit during the sessions of the House, and shall report what if any action is necessary to be taken by the House in the premises aforesaid and in regard to said case, and shall have leave to report at any time.

New Advertisements.
HOT FOR CHRISTMAS.
RAISINS,
CITRON,
CURRANTS,
CANDIES,
FRESH PORK SAUSAGE, made every day to order.
PORK HAMS, corned or fresh, for sale by
SYMONS & CO.,
dec 19

A FULL LINE
Ladies Wool and Merino Vests, for sale at
ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.,
dec 19

A GOOD STOCK
Gents' Net Shirts and Drawers, for sale at
ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.,
dec 19

BED BLANKETS.
All prices and qualities, at
ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.,
dec 19

RED AND WHITE FLANNEL.
All prices, at
ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.,
dec 19

A LARGE STOCK
Boulevard Skirts, at
ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.,
dec 19

MARSALES QUILTS.
All prices, at
ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.,
dec 19

SOMETHING NICE
In the way of Clothing and Hats, for sale at
ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.,
dec 19

HURRAH!
CHRISTMAS IS COMING!
Come one, come all,
Boys, old and young,
We invite you all
To the Bleeding Sun.

WE have made arrangements to supply every person in Charlotte and the surrounding country, with everything eatable for Christmas. Cakes, Candies, Nuts, Raisins, Grapes, Figs, Apples, Lemons, Dates, Grapes, Bananas, Bread, Buns, Rolls, Eggs, Candy, Toys, Fire Crackers, Sky-Rockets, Roman-Candles, Citron, Currants, Pipes, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco, Cigars of all grades, Snuff of all kinds, Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Sausage, Beef Tongues, Dried Beef, Ham, Breakfast Bacon, Lard, Molasses, Meal, Flour, Grit, Hominy, Fish, Beans, Peas, Scotch Herring, Crackers, Spices of every description, Chestnuts, Ground Rice, Pickles in barrels, Chew Chew.

C. S. HOLTEN & CO.,
Opposite Market.

RAIL ROAD SCHEDULES.
RICHMOND AND DANVILLE, R. R.
(North Carolina Division)
Arrive at Charlotte, 6:30 a. m.
Leave Charlotte, 7:30 p. m.
Leave Charlotte, 10:00 a. m.
Leave Charlotte, 12:00 p. m.

ATLANTA & RICHMOND R. R.
Arrive at Charlotte, 8:06 p. m.
Leave Charlotte, 8:12 p. m.
Leave Charlotte, 8:18 p. m.

CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA & AUGUSTA R. R.
Arrive at Charlotte, 8:00 a. m.
Leave Charlotte, 8:00 p. m.
Leave Charlotte, 8:00 p. m.

ATLANTIC TENNESSEE & OHIO R. R.
Arrive at Charlotte, 10:00 a. m.
Leave Charlotte, 9:25 p. m.

MONROE MAIL-STAGE LINE.
Connecting with the Eastern Division of the Carolina Central R. R., at Monroe.
Leave Charlotte, Daily, 8:15 p. m. (excepted)
Arrive at Charlotte, 12:00 p. m.

Change of Schedule.
CHARLOTTE, COL. & AUGUSTA R. R. Co.,
GENERAL PASSENGER DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 4, 1874.

THE FOLLOWING
Schedule will be operated on and after Sunday, the 21st inst.

GOING NORTH.
Stations. Train No. 1. Train No. 4
Leave Augusta, 7:45 a. m. 4:15 p. m.
Graniteville, 8:30 a. m. 5:11 p. m.
Batesville, 10:35 a. m. 7:02 p. m.
Wilmington June, 12:20 p. m. 8:57 p. m.
& Charleston June, 12:45 p. m. 9:07 p. m.
Columbia, 12:45 p. m. 9:07 p. m.
Chester, 1:20 p. m. 9:42 p. m.
Arrive Charlotte, 6:45 p. m.

GOING SOUTH.
Stations. Train No. 1. Train No. 3
Leave Charlotte, 8:30 a. m. 4:15 p. m.
Chester, 9:15 a. m. 5:02 p. m.
Columbia, 2:52 p. m. 3:45 a. m.
Wilmington June, 3:17 p. m. 4:10 a. m.
& Charleston June, 4:50 p. m. 5:43 a. m.
Batesville, 4:50 p. m. 5:43 a. m.
Graniteville, 7:15 p. m. 7:48 a. m.
Arrive Augusta, 8:55 p. m. 8:45 a. m.

GOING SOUTH—FAST.
Stations. Train No. 5. Train No. 6
Leave Charlotte, 10:00 a. m. 4:30 p. m.
Chester, 10:50 a. m. 5:20 p. m.
Wilmington, 12:45 p. m. 7:10 p. m.
Columbia, 1:30 p. m. 8:00 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND TRAINS connect at Augusta
for all points South and West, through tickets sold and baggage checked to all principal points. Sleeping cars on all Night Trains.

PALMETTO LINE EXPRESS.
Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta, Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta, via Northeastern Railroad.

WANTED.
A thoroughly competent book keeper of steady habits and well recommended, will be treated with by applying through the *Observer* to J. H. LOCK BOX 100.
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THE COTTON TAX.
Which took millions of dollars out of this country will, in a measure, be made up to the people of Charlotte and surrounding country, by giving them good bargains at F. H. Andrews & Co's Confectionery, Bakery and Fine Fruit Store.

WILL BE
To the interest of every one to call and examine our Stock of Candies, Candy Toys, Peaches and Cherries, Plums and Fancy Cakes, etc. Large Cakes constantly on hand, and made to order, plain or fancy. All the above goods we will give such bargains that you shall not want your money.

REFUNDED!
In the way of Clothing and Hats, for sale at
ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.,
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JUST RECEIVED BY EXPRESS.
New Style Felt Hat, Beaded Trimming, Steel Buttons, Outside Band, Buckram Shawls, Knit Jackets, and most other articles.