

SMITH & FORBES' SECOND FALL STOCK, BOOTS AND SHOES. Wholesale and Retail. WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD. NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY!

Burgess Nichols & Co., Wholesale & Retail. Furniture, Bedding, &c. Just received at the Central Hotel Store!

NEW GOODS, JUST RECEIVED AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL STORE! Cotton, woolen, and various fabrics. VERY RESPECTFULLY, M. KOPPEL.

THE CITY

Charlotte, N. C., December 24, 1875. On and after this date, mails will open and close in this office as follows: Northern, delivered 8.30 a. m., closed 9.00 p. m. Air-Line, 8.30 a. m., 8.30 p. m. C. & East D., 8.30 a. m., 8.00 p. m. C. & West D., 8.30 a. m., 8.00 p. m. Statesville, 5.30 a. m., 8.00 p. m. Money Order and Register hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. R. E. McDONALD, P. M.

Col. Buford 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.

A Handsome Cake. The printers of the Observer office desire to return their thanks to Mr. J. B. Franklin, for a large and elegant cake presented to them yesterday.

The Virginia and North Carolina Cotton Crop. The Norfolk and Portsmouth Cotton Exchange has issued the following circular on the condition of the cotton crop during the month of November, in North Carolina and Virginia.

The Courts. Mayor's Court.—In the absence of His Honor the Mayor, Justice Davidson presided over this body yesterday morning.

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.

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.

Christmas Praise Service. As we have previously stated, the children of the Sunday School of the Second Presbyterian Church, will have a Christmas Praise Service at the church this evening.

Ripe Strawberries. There was an exhibition at Dr. Sear's drug store, on yesterday, a strawberry plant which had on it ripe and green strawberries, and a bloom—about the most curious sight we ever witnessed at this season of the year.

A Woman Killed by a Horse. 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 her dress to the cabin, which was soon in flames.

Careless Firing. On Tuesday night a bullet was fired into a sleeping apartment in the residence of Mr. W. C. Morgan, on East Tryon street.

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 decorated and festooned with wreaths of evergreens.

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.

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

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.

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

SPECIAL NOTICES. ANNOUNCEMENT.—These office and such as keep late hours are very liable to contract a severe cough or cold.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. R. A. M. THE members of Charlotte Chapter No. 20, are hereby notified to attend a regular communication of the Chapter at Masonic Temple Building to-night at half past seven o'clock.

THE POST OFFICE. Will be open to-morrow, between the hours of 7.30 and 9.30 a. m., closed remainder of the day. R. E. McDONALD, P. M.

\$10 Reward! I will pay the above reward for the apprehension of the person who stole from a show case in front of my shop on Wednesday evening, a pair of No. 1 and a pair of No. 5 pumps, a pair of Cat Skin Boots, one pair of fine Gaiters, and two pair of Shoes. PAUL MCKANE.

Holiday Presents. WE have the handsomest assortment of 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.

Bank Notice. COMMERCIAL NAT'L BANK, Charlotte, N. C. THIS Bank will not open on CHRISTMAS day. All notes and drafts maturing on that day are payable to-day, the 24th Dec. A. G. BRENNIZER, Cashier.

AT AND BELOW FIRST COST. THE STOCK OF BOOKS AND STATIONERY OF TIDDY & BROTHER, MUST BE SOLD.

AND 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 a first-class Book Store.

W. L. T. PRINCE, Agent for Trustee. TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, Washington, December 21st 1875.

Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that our respective depts will be closed on Christmas day. No freights will be received or delivered.

FINE GOLD SETTS. FINE GOLD CHAINS. FINE GOLD WATCHES. FINE GOLD JEWELRY.

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION FOR CHRISTMAS, AT E. J. ALLEN'S, CENTRAL HOTEL BUILDING.

THE CHEAPEST CLOAKS. M. KOPPEL. THE UNITED STATES CAN BE FOUND AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL STORE.

Ten Cent Column. Advertisements will be inserted in this column at the rate of ten (10) cents per line, for each insertion.

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

CHRISTMAS. SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY. 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 Northern Apples, Nuts of every kind.

C. S. HOLTON & CO'S. Fresh Cranberries. FRESH CRANBERRIES, by the quart or bushel, at D. M. RIGLER'S.