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1500 Cases Boots and Shoes

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FROM date, we will offer our stock of heavy Winter

BOOTS AND SHOES.

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LOCAL DOGS.

Dr. T. C. Robertson, editor of the Rock Hill Grange, was in the city last night. The jump which gold took yesterday caused a good deal of comment among business men.

Charlotte is filled with all sorts of strangers, most of them having the appearance of regular "bummers."

The Mayor, we are glad to note, was able to be in his office yesterday, though yet quite unwell, but had no business of a criminal nature to transact.

The Western Union Telegraph Company proposes to make a material reduction, in its rates on all commercial matter, and our commercial men will note this fact with pleasure.

Frank Mayo will visit us next month as "Davy Crockett." Frank has a splendid reputation, and is said by those who have seen him, to be a comedian of a high order of talent.

The views of our correspondent "Current" seem to meet with a good deal of favor. We publish another communication from him this morning. He is one of our most cleared-headed citizens.

So crowded was the Opera House last evening that it was with difficulty that a fellow could step down and out and get back in time, in the ten minutes allotted for drinks, between scenes.

An Improvement.

We are glad to note the improvement which has been made in ushering the Opera House. It was well done last evening, and there was none of that annoying search for seats, last night, and changing them after they were thought to be found, which has hitherto proven such an annoyance on the occasion of entertainments.

Brick Making.

Messrs. D. M. Rigler, C. T. Walker and W. J. Sweeney, will soon begin making brick at the old yard where this business was formerly conducted by the late Samuel Taylor. They already have quite a number of orders, among others, one for the material to be used in constructing the buildings which will be erected in the Spring on the lower end of the Central Hotel lot, facing on Trade street.

Up for Assault.

Dan Smith, colored, was before Justice A. H. Martin, yesterday, for entering the house of Bill Hunter, a man of his own color, on Monday night, making threatening demonstrations and kicking up a muss generally. He was fined \$2 and cost, in default of the wherewithal to settle which, he deposited his coat with the Court as collateral, but afterwards redeemed it.

Deaths.

We learn by passengers on the Statesville train, that Mrs. D. Gage, of Statesville, died in that town on Monday or Monday night. Also, that the wife of Dr. G. J. Houston, who lives near Mount Mourne, in South Iredell, died yesterday morning. The former of these ladies has relatives in this city, and it is our impression that the latter has also.

A Queer Document.—A friend has enclosed us what he calls a "revelation, or prediction, or prophecy" of a letter sent to President Grant, by Wm. H. McKinney, of McDowell county. The old man, our friend writes us, is an anti-minister Baptist minister, and replied to P. S. White, in Shelby, during the tour of the latter through North Carolina, in 1851. The following is the letter:

Dated *discovered* January 20th 1875
Dear Sir, I am a grand president of the United States Dear Sir walk in the ways of thy heart and in the sight of thine eyes but know that all that is set before God will bring thee into Judgment and I shall be there to hear the trial.

W. H. M. KINNEY
N. B. I request you to lay this under your head every night for one month if God should spare your life that long.

W. H. M.
A Newspaper Correspondent's Opinion of Charlotte.

It is always interesting to see and hear what outsiders have to say of our city and its people and this being the case we make the following extract from a letter written some time ago from Charlotte to the Alexandria (Va.) *Sentinel*, by a correspondent who signs himself "Specs."

The article appeared some time ago, but the paper containing it passed out of our hands. The extract is as follows:

"It is best not to judge by dress or personal appearance, because you are apt to be taken in if you do. A few days ago, when I was in Charlotte, I saw an old gentleman pass the Central Hotel dressed in rather a careless way, and with the appearance of an editor of a poor paying paper. On inquiry, I found out it was nobody else but General D. H. Hill. He looks like anything but the brave and gallant man he is. Ex-Governor Vance would never be taken for an orator, writer, or a man capable of governing a State in the able manner in which he does that same thing."

"At the Central Hotel you can get a chance to see many of the noted men of the South—Charlotte is about the third place in the State for pretty girls, of which commodity I consider myself entitled to judge impartially. And"

"Just here our native and proverbial modesty dictates that we omit a line or two, and give the correspondent a hearing on a point which is not so flattering to us 'takes the prettiest of them all to the theatre. It is strange she will go with a newspaper man, but 'tis true—and he is not such a handsome one either."

"The gas company is just now being much abused, because they have cut off the street lamp supply. A native wag says rosin has gone up half a cent a barrel, and the company can't stand the raise. Mud is knee-deep and very little pavement. There are more Rip Van Winkles here, if possible, even than in—Alexandria. But for all this, there is plenty of business, cotton rolls in, and other products, and Charlotte is a lively place, and offers room for more business still."

The Carolina Central Railroad.

This work, which is going on between the Wilkes Foundry and the North Carolina Railroad Depot, is progressing favorably, and it can now be told "how it will look." Yesterday a part of the cotton platform was torn off, to afford means of uniting this platform with the new one of the Carolina Central Railroad.

The Weather.

Yesterday was as good a day as one could wish, and a dozen more such would make folks so happy that they wouldn't know what to do with themselves. After the long spell of dreary weather the bright rays of the sun seem to have produced a corresponding illumination in the countenances of all denizens of this goodly city. Business has taken a fresh start, and persons who have been housed for weeks past now come forth to see the sights and note what has been wrought by the changes of time.

Fire in Concord—The Court House Destroyed.

We learn from passengers on the North Carolina train yesterday, and from private telegrams received in this city, that a considerable fire occurred in Concord on Monday night. The flames were discovered about 11 o'clock issuing from the rear of Litcher's store, which is situated near the Court House. The front part of the house in which the fire originated, is used as a candy shop and bar room, and the rear, or an L-shaped addition, is occupied by negroes. This building was consumed, but some of the contents were saved. From the store the flames communicated to the Court House, and, notwithstanding the efforts made to save it, it also was consumed, and with it many of the records in the office of the clerk of the Court. The papers in the Sheriff's office were saved, as were those also, we believe, in that of the Register of Deeds. In addition to these a small dwelling (Mr. Kestler's) was burned.

There was an insurance of \$4,000 on the Court House, and \$1,500 on Litcher's store. The exact manner in which the fire started, is not known.

The residence and store of Maj. Ford were in great danger. Both caught fire several times, but many exertions were made to save them, and they were saved. It is remarkable that the Concord Hotel should have escaped destruction, as it is situated not more than fifteen feet from the Court House, and the only explanation of this is that the winds were blowing in the opposite direction.

This was an exciting occasion for our Concord friends who had not been regaled with a fire for some time past.

The Misfortune of a Young Nimrod.

As a certain depot agent turned a \$100 bill over in his hand, on Monday, and then wrapped it around his forefinger, he asked one of the clerks: "Son, what would you do if you had 100,000 of these?" "My G—d, Cap'n, I'd go hunting to-morrow, I would," he replied in a second. "Well," said the agent, "if you are so bad off as all that, suppose you go; I'll do your work for you." The clerk heard these things with joy, and was no more account all day, so busy was he making preparations for the day in the woods. As the boss walked off at night, the clerk called out to him: "Say, Cap'n, if I don't kill thirty birds to-morrow, you may dock my day's wages, and if I do, you shall have half of 'em."

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In point of economy there is no plan that suggests itself to my mind that is more so, or that will keep our streets in such condition as we would like to see them. It would save the expense of the Street Commissioner, the keeping or hiring of mules, carts, drays, hands and tools. It stops countless annoyances and abuses of our city authorities, and leaves them to the more weighty matters of law; and in less than one year will give us a neat little city of which we can boast. Is there one to be found to object to this plan? If so, let me reply: I venture the assertion, that if any, they are very few, that ever have expended in work around their property one-half the amount of taxes they pay. The taxes are collected, and the money spent year after year, yet we do not see the improvements at all commensurate with the amount paid. For fear that I may throw too much of the New Issue upon the market at once, I will defer until to-morrow other remarks, hoping they may all pass.

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Our Centennial Budget.

Our friends who read only the local page of this paper, will hardly fail this morning to notice the "Hornet's Nest" on our editorial side. Until after the coming of 20th of May we intend to gather up such articles relating to the Mecklenburg Declaration, as may be accessible, and to the end that we may be able to present interesting matter under this head. We invite correspondence from those who are able and qualified, to write on this subject. It is our intention to leave nothing undone or unsaid which will add to the importance of the property of having such a celebration as will be an honor to the descendants of those men who, thirteen months before the National Declaration, pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor, to sustain the Declaration made on the 20th day of May, 1775.

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We will have also in time, Orchard Grass, Clover and Lucerne.

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TO SCOTCHMEN AND SONS OF SCOTCHMEN. A meeting to consider the propriety of forming a Scotchmen Club in Charlotte, will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, (over the Commercial Bank) on Thursday next, the 18th inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M. All Scotchmen and sons of Scotchmen particularly requested to attend. W. P. feb 17 24 pd

LOST! Between Mrs. Stoney's and the Central Hotel, or elsewhere, a small black Crucifix. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at THIS OFFICE. feb 17

PRINTERS' STATIONERY. The old established house of BREM, BROWN & CO., have just received an invoice of Printers' Stationery, consisting in part of

BLANK CARDS,
BILL CAP—all sizes,
FLAT CAP,
LETTER CAP,
FANCY CARDS,
COLORED CARDS,
WEDDING CARDS,
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Envelopes of all grades. We expect to keep a full stock of this class of goods. feb 16

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INDEPENDENTS ATTENTION

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