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THE CITY.

CITY BULLETIN.

Verily it would seem that the days of St. Swithin have returned.

Mr B Koopmann will sell his house and lot on Church street, at public auction on the 1st of January.

There will be a meeting of the Steamship Navigation Company to-day, to devise means of conveying citizens across the streets.

There were rifts in the clouds a time or two yesterday, and last night was tolerably light. But we fear there is no clear up for us yet.

The Charlotte Gas Company has the very best of kindling wood for sale in bundles of any size desired. It is very cheap, and is convenient to have.

On and after to-morrow, only one train per day will be run over the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad. It will leave Charlotte in the morning at 4.45, and returning arrive at 5.30 P. M.

There is no cloud without its silver lining (as we have heretofore remarked.) The mud which keeps the pin backs and the bustles indoors, also keeps the baby carriages off the streets.

The limp and dish-ragish condition of one's shirt bosom, is about as good a practical demonstration as one now has of how damp the weather is and how damp it was when the washerwoman last had these duds in charge.

Day after to-morrow night we shall have the Japs, who will give us one of the most thrilling exhibitions ever witnessed anywhere. We are satisfied concerning the merits of the company, and hope it will have a good crowd.

Grand Lodge of the State.

The Grand Lodge of the State, A. F. & A. M., met at Raleigh on Monday night. Dr F H Glover, Master of Phalanx, and City Marshal C W Alexander, Master of Excelsior Lodge, of this city, left on Sunday night to attend the deliberations of the body. We are promised a report of the proceedings.

Personal.

Col John B Peck, Master of Transportation of the Air Line Railroad, was in the city on yesterday, and Col J H Fisher, Receiver of the same, arrived last evening.

Capt John Kirkland is in the city.

Ex Judge Cilton A Cilley, of Lenoir, Caldwell county, registered yesterday afternoon, at the Central Hotel.

The Courts.

MAYOR'S COURT—There was one case before this body, but it was postponed for hearing to-day.

BEFORE JUSTICE DAVIDSON—Abe Phifer, colored, for "wilfully, fraudulently and corruptly cheating and swindling" Ish McKinney, also colored, by passing upon him a bill of the late Bank of Mecklenburg for current money. He was released upon reimbursing the complainant and paying the cost

All the Same to Us.

Mr Astor's death doesn't seem to make much difference to most of us We are not cutting off any more coupons than usual, and ten cents a pint for peanuts comes just as it ever did.—*Petersburg Index & Appeal Local.*

Our condition is just as melancholy, bub. We don't notice that we possess any more brown stone fronts or employ any more footmen with biled shirts and plug hats than we did a month ago "Can these things be, and not excite our special wonder?"

Indoor Occupations.

This is a time when no fellow wants to go outdoors, and all who are not called out by pressing business, stay religiously inside. Business men are not only having a dull but a listless time. They sit around the stove fires, waiting for customers who do not come and who are not expected, and doze and nod over the newspapers. Some try checks, backgammon or anything else that is calculated to afford diversion, but nothing answers the purpose, and, going to the door and looking at the leaden skies, they despair again, and drop back in their chairs to burn their faces and fidget and wait for a change of weather.

Settlement of a Claim Against a County.

We had the pleasure of meeting Sheriff J G Neal, of McDowell county, at the Central Hotel last night. He is here to make a partial payment on a claim held against his county by Capt S B Alexander of this city. Before the war, McDowell county subscribed $50,000 to the Western North Carolina Railroad, and the claim now being paid is of past due coupons, amounting to $8 000. The holder of these coupons sued the county, and, through a *mandamus*, enforced the payment of the claim, the County Commissioners having levied a special tax for the purpose. The present payment is of $3,000; $4,000 have previously been paid, and $1 000 remain still due. The payment of this debt caused the levy of a tax of 3 per cent. in McDowell county this year.

Rumored Railroad Change.

It is rumored in railroad circles that, at the end of the present month, the morning train on the Richmond & Danville Railroad will be taken off, and what is now the express train, the one which arrives here at 8.45 p. m., will bring the mail from the North. This change, if it is made, is to decrease expenses. It will reduce the working force of the road about 25 hands. We sincerely trust, however, that the suspension of this train will not take place. There is no telling the amount of annoyance which it would entail, not only upon Charlotte but upon the other points along the road. The idea of our not receiving mail until night is unbearable; Charlotte can hardly recollect the time when she received her Northern mail at any other time than in the morning, and no arrangement could be made which would suit her so well as the present. We leave the question of travel entirely out of the question, as the inconvenience which will result to local passengers, is apparent. We indulge the hope that the rumor is incorrect.

A Bargain in Goods.

Messrs Koopmann & Rothschild are determined to close business on the 1st of January, and to this end are selling out their present stock of goods at any price. Some are being sold at cost and some at prices far below cost. They have many articles in the millinery and fancy goods line yet left, and ladies can get bargains by calling on them in the next two weeks

Texas Flowers.

Last evening we saw a collection of roses which have just been received by Miss E A Harty, of this city, from a lady in Austin, Texas. These roses were plucked on the 1st inst, at which time they were in full bloom. Though somewhat faded now, they still retain their delicate odor, and forcibly recall the vernal season. The sender is Mrs Harriet A Waddell, who is a native of Steel Creek, Mecklenburg county, but who has been living in Texas for 20 years.

The Mint Building as a Court House.

It will be seen by reference to the proceedings of the meeting of County Commissioners on yesterday, that an order was passed for the drawing up of a petition to the Congress of the United States, requesting that body to turn over the building of the United States Branch Mint in this city, to the county to be used as a Court House, and also as a United States Court room. We trust that the petition will be favorably considered, and that the building may be given for the purposes asked.

The Holiday Festivities.

We are instructed to say that the festivities incident to the holiday season, will begin next week, with a bazaar to be held by the ladies of the Baptist Church and their friends, in the store room under the Opera House, commencing on Thursday, the 16th and continuing several days. The funds raised will be devoted to a church purpose. These efforts of the ladies are commendable, and should be warmly seconded by the community. We hope the patronage will be of a character worthy of the generous holiday season.

Supply and Demand.

There are some things which it would be well for our business men to consider about this time, and one of these is the well known axiom of trade that prices rise with increase of demand, other things being equal. But it is not essential that those other things remain in *statu quo* for all time. The profits of the seller in the aggregate would be greatly enhanced, while great benefit would ensue to the consumer, were the former, instead of running up the figures whenever there is an inflow of new demand for a given article or class of articles, to augment the supply and cheapen the rates of charge or price proportionately. In this way steady permanent gains may be made, upon the steadily rising scale. Otherwise there is often imminent danger of killing the goose that lays the golden egg. Customers can't pay as a regular habit exorbitant prices for necessaries; and sellers by taking advantage of scarcity or temporary rush of demand to shut down too heavily, soon shut the fine thing down and out altogether. Large sales at small profits in the standard to be aimed at Increase the supply at cheap cost to the consumer, and thus will the demand be stimulated, and mutual benefit all around accrue. Don't exercise all your acuteness to make it all at a single or even a few hands. Let patience have her share and place in the business, and she will unravel many a mystery, avoiding ruinous fluctations, and leading in the long run to brilliant results.

Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners met at the Court House on Monday, the 6th of December. Present, W E Ardrey, Chairman; T L Vail, Thos Gluyas, R L DeArmond, H M Dixon.

On motion R L DeArmond was appointed Chairman *pro tem*

All the business of interest is embraced in the following:

Ordered by the Board that the consent of this Board be given to the petitioners of Charlotte, Paw Creek, Berryhill and Crab Orchard, to erect their fence as prayed for in petition. And that the Township Trustees of each Township be authorized to levy a tax on the petitioners to defray the expenses of building a fence, and report to this Board.

Ordered by the Board that a committee of three men be appointed by the chairman of this Board to examine the fence around Clear Creek Township and make their report on the condition of said fence at their next meeting.

The Board met again on yesterday. Present, W E Ardrey, Chairman; T L Vail, Thos Gluyas, R L DeArmond

It was ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to appropriate ⅔ of the State Poll Tax to the Public School Tax, and ⅓ to the County Poor Tax.

Ordered by the Board that W E Ardrey, T L Vail and D W Oates be appointed a Committee on Finance for 1875.

It was ordered by the Board that H M Dixon, R R King and R B Wallace be appointed a committee to visit Clear Creek Township, to examine the fence with which said Township is enclosed and report to this Board the condition of said fence, and whether the Trustees have acted with discretion in the building of said fence.

Ordered by the Board that the petitioners from Huntersville, asking for a part of Long Creek Township to be added to Deweese Township, be referred to Battle's Revisal, Chap 27, Sec 15, and report to this Board on or before the 1st Monday in March, 1876.

Ordered by the Board that a committee of three be appointed to examine the report of the Grand Jury and reply to it at the next meeting of this Board. Committee, T L Vail, Thos Gluyas and R L DeArmond.

Ordered by the Board that W M Shipp and E A Osborne be requested to draw up a petition to present to Congress, asking for the donation to the county, of the United States Mint building in this place, for the purpose of a Court House.

A petition was presented by a number of the citizens of the township, asking the co-operation of the Board with them, in an effort to induce the Board of Aldermen of the city to pass an ordinance to prevent stock running at large. The petition was favorably considered.

The Board adjourned to meet again on the 16th inst.

Matters in Bankruptcy.

Thos B Keogh, Esq, Register in Bankruptcy, was engaged nearly all day yesterday, at his room at the Central Hotel, upon the case of McMurray & Davis, of this city. The main question was upon the appointment of an assignee. This is an unusual case; all of the creditors hold secured notes and are unwilling to move in the matter of electing an assignee. This case was left open until 3 o'clock this afternoon, by which time it may be that the creditors will have determined upon something.

Mr. Keogh is also doing some work on the case of the Bank of Mecklenburg, taking proofs of debts, &c. To-day he will hear an arbitration in this case. On yesterday, Mrs C N Bodfish, one of the creditors of the late bank, filed a petition to sell certain property upon which she holds a mortgage.

Appointments of the Methodist Conference.

The North Carolina Conference having adjourned, quite a number of the ministers and stewards reached this city last evening, on the way to their respective homes. Through some of them we learn of the following appointments for stations adjacent to this city:

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT—Concord, C M Pepper; Monroe, Daniel May; Wadesboro, James W Wheeler; Ansonville, M C Thomas; Albermarle, T P Ricaud; Pineville, W D Lee.

SHELBY DISTRICT—R C Barrett, P. E. Shelby, H T Hudson; Rutherford, Sam'l Leard; Lincolnton, J P Harris; Morganton, J S Erwin; Newton, Lemon Shell; Dallas, J P F Stanley.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—J S Nelson, P. E. Fayetteville, E W Thompson; Rockingham, Jos Wheeler; Laurinburg, T W Guthrie; Robeson, Ira T Wyche; Pee Dee, M V Sherrill.

SALISBURY DISTRICT—D R Bruton, P. E. Salisbury, L W Crawford; Statesville, T A Coon; Iredell, M L Wood; Mocksville, T A Boone; Davie, W C Wilson; Mooresville, T L Triplett.

The Latest Fashion Notes.

The fashionable shape of the season in cloaks is the French sacque, with long, loose fronts, and back either tight or half-fitting, much shorter than the fronts. Some of these are closed to the waist, and from thence fall apart in two long ends, either square or pointed; others less graceful, fasten their entire length.

Calicoes come this winter in all the new patterns so much liked for woolen goods—plaids, stripes and brocaded figures, and in specks which imitate the Knickerbocker goods.

Black silks and alpacas are as much worn as ever. Costumes of silks and velvet are especially handsome in black. A silk cutrass basque with velvet sleeves, a long square silk overskirt with velvet puff and silken sash at the back and plain skirt of black velvet, furnishes a good model.

The sleeves always match the lower skirt when two materials are employed for a dress. Many new sleeves have the whole of that part on top of the arm covered with narrow bias folds, running across the arm, and with the edge of each fold lapped, shingle fashion, over the top of that next below it on the sleeve

The exceeding tightness of ladies' skirts renders necessary outside pockets, and few suits are seen without one or more of these. When in front on the basque, they are square and flat; when behind are gathered full and elaborately trimmed. When set on the skirt or overskirt, they are large and full like an old-fashioned reticule.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Election of Officers of the Grand Lodge.

[Special dispatch to the Observer.]

RALEIGH, Dec. 7th, 1875.

The following Grand Officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: Geo W Blount, of Wilson, G M; H H Munson, of Wilmington, S G W; R V Blackstock, of Buncombe, J G W; Wm E Anderson, of Raleigh, Grand Treasurer; Donald W Bain, of Raleigh, Grand Secretary; J H Mills, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum.

F. H. G.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Insurance and Fertilizers.

EDITORS OBSERVER:—

Insurance and fertilizers, I notice, are still deservedly popular. We Grangers are interested in both, and it becomes us to foster the interest of the public at large. "Independence is our motto; we ask for no office or favors, but claim the right to express ourselves freely." That popular paper, the Home, makes a good showing on Insurance, and quotes Peter Henderson on Fertilizers, which we farmers should ponder well.

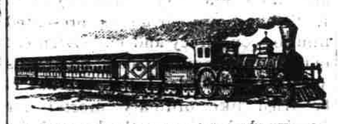
GRANGER.

DIED.

In this county, on last Monday night, Mrs M Alice Huey, of consumption, aged about 24 years.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A., T. & O. R. R.



SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 7th, 1875.

ON and after Thursday next, Dec. 9th, one train will be run over this road daily (Sundays excepted). Leaving Charlotte at 4 45 a. m., arriving at Statesville at 8.30 a. m. Returning leave Statesville at 1.45 p. m. arriving at Charlotte at 5.30 p. m.

Close connection made at Statesville with trains on the Western North Carolina Railroad.
J J GORMLEY, Supt.
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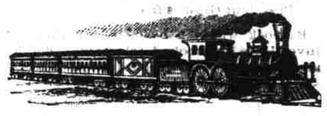

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Charlotte, N. C. Dec. 7, 1875.

ON and after Thursday, December 7th, the following Schedule will be run over this road, daily, (Sundays excepted) until otherwise ordered:

GOING NORTH.

Leave Charlotte,	4.45 a. m.
" D College,	6 37 "
" Mooresville,	7 17 "
Arrive Statesville,	8.30 "

GOING SOUTH.

Leave Statesville,	1.45 p. m.
" Mooresville,	3 02 "
" D. College,	3.42 "
Arrive Charlotte,	5.30 "

Close connection made at Statesville with trains on W. N. C. R. R.

Tickets on sale to Newton, Hickory, Morganton, Marion and Old Fort

All charges must be pre paid on Freight offered for shipment to Section House, Henderson's, Alexandriana and Caldwell's. These being "Flag Stations," the Company is not liable for loss, or damage to freight after it is unloaded at either of the above named "Flag Stations."

No freight will be received by Agents for shipment unless the name of consignee and destination is distinctly marked thereon.
J J GORMLEY,
dec8 Superintendent.

Ten Cent Column.

Advertisements will be inserted in this column at the rate of ten (10) cents per line, for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than twenty-five cents. Eight words make a line.

A German in this city having a family to support and being willing to do any kind of work, is anxious for employment. Apply at OBSERVER OFFICE.
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