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LOCAL DOTS. The streets are ever so slushy. The Lenten services at the churches are very well attended. M. J. McSweeney, Esq., of the Fayetteville Eagle, and E. B. Drake, Esq., of the Statesville American, were registered at the Central Hotel, yesterday.

We have 50 copies of the Weekly Observer, containing the account of the late masquerade ball, those who would like to send copies of it to their friends in other places, can be supplied. The new Charlotte Building and Loan Association has been organized, and has gone into business, but the books remain open for the accommodations of persons who have not yet subscribed, and who may wish to do so.

The funeral services of Neely Bowen will take place at the residence of his grandfather, J. S. Neely, on Tryon street, this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend.

Correspondence is now in progress between the proprietors of the Charlotte Opera House and the celebrated actor, John E. Owens, which, it is hoped, will result in Owens' visiting our city soon and giving one performance or more. He is splendid.

An honest German in this city has a mouth which occasionally goes back on him. In attempting, yesterday, to apply to a friend the quotation: "Othello's occupation's gone," he phrased it: "Oh! by tamin, den, like Othello you don't get nutting to do, ain't it?"

Miss Jeanie Patterson. This young lady, whose readings in this city were heard with so much pleasure, has recently been entertaining the citizens of Atlanta, Ga. The Constitution, of that city, says: "Miss Patterson shows a decided improvement since we last saw her. She is an ecstasist of rare power, and a model of grace. Every one of her pieces meet with deserved applause, and the young lady has good reason to be pleased with her reception."

The Recent Cold. From the newspapers and telegrams, we observe that the cold snap which was experienced in this section this week, was not local but general. Though short in its duration it was extremely severe, and many persons in different parts of the country were frozen to death. Here in Charlotte at least two narrowly escaped freezing, having fallen in the streets while under the influence of liquor. They were picked up by the police and cared for.

Attempt at Tilt Tapping. Aleck House, colored, was warning himself at the hardware store of Walter Brem Martin, yesterday morning, and in order not to be idle, reached around and put his hand in the money drawer, where he thought "it would do the most good." He was noticed by a clerk, who called to him, when he withdrew his hand and began to protest his innocence. He was taken before the Mayor and bound over.

To Lecture in Richmond. Under the head of "Lecture at Association Hall," the Richmond Whip, of Thursday, says: "About the latter part of this month, the gifted ex-Governor Z. B. Vance, of North Carolina, is expected to deliver his great lecture on the 'Scattered Nation of the Earth.' In this lecture, Governor Vance pays just tribute to the Jews, and gives his audience some valuable information about this ancient people."

The Circus Attention Case. Yesterday morning Mr. Carrington, the proprietor of what was lately 'Carrington's Circus,' appeared before Mayor Davidson and appealed from his decision of Saturday evening in reference to the attachment which had been sued out by Raymond Hall, the advance agent. He filed a good bond, which was promptly accepted, and the attached property (the band and canvas wagons), was turned over to him. He put them on the train yesterday afternoon, and shipped them to his headquarters at Halifax, C. H. Va.

Insurance Matters. Hon. Keup P. Battle, of Raleigh, President of the North Carolina Life Insurance Company, is expected in Charlotte in a few days, to organize a Local Advisory Board of Trustees, composed of stock holders, and policy holders of the company, whose duty it will be to look after the interest of policy holders, and to give the company all necessary information when parties apply for loans. It is the intention of the company to loan in each county where received, every dollar received therefrom in premiums, but loans are only made to policy holders.

You Are in Danger! And now comes the Raleigh News, and discourages in language anything but complimentary, concerning the remarkable lack of pulchritude which is visible in our countenance to the most casual observer. Verily, it is becoming clear to us, that two or three of the ink-lingers of this State, have "aspirations to lead first-class funeral processions" of their own.

Local Agent Appointed. Mr. Thos. H. Houghton, District Agent of the North Carolina State Life Insurance Company, with principal office in this city, has appointed Capt. Thos. H. Allen, formerly Chief Engineer on the Carolina Central Railway, resident agent of this company. These gentlemen, being both policy holders of the Company, will carry on the business in Charlotte.

Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad—Meeting of Directors. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad, met yesterday at the First National Bank of this city. Those present were Col. W. R. Myers and Dr. T. J. Moore, of Mecklenburg, and Messrs. E. B. Drake and Wilfred Turner, of Ireddell. A compromise was agreed to, by which Col. Myers, as President, and his Directors, will take charge of the road so soon as an order of court, vacating the receivership, can be obtained. The terms of this compromise are a written contract with the creditors under the Childs judgment, not to foreclose the mortgage on the road, until the expiration of the term of office of Col. Myers and his Directors.

These gentlemen were elected or appointed last summer, but thought it unadvisable to take charge of the road in its present state of financial embarrassment, and accordingly it was left in the hands of R. A. Springs, Esq., the Receiver of the preceding fiscal year, until a compromise of some kind could be effected. Beyond what is mentioned above, we believe no business of public interest was transacted by the meeting.

The Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad. Mr. A. C. Kaufman in conversation with us yesterday, stated that the subscription by Union county, S. C., of \$150,000, to the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad, was voted by a decided majority. The interest and enthusiasm manifested by the oldest, wealthiest and best citizens of the county, in the success of the measure, is an earnest of their intention to help on by every possible means within their power, this great enterprise—a part of a chain in the grand highway—destined to connect the commercial metropolis of South Carolina, with the mighty West and Northwest. Old Union has, we think, acted wisely in this matter. Next comes Spartanburg. This is her opportunity, and she will seize it.

Mr. Kaufman also informs us that the papers of Marion and Abbeville, S. C., off the line of this road, are advocating the measure. The Marion Star in a strong editorial last week, takes up this road as a State enterprise, and urges upon his editorial brethren in South Carolina, from one end of the State to the other, to press its claims constantly upon their readers until the measure is introduced to subscribe it, as a matter of self interest. Such a spirit, thoroughly infused into the people, will carry the enterprise through.

The Entertainment Last Evening. Prof. A. DeCastro and his troupe, appeared last evening at the Charlotte Opera House, and performed before a crowd which was no so large as the merits of the troupe deserved. The performance is really meritorious, and there were fewer "boring" features about it than any similar entertainment we ever saw. Prof. DeCastro's sleight-of-hand tricks were exceedingly ingenious; the most of them really marvellous and inexplicable. That of the demon's head, with the cards in its mouth, was especially noticeable. Jepp's character songs were very fine, and brought Sol. Smith Russel very forcibly to mind. As the "Fat Dutchman," and also as the "Dutch Boy," he was particularly happy and was rewarded with great applause and several encores.

Prof. DeCastro is a good ventriloquist. The Indian Box Trick, as performed by him and Jepp, was astonishing, and excited no little wonder. The aerial suspension of Miss Fannie, was very fine, and her appearance at the time, clothed it with additional interest to the audience.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a matinee, and this evening another performance. We can say conscientiously that the entertainment is quite pleasing, and any one who would be interested by it. We recommend it, very cordially.

Valentine's Day. It is to-morrow. Those who design sending to their sweethearts a missive, "sweet, tender and true," had better put them in the office to-day—they don't mix very well with Sunday services. We suppose it will take an iron band to restrain the "flop" of the youngsters' lives in anticipation of the reception of a letter that smells like a muskrat had been murdered somewhere around; and inside is a card-board covered over with two or three kinds of paper, and when they finally disclose it, they see a heart with an arrow run smack through it and not a drop of blood spilled, and a little fellow sitting astride a grape vine overhead, with half enough clothes on to keep him warm with the mercury at 6 below zero. He is supposed to have shot that stick through that heart; and his name is said to be Cupid, and we suppose that accounts for the cupid-ity of so many people. And just below are inscribed these exquisite lines: "The rose is red, the violet's blue, Sugar's sweet and so are you; If you love me as I love you, No knife can cut our love in two."

it is. We have been there, and we sympathize with the, oh, immortal youth, and we advise thee to trade right in if you get over your head.

[COMMUNICATED.] The Decisions of the Supreme Court. Why do the Raleigh papers not publish the decisions of the Supreme Court, as they are rendered by the Judges? We do not mean that they should give to the public, the opinions of the court at length, but simply the captions of the cases, with the rulings of the court, made therein. The people of the State, and especially the members of the profession, by the very nature of things, are compelled to look to these papers for information as to what is going on in the Supreme Court; and if it is not furnished them from this source, they must wait until the reports are published in book form, as the law requires, or till some one, who happens to be in Raleigh, will have the goodness to inform us as to what is being done. This ought not to be. It is the first province of a journal, to give to its readers, an account of what is going on in the State, and very naturally do the people look to the Raleigh papers to give them light as to what is being done in the Capital—as the Supreme Court has its settings in the Capital, and as the proceedings of that court are of great importance to many of our people, we think the proceedings of the Supreme Court, a legitimate item of news, and one, too, which would be read with much interest by the people at large. We suppose our friends of the quill in Raleigh have not viewed this subject in the same light as ourselves and all that is necessary, is to bring the matter to their attention, to have it corrected.

LEX. I hereby certify that I made on two acres of land, manured by 100 lbs. of English Stonewall Guano, to the acre, which I purchased from Dr. J. S. Woodruff, of Savannah, Georgia, 1860 lbs. lint cotton, which when baled, was over five hundred pounds to the bale, making two bales of cotton to the acre. I consider the "English Stonewall" the finest fertilizer I ever used, and highly recommend it to the farmers of North Carolina. J. W. WADSWORTH. feb12-3rd 1874.

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CHANGE OF SCHEDULE. On and after Saturday, the 13th inst. the mail train on the Carolina Central Railway will leave Charlotte daily, except Sunday, at 6:15 A. M., and arrive at 7:45 P. M. S. I. FLEMONT. feb12-3d. General Superintendent.

DR. ISIAH SIMPSON, SURGEON DENTIST, Charlotte, N. C., Takes this occasion to return many thanks to his friends, patrons and the public, for the patronage and confidence bestowed upon him in the past, and he is pleased to continue to serve them faithfully in the future, at the old office of Alexander & Bland, opposite the Charlotte Hotel. feb12-1t.

JUST ARRIVED. Barley, Lentils, Prunes, Swiss Cheese, Limberger, Pineapple and Sap Sago Cheese, Canary Seed, Oatmeal, Citron, Mascaroni, Vermicelli, Cocoa, Cocoa Butter, Chocolate, Chow Chow, Piccalilli.

Also the Following Crackers: Arrow Root, Milk, Imperial, Fruit, Egg, Diamond, Orange, Ice Cream, Coconut, Nic Nac, Cream Jumbles and Butter Crackers, with a full assortment of all Fancy and Staple Groceries. HOTTENDORF & HASHAGAN, feb12-4t. Opposite Charlotte Hotel.

NEW NOVELS. "At the sign of the Silver Flagon." by B. L. FARJEON. "Hagarene," by GEO. A. LAWRENCE.

FOR SALE. A nice lot and dwelling in it, with eight rooms, on corner of 9th and Graham streets, by feb12-6t., at Alexander, Seigle & Co's.

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THE ENGLISH STONEWALL GUANO. Imported by Flanagan, Abell & Co., Cotton Factors, SAVANNAH, GA. As agent for this celebrated guano, I take pleasure in offering to the farmers of Western North Carolina, the following certificate as evidence of its merits. J. S. WOODRUFF, General Agt. for Western N. C. (CERTIFICATE)

\$50 received, Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 11th, '74, of Dr. J. S. Woodruff, agent for Messrs. Flanagan, Abell & Co., fifty dollars being the premium offered at the Fair of the Carolinas for '74, for the largest yield of cotton on two acres of land. J. W. WADSWORTH. (Signed) J. W. WADSWORTH. (FURTHER CERTIFICATE)

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MERCHANTS CAN BUY Lemon Soda Cream and Fancy Crackers, Candy, Sardines, Soap, Starch, Soda, in kegs and sack boxes, at cost, without freight, at B. M. MILLER & SONS, Jan29-4t.

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PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY. The Direct Trade Union is now in operation at Charlotte, receiving and shipping cotton, and advancing money to the amount of \$25,000.

The Executive Committee of the State Grange have accepted the offer of the Direct Trade Union, of Georgia, to raise \$25,000, which will give them a direct trade, to be retained in our State. The Members of Subordinate Granges, are requested to go to work at once, and get up stock in their respective counties, and pay over the same to James F. Johnston, Agent at Charlotte, who is hereby authorized to receive and accept for them.

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