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BOOTS AND SHOES Our MR FORBES has just returned from the Northern Markets, and we are now ceiving our Second Fall Stock of BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER, which is fully complete in every Department, and will be sold at prices that defy competition.

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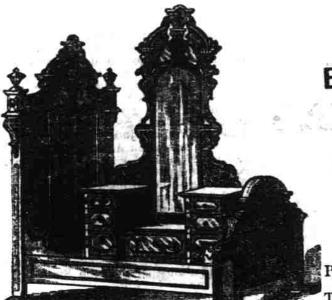
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All accounts due us must be paid by January 1st. We need the money and hope WADE & PEGRAM. those who owe us will call and settle.

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No. 5 West Trade Street CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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Parlor Suits, in Hair Cloth,

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MOTTOS, MOTTOS, MOTTOS, ONLY 124 CENTS EACH : WHITE JAVA CANVAS, only 50 cents a yard; Gilt and Silver Card Boards; Black and White Berlin Worsted, only 121 cents oz; All High Colors Berlin Worsted, only 15 cents oz; Black and White Split Zephyr, at 15 cents (z; All High Colors Sp it Zephyr, at 18 cents oz; Shaded Embroidered Silks, 8 cents per skein ; Large Stock Real Hair Switches, best quality, only \$1.50 each ; New Stock of Combs, at very low prices ; Large Stock of Latest Styles Pearl Hair Pins, Bands and Ladies' Necklace.

Woolen Fringes for Dresses, Best Quality, Only Ten Cents a Yard.

PLAIN BLACK WATER PROOF GOODS, only One Dollar peryard; PLAIN NAVY BLUE WATER PROOF GOODS, only One Dollar and Fifteen cents per yard; An immense Stock of Ladies' Silk Scarfs, at ten cents each ; a beautiful article of Kid Gloves, 2 buttons, only 75 cents per pair ; fine Lace Handkerchiefs, from 90 cents to \$5 each ; very fine Hemmed Stitched Handkerchiefs, only 25 cents each; a nice lot of Handkerchiefs, only 5 cents each ; Embroidered Tollet Setts, only \$1 (a great bargain); Handsome Black Gros Grain Silks for Dresses, only \$1.50 per yard; Best Plaid Wate Proof, only \$1 25 per yard; Latest Styles of Ladies' Linen Embroidered Collars, at ten cents each; new variety of Tucking Combs, at 25, 30 and 50 cents; Splendid Stock of Ladies' Hose only 25 per pair ; Ladies' all Wool Merino Yests, at \$1 each ; Large Stock of Gros Grain Ribbons, 10 cents per yard ; very fine Real Ostrich Tips, only 25 cents Beautiful Stock of French Flowers, only 80 cents; Spool Silk, all colors, 100 yards; at 10 cents a Spool; best 50 cents Alpaca in this town; large lot of Corsets, only 75 cents each; Silk Dress Buttons all colors, only 10 cents per dozen; a well assorted Stock of Ladies' and Misses Furs, at extremely low prices; and a great many other goods too numerous to mention, which I promise to sell lower than any other house in town.

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THECITY

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 20th, 1875. On and after this date, mails will open and close in this office as follows: Northern, delivered 8.30 a.m., close 9.00 p.m. douthern, Air-Line, 7 30 p m 8 30 C C. Rast D . " 8 30 C. C. West D., 6.30 pm " 900 pm Money Order and Register hours from

R E McDONALD, P. M

CITY BULLETIN.

The Lutheran church vard has been en closed with palings.

Measrs Ludwig & Fischesser will cless

uning to uppear on the streets in any thing else than fewness.

There was one application to the City Marshal last evening, by a tramp, for sleeping quarters for the night.

The North Carolina train was about an hour behind time last night but caught its Air-Line connection. Mr O W Badger is making arrangements

to open a bar and billiard saloon in the front part of the restaurant of Mrs H F Daniels. The platform is crowded with cotton, and

there was hardly room on it for the five hundred and more bales which were added, yesterday.

The community seems to te getting on its good behavior for Christmas. There was a prevailing, plentiful lack, yesterday, of The Race Yesterday Afternoon. anything to write about. Windows were raised yesterday and last

what was produced by the dampness. Very remarkable month, this December. We hope our citizens will keep in mind

the supper which is to be given to-night in the basement of Tryon Street M E Church, and attend it in large numbers. coating grounds of old Linkhorn, four bales | ite in the pools, but Hyatt won the first heat | ladies of the Tryon Street M E Church will

without fertilizers except such as he made in his own stables. Bully for Nels! was for \$100 a side.

Dr Thos D Hogg, of Ralegh, was in the city on yesterday.

W P Cannady, Mayor of Wilmington and editor of the Wilmington Post, strived at the Central Hotel last evening. Prof W C Kerr, State Geologist, is register-

ed at the Central Hotel.

Adjudged Lunatica-A Sheriff's jury on Monday decided, upon a writ of de lunatico inquirendo, that Mrs Elizabeth McCleary, of Paw Creek Township is a lumatic; and a similar jury returned a similar verdict in the case of Mrs Helton, of Crab Orchard on yesterday. Guardians will be appointed in both cases

The "Guse."

While it may be said that "no bird that flies is half so nize, as guse," &c., it may with equal truth be said that no bird that flies is half so numerous in this place. - The streets are filled with them. But one is reconciled to their presence by reason of the story about a goose having once saved

Sale Postponed

The sale of the banking property of the late Bank of Mecklenburg, advertised by F H Dewey, Trustee, is indefinitely postponed in deference to an injunction order made by His Honor Judge Schenck at last Court. An appeal was taken, of the result of which our readers shall be informed in due time.

Caldwell, of the Charlotte OBSERVER, cries for "quarter" at our hands. Would it not be better if he were to take a better half ?-

Take a better half indeed! We tried that not long ago, and took "the mitten" instead. But you might give us the "quarter" for which you say we cry; we could squander it for liquor and drown our sorrow.

Among the dealers in Christmas goods whose stocks have not been noticed in these columns, is Master Joe Harty, who is dealing in toys of different kinds in a little compartment of his own in his father's store. Jo is doing the doll baby specialty and is prospering. There isn't a brighter boy in town, and he'll make a rattler in the world yet, if he lives long enough.

Obstreporosity on the Streets.

On yesterday evening a man named Martin, was flinging himself around pretty promiscuously on Trade street, cussing and riding on the pavement, when he was, harnessed by the cops and marched off to the

Another man, name unknown, was taken from the steps of the Charlotte Hotel, and put up for the night. This was a case of

Calmness and Serenity.

Charlotte was thronged wit yesterday. There has not been such a crowd here since the last circus; and, strange though it may seem, the reporter has not in 12 months experienced so much difficulty | Burning of Gin Houses. in gathering up items. There was absolutely nothing in the way of news. Business flowed on in its accustomed channels, and was voluminous, but aside from the general routine, there was nothing, nothing.

Change of Reporters, 17 7

Mr B W Andrews has retired from the city editorship of the Wilmington Journal. We do not know who his successor is, but it does us proud to see that the young man does not rely upon scissors and exchanges for his locals. We are proud to say of Mr Andrews, however, that he generally clipped with a greaf deal of judgment and thus kept his side of the paper quite reada-

Stealing a Show Case.

Last evening a short time after dark, the show case of Mr Paul McKane, which was sitting in front of his boot and shoe shop on Tryon street, was stolen, with .two pairs of boots, two pairs of shoes, a pairs of gaiters and a pair of slippers which it contained. It was taken behind the shop and left, and the slippers with it, the thief making away with the boots, shoes, and gaiters, The stolen articles were not recovered last night, " 9.00 p m | nor was the thief apprehended.

Peach and Honey."

Historic beverage! And on yesterday Messrs Elliott & Remley presented us with a quart of it. There are at least 30 songs in ache. We never saw better peach brandy, and when it is good, it is about the best thing that the inventive genius of the children of men ever fell open. Messis B& B. their beer saloon on Christmas day. That's a queer idea.

The inevitable Christmas tin horn is betheir purity, and there is no better place in town to go to if you want to lay in a Christmas supply of the old enemy.

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Society News.

The next marriage of which Madam

evening at the hospitable residence of Col T H Brem.

The first hop of the holiday season takes place to-morrow night at the residenc of Col W R Myers, under the auspices of the Juyenile Hop Club. A number of young ladies from abroad

will spend the Christmas holidays in this city. Hinc illae hops. -----

There was not a yery large crowd at Carolina Park, yesterday afternoon, to witness evening, with no sense of discomfort except | the race which had been advertised to take place, but enough were there to make the occasion interesting; and some money changed hands on the result. The contestants were Farris' b. m. E'iza Hyatt, by Bay Dick, dam by John Blount, and Walker's b. m. Idalia. by Red Dick, dam Regina The race was } mile heats. Idalia was the favorite, but came in second on the second heat; also, time 56s; first heat not timed. The race

Attempt to Break Jail.

We see from the Sun, that on Saturday night last, Randolph Sutton, the negro who was convicted of a burglary in this county and sentenced to be hanged on the 21st of January made an attempt to escape from jail at Concord. He succeeded in wresting from its position one of the iron bars of the window to his cell and had another almost out, which would have given him liberty, when the quick ear of Deputy Sheriff Murr caught the sound of his work and Randolph was detected just as liberty seemed almost certain. He was removed to another cell where menacled and shackled he awaits the dread doom of the broken law.

Musical Entertainment.

We regret that business engagements preented our accepting the kind invitation which had been tendered us to attend an entertainment which was given on Tue-day night at the residence of J L Brothers, about three miles from the city, by the pupils composing Mrs Samuel Caldwell's music school. We understand that about 50 persons were present, several of these from the city. The scholars, we are told by a gentleman who was present, displayed great skill and rendered a delightful entertainment. We have heard Mrs Caldwell's musical abilities highthat is told us of the success of the entertainment of Tuesday night. We again express regret that the privilege of being present, was denied us.

Dispatch in the Delivery of Freights. In another column will be found an advertisement of the Carolina Central Dispatch Line, of which F W Clarke is general freight agent, and another of the "Clyde" Line of steamers, from Wilmington, of which A D Cazaux is the general agent. On Saturday the 18th, the OBSERVER had a lot of goods shipped at daylight, and the package, with that of some goods for several merchants in the city, was delivered in Charlotte inside of forty-eight hours, from New York. This freight was delivered quicker than has probably ever been known before, and the despatch of the line is worthy of the consideration of our merchants.

Business Yesterday.

Yesterday was one of the best business days of the season. The receipts of cotton were very heavy, and business in other lines was correspondingly good. There was much more cetton brought to the city by wagon than has been during any previous day of the cotton year. At one time the line of loaded wagons extended from in front of the hardware store of Brem, Brown & Co., on Trade street, clear to the cotton platform. The cotton weighers were not able to see the end of the line until 3 o'clock in the after-

This heavy movement of cotton is perhaps attributable to the nearness of the holiday season. This is a time when people must and will have money, and they are converting their products into currency.

The gin house of Messrs Nicholson and Porter, in Berryhill Township, about 4 miles from the city, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. Five bales of cotton, about 300 bushels of cotton seed, and a quantity of tools, were burned with the gin house. It was a public gin, and the fire is supposed to have originated from a match in the cotton A new saw mill near by, came near sharing the fate of the gin house.

On Tuesday, the gin house of Mr R J Kendrick, in the Steel Creek neighborhood, about 9 miles from the city was destroyed by fire. There were 20 bales of cotton in the gin house, and this was a total loss, as was also a quantity of lint cotton, cotton probable loss in either case.

How to Have Hyacinths in Winter.

A correspondent of the American Garden has the following to say of these beautiful flowers: Late in December, after our fall stock of bulbs was disposed of we found a riet Beaty, both of Charlotte. dozen or more hyacinths of various colors which had been everlooked. To keep them from spoiling they were hastily planted in four or five large pots, and these set away in an out-building, where they would be free frost and have very little light. There they were left for three months, and nothing done except to water them occasionally. Expecting little or nothing from them, they were not noticed till leaf and flower stalk were both perfectly developed. The light had not been sufficient to color the flowers, this quart, and not a single fight or head. and they were all of a dirty pale green. The pots were now brought to the sitting room and placed in the full sunshine, and in a few hours each spike had assumed its natural tint. The effect was very beautiful. Not a bulb had failed-red, purple, yellow, blush

For the week ending Dec. 11th has a time ly and interesting article on Bosnia, Herze govina, etc., from the Victoria Magazine Rumor tells us. is to take place early in Jan- The Curate in Charge, a new serial by Mrs. Oliphant, which promises to be one of her A party complimentary to Col and Mrs J very best stories; Richelieu, by the author M. White, of Fort Mill, S. C., took place last of "Mirabeau," Temple Bar; Her Dearest Foe, by the author of "The Wooing O't"; John Knox and his Relations to Women, Macmillian; The Sea and the Sahara, Pall Mall Gazette; and the usual choice poetry and miscellany.

Recent weekly numbers have contained important articles on Michael Angelo Sacrificial Medicine, Natural Religion, German Home Life, the Dutch and their Dead Cities, Geographical Expeditions, Memoirs of Saint Simon, the Place of Goegraphy in Physical Science; Recent Discoveries in Photography; William Borlase, St Aubyn and Pope, etc.,

The present is a good time to subscribe, as those remitting now for the year 1876, will receive the intervening numbers of the Living Age gratis. Littell & Gay, Boston, are the publishers.

The Church Supper To-Night.

As has been previously announced, the even after this, Idalia continued the favor- give a supper to-night in the basement of the church. They are making preparations on an extensive scale, and yesterday, when the reporter was down there, he found the decoration of the room progressing. We have no doubt that the ladies will exercise their utmost endeavors to make the occasion a successful and agreeab one, and we have just as little doubt that their efforts will be crowned with success. We certainly hope so, for their takes and for the sake of the cause in which they are engaged. An elegant supper will be served, and nothing which can contribute to the pleasure of guests, will be left undone.

On to morrow, lunch will be served from 12 M. to 3 P. M., and guests will be provided with a good and a cheap dinner. To-morrow night a Christmas Tree will be given the children of the Sunday School, and to this the small children will be admitted free. On Christmas Day, the congregation of this church, with the co-operation of the Presbyterians, will give a free dinner to the poor children of the city, at the Calvary Mission Church. The children of the Epis-

copal and Baptist churches have been invito participate in this dinner.

Before Justice Davidson-The case against the two men, Geo Jackson and John Ried, whose operations have been before noted in this paper, were again before Justice Davidson, on yesterday, the casehaving been re-opened for the hearing of further testimony. They were represented ly spoken of, and are prepared to believe all | by Gov Vance and Capt Waring. Witnesses were introduced who gave testimony going to show that the men borrowed the money which they were accused of stealing. The Magistrate reduced the amount of the bonds to \$200 in each case—that, is \$400 apiece in the two cases-but the men were unable to find bondsmen, and were re-committed.

Frank Hawkins, for moving crop, was made to pay the rent and the cost of the

John Davidson, colored, son of Jim Davidson, was up for having stolen money from Henry Wilson, the handless colored boy who is very well known about the city. Davidson had taken the boy's money, to count it, and it is charged that he did not return it to the bey's pocket. He was held to bail in \$100.

There was no session of the Mayor's Court and no criminal cases, other than those reported, before any Court.

Suspension of Newspapers. The last number of Rowell's Newspaper Reporter, a weekly sheet published in New York City, chronicles the suspension of sixty-seven newspapers in the United States, for the week ending December 20th. This is an average of two hundred and eightyeight per month, and show how hard is the struggle for existence in the newspaper world. Yet in the face of these suspensions, newspapers are springing up like mushrooms all over the land, in every town, city and village, and at every cross-road. These flame up, burn brightly for a little while, then flicker and die; and the only result accomplished by the fitful existence, has been the injury of some really meritorious journ-

al. Some of these journalistic growths are longer lived, however; they are of no account, but they manage to eke out an existence of some sort or other, and while not making enough to put them on a footing of respectability, they are drawing off patronage from some other paper which would attain to first-class rank it all the patropage was concentrated upon it.

There are too many papers, and this remark is particularly applicable to this State. This is just the reason why the standard of journalism is lower in North Carolina than in any other State in the Union. The field is too much crowded and the patronage too much divided. When about half the puny plants, which now exist by a system of dead-headism, which is alike disreputable & CHAMPAGNE, to their conductors and degrading to the profession, shall have handed in their shecks, then shall we see a healthy existence ble. The new man starts out like he will be seed, &c. This fire is also supposed to have on the part of the others, and a class of newsable to do this with his little pentil slone, started from a match in the cotton which papers which will compare favorably with We "welcome the coming and speed the was being ginued. We did not learn the those of other States. At present this is far from being the case.

MARRIED.

By Rev J F Butt, in the City of Charlotte on Wednesday, December 22, at 8 o'clock, P. Mr. George Holobough to Miss Har-

SPECIAL NOTICES.

"When the swallows homeward fly," then is the time when coughs and colds begin to appear. Dr Bull's Cough Syrup cures every

Mervous Debility.

VITAL WEAKNESS OR DEPRESSION: A weak exhausted feeling, no energy or conrage; the result of mental over work, indescretions or excesses, or some drain upon the system, is always cured by Humphreys' Homeopathic Specific No. 28.

It tones up and invigorates the system, dispels the gloom and despendency, imparts strength and energy—stops the drain and rejuvenaces the entire man. Been used rejuvenates the entire man. Been used twenty years with perfect success by thousands. Sold by dealers. Price \$1 per single vial, or \$5 per package of five vials and \$2 vial of powder. Sent by mail on receipt of price. Address HUMPHREYS' HOMEO-PATHIC MEDICINE COMPANY, 562 Broadway, New York.

See large Advertisement.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.



A regular meeting of Charlotte Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias will be held in their Castle Hall, in the Temple Association Building, to-night. Prompt attendance of members desired Visiting brethren

cordially invited. By order of the C. C., W. L. BOYD, K. R. & S. dec23 1t

For Rent, Small House in Mechanicsville, with

A four rooms, is for rent for the year 1876. Apply at once to W R BURWELL & CO.

THERE'S MILLIONS IN IT !

In what? In buying of T Coleman & Son, who have just received another lot of those fine Richmond Sausage, Sweet Florida Oranges. All kinds of Crackers, Oyster Nic Nacks, Butter Crackers, Lemon Crackers, Sugar Jumbles, new crop Raisins, Fresh

A few of those Dressed Turkeys left, also some live ones. Fresh Butter always on hand. T COLEMAN & SON. hand. dec23 4t

Boarders Wanted!

MHE undersigned would respectfully an-I nounce to the public that she is prepared to entertain transient, daily and permanent boarders with mesis and lodging at very moderate figures. Liberal patronage solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed. MRS JOANNA BROWN.

Over Creswell & Walker's, corner Church

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PIGS FEET, DRIED BEEF, BOLOGNA Sausage, Cream Cheese, all grades of Flour, Goshen Butter, Pickles in Barrels, Florida Oranges, Malaga Grapes Fresh Lemons, large

Co canuts, large North-ern Apples, Nuts of every kind, Candies of all home made, California Pears, Prunes Canned Goods of every description, a large Stock of Groceries, Ground Peas at Wholesale and Retail, French Candies too nur erous to mention, Misellaneous Goods and Notions, Candy Toys

DRNAMENTED CAKES A SPECIALTY. Raisins, Currants, Citron, Figs, Shelled Almonds. We intend to offer Goods to suit the times. Our motto is quick sales and small profits. Come to

Fresh Cranberries.

Butter, Butter. TRESH arrival of that Superior Virginia stand, where he is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line. Satisfaction guaran-Butter, equal to any Goshen, at S S CARTER'S

open on Christmas

nov21 TO THE PUBLIC. PRESH CRANBERRIES, by the quart or THE UNDERSIGNED ANNOUNCES To the citizens of Charlette and the public generally, that he has opened a BOOT AND SHOE SHOP

Fischesser's Ludwig

Commission Store.

THE PROPRIEestablishment wish their Select Stock RHINE WINE, for the Holidays

D M RIGLER'S,

to call attention to of Foreign WINES, SHERRYCLARET sold at Importers Oysters, expressly They wish to inform that they don't keep

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BLANKS, BILL HEADS

The OBSERVER Job Department has been horoughly supplied with every needed want, and with the latest styles of Type, and every manner of Job Work can now be done with neatness, dispatch and cheapness.

Ten Cent Column.

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

CARRIAGE-A good second hand two horse, close Carriage for sale cheap, A SHORTER CALDWELL.

SANTA CLAUS

RESPECTFULLY informs the people of Charlotte that he is now at his old HEADQUARTERS,

At Rebman's store on Tryon street, where can be found all sorts of good things for the

F J REBMAN.

Let old and young, rich and peor, come and get supplied while the good things last. I am determined to close out my entire stock by January 1st, and will sell goods regardless of cost for cash.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

ACTUAL COST! HAVING determined to move en January 1st, and desirous of reducing my Stock of Goods (WHICH IS VERY LARGE,) con-

GOODS, BOOTS and SHOES, I OFFER THEM AT ACTUAL COST. This is NO HUMBUG, any one desiring

purchase can be convinced by calling on ne. Respectally, J MOYER, nov28 Irwin's Corner. Trade St. CHRISTMAS PRICES

T. COLEMAN & SON. COLLEGE STREET, NEAR FOURTH. 10 lbs Light Sugar,

> Good Molasses, Coffee Best Kerosene Oil, Two boxes best Parlor Matches for Candy, Salt, (per sack) Fresh Richmond Sausage always on hand. Tobacco, Pipes. Fresh, Salt and Sweet Snuff and everything to be found in the Grocery line at prices which defy competition.
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We Mean What We Say!

THE Proprietors of the OBSERVER will endeayer, within the next ten days, to col-lect all arrearages due them in the city. All those indebted to us are requested to call and settle or hand the funds promptly over to the collector, Mr W H A Brown, when he presents the bills. JONES & McDOWELL.

Will Not Keep it Unless Good. YOU can buy from us "Peter Hanger" (pure goods) N. E. Rum, (the best and old) B. B. Brandy, Gin, Sherry, Port and

other Wines—all pure as I can buy.

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