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CHARLOTTE N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1875.

SMITH & FORBES SECOND FALL

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.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

NEW IRONS FRONT BUILDING, TRADE STREET

WE OFFER OUR LARGE STOCK OF WELL SELECTED GOODS AT GREATLY reduced prices during the Holidays. Our Goods are fresh from the Manufacturer, No old stock or shoddy goods, We do strictly a

BOOT AND SHOE BUSINESS.

And will sell goods chesper than any Dry Goods House in Charlotte. We keep no mixed stock, but do a legitimate business. A splendid Etock of Ladies' and Gents' Traveling Bags, at very low prices. Our Stock o

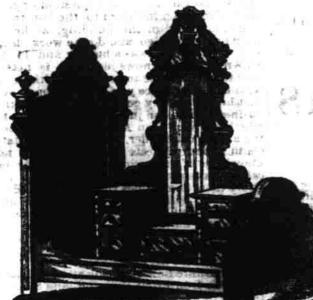
HAT AT COST TO CLOSE OUT

CALL AND EXAMINE THESE ELEGANT GOODS.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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

Burgess Nichols & Co., WHOLESALE & RETAIL



DEALERS IN FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c.,

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

JUST RECEIVED. FULL ASSORTMENT

Parlor Suits, in Hair Cloth.

Terry and Reps. Also a new

A full assortment of Metalic Cases, Caskets and Wood

GOODS,

CHRISTMASI

JUST RECEIVED AT THE

CENTRAL HOTEL STO

only 50 cents a yard : Gilt and Silver Card Boards; Black and White Berlin Worsted, new building now rearly completed, on only 121 cents oz; All High Colors Berlin Worsted, only 15 cents oz; Black and White Split Kephyr, at 15 cents (z; All High Colors Sp it Zephyr, at 18 cents oz; Shaded Embroidered Silks, Scenis 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 Heir Pins, Bands and Ladies' Necklace.

Barris Empire Fertilizer. Woolen Fringes fir Dresses, Best Quality, Only Ten Cents a Yard, esting occasion, we are authorized to ex-

PLAIN BLACK WATER PROOF GOODS, only One Dollar per yard; PLAIN NAVY BLUE WATER PROOF GOODS, only One Dollar and Fifteen cents per yard ; An im-Handkerchiefs, ordy 5 cents each; Embroidered Tollet Setts, only \$1 (a great bargam); Handsome Black Gros Grain Silks for Dresses, only \$1.50 per yard; Best Plaid Wate numerons to mention, which I promise to sell lower than any other house in town.

Bagging and Ties.

Northern, delivered 8.30 a. m., close 9 00 p m 8.30 Air-Line. C. C. East D C. C. West D., States ville, ""

Money Order and Register Lours from 9 a. m. to 4 prnu 2 / JuswT 18 siwe.i. I. B. E. McDONALD, P. M.

now; in 24 hours they will be red het.

Quite a number of Davidson College students have passed through the city, on the way to their homes to spend the holidays.

the Tryon Street M. E. Church will serve lunch to-day from 12 M. to 3 P. M. Capt Burns, Supervisor of the track of the

Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad. died in Columbia on Wednesday evening.

Clear Creek Township, vice J W Swearenger, The wife of LaFayette Paul, died yester

sician held a post mortem examination. Allen, the well known jeweler, presents an attractive advertisement for seekers after Christmas presents to-day. It will do you

good to read it, and make your mouth water We are glad to see from the telegrams that Col Thos B Long has been re-appointed special agent of the post, office department,

The near proximity of Christmas has ma- ity: terially accelerated the sale of such articles as are most popular for holiday presents and it is noticeable that the supply on hand the cost, and upon doing so, was discharged.

among the arrivals at the Central Hotel last

Our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Col C J Cowles, for the annual report of the Director of the Mint to the Secretary of the Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

Tryon Street M. E. Church, will be had this evening at the basement of the church; and the Tree of the children of the Second Presbyterian Sunday School at that church. Those who are in trouble about how to

pay their debts on the 1st of January, may possess their souls in patience. Col Mulbertell us. "There's millions in it" This is very remarkable weather. It

with dampness. The tempe ature is enervawish for a change is very generally enter-

Among our notices of 'Christmas goods, and where to find them." we omitted until now, the well known house of Brem, Brown & Co., until our attention was called to it. by an advertisement which appears in another column, which see.

Those of the schools which did not sugpend operations on Wednesday, did so on yesterday, to allow the pupils to participate in the pleasures of the holidays. The tinnew supplant the school books for a few standing against country merchants and Fashion Notes. dave. I to tisty a bing of I al

New National Bank in Charlotte. As will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, the Farmers' Savings Bank of Mecklenburg, has been converted into a National Bank, under the name of the "The Traders' National Bank of Charlotte and will commence business as such, on and after January 1st, 1876, in A B Davidson's

Ripe Strawberries.

a bloom-about the most curious sight we terday morning. The ripe strawberries are of more than ordinary size, being larger than the end of a man's thumb. The plant is of the ordinary. kind, and the strawberries were grown in the garden of Mr D H Byerly, of this city, They are not the production of a hot house or anything of the kind; but a pure freak of nature and nothing short of it.

On Sunday last, a negro woman was burned to death in Sharon Township. She was cooking in her cabin, when her dress caught fire, and she, in running about the room communicated the flames from ther does to

Cel Butord Displaced.

We are informed by the wires, that at the United States Circuit Court in session at Alexandria Va., on Wednesday, Col. John H. Fisher was, by consent, appointed Receiver of the Atlanta & Richmond Air Line Railway, vice Col A 8 Buford. Our people have little acquaintance with Mr Fisher, but our impressions of him are that he will manage the road in the interest of the people as much as possible consistently with the interests of the bondbolders, of which class he is the representative.

A Handsome Cake.

The printers of the OBSERVER office desire us to return their thanks to Mr J B Franklin, for a large, and elegant cake presented themon yesterday. The cake is handsomely ornamented, and on the top of it are the words, worked in icing. "Compliments of J. B. P. to the Printers." The thoughtful consideration of Mr Franklin is very much appreciated, and an effort will be made by to-morrow, and no freight will be either re- Tthe inky gang, after finishing work on Christmas morning, after mid-night, to 'get away" with this acceptable gift.

> The Virginia and North Carolina Cotton Crop.

> The Norfold and Portsmouth Cotton Ex charge have issued the following circular on the condition of the cotton crop during the month of November, in North Carolina and

Virginia: "Replies from thirty counties in North Carolina and Virginia report the weather as being less favorable than for same period last year, and that four-fifths have been pick-ed, and will finish picking from 20th to 25th of December. Yield will be at least 10 to 15 per cent. less. There is complaint of bolls rotting caused by excessive rains and early frosts, also that the proportion in yield of lint is much less than last year,

MAYOR'S COURT-In the absence of His Honor the Mayor, Justice Davidson presided over this body yesterday morning. The two cases of d. and d., mentioned in yesterday's paper were up-one Martin and one Little. The first was fined \$5 and cost, and the other \$1 and cost.

The following cases were before the same gentleman, acting in his Magisterial capac-

Jim Emmerson, colored, for assault and battery on Prince Neal. Sentenced to pay Emeline Murphy, colored, was up for burning a fence out the evidence was not sufficiently strong and she was discharged.

Township Fence Troubles.

We understand that the people of Clear Creek Township are in trouble on account of the in township fence, which was built about a year ago. It has been yery unpopular from the beginning, with a large number of the people, and on Tuesday night a crowd assembled and, under cover of darkness tors down about 2 miles of the fence, thus leaving the whole township exposed to the ravages of stock. We believe that it is not is understood that the assemblage was a

them. tent, an outcropping of the mob spirit.

The Lack of Money.

About this time, when people are beginning to think of settling up the business of the old year, the scarcity of money is seen in all its unpleasant colors. This depression is by no means of a local character. It permeates all parts of the country, and Charlette By and by when the story of the landlady has its share. Bills are harder of collection than they have been before in years. Retail dealers in the city are badly behind in their collections. Their creditors cannot pay up, and they themselves cannot pay. The situation is such that everybody owes somebody, and nobody lexactly sees his way out. horn and other instruments of torture, will Wholesale dealers who have accounts out farmers, are in the same condition. The notes and accounts are good, but nothing can be realized on them. It is a long lane which has no turning, and we hope soon to see a change for the better in business circles; but as yet the sign of this coming change has not appeared.

Additional Railroad Accommodations. Passenger coaches have been added to

freight trains on this division of the North Carolina Railroad so as to afford increased facilities to the traveling public. A train leaves Greensboro at 8.30 p. m., arrives at Charlotte at 5.30 a. m. ; leaves Charlotte at | belts are also worn. 9.30p.m., arrives at Greensboro at 5 40 a.m.; this is the through to Richmond freight. Service at the church this evening, and a leaving Charlotte on Tuesdays, Thursdays of wraps. Pockets have come to be indis-Christmas Tree as well. This service has and Saturdays at 6.30 s. m., arrives at pensible and these old fashioned ornaments been practiced by the children, and we have Greensboro at 6 p. m., and returning arrives are revived to beautify them, no doubt that its rendition will be an inter- at Charlotte at 4 p. m. This train makes connection at Greensboro, with a freight that it is quite impossible to describe them. tend an invitation to the public to attend train for Raleigh and Goldsboro, with bag- There are scarcely two alike, and they are gage, second class and chair cars; this never draped on both sides to correspond. leaves Greensboro at 7 p. m., arrives at Golds- It is scarcely to be realized when examining boro at 11 a. m., leaves Goldsboro at 2.30 p. | each side separately that the overskirt is in-There was on exhibition at Dr Scarr's drug m., arrives at Greensboro at 6 a. m. The tended for one suit. This style is very ele-

Some time ago, we noted some trouble in which the Sons and Daughters of Zion. colored society in this city, found itself, through the embezzlement of the funds of the association by the Treasurer. This Treasurer was a sinner; be did not even belong to the church militant. And after his defalcation, the society met and resolved that henceforth they would only elect christians as officers. But our Magistrate's Court reports of two or three days ago, showed that these christians were on the Colfax order of christianity. Henry Prince and Henry Covington have just been made to disgorge embezzled funds of the Sons and Daughters of Zion. And now the association is in a bad row of stumps indeed. The sinners dedropped down, the clothes all burned from faulted and the christians defaulted also, her person, and in a short time, died. The and the fact has become painfully apparent cabin was also reduced to ashes, with all it that, in the breast of the average darkey, is a cripple, endeavored to rescue his wife is a cripple, endeavored to rescue his wife from the flames, and in doing so burned from the flames, and in doing so burned Daughters have so far fallen upon the wrong of the day.

RENCONALD, P. M.

On Tuesday night a bullet was fired into a sleeping apartment in the residence of Mr W C Morgan, on East Tryon street. The room is the one occupied by Mr Bliss, but at the time of this firing, he had not gone into it for the night. The ball cut through a window slat and dropped into the floor. It is not supposed that there was any design in the matter; it is presumed that the gun or pistol was fired carelessly, and that the ball just happened to strike where it did. Such conduct is very reprehensible, and a person who thus carelessly endanger human life, should be severely punished

The Church Supper Last Night.

The ladies of the Tryon Street M E Church had quite a good crowd at the supper last night The room was beautifully decerated and festooned with wreaths of evergreens, and the merry groups, promenading around, mingling their laughter with the general hum, rendered a highly attractive scene. It is impossible to estimate the crowd, since it was continually coming and going, but the ladies: we believe, were well satisfied with the success of their undertaking.

The supper was, of course, the chief attraction, and it comprised nearly everything that could be desired. Oysters, turkeys, chickens, chicken salad and other kinds of meats, made up a portion of the substantials, while the delicacies were rich and abundant. We have not time to go into the details; it is enough to say that the evening passed away with many pleasures, and the crowd generally, was well pleased. There will be lunch to-day, from noon until 3

An Appropriate Poem.

A friend remembers and has written for us from memory, the following poetry which he saw in a newspaper about the time of Christmas, 1847. It will be recognized at once as a parody on Bruce's address to his army, and appropriate is just now:

Turkeys which on Christmas bled, Turkeys which on corn are fed, Welcome to us, now you're dead, And in the frost have bung.

Who would be a turkey hen, Fed and fatted in a pen, Killed and eat by hungry men, Can you tell, I pray?

Now's the day and now's the hoar, Through the market how we scour; Seeking turkeys to devour, Turkeys old and young.

Lay the proud old turkey low; Let the young ones run and grow; To market they're not fit to go Till next Christmas day.

A Youthful Robber.

Two or three weeks ago, a little boy came to this city, seemingly all on his own hook, and got employment in a grocery store. He took lodging at a certain boarding house. and stayed there, sleeping in the same room with a gentleman boarder. Day before yesterday morning the landlady saw the boy known who any of the parties were : but it | come out of the room much earlier than usual, and asked him the cause of his early mixed crowd of whites and blacks Of appearance. He stated that he was scared course the offenders will be brought into that a big man, in his stocking feet and with court if the offence can be fixed upon any of side-whiskers, had come into the room where was sleeping, and that he had covered We are sorry to record this occurence. It up his head; that he saw the man go tobetrays a bad feeling, and is, to a certain ex- | ward the bed of the gentleman who was sleeping in the same room, and that he wouldn't be surprised if something was

No attention was paid to this story. After breakfast, the gentleman who had slept in the same room with the boy, had occasion to take out his pocket-book, and when he did so he discovered that \$25 were missing. was heard, suspicion rested upon the boy. and the police was put upon the track. It was ascertained that the youngster had left his place of business just after dinner, and had not returned and though diligent search has been made for him since nothing has been developed to indicate his whereabouts.

Ladies who object to flannel altogether have silk under-clothing made of the soft, thick, yet elastic silk of which vests are

Among other useful garments for girls are long Ulsters of basket-woven cloths made double-breasted, with two rows of buttons down the loose front, while the back is held in place by a belt that buttons or buckles in the middle.

Golden gaileon and ornaments continue to be the rage. Bonnets are enriched with gold ornaments, and the seams of the dresses are striped with golden galloon. Gilden

Grelots and agraffes of passementerie made of cords and tassels are new used on pockets and down the fronts of sacques and all kinds

Overskirts are still worn, and so draped

AMUSEMENTS .- Theatre goers and all such as keep late hours are very liable to contract a serger cough or cold. A safe and reliable cure is Dr Bull's Cough Syrup. The price is

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

R. A. M.

THE members of Charlotte Chapter No 30, are hereby notitied to attend a regular convecation of their Chapter, at Masonic Temple Building to-night at half past seven Royal Arch Masons in good standing are

espectfully invited. erected to their memory, and 1229b

Holiday Presents.

WE have the handsomest assortment of V Carving Table and Pocket Knives in the city, and all wishing to make their wives or friends a useful gift, would do well to see our stock. Also a very fine lot of Plated Spoons and Forks and Rodger's Scissors in

cases and singly.

Call at our Retail Store and see the many useful articles, and the low prices at which

COMMERCIAL NAT'L BANK,

THE STOCK OF

TIDDY & BROTHER.

A ND they are offered at prices below those

heretofore asked. This Stock consists of many valuable Standard Works, Histories, Travels, Biographies, Poems, Bibles, Hymn Books, Prayer Books, School Books, Blank Books, Memorandum Books, Legal Cap. Foolscap, Letter and Note Paper, Letter and Note Heads, Wrapping Paper, Pens, Ink, Inkstands, Envelopes, Toy Books, Reward Cards, Tissue Paper, Picture Frames, Games Stereoscopes and Views, Opera Glasses, and a great variety of articles usually kept in first-class Book Store.

WHEREAS, By satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The Traders National Bank of Carolina, has complied with all the provis-ions of the Revised Statutes of the United

mence the business of Banking.

Now THEREFORE, I, John Jay Knox.

Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The Traders National Bank of Charlotte," in the City of Charlotte, in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina, is authorized to commence the business of Banking, as provided in Section business of Banking, as provided in Section Fifty-One Hundred and Sixty-Nine, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, In testimony whereof witness my hand

Comptroller of the Currency.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that our respec-tive depots will be closed on Christmas day. No freights will be received or deliv-ered. J A WILSON, Ag't, R & D R R.

A&RAI. dec24 1t

## \$10 Reward!

I will pay the above reward for the appre-hension of the person who stole from a show case in front of my shop on Wednesday evening, a pair of No 9 and a pair of No 5 pump sole French Calf Skin Boots, one pair of fine Gaiters, and two pair of Shoes.

PAUL McKANE.

we are selling them for cash,
BREM, BROWN & CO. dec24 2t

Bank Notice.

Charlotte, N. C.

THIS Bank will not open on CHRISTMAS day. All notes and drafts maturing en that day are payable to-day, the 24th Dec. A G BRENIZER, Cashier.

MUST BE SOLD.

Great Bargains can be had on and after this date for CASH ONLY.

W L T PRINCE,

Agent for Trustee. TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, Charlotte" in the City of Charlotte, in the County of Mecklenburg, and State of North States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to com-

and Seal of office this 21st day of December, 1875. JOHN JAY KNOX,

W W PEGRAM, Ag't, C, C & A R R.

TTSMITH. Ag't, OCRR. W C MAFFITT, Ag't,

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.

PROVIDE FOR CHRISTMAS! Plenty of Cow Feed, Flour and Meal, for sale by CHARLOTTE CITY MILLS.

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

Bank Notice. FARMERS' SAVINGS BANK, Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 24, 1875.

THIS Bank will be closed on Christmas day. Papers maturing on that day must be attended to to-day.
dec24 C N G BUTT, Cashier.



MILLION!!

PIGS FEET, DRIED BEEF, BOLOGNA Sausage, Cream Cheese, all grades of Flour, Goshen Butter, Pickles in Barrels, Florida Oranges, Malaga Grapes, Fresh Lemons, large Cocoanuts, large North-ern Apples, Nuts of every kind, Can-dies of all

flavors home made. California Pears, Prunes. Canned Goods of every description, a large Stock of Groceries, Ground Peas at Wholesale and Retail, French

Candies too numerous to mention, Mis-cellaneous Goods and Notions, Candy Toys, ORNAMENTED 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. DRESH CRANBERRIES, by the quart or D M RIGLER'S.

FINE GOLD CHAINS.

FINE GOLD WATCHES.

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FORBES,

THE PERSON OF THE PROPERTY.

MOTTOS, YOTTOS, MOTTOS, ONLY 124 CENTS EACH : WHITE JAVA CANVAS,

There was on exhibition at Dr Scarr's drug m., arrives at Greensboro at o a. m. Independent of the state of t 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 for of ever witnessed at this season; of the year. Proof, ally 18 25 per Gard Calest Styles of Cadles Limin Ra Croft and Collars, at ten cents each; new variety of Tucking Combs, at 25, 36 and 50 cents; Splendid Stack for Ladles Hose only 25 per pair ; Ladies, all Wool Merino Vests, at \$1 each ; Large Stock of Gros Grain Bibbons, 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 Cornets, only 75 cents erch; Silk Dress Buttons all colors, only 10 cents per dozen p a well asserted Stock of Lidies' and Misses Furs, at extremely low prices; and a great many other goods too

On and after this date, mails will open and close in this office as follows: 8.30 / 4 ... / " 9.00 pm "--- 6.80 p m alf 9.00 p m

the originate and the prior shop One more day, and it a short one

All the depots of the city will be closed ceived or delivered.

We remind our citizens that the ladies of

Probate Judge Erwin, on yesterday appointed R H Henderson a Magistrate for

day afternoon, at her residence on Hill street, between Church and Tryon. Phy-

or this district. He is a faithful, energe

is unusually large. Rev W H Bobbitt the new Presiding Elder of this district, and Jas T LeGrand, Esq. State Senator from Richmond county, were

The hristmas Tree of the children of the

ry Sellers will te here on the 3rd and will unpleasantly warm, and the air is laden ting in its effects upon the system, and the

Trade street, one door South of the public Christmas Praise Service. As we have previously stated, the children of the Sunday School of the Second Presbyterian Church, will have a Christmas Praise There is also a tri-weekly freight (local)

the cabin, which was soon in flames. The woman finally ran into the yard, where she

Careless Firing.