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GREAT REDUCTION IN BOOTS & SHOES

SMITH & FORBES. HAVE MARKED DOWN PRICES OF THEIR ENTIRE STOCK OF BOOTS & SHOES...

MILERS' Ladies clost, goat and calf shoes, \$2 50. Zeiglers' Ladies and goat shoes, 2 00...

AND OTHER GOODS IN PROPORTION. THESE PRICES ARE FOR CASH ONLY.

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THE ATLANTIC HOTEL, A SEASIDE RESORT.

THE above establishment, so favorably introduced to the public last Summer, by the new owner, Capt. R. D. Graham...

The peculiar situation of this house affords all the pleasure of a voyage without peril or sickness.

NO DUST! NO FLIES!! NO MOSQUITOES!!! Railroad Tickets good for the whole season from Charlotte and return, \$19 05...

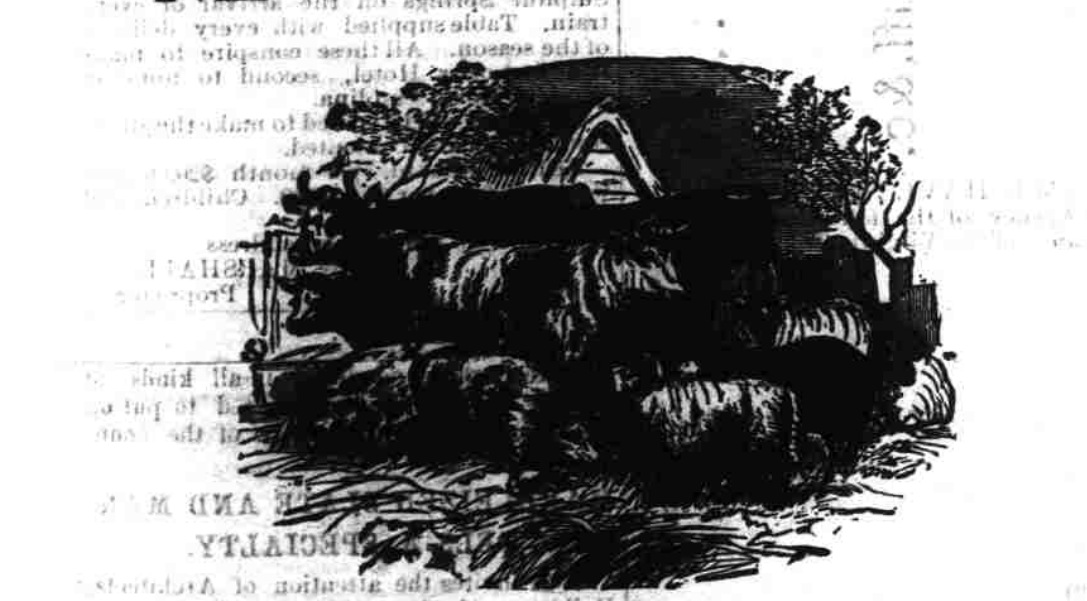
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DEALERS IN FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c., No. 5, West Trade Street, CHARLOTTE, N. C. JUST RECEIVED. A FULL ASSORTMENT OF Parlor Suits, in Hair Cloth Terry and Reps. Also, a new Supply of Lounges, all grades...

J. S. PHILEIPS, MERCHANT TAILOR, UNDER CENTRAL HOTEL, CHARLOTTE, N. C. ALWAYS GUARANTEES SATISFACTION.

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TO RENT. A desirable store room on Tryon street near the "Round House"...

THE CITY.

ANNOUNCEMENT. Jas. H. Moore is authorized to collect accounts for this office and receipt for the same, to receive subscriptions, etc.

City Bulletin. The nights are like those of October. The time for sitting around and swapping lies, approacheth an end.

It is time to plant turnips, and this is what we know about farming. Let us have church notices to day, if you please.

The next term of Mecklenburg Superior Court will meet on next Monday two weeks, the 20th inst.

The sunshine of yesterday was really welcome, after so many days of darkness.

There were fewer clouds and more of moonlight last night, than any night since the advent of the new moon.

Paw Creek spots, two horse loads, offered on the streets, yesterday, at 90 cents.

The accommodation train on the Western Division of the Carolina Central Railroad, will leave this city again this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, to carry passengers to the Cleveland Springs.

The Boston theatre was reopened last Monday, and Katie Putnam, of whom our people cherish such pleasant memories, appeared in "The Old Curiosity Shop."

In view of the fact that nearly everybody is out of town, it is proposed that we "let up" on the "summer absentees," and publish a list of the people who are at home.

We have just found out how all these "mokes" who loaf around and do nothing, manage to live. So many orphan geese prowling around the streets and back lot, you see.

So great is the lack of excitement, that the cleaning out of the Court House well, yesterday, created an immense furore. A thousand people were there at different times with their suggestions.

"Good day; what's your name?" was our salutation; but he never raised his bright eyes nor deigned a reply. He was in a haly carriage; he had on one garment and a hat, and was taking all the meat off of a watermelon rind.

The Temperature. The following was the range of the thermometer, yesterday, at the drug store of W. R. Burwell & Co.:

At 6 A. M. 74° At 9 A. M. 75° At 12 M. 77° At 3 P. M. 81° At 6 P. M. 82°

Orange Plant in the Street. Why send to Florida for your orange plants? A gentleman on yesterday plucked one of these from the edge of a pavement on Tryon Street, in the very business part of the city. Root and stem it measured about four inches.

New Platform and Warehouse. The Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, are receiving lumber of which to build a platform which is now being needed, on the site of their burnt depot.

The Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad will soon commence to build a warehouse close to this platform, of the bricks of the burnt depot of the C. C. & A. Railroad.

Supreme Court Decisions. Decisions of the Supreme Court in the following cases from Mecklenburg and adjoining counties, are reported in the Raleigh News, of Thursday:

Joseph Thornburg vs J. L. Herron, from Gaston; affirmed. R. D. Whitley et al, vs A. Alexander, et al, from Mecklenburg, (2 cases). Remanded for further proceedings.

What They Do at the Springs. Do the members of our "Club" get away clubs? know what they do at the springs? Saxe, tells the story thus:

An arm, round and tapering waist, How closely and fondly it clings! So they walk, and they walk, and they walk—

And that's what they do at the springs. And hands are conjoining with hands. Regardless of conjugal rings; And they flirt, and they flirt and they flirt— Ah! that's what they do at the springs.

New Engines. The A. P. Line Railroad will, in a few days, receive four new engines from a locomotive establishment at Pittsburgh, Pa. They will be of 83 tons weight each, 16-inch cylinder, 24-inch stroke, and 41 feet wheels. They have for some time past been needed on the road. On a line where a very fast schedule is run, and where long runs are made, locomotives do not stand the strain for very long time.

Another Match Game of Base Ball. The town has gone wild over base ball. Another match game was played, yesterday evening, this one between the Nameless Nine and Smithville Nine. The Nameless Nine was victorious, the score standing 31 to 32. This was the closest game of the season, and excited a good deal of interest. This was the first time the Smithville Nine had ever played together. Another game is to be played between them in the course of a few weeks.

A New Style of Entrance.

Clients of Messrs Jones & Johnson and Gen Rufus Barringer, must needs ascend common ladders now, in getting to the offices of these gentlemen, on account of the store which is being made between the stores of Hartly and Frankenthal. Ordinarily it is not so difficult to get into the reach of the law as it is to get out.

Personal. Miss Frances Fisher, (Christian Reid) a lady whose rare genius as a poetess and novelist, have won her a reputation co-extensive with this country, passed through this city last evening, accompanied by Maj and Mrs P. W. Hairston. The party have been making a six weeks tour of the mountains of this State and South Carolina.

R. F. Simonton, Esq., of Statesville, was in the city yesterday.

Summer Absentees. Misses Sallie and Lou Young, and Messrs W. W. Overman and D. P. Hutchison, left yesterday morning for Morganton. The last named young gentleman has been practicing how to look wild, for some time past, and has gone to Morganton now to see how he likes the looks of the new branch insane asylum as far as it has gone. When it is completed he expects to go just crazy enough to be sent up there, but not so crazy as to be denied the privileges of the town. Mr C. D. Snow is spending a short time at the Cleveland Mineral Springs.

A Close Calculator. A week or two before the election, as we are told by a friend, Maj W. M. Robbins, of Statesville, went to Davidson county, to assist his brother, F. C. Robbins, Esq., who was running for the Convention, with his canvass. When the campaign was over, he asked him what he thought the result would be. Mr Robbins replied that he calculated on his election by a majority of 210 votes. When the official count was ended, he was found elected by a majority of just 210.

Safe to bet on his calculation.

The Courts. J. F. Schumaker was before the Mayor, yesterday morning, for selling liquor in the city limits without license. He was found guilty and a fine of \$100 was imposed on him.

Henry Huskins, colored, the treasurer of the Sons and Daughters of Zion, of which Sophia Brown is President, was indicted in Justice Davidson's Court, yesterday, for embezzlement. The sum of \$8, the funds of the association, had come into his possession, and he failed to account for it. The Sons and Daughters of Zion had him up for it. He went to jail, and the Sons and Daughters of Zion will have to find another treasurer, one who won't follow the example of the white skinned members of their political party quite so closely.

The Bank of Mecklenburg. Our remarks in yesterday's paper concerning this institution, have drawn from the receiver, Hon W. M. Shipp, a card which is published in another column. We did not wish to be understood, in what we said, as reflecting in any manner, upon the gentleman named, nor upon any officer of the bank, for nothing was further from us. We merely alluded to the anxiety with which the statement is awaited, as being a matter of street talk, and not in the form of a charge upon any one of useless delay or dereliction of duty. This much in explanation of our item of yesterday.

Seasonable Hints. The Scientific American says: If mosquitoes or other bloodsuckers infest our sleeping rooms at night, we uncork a bottle of the oil of pennyroyal, and these animals leave in great haste, nor will they return so long as the air in the room is loaded with the fumes of that aromatic herb. If rats enter the cellar, a little powdered potato thrown into their holes or mixed with meal and scattered in their runways, never fails to drive them away. Cayenne pepper will keep the buttery and store room free from ants and cockroaches. If a mouse makes an entrance into any part of your dwelling, saturate a rag with cayenne in solution and stuff it into the hole, which then can be repaired with either wood or mortar. No rat or mouse will eat that rag for the purpose of opening communication with a depot of supplies.

A Paper From Far Off. Capt. F. S. DeWolfe has given us a copy of the Salt Lake Daily Tribune, which was sent to him from Salt Lake City, Utah. In it we see the charge of the Judge to the jury in the case of John D. Lee, who is on trial for complicity in the Mountain Meadow Massacre. The paper is one of deep interest, containing as it does, many facts in regard to this frightful butchery, one of the most appalling magnitude, planned and carried out with a demon like ferocity unparalleled in modern days or among civilized people, and of wide-spread interest, by reason of its great enormity and long concealment.

It is not generally known that a young United States officer, a native of this State, was the first to enter upon an investigation of this work of blood, but such is the case; the young officer was Lieut. Reuben P. Campbell, of Statesville, a graduate of West Point, who afterwards died gloriously at the head of his regiment (the 7th North Carolina) at the battle of Gaines Mill, in the recent war between the States. He it was who first undertook to ferret out this Mountain Meadow Massacre, and who placed the responsibility for it with the Mormons.

Tried But Couldn't Succeed.

"She stoops to conquer" could not have been said of a fancily dressed colored belle who paraded the streets day before yesterday afternoon; she could not stoop to conquer nor for any other purpose. In front of the store of Burwell & Springs she dropped her fan, and though she made two or three several attempts to reach it, she could not reach the ground, so tightly were her nether limbs strapped together in a pin-back dress. Then she took her parasol and fished for it awhile, but this was no go. Finally, while blushes of maiden modesty chased each other over her classic face, a companion picked up the fan and handed it to her.

A Reporter's Losses. Joe Caldwell of the OBSERVER, lost five dollars by the failure of the Bank of Mecklenburg. We sympathize with you, Joseph, but then there is some satisfaction, some balm to your pocket, in the thought that you had that much money to lose. There's still enjoyment in that.—Salisbury Watchman.

Come now, gentlemen, you hadn't ought to joke on serious subjects. This five dollar bill, which we now carry around, is the first we have had since the panic of '73. A fellow dunned us the very day before the bank failed, and we lied to him, saying we had no money. Now we have five dollars that we can't pass, an evil conscience to boot, and that bill still unpaid. Just our luck, though. A fellow once found fifty cents in the road, and swore that if he had been anybody else, it would have been a dollar. And that's us. That bank never thought about breaking till an accident happened through which we could lose something by it.

A Shattered Melon. "I never had a piece of bread, Particularly wide, But when it fell it struck the floor Upon the buttered side." A small boy was standing on the curbing of Tryon street, near the corner of Fifth, yesterday about noon, holding a watermelon in one arm, while with the other hand he held a horse. The animal got frightened at something, and giving a sudden jerk hurled the melon from the boy's arm. The much prized treasure hit a rock and broke into a dozen parts. As soon as the damage was done the horse stopped still and looked at the urchin, while the urchin stood with his hands in his pockets and looked at the watermelon, saying never a word, but expressing, with every feature, his complete and entire disgust at such proceedings.

Base Ball. Caldwell, the base ball editor of the Charlotte OBSERVER, says: "The Athletic Base Ball Club, of Raleigh, have challenged the Lone Nine Base Ball Club, of Concord, to play a series of games for the championship of the State. The Raleigh says the latter will accept. But what about the Elm City Club which were the Athletics to a frizzle at the State Fair last year?"

Now Josey, my boy, a regular championship game has never been played by the Athletics with the Newbern or any other club. They claim the championship because they have beaten more match games than any club in the State. They are ready at any time to yield the honor to any club that will play them the regular 2 in 3 for the champion belt.—Raleigh News.

Yes, but you see having "beaten more match games than any club in the State," don't come up to our idea of championship. Webster says that a champion is "one who has the acknowledged superiority." Since the Elm City Club licked the Athletics, we don't see how the latter can claim the "acknowledged superiority." Certainly the champion belt of the State won't be yielded to them on this ground.

However, the Centennial Nine has no stock in this championship business, and hence it is none of our funeral: so step up pap, Woodson, Stone, all of you; what'll you take?

The Westminster Review. For July, has just appeared from the press of The Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay street, New York. Contents as follows:

I. Sunday and Lent. II. Macready's Reminiscences. III. Allotropic Christianity. IV. The Pacific Islanders' Protection Bill. V. Education in Prussia and England. VI. The Gulicwar of Baroda. VII. The Evances of Design in Nature. Contemporary Literature.

Article I, beginning with Lent, maintains that there are no valid ecclesiastical reasons for observing it.

Article II, a dissertation on the decadence of historic art, enters largely into this article, which is rather an essay on Macready and the character of the stage than a review of the Reminiscences.

Article III, "When a gas assumes a form so far differing from its normal form as to be practically a distinct gas, it is called by chemists allotropic. Thus ozone is allotropic oxygen. Now as ozone differs from oxygen, so does Mr. Hawel's Christianity differ from the Christianity of the New Testament. Hence we have ventured to give to the religious system set forth by Mr. Hawel the name of Allotropic Christianity."

Article IV, relates to the slave trade now practiced among the natives of the South Sea Islands.

Article V, explains the evils which we are subjected by cold draughts and want of proper ventilation, and gives a plan for supplying houses with an unlimited supply of pure warmed air.

Article VIII, this long and interesting article carefully reviews the evidences of design in nature, coming to the conclusion that they are not insufficient, but absolutely null. It then gives a hypothetical sketch of the history of creation, based upon the theory of "transformation by natural selection and survival of the fittest."

The reviews under Contemporary Literature are as full as usual. Price \$4 a year, postage prepaid by the publisher.

Frescoe Work.

Mr. E. M. Andrews calls attention, through an advertisement in the OBSERVER, to the fact that Mr. Fred Krueger, formerly with Mr. N. C. Harry, is now in his employ. Mr. Krueger is not surpassed as a frescoe; the work in the dining room of the Central Hotel, in the hall of the Masonic Temple Association, in the Second Presbyterian Church and many other places in the city, shows how skillful he is. He is now doing some capital work of the same kind in the new residence of Mr. J. R. Holland, in "Stumptown."

Report of the Late President of the Mecklenburg B. & L. Association. As a matter of interest to a large number of our citizens who are stockholders in the Mecklenburg Building and Loan association, we present below a portion of the report made to the association on Thursday night, by the late President, J. S. Phillips, Esq.—all that part which bears upon the financial status of the association:

"The administration of your affairs during the first year were highly gratifying, and met with your hearty approval, and confirmed your wisdom in the selection of your Directors. At your first annual election you complimented me by unanimously re-electing me President a second time, together with a majority of your old Board of Directors. The second exhibit showed equally as gratifying results, and so on through your third; and the fourth gave promise that it would prove equally as satisfactory; and but a few days since, we looked forward with mingled feeling of pride and satisfaction, feeling that this exhibit would meet with your cordial approval, and that we would be able to agree upon such a basis of settlement between the redeemed and the unredeemed stockholder as would ensure a speedy termination of the affairs of the association, releasing the stockholder on such favorable terms as to secure his acceptance, thereby relieving him of the burden resting on him, at the same time paying to the unredeemed stockholder such a per cent as would prove highly remunerative to him on their investment.

"But all these bright anticipations have been blighted by the recent suspension of the Bank of Mecklenburg, which was the authorized repository of your funds—and in the absence of any statement showing the condition of that institution it is impossible to make any estimate of the amount likely to be realized from that source, and some days must elapse before you can be placed in possession of that information. But no effort will be spared to protect the interest of the association to the very fullest extent; and as soon as an exhibit of its affairs are made, you will be informed of its report. "I regret that we found it impossible to furnish this meeting with the Secretary and Treasurer's report, for some time being such as to prevent his getting it ready in time—and although he was authorized to call to his assistance, persons familiar with book keeping, and having secured the services of two accomplished gentlemen, they found it utterly impossible to get the statement ready in time; besides, any report submitted at this time would necessarily be imperfect, as the point upon which you most desire light, is your would possibly be the ultimate value of your deposits. I am advised that no time will be lost in getting the report of your Secretary and Treasurer, and also that of the assignee of the bank ready. That, and that only will enable you to approximate the value of your stock, and I would respectfully suggest that when you adjourn, you adjourn to meet next Thursday, as the reports will all be ready by that time, and will enable you to form an intelligent estimate of your condition."

Many members have been disposed to attach blame to the Directors for permitting an accumulation of funds in the bank. This is unavoidable under the peculiar workings of Building and Loan Associations towards their close, especially as you have no power to compel members either to redeem their stock, or to accept any given rate for the same. At your last annual meeting you passed a resolution looking to the winding up of the association by which you established rates under which members having their stock redeemed might retire their mortgages. To what extent members have availed themselves of this privilege, I am not informed. You also authorized your directors to establish a rate looking to the retirement of the unredeemed stock; your funds to be available for this purpose must be at your command, which they have always been, either for the redemption of stock or its retirement, but few members have availed themselves of this, preferring to await another annual meeting; they, hoping to obtain a greater rate of interest on their investment, which they would assuredly have got, but for the disaster which has befallen your association, by the suspension of the Bank of Mecklenburg, a calamity which is greatly to be regretted, inasmuch as it may impose additional burdens on many who are badly prepared to bear them.

"The effect of this will be to distribute whatever loss may be sustained by the association evenly amongst the stock, redeemed as well as the unredeemed, and establish a new rate under which stockholders may retire, increasing the present rate for retirement to the redeemed and decreasing in a like ratio the interest to be paid to unredeemed stock, but this basis can only be rightly adjusted after your interest in the assets of the Bank have been ascertained. Another thing to be considered, is that these assets are likely to be unavailable for some time, but this need not deter you from going forward and fixing new rates, ignoring them entirely for the present; closing up your affairs, and leaving this fund to be distributed pro rata when the affairs of the bank have been fully administered.

"One word in regard to the Board of Directors, they need no defence at my hands; they are gentlemen of intelligence, extended business experience, and while some are disposed to reflect on them for permitting the funds to remain where they were, you will find on enquiry, that the greater portion of them were depositors in the same institution, which is the best evidence that they did what they thought was for the best."

Card From the Assignee of the Suspended Bank.

EDITORS OBSERVER: In your paper of yesterday, you state that the public are clamorous for a statement from the Bank of Mecklenburg. A little reflection would suggest that nothing like a full and fair statement in regard to the affairs of this institution can be made in the time supposed.

The apparent debts and assets of the bank might be given in a few minutes. It is, however, well known in this community, that this bank is the successor of two other partnerships—T. W. Dewey & Co. and Tate & Dewey. An examination has satisfied me that nothing like justice can be done to the creditors without a thorough overhauling of the books of these successive concerns, and running through several years. Desiring to secure everything for the creditors, I am endeavoring, with competent help, to pursue these investigations thoroughly. While I can not hold out to owners of certificates, &c., very flattering prospects, I am sure that they cannot be injured by a little patience. A premature and partial statement might tend to encourage a spirit of speculation which is now too rife. With no disposition to withhold any information, I would advise persons interested in this property, not heedlessly to sacrifice the same.

W. M. SHIPP.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Lost. A N overkirt, sage green waisted, trimmed with quilt plaiting, piped with black Alpaca. Finder will please leave at THIS OFFICE aug 14

BIG CASINO!

FRESH LEMONS! FRESH GRAPES! HOME MADE COCOANUT TAFFY! KEBKUCKEN! "LITTLE JOKER" SMOKING TOBACCO! "LITTLE PARTAGA" CIGARS! FRESH EGG AND NICK NACK CRACKERS. F. H. ANDREWS & CO'S, aug 13

Still They Come!!

THOSE Fine Canvased Hams, which all like so well, who have tried them. Full weight guaranteed. W. N. FRATHER & CO., First door above Market House, aug 13 Trade street.

FOR RENT.

For the balance of the year, the dwelling on Tryon street, adjoining the office of Dr. Robert Gibbon, recently occupied by Mrs McInch as a boarding house. Possession given immediately. Apply to E. F. DAVIDSON, Agent. aug 13

100 Barrels

PURE COPPER DISTILLED N CAROLINA CORN WHISKEY by THOMASVILLE, DAVIDSON CO. aug 12m

CHOICE COUNTRY HAMS.

Decidedly the finest ever offered in our market, also large country side Bacon, nice sound and clear of bone, at B. N. SMITH'S. aug 12

They Have Come

A MAGNIFICENT STOCK OF CLOTHING, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, &c., and are going fast at very low prices. Gentlemen will do well to examine my Stock before purchasing elsewhere. apr 6

A FINE LOT

OF PRESERVING PEACHES. W. M. LONG & CO. aug 12

USE OUTLERS'

Patent Bookie inlaid for Catering. W. R. BURWELL & CO. Agents for the Manufacturers. July 22

SAPOLIO.

Brown's Ess. Glycer. Colgate Soap, just received. W. R. BURWELL & CO. aug 12