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

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WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD. SMITH & FORBES, NEW IRON FRONT BUILDING, TRADE STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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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.

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And will sell goods cheaper than any Dry Goods House in Charlotte. We keep no mixed stock, but do a legitimate business.

HAT AT COST TO CLOSE OUT.

CALL AND EXAMINE THESE ELEGANT GOODS. WADE & PEGRAM, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

All accounts due us must be paid by January 1st. We need the money and hope 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. A FULL ASSORTMENT OF Parlor Suits, in Hair Cloth, Terry and Reps. Also a new Supply of Lounges, all grades. A full assortment of Metallic Cases, Caskets and Wood Office on hand.

HO, FOR THE NEW YEAR.

PUREFOY'S

FOR YOUR PRESENTS.

CRANBERRIES, CHRISTMAS GOODS!

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Dried Green Corn, ORANGES, LEMONS, NORTHERN APPLES, MALAGA GRAPES.

F. H. ANDREWS & CO'S. PRESENTS OF ALL KINDS IN HIS LINE ARE NOW TO BE SEEN.

PHIFER'S BOOK STORE.

WE MEAN WHAT WE SAY!

TO RENT FOR 1876.

LOST.

THE CITY.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 29th, 1875.

On and after this date, mails will open and close in this office as follows:

Northern, delivered 5.30 a.m., close 9.00 p.m. Southern, " 8.30 " " 7.30 p.m.

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The Weather.

Is horrible. Rain has been falling almost incessantly ever since Monday night, and everything is flooded. Still there is no indication of any letting up. It is to be hoped that, with the end of the rainy spell, we will have also an end of the warm spell. The weather is very unseasonable, and everybody feels the effects of it.

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BLOODY RIOT ON CHRISTMAS!

One Negro Killed and Six or Eight Wounded.

Several Whites also Slightly Wounded.

Whiskey Cause!

The Christmas of 1875 will long be remembered in Charlotte as an occasion of riot and bloodshed. Many remarked in the morning that the day was an unusually quiet and dull one. Most of the stores were closed and there was a total absence of the accustomed display of fire works and other amusements, characteristic of the annual festivities. The mob of both races paraded the streets early, visiting the bar-rooms and shouting in their drunken orgies; yet all seemed peaceably disposed until noon, when several fights of minor importance took place. No bad blood was, however exhibited until a countryman, by the name of Thos Wilson, got into a fight with several negroes. That was the commencement of the trouble. There are many conflicting reports as to the one who originated it, but the supposition is that Wilson while riding a mule, was followed and ridiculed by the negroes, and when he attempted to use a stick upon his tormentors, he was pulled off and roughly handled. The whites seeing him thus imposed upon, came to his assistance. Then commenced an indiscriminate throwing of brick-bats and firing of pistols. A panic arose and the innocent as well as the guilty were set upon. The colored troops as well as the whites, as a general thing, fought nobly. In all it is estimated that there were about fifty shots fired. Many discharged their pistols into the ground and air in hope of quieting the riot, but with no effect.

The Carriers and Their Addresses.

On behalf of the carriers of the OBSERVER, we return their thanks to the city subscribers of the paper, for the Christmas with which they were greeted on Christmas Day. Their success was quite as good as they had expected, and the receipts from them added materially to the amount of their Christmas money. They made from \$3 to \$12 each, and the total amount realized by them, reached nearly \$60.

Changed Hands.

Mrs H F Daniels has retired from the management of the restaurant under the name of Smith & Forbes, and it has been leased by Mr. M O Teasdale, who is fitting it up in excellent style. It will be called the Commercial Dining Room. Mr. Teasdale comes to our city well recommended. He has secured the services of Mr. O W Badger who will assist him in the management of the restaurant and who will, as everybody knows, do his part well.

The Hymeneal Torch.

Another one of our fellow-townsmen has enlisted in the large and ever increasing army of Benedict. Mr. W A Lucas, of this city, was married on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the residence of the bride, to Miss Rebecca Cureton, of Camden, S C, and has reached home with his bride. Quite a number of friends attended a reception given on Tuesday afternoon, and extended their congratulations and expressed their good wishes to the newly married pair. May peace, long life and unalloyed happiness be theirs.

John T. Raymond.

The advance agent of the great comedian has visited Charlotte and billed it; the advertisement appears under the proper head of "Amusements," in our advertising columns this morning. Raymond, as "Col Murr Berry Sellers," will be here on Monday evening next. We need hardly say more. He is one of the greatest of all living comedians, and his fame is as wide as this continent. He has immortalized both himself and Col Sellers. He is to Sellers what Joe Jefferson is to Rip Van Winkle. It is his specialty and has already made his fortune. He has packed houses night after night in New York and other of the great cities, and his reputation is growing with each day. No one who can find room in the Opera House, should fail to be there on Monday night. A gentleman living here, who saw the great actor not long ago, remarked the other day that "if he had money enough he would buy Charlotte a ticket when Raymond came."

Innocent's Day.

This festival occurred day before yesterday. It is variously styled Innocent's Day, the Holy Innocent's Day and Childermas Day or Childermas, and has been observed from an early period in the history of the church as a commemoration of the barbarous massacre of children in Bethlehem, ordered by King Herod, with the view of destroying among them the infant Saviour, as recorded in the Gospel of St. Matthew. It is one of those anniversaries which were retained in the ritual of the English Church at the reformation. In consequence, probably, of the feeling of horror attached to such an act of atrocity, Innocent's Day used to be reckoned the most unlucky throughout the year, and in former times no one who could possibly avoid it began any work or entered on any undertaking on this anniversary. To marry on Childermas Day was especially inauspicious.

The Holidays.

After a suspension of three issues, we resume our publication this morning, feeling more vigorous than ever, and better prepared by recreation for the resumption of our labors. During the time of our suspension, a very exciting and unfortunate event has occurred in the city, and is detailed elsewhere. Aside from this, there has been no unusual event in the city. The Christmas season has been an unusually dull one. Since Friday night last, when a portion of the young people engaged in a masquerade ball, there has been no kind of general amusement, and even the fire-works being lacking, there was nothing save the large number of people on the streets and the closed business places, to indicate that the Christmas season was on hand. It will be marked in the history of Charlotte for years to come, as a day of riot, drunkenness and bloodshed, but aside from this one event, as one of the dull and least joyous Christmas Days, that the place ever knew.

Windows of the third story of Brem, Brown & Co's hardware store.

This riot has been very much exaggerated in places distant from Charlotte, and hence it is all the more important that an accurate account be given of its origin and extent. This, we think, is done above.

A Robber Captured.

The Atlanta papers of Tuesday, chronicle the capture in that city on the day previous, of a young man, A M Alderman, who had for some time past been running as an agent of Wooden's Express, between this city and Wilmington. When he arrived in Atlanta, he was observed to have a large amount of money, in the use of which he was very lavish, and a detective soon settled down upon him as a robber. He arrived in Atlanta on Sunday morning, and was closely watched from that time until the next day, when he was observed driving in a carriage to car shed, just before the time for the train on the Georgia State Road to leave. He was accompanied by a woman who had promised to go West with him, to Arizona or Utah, and when the carriage stopped, the young man went into a restaurant near by to get some baggage which he had left there. It was at this time that the police swooped down on him and claimed him as their prisoner. He first attempted to draw a pistol, and being disarmed, then offered the officer a bribe to release him. He was carried to the guard house, and there gave his name first as Jno W Benbo, of Boston, then as James Green, of Chicago, and finally as A M Alderman, of Wilmington, N. C. Upon his person was found \$1,190.75, which was taken charge of and put in a safe.

He was detained until a telegram was received from Mr. Love, Superintendent of Wooden's Express, asking that he be held, and stating that the money which he had was a stolen package of \$1500, for Rockingham, N. C.

Alderman has a brother who is a conductor on the Carolina Central Railroad, and as soon as he heard of this affair, he left for Atlanta to investigate it. It is probable that he and his brother will both arrive in Charlotte this morning, the latter in charge of an officer, and that he will be carried on to Wilmington.

Mr J M Leak, the agent in this city of Wooden's Express, informs us that Alderman left the express office on Saturday morning last with his freight, and started to the depot; that he (Mr L) thought he had gone out on the train, until some time up in the day when he heard that Alderman was in the city. He searched for him then, but failed to find him. He left here on the Air-Line train that night.

The young man's connections are highly respectable, and on their account the affair is to be deplored.

Katie Putnam.

The Charlotte favorite appears at our Opera House to-morrow evening, for an engagement of two evenings and a matinee. The popular rejoicing at her re-appearance here, is very great, and there is now every indication that the Opera House will be jammed. To-morrow evening she gives us "The Old Curiosity Shop," which is the equal of any of Dickens' other creations; and how well Miss Putnam will take the parts of Little Nell and the Marchioness, need not be told those who saw her when she was here last. We believe it is conceded that in these characters she has no equal on the American stage. We are informed by Mr Calhoun, that she has a strong company this season, and that Mr Sullivan, the leading heavy man, makes a very excellent Switzer. If her company is even passable we will have a delightful entertainment, for Katie herself will cover a multitude of short comings. We would be glad to have Miss Putnam receive the same ovation with which she met here last season, and we have no doubt that she will.

[COMMUNICATED.] A CARD.

The pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, acknowledges with thanks, the substantial gifts of his people, valued chiefly as "tokens of their love and esteem."

MARRIED.

In Norfolk, Va., on the 22d inst., by Rev J Keenan, M H Pinnix, Esq. of Lexington, N. C., to Miss Courtney Baxter, only daughter of Dr O P Baxter, of Norfolk.

In Statesville, on the 23d inst., by Rev W A Wood, Dr W P Andrews, of Shelby, to Miss Bettie Ramsaur, of Statesville.

DIED.

Monday the 27th inst, Nannie Bell, infant daughter of Sidney and Bettie Austin, aged 5 months.

When we asunder part, 'T gives us great pain. But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again. Biblical Recorder please copy.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A shipwrecked sailor waiting for a sail is like a business man sitting at home nursing a cough or cold. Get Dr Bull's Cough Syrup and be cured.

August Flower.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver complaint.

More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effect such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constipation, Palpitation of the Heart, Heartburn, Water-brash, gnawing and burning pains at the pit of the stomach, Yellow Skin and Colic, Tongue a disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of food after eating, low spirits, &c. Go to the Drug Store of Messrs T. C. Smith & Co., wholesale agents and retail druggists generally and get a 75 cent bottle, or a Sample Bottle for 10 cents. Try it. Two doses will relieve you. [dec30]

Sciple & Sons, Coal and Lime Merchants, Atlanta, Ga., Analysis of our Seaboard, A. S. Line 98.65. The strongest Line in the United States. Montevideo, Cahaba red ash, and Coal Creek Coal. We have special rates of freight on Coal and Lime by car load to points in North and South Carolina and Georgia. We solicit orders, send for prices. [dec30] SCIPLE & SONS, Atlanta, Ga.

To Rent.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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"COL. MULBERRY SELLERS."

"There's Millions in It." Mr. John T. Ford has much pleasure in announcing, under his management, an engagement, for one evening, with the eminent American Comedian,

Mr. John T. Raymond,

who will appear in this city, supported by a SPECIAL DRAMATIC COMPANY.

ON MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 3rd, 1876

The scale of seats will commence on Thursday, December 30th, at PRINCE'S BOOK STORE.

The scale of prices will be the same as those of the standard New York Theatre. Secured places, One Dollar and a Half. Admission, One Dollar.

OPERA HOUSE!

ALEX. CALHOUN, MANAGER. J. J. SULLIVAN, DIRECTOR.

TWO EVENINGS AND MATINEE.

FRIDAY and Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st, SATURDAY.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON at 2 O'CLOCK.

America's Favorite Artist! The Peerless Comedienne and Vocalist,

MISS KATIE PUTNAM,

UNRIVALED COMEDY COMPANY.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 31ST. Entire New Version of Chas Dickens' celebrated Creation, the

OLD CURIOSITY SHOP!

LITTLE NELL, with Songs, KATIE PUTNAM, with Songs and Dances. In which characters she is acknowledged without a rival on the Continent.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON at 2 O'CLOCK. The beautiful Domestic Play,

LITTLE BAREFOOT!

AMRY, THE LITTLE BAREFOOT. KATIE PUTNAM.

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1ST, The New Play, entitled

BLADE O' GRASS!

In which MISS PUTNAM assumes Five Distinct Characters.

Full Cast of Characters in Programme.

SCALE OF PRICES: Parquette and Balcony, \$1.00 General Admission, 75 cents Gallery, 50 cents

dec25 4t

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.

FOR RENT—A house with four rooms, kitchen, good water, stable, &c., on Church Street, between 8th and 9th. Apply on the premises. C HILKER. dec30 2t

FOR RENT—Three or four rooms, suitable for a small family, in one of the best localities in Charlotte. Apply at once at KOOPMANN & ROTHSCHILD'S. dec30 2t

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. K. R. & S. dec30 1t

The Holiday Hop.

A Committee, appointed by the Charlotte Hop Club, will call with the omnibus (owing to the inclemency of the weather) to-night for the ladies. Calling first at 8 p. m., on South Tryon Street; thence on West Trade Street; thence on North Tryon Street, and finally on East Trade Street. dec30 1t

For Sale.

ABOUT 15 bushels of Corn Meal, slightly A damaged, good for hogs or cattle, at 40 cents per bushel. T COLEMAN & SON. dec30 1t

Dividend Notice.

COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK, Charlotte, N. C., December 27, 1875. A meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, a DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT on the Capital Stock of this BANK, was declared out of the profits for