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**W. M. SMITH, W. S. FORBES.**  
**WINTER 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.  
We sell the most nicely made, well selected, and durable 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 sell Goods as low as any house in New York, Boston, or Baltimore, with freight added. This we always save the expense of a trip North by buying from our house.  
Between the First National Bank and Bank of Mecklenburg.

**1875 SIXTY DAYS, 1875.**  
FROM date, we will offer our stock of heavy Winter  
**BOOTS AND SHOES.**  
greatly reduced prices, to make room for our Spring purchases, which will be complete and specially for the

**RETAIL TRADE.**  
**CALL SOON FOR BARGAINS.**  
**WADE & PEGRAM,**  
SIGN OF THE BRASS BOOT,  
Opposite Central Hotel, Charlotte, N. C.

**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 1 per cent.  
2d. Philadelphia, Daily, Insurance.  
NEW YORK, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY, INSURANCE 1 PER CENT. BOSTON, TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, INSURANCE 1 PER CENT. PROVIDENCE, WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.  
3d. By way 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.  
4d. By the Charleston Line to Baltimore, Weekly, EVERY FRIDAY, TO NEW YORK, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS, TO BOSTON, EVERY SATURDAY.  
5th. The Great Atlantic Coast Line facilities of the three Ports of Portsmouth, Wilmington and Baltimore, and the combined equipments of the C. C. & A., W. C. & A., and other roads, enable us to bid the cotton and all other merchandise in unlimited quantities, and to secure our patrons of absolute freedom from detention.  
Gen'l Manager, Hon. E. B. BARNES, President.  
Col. JOHN B. PALMER, General Superintendent.  
Jas. Anderson, General Freight Agent.  
A. Pope, Agent.  
**W. W. PEGRAM, Agen**

**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.

**JACOB M. MENDEL,**  
Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes, Snuff, &c.  
TRADE STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C.  
Manufactured and Sold by  
W. W. PEGRAM, Agent.

**W. W. PEGRAM, Agent.**  
Superior Flavouring Extracts,  
Sherry Wine for cooking purposes.  
W. E. BURWELL & CO.,  
Druggists.

**The Charlotte Observer.**  
PUBLISHED BY  
**Charles E. Jones, Proprietor,**  
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**LOCAL DOTS.**  
The infant child of W. H. Gregory, Esq., of this city, died last evening.  
The Board of Aldermen will meet on Monday night next.  
The mad has nearly all disappeared from the main streets, and they are again smooth and solid.

Thanks for that little serenade last night about 12 o'clock. The compliment was no less appreciated than the music.  
The next opening of the Opera House will be on the 26th and 27th, when the Cotton Field Minstrels will appear here.  
"For he clome the cemetery fence, and threw rocks at a goose on the pond," is what a little darkey was collared and turned over to the police yesterday. The Mayor discharged him with a reprimand.  
Old Probs "went back on himself," when he predicted that yesterday would be rainy. When he said, though, that it would be cold, he struck it "between wind and water."

The Air Line failed to make its connections yesterday morning. It was three hours behind time, owing to a freight train being dithered somewhere on the road.  
There are unmailable letters in the post office at Columbia, E. C., addressed to Laura Rudisill and R. Agnew, Charlotte, N. C.  
What has become of the proposition to establish a street railway line? We have heard nothing of it lately. Shall we ride or shall we continue to walk? That is the question.  
Young Mr. Griffith, of this city, who was shot in Monroe on Friday last, by a man named Moore, is improving rapidly, and will soon, it is hoped, be as well as usual.

The Mayor had no cases yesterday, and even our "old guard" (the police) of whom it has been our habit to say, "they never surrender" or "drop" when we call on them for news, couldn't help us out to the extent of even one item.  
Male Stolen.  
We understand that a mule was stolen on Wednesday night, from a Mr. Alexander, who lives eight miles from the city on the Providence road. It was tracked yesterday morning to within four miles of the city, and there all traces of it disappeared. This bane of the honest and industrious farmer, is life in the land.

Personal.  
Hon. A. T. Akerman, of Georgia, ex-Attorney General of the United States, was at the Central Hotel yesterday.  
J. P. Babington, Esq., editor of the Shelby Aurora, arrived at the Charlotte Hotel last evening, and will call upon our merchants to-day, in the interest of his paper, which we commend to them.  
Col. Thos. Doham, formerly of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, but now of the Chesapeake & Ohio, has been in the city for several days.

Cheap Transportation.  
We notice the completion of the Carolina Central Railroad between Wilmington and Charlotte, N. C., forming an entire new connection between the sea coast and the up-country, and promising a still further reduction in rates of transportation of freight.  
The new road, in connection with the Atlanta & Richmond Air-Line, has already made a reduction of nearly 25 per cent on a car load of salt between Wilmington and Spartanburg, and from this we presume that the reduction will be extended to all classes of freight.—Spartanburg (S. C.) Spartan.

Clogged Lamp Wicks.  
We clip the following from an exchange and publish it for the benefit of housekeepers: "The light often is unsatisfactory, while all is apparently in good order. It should be borne in mind that, though the wick is but very gradually burned, it is constantly becoming less able to conduct the oil. During several weeks, some quarts of oil are slowly filtered through the wick, which stops every particle of dust or other matter that will, with the utmost care, be in the best kinds of oil. The result is, that the wick, though it is of sufficient length and looks as good as ever, has its conducting power greatly impaired, as its pores, so to speak, or the minute channels by which the oil reaches the place to be burned, become gradually obstructed. It is often economy to substitute a new wick for an old one, even if that be plenty long enough to serve for some time to come."

**Southern Magazine.**  
We have on our table the February number of the Southern Magazine. It is a literary journal, published at 8 N. Charles street, Baltimore, by Turnbull Brothers, at \$4.15 per annum. Among the more noticeable articles in the present number, are "The Odd Trump," "Glimpses of Old-Timo Paesantry," "In Arcady," a poem, by Bar. Grey, of Charleston, "Armand de Pontmartin," by John Esten Cooke, of Virginia, "The Death of Cleopatra," by Apollon Oaksmith, member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, from Carter county. There are other articles, poems, short stories and continued stories, in this number, besides reviews, and a good assortment of miscellany. The Southern Magazine is the official organ of the Southern Historical Society. It is essentially a Southern publication, and a meritorious one, and as such is entitled to the support of Southern people.

**A Juvenile Plaything.**  
Which is almost as dangerous as a small pistol, is the elastic slingshot which is again becoming popular with the boys. They shoot buckshot, and shoot with it in most of the suburbs, we saw a boy stand about twenty five steps from a robin; stand aim and kill it as dead as if it had been shot with a piece of artillery. He put it in his pocket and walked off as if it was his shot with a piece of artillery. These slingshots are equally destructive when pointed at window panes, which is frequently the case, and there are instances in the city where persons have been right painfully hurt by being struck with shot thrown from their slingshots.

**Application for Assistance.**  
Yesterday afternoon two young men, giving their names as William Hardy and Daniel Griffith, applied to Mayor Davidson for means to assist them in getting to Charleston, their home. Their story is that they were ship-wrecked off Hatteras, near Norfolk. They with six others, constituted the crew of the brig Elizabeth Baker of Charleston, which was bound for Norfolk to San Francisco, with a cargo of coal. The brig was caught in a hurricane and lost, with four of the crew, who floated about in a yawl boat from Sunday night until Tuesday morning, when they were picked up by a British steamer and carried to New York.

The captain gave these two transportation to Norfolk, and from there they have made their way on foot to this place, whence they propose going home. The Mayor could not extend aid to them without consultation with a majority of the Board of Aldermen and told them to return to him this morning. They say that when they get to Charleston they will go to work in the yard, where they were before they shipped, "as he is done with the water." Both of the young men are poorly clad, and give every evidence of great destitution. Their story is quite a pitiful one, as told by them.

**Cotton Over the C. C. & A. R. R.**  
During the last fiscal year, 147,107 bales of cotton were forwarded over the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, according to the published report of the general freight agent, Col. Pope. Of this amount, 19,402 bales were shipped from Charlotte proper.

**The City Clock.**  
The concern which was supposed to be a clock, and which was put in the tower of Tryon Street M. E. Church about eighteen months ago, has been taken down, as indeed it should have been immediately after having been put up. It was designed as a bell for the church and for the clock also, and was cracked in a few weeks after being put in position, just as cast-iron bells always do, and always will crack when you try to get any sound out of them. The congregation of the church is now called together by verbal announcements of the pastor, in advance, and by newspaper notices, as for the city clock, it only tells the time to those who can see it.

There is another bell of the same sort on the platform of the North Carolina Depot, for the same place. It has been there for some time, and if it is to be put up at all, now would be a good time; if people are expected to find out that it is there, it must be rung before the March winds set in, else it will "burst its boiler" in trying to be heard among the discord of the elements. Yes, put old cast iron up; she will last for a week or two, anyhow, if they will muffle the clapper and then not hit her too hard.

**Carolina Military Institute.**  
A good crowd was present last night at the Carolina Military Institute, to attend the exhibition of the members of the second class. Though debarred the pleasure of being present, we understand that the evening passed off agreeably, and that the young gentlemen acquitted themselves with credit. The programme, as published in yesterday's issue of this paper, was observed. In addition to that, cadets Snowden and Childs, of the third class, delivered speeches. The exhibition of this class will be continued to-day, beginning at 10:30 A. M. The programme is as follows:

1. Essay, Subject—English Poetry in its Continuous Development—Chaucer to Tennyson. By Cadet Robert G. Thomas, of North Carolina.
2. Essay, Subject—Chaucer—His Life and Genius. By Cadet Fred. J. Ahrens, of North Carolina.
3. Essay, Subject—Shakespeare—His Life and Writings. By Cadet Wm. D. Bratton, of South Carolina.
4. Essay, Subject—Milton—His Life and Works. By Cadet Wm. C. Browning, of South Carolina.
5. Essay, Subject—Byron's Life and Genius. By Cadet W. H. Campbell, of South Carolina.
6. Essay, Subject—Francis Bacon—His Life and Works. By Cadet Wm. W. Childs, of South Carolina.
7. Declaration—"A Men of Letters." By Cadet W. H. Campbell, of S. C.
8. Declaration—"The Fate of Virginia." By Cadet Christopher Fitzsimons, of S. C.
9. Declaration—"The Love of Eloquence." By Cadet Robert G. Thomas, of N. C.

**MR. EDITOR:**  
In answer to the imperative demand of the doubting Thomas, signing himself "Farmer" concerning my use of the justly celebrated "Stonewall Guano" as set forth in a lately published certificate by me, I would beg leave to say that I cheerfully give, for his satisfaction, and that of every other farmer, the circumstances attending the planting of the two acres referred to in my certificate:  
In 1872, I manured the land broadcast with stable manure. It was a sandy soil and worn out. In 1873, I had the same land, and used 100 lbs. of the Stonewall Guano. In '73, I had a yield of 1 bale to the acre. In '74, I had about one bale. In '74, I planted the triple cotton seed, manuring with 100 lbs. of Stonewall to the acre with the results as published in my certificate. Respectfully,  
J. W. WADSWORTH.

**[Which certificate can be seen by reference to our advertising columns.—Ed.]**  
**[COMMUNICATED.]**  
The 20th May.

**MR. EDITOR:**  
As a general rule I would not fancy getting into a "Hornet's Nest" but as yours promises to be a harmless affair, I will venture near enough to call your attention to a little scrap of history suited to that place in your columns. You will find in Quackenbush's School History of the United States, page 208 and 9, the following:  
"Just a month after the battle, the news reached Charlotte, N. C. The people immediately met, declared themselves free from allegiance to the King, promised to defend the independence thus asserted with their lives and fortunes. This was the first

**proposal to throw off the British yoke.** Their countrymen at the North, were in arms merely for rights to which as British subjects they believed themselves entitled. The people of Charlotte were the first to declare in favor of complete independence. The italics are in the original from which I have made this extract. The battle referred to is that which took place at Lexington, on the 10th April, 1775, so that "just a month after," would fix the Mecklenburg Declaration on the 20th May.

It is very singular if historians, whose effort it is to be precisely accurate about events of such importance, should have adopted a statement like this without a full and satisfactory investigation. We may rest assured that the credit of having led the way in this great revolution would never have been yielded by Northern historians if the evidence had not been conclusive.  
It is too late now to attempt to pluck this chapter from the brow of glorious old Mecklenburg.

**[COMMUNICATED.]**  
The C. C. & A. R. R.  
Mr. Editor:  
I recently made a visit to the village of Monroe, I went over the C. C. & A. R. R. from Monroe to the Indian Path, eight miles from Monroe, and the railroad is in an awful condition. I left Charlotte in the morning at 7 o'clock, and arrived at Monroe at 3 P. M., only 23 miles, about 8 hours on the road. The passenger car ran off at the Indian Path, and broke the front trucks; fortunately no one was hurt. I believe no one has been killed or buried alive in the mud; in several places on the road the rails and cross ties are under mud and water. I think Charlotte has good reason to complain of this company in their charges. From Monroe to Charlotte the freight on a bale of cotton is \$1.00, and from Monroe to Wilmington \$1.50, the distance 165 miles, to Charlotte 23. So it is easily seen where the discrimination is made, and in whose favor.

I hope this will be changed so as to impose on the business men of Charlotte, as I understand Col. Fremont is a good railroad man. If he is, I hope he will soon have the road in decent order, so that travelers will patronize the road; most of the traveling goes via Raleigh and Columbia routes at present.  
[We publish the above not because of any discrimination against the C. C. R. Road, but because the columns of the OBSERVER are open to correspondence on any subject in which the public is interested. In justice to the management, we desire to state that, so far as the road bed is concerned, it could hardly be otherwise than as it is. It was completed at a season of the year, when the nature of the weather was such as to entirely preclude the making of a solid bed, and our readers have but to recall the long rainy spells of the present winter, to satisfy them that there is no neglect on the part of the officers; Col. Fremont stands deservedly high as a railroad man, and he assures us that nothing will be left undone to put the road in the best possible condition as soon as the weather will permit. This road has done much for us already let us not be too quick to censure. So far as a discrimination against Charlotte, in the matter of freights is concerned, the management must stand in their own shoes.—Ed.]

**The Public Confidence Well Placed.**  
Although the world has been seeking specific poisons for many centuries, few indeed have been found. Prominent among these few is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which year ago revolutionized the course of the medical profession, and was hailed by press and public as the great renovant and preventive of the age. And with good reason, and to the weakened stomach, to give strength, to the torpid liver activity, to the disordered bowels regularity, and to the shaken nerves firmness and tone. Under its benignant influence beautiful vigor returns to the debilitated and wasted frame, the flaccid muscles become compact, the wan aspect of ill health is replaced by a look of cheerfulness, the mind ceases to respond and flesh is developed upon the attenuated frame. There is no exaggeration in this statement. "It is true as that the system is subject to disease." We are required to substantiate the reality of the comprehensive effects of the Bitters, there is probably not in existence a medicine in favor of which such a mass of corroborative testimony from the most respectable sources, could be adduced. But the efficacy of the nation's alternative and invigorant has been a matter of universal knowledge too long to need any such corroboration. The fact that it has its largest sales in those portions of the North and South American Continents, Mexico and the West Indies, in which atmospheric influences prejudicial to health exist, proves that confidence is felt in its remedial and protective virtues. In localities where fevers of an intermittent type prevail, especially if it has come to be regarded as an indispensable necessary.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
**MASONIC.**  
Members of Executive Lodge No. 291 A. F. & M. S. are requested to be punctual in their attendance at their Hall to-night, (Friday) at 4 o'clock sharp.  
Visitors cordially invited.  
T. SYMONS, Secy.  
Feb 19-17.

**NOTICE.**  
The officers of Executive Lodge No. 291 A. F. & M. S. are requested to present themselves to-night for installation. Per order.  
Feb 19-17.

**NEW YORK BUCK-WHEAT FLOUR.**  
Feb 19-17. R. B. ALEXANDER & CO.

**STEAM SAW MILL.**  
At Gilbert's Hollow, S. C., on Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad.  
Brooms and Unfinished Lumber.  
**FLOORING MATCHED AND UNMATCHED, a specialty.**  
Call on or address  
S. R. & J. H. LEWIS.  
Feb 19-17.

**TO THE WHOLESALE TRADE.**  
JUDGING the future by the past, we enter with confidence upon this our new enterprise, of separating our Wholesale from our Retail Trade, by having a separate and distinct House for each; and in doing so, we flatter ourselves that it will not only meet the approval of our numerous customers, but that an "Exclusive Wholesale House" will bring us a large influx of new trade, and of a character not heretofore enjoyed.  
It must be obvious to every buyer that a strictly "Wholesale House," arranged and adapted for that trade only, with a corps of experienced Wholesale Salesmen, with a Stock carefully selected for that trade only, and moreover, the avoidance of coming in contact with retail buyers, which we and you all have heretofore found to be so injurious, as it frequently happens that the retail buyer is your very neighbor (perhaps your own customer). Such a house, we assert, must and will command itself to the trade.

Four years ago we advertised that we intended to make Charlotte a wholesale mart and ours "The Wholesale House." We now have the proud satisfaction of seeing it an accomplished fact.  
We now call your attention to the fact that we have converted our superb store into an exclusive Wholesale House, where you can find all lines of goods necessary for a country store, to-wit: Dry-goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Notions, Groceries, Hardware, Millinery, all in complete lines, bought in large quantities and from the very first hands.  
Our stock is now arriving, and will be complete about the first of September, and will be the largest of any here, the pretensions of others to the contrary notwithstanding. We respectfully invite your personal inspection, or write to us for circulars.  
Very truly yours,  
WITKOWSKY & RINTELS.

**RETAIL.**  
**FIRST ARRIVAL OF NEW SPRING STYLES.**  
Beautiful new style striped POPLINS, at 16-2-3 cts per yard, worth 33 cts, and another lot of that excellent quality of BLEAUCHED DOMESTIC, at 12 cts.  
A new lot of LADIES' TIES, something new, also a large assortment of new style Prints, and many other new goods, too numerous to mention, at the Retail Emporium of  
WITKOWSKY & RINTELS.  
Call and see them before they are all gone.  
Feb 19-17.

**WOOD! WOOD!**  
The undersigned has removed his  
**WOOD YARD**  
to where Tryon street crosses the Atlantic Tennessee and Ohio Railroad. All orders left at the yard will be promptly attended to.  
Feb 19-17. HANNIBAL EDWARDS.

**FRESH AND GENUINE.**  
And will be sold as low as any in the market. We will supply the wholesale trade with seed in small papers at Landreth's prices.  
We will have also in time, Orchard Grass, Clover and Lucerne.  
**W. R. BURWELL & CO.,**  
Druggists,  
And Dealers in Pure Drugs, Medicines, Window Glass, &c.,  
SPRINGS COENER,  
Feb 17 CHARLOTTE, N. C.

**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,  
WEDDING NOTE,  
Envelopes of all grades.  
We expect to keep a full stock of this class of goods.  
Feb 16 17

**BREM, BROWN & CO.**  
Watch Maker and Jeweler,  
Permanently located next door to Central Hotel office.  
Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, repaired in the best manner, and warranted.  
Feb 17-17.

**NOTICE.**  
The beginning of a new year is a good opportunity for settling business accounts. We wish our patrons that we are now engaged in this important matter, to be made known to you. We have a few companies who are ready to make monthly payments, and it is to them especially that we address this notice. Gentlemen, we cannot permit this opportunity to pass without a personal visit. Very respectfully,  
L. A. YOUNG & SON.

**DO LOOK WHAT AN ASSORTMENT OF Imported Crackers and Cakes**  
F. H. ANDREWS & CO.,  
keep on hand:  
Soda Crackers, Butter Crackers, Cream Crackers, Lemon Crackers, Ginger Snaps, Brandy Snaps, Lemon Snaps, Coconut Cakes, Strawberry Cakes, Johnny Lind Cakes, Bush Cakes, Wine Jumbles, Spiced Jumbles.

**WE OFFER**  
To duplicate in price and quality any lot of paper bags bought in the United States, and deliver them in Charlotte at the price paid abroad.  
TIDDY & BEO.  
Feb 14

**THE ENGLISH STONEMAN GUANO.**  
Imported by FLEMING, ABEL & Co.,  
Cotton Factors,  
SAVANNAH, GA.  
An agent for this Guano, in the United States, and deliver them in Charlotte at the price paid abroad.  
TIDDY & BEO.  
Feb 14

**(FURTHER CERTIFICATE)**  
I hereby certify that I made an acre of land, manured by 100 lbs. of English Guano, in the year 1874, which I purchased from Dr. J. E. Woodruff, agent for Messrs. Fleming, Abel & Co., of Savannah, Georgia, 1870 lbs. lint cotton, which, when baled, was over five hundred pounds to the bale, making two hundred and twenty to the acre. I consider the "Stonewall Guano" the finest fertilizer I ever used, and I highly recommend it to the farmers of North Carolina.  
J. W. WADSWORTH.  
Feb 12-17.

**FOR SALE.**  
A nice lot and dwelling, with high rooms, on corner of 8th and Graham streets.  
Feb 19-17. ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.

**AND TO HAVE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ABOVE GOODS PREPARED.**  
GENTLEMEN, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your order of the 15th inst., for 100 lbs. of the best quality of the "Stonewall Guano," and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to you by express, and will reach you in a few days. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
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