

Subscription rates: Daily 1 year, (postpaid) in advance, \$3.00...

The Observer's Job Department has been thoroughly equipped with every needed want, and with the latest style of type...

SMITH & FORBES' SECOND FALL STOCK OF BOOTS AND SHOES.

OUR MR. FORBES has just returned from the Northern Markets, and we are now preparing our Second Fall Stock of BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER...

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. MERCHANTS are especially requested to examine our Stock before purchase.

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

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES BOOTS AND SHOES, AT THE LOW PRICES OF THE GOOD OLD TIMES BEFORE THE WAR.

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS, Wilmington, N. C.

OFFER TO THE TRADE THEIR LARGE STOCK AND COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF BOOTS AND SHOES...

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS, Wilmington, N. C.

Personal examination and orders solicited.

FURNITURE DEALERS. 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 Repps. Also a new



Supply of Lounges, all grades. A full assortment of Metallic Cases, Caskets and Wood Coffins on hand.

ATTENTION. SANTA CLAUS Has Arrived and is Holding Forth at

D. A. SMITH & CO'S, FURNITURE STORE.

CALL AND MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS OF XMAS PRESENTS FROM THEIR Superb Stock of Toy Furniture of every description.

CARTS, WAGONS, WHEELBARROWS, CHAIRS, BRACKETS, WALL POCKETS, &c., &c.

It is THE place to get durable and handsome presents for wives, mothers, sweet-hearts or children. Remember the place.

D. A. SMITH & CO., EAST TRADE STREET, OPPOSITE MARKET HOUSE.

DR. S. B. NYE, CHRISTMAS PRESENTS OF ALL KINDS IN HIS



OCULIST-OPTICIAN, NEW YORK.

RESPECTFULLY announces to the citizens of Charlotte and vicinity, that he has taken rooms at the Central Hotel...

PHIPPS' BOOK STORE. We Mean What We Say!

THE Proprietors of the Observer will endeavor, within the next ten days, to collect all arrears due them in the city...

FIRST-CLASS BOARDING HOUSE. TO RENT FOR 1876.

Butter, Butter. FRESH arrival of that Superior Virginia Butter, and the best Corn Meal...

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 8.30 a. m., close 9.00 p. m. Southern, 8.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.

THE CHURCHES TO-DAY. (CATHOLIC CHURCH)—Services this morning at 10 1/2 o'clock, and sermon by the Rev. Father Kelly, of Raleigh.

ST. PETER'S (E.) CHURCH.—Services this morning at 11, and this afternoon at 4, by the Rev. Rev. R. H. Bronson.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—Services at the School House, near the City Mills, this afternoon at 4 o'clock, by Rev. W. M. Hunter.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Services this morning at 11 o'clock, and this evening at 8 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. T. H. Whitfield, Sunday School at 9 A. M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services this morning at 11, and this evening at 7 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D. Seats free. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M.

TRINITY STREET M. E. CHURCH.—Services this morning at 11 A. M., by Rev. W. H. Bobbitt, and this evening at 7 P. M., by the pastor, Rev. P. J. Carraway. Sunday School at 3 P. M.

A. R. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services in the Chapel, on the corner of College and 5th streets, at 11 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Hunter, and at 7 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services this morning at 11, and this evening at 7 by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Harding. Sunday School at 3 P. M.

SECOND METHODIST CHURCH.—Services in the morning at 11 A. M., J. F. Butt, and at 7 P. M., by Rev. W. H. Bobbitt. Sunday School at 9 A. M. Seats free.

CITY BULLETIN.

New Year sermons to-day. First Sunday of the new year.

The street crossings were scraped off yesterday.

There will be services to-day in all the churches except the Lutheran.

New Year callers were not very numerous on yesterday. Some, however, were out.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular session at the Court House to-morrow.

The banks were all closed on yesterday, and this was the only indication of New Year's Day.

A sight of the moon was caught, last evening, between a rift in the clouds, and the peep made us think of old times.

At times, yesterday, the sun almost came out, but it may be said that the dreary weather of the past ten days still continues.

The guests of the Central Hotel had an extra good dinner on yesterday. Quite a number of invited guests were present, too, including the police and City Marshal.

Reserved seats for Col Mulberry Sellers, are going off quite well. Remember to-morrow night is the time. Don't fail to see Sellers. "There's millions in it."

902 people in this city on yesterday wrote "1875," tried to rub out the "5" with their fore finger, and then cursed the luck that had made them no more thoughtful.

Contrary to a custom which prevails very extensively in the South, the colored people of this city had no celebration on yesterday of Emancipation Day.

Messrs Alexander, Seigle & Co., by a card in another column, urge upon their debtors the entire propriety of their walking up to the captain's office, &c.

There is a vast amount of civil business before the Magistrate these days. Every-body seems to be suing everybody. This would seem, however, to be a very un-civil business.

The young ladies interested, are requested to meet to-morrow (Monday) morning at 11 o'clock, at the residence of R. I. McDowell, Esq., to arrange for the proposed Leap Year Party.

Yesterday was a day of unusual quietude. A large number of people were in town, the most of them negroes, but there was very little drunkenness, and almost no disorderly conduct.

The property of Mr. B. Koopman, on Church street, was sold, yesterday at public auction, and was bought by Dr. J. H. McAden, for \$3,300. The lot is a half-acre in extent.

Death of Israel Fink. We have to record this morning, the death of Mr. Israel Fink, of this city. He died yesterday morning at his residence, of erysipelas. Mr. Fink was a native of Cabarrus county, where he has many relatives living, but had been living in Charlotte since the war.

Register of Deeds' Work. During the month of December, the Register of Deeds of Mecklenburg County issued 59 marriage licenses; during the year just ended he issued 319; the largest number of marriages that ever took place in this county in any one year, was 325. The Register, during December, recorded 25 deaths and mortgages; during the past year, 1,519.

Meeting of Township Trustees. The trustees of the township interested in the fence question, met in this city on Friday, according to adjournment, J. J. Price, Esq. in the chair. A committee was appointed to let out the contract for building the fence, and to report to an adjourned meeting to be held in Charlotte on Friday next.

Safety Locks. Mr. H. Kelly, of Raleigh, is in this city for a few days, for the purpose of supplying houses with the window burglar-proof lock advertised elsewhere. It is a very excellent contrivance, and those of our citizens who have apprehensions of being troubled by burglars, should have them put on their windows.

Ran Into a Tank. On Friday morning the water tank at Lumberton, on the Carolina Central Railroad, fell across the track just before the train arrived, and when it did reach the spot the locomotive dashed into it, the engineer not seeing it in time to stop. Fortunately very little damage was done. The tank was old and rotten, and, as a great many people have done in the last week, it got too full.

Cutting Down Forces. Quite a number of railroad employees suspended business on yesterday by request, or will suspend in a day or two. The Richmond & Danville Railroad has dismissed two of the depot clerks in this city, and the Carolina Central Railroad the same number. The Piedmont Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line, have also dismissed one soliciting agent each. We do not know how it is with the last named line, but we see little sense in the Richmond & Danville Railroad ever reducing its force or taking off trains, since it rarely ever gets off, anyhow.

Marriage at Yorkville. A friend informs us by letter of the marriage, at Yorkville, S. C., on the 29th ult., in the Episcopal Church, of Mr. W. Blackburn Wilson, Jr., and Miss Isabella H., daughter of the late Dr. W. R. Miller, of Raleigh. Rev. R. P. Johnson officiated, and the attendants were as follows and entered the church in the order in which their names occur:

Miss Willie Miller, Mr. Jim Wilson; Miss Susie Williams, Mr. Robt Galbraith; Miss Maggie Dunovant, Mr. Robt Latta; Miss Sue Lowry, Mr. Robt Steele; Miss Willie McCorkle, Mr. Johnnie Wilson; Miss Florence Latta, Mr. Sam Wilson.

Irvin's Lane. A gentleman who is very much interested, asks to urge upon the County Commissioners to take some action at their meeting on Monday, looking to the improvement of the condition of the piece of road known as Irvin's Lane, lying between the Air Line Depot and the town creek. It is in such condition now as to be almost impassable, and not a quarter of a load can be pulled through it. While this is true, there is every probability that the road will continue to grow worse as the winter advances, until by and by the bottom can hardly be found at all. We submit, but must decline to comply with our friend's request to urge an improvement, for the reason that the last time we did this we offended the Commissioners, and we have no desire to do so again.

The Matinee Yesterday Afternoon. There was an excellent crowd, mostly ladies and children, at the theatre yesterday afternoon, to be charmed by Miss Katie Putnam and her first rate company. And charmed all were, for Katie was never more bewitching than as "Amy, the Barefoot," and she was well sustained in nearly all the parts. The character of Amy is one of the sweetest imaginable, and Miss Putnam's conception, and her extraordinary histrionic ability, made it quite as irresistible as its creator intended it should be. The support was good throughout, and no part was better taken than that of Jimmie, the brother of Amy.

All in all, "The Barefoot" was one of the most charming entertainments that Miss Putnam has ever given us.

Pencil Sketch of the Late Riot. We saw, yesterday, a highly laughable picture. It was a representation of the riot in this city on Christmas Day, and was drawn on pasteboard with a pencil by a little negro boy 12 years of age, in the employ of Mr. Jas. McCorkle. The stores of Brem, Brown & Co. and Smith & Forbes were represented, with guns and pistols firing from the windows; the streets below were filled with an excited throng of whites and blacks; smoking pistols, and throwing brick-bats; smoke emerged from the ends of revolvers, and the air was black with all manner of missiles. The most striking scenes depicted were Farris on his back, using his pistol indiscriminately, and Shepherd Johnson lying dead in the midst of the rushing, seething throng of the rioters.

The darkey apologizes for any inaccuracies which the drawing may contain, by saying that he witnessed but a small part of the engagement, and that as soon as the fight fairly began, he got scared and took to his heels. This picture, he says, is just what he imagined, from the little he did see, how the fight probably looked. It is a funny picture, and displays no mean order of talent on the part of the little darkey who drew it.

Shop of the German Singing Club. This event took place on Friday night, and was very largely attended. We are glad to hear from participants, that it was the most delightful hop that the society has ever had. They danced out the 'old year' and danced in the new, and the festivities continued until 5 o'clock yesterday morning. Quite a number of invited guests were present, among others, His Honor Mayor Johnston. During an interval in the dancing there was an auction of articles, and some of the things exposed for sale were run up to a ridiculously high price. We are glad to know that the occasion was such a pleasurable one, and regret that our business engagements were such as to prevent us from accepting the polite invitation which had been extended us to attend the hop.

Shipping Line Revived. Attention is called to the advertisement, in another column, of the Great Southern Freight Line, via the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta and South Carolina Rail Roads, via Charleston to and from North and South Carolina, Charleston and Eastern cities. This route was the favorite one to shippers when being formerly run to this section; and we cannot but congratulate our merchants on its being re-established, and trust it may receive a liberal share of business, as it offers unequalled facilities for the transportation of freights. We are assured by the agent, that cars will be run through to and from Charlotte and Charleston, and upon a 24 hour schedule. Mr. N. M. Johnston is agent for the line. He is a popular and efficient agent, and we have little doubt that through his instrumentality the line will soon get into a fine business.

The Courts. There were no cases before the Mayor, yesterday morning and only one of any moment before any of the Magistrates; that was against John Kirkpatrick, colored, for urging the negroes on to riot on Christmas Day. The defendant was acquitted and discharged from custody.

Judge Schenck opened his Chambers Court at the Court House yesterday morning. There were only two cases disposed of during the day, and these were Whitley, Guardian, vs. A. A. Alexander, Bailey and Vance for plaintiffs, Wilson & Son, Jones & Johnston for defendants. This case was in the Supreme Court at the June Term, and was remanded for further hearing. On argument of counsel, it was re-referred to the Clerk, under instructions from the Court.

Stewart vs. Salmonds was argued by Wilson & Son for plaintiff and Vance & Burwell for defendant. The facts were found by the jury at last term. The Judge has not filed his opinion as yet.

The case of Sharpe vs. Williams, from Cabarrus will be argued on Monday, and the important case of Sitt vs. Lookbill, on Tuesday next.

U. S. Commissioner's Court.—Andrew Henderson was before United States Commissioner Bailey, yesterday afternoon, charged with retailing whiskey and tobacco without license. Messrs Bailey and Jones appeared for the defendant, and Deputy Collector McAlpine for the Government. The examination began before sun-down, and lasted over eight hours. The Commissioner reserved his decision until the 14th inst.

"There's Millions In It." Mr. John T. Raymond with his fine company, will present to our people at the Opera House to-morrow evening, the dramatization of Mark Twain's last work, "The Gilded Age." The part of Col Mulberry Sellers has made Raymond one of the most famous actors on the American stage and he has immortalized Col Sellers. The play is highly humorous, and can be appreciated by any one. One of the Richmond papers speaking of its production in that city says, "It is the leading theatrical sensation of the season." We sincerely hope to see the Opera House crowded to-morrow evening. Raymond is the greatest comedian we have ever had here, and for their own sakes we do not want any of our citizens to miss seeing him. We give here an extract from the Richmond Dispatch of Thursday, concerning this play and this great actor:

"Mr. John T. Raymond, in the character of Colonel Mulberry Sellers, the genius of Mark Twain's 'Gilded Age,' gave quite a large audience an admirable display of acting last night. The actor who ventured to the Theatre through the mud and dampness, and darkness, were amply repaid for their enterprise and trouble. The 'Colonel' is all that his admirers claim—all that fame has pictured him—yet must be seen to be fully appreciated. He is wonderfully amusing; he is 'great' indeed. His mission is to amuse and please, and in one of the most brilliant of the undertaking he usually succeeds. Last night the rally. A way went drill care and all the little vexations of life. Sellers was the 'idol of the hour,' and for the time drove out of mind all other matters. Many who from over-eating of Christmas turkey and fruit-cake, and over-drinking of Christmas egg-egg, had been down almost to the depths of despair, were raised to a happy level by the electric influence of laughter."

The Opera House Last Night. Katie Putnam and her Comedy Company presented "Jane Eyre, the Orphan of Lowood," at the Opera House, last night, before a very large and cultivated audience. The play was cast much stronger than was that of the night before, and gave unbounded satisfaction.

The star, as Jane Eyre, was immense. She played the part powerfully, and showed herself as much at home in the emotional drama as in low comedy. Persons who don't believe Katie Putnam equal to a character different from "The Marchioness," or "Fanchon," have but to see her as "Jane Eyre," to cause an entire change in their opinions. She made a splendid impression, last night, and added another wreath to her brow.

Her support was excellent. Mr. Sullivan was very fine as "Lord Rochester," and Mr. Verney, and Misses Raymond and Taylor acquitted themselves handsomely. We mention these without meaning disparagement to the other members of the company.

Miss Putnam and her company have been most flattering received here, and it gives us great pleasure to say that they will re-appear here on the evening of the 14th inst.

A Petite Debutante. Little Julia Stoney, of this city, appeared last night with the Putnam Company, and took the part of "Adele." She acted the part very sweetly, and a stranger would never have imagined that it was her first appearance on the boards, with such an easy confidence and grace did she play her part. She is so bright and attractive that, were she to adopt the stage as her profession, we would predict for her right now, a brilliant career.

FUNERAL NOTICE. The funeral services of Mr. Israel Fink, will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock, from his late residence on B Street.

MARRIED. In Raleigh, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. J. J. Lewis, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, by Rev. Mr. Huffham, R. D. Wicker and Miss Alice Godwin.

DIED. Died, suddenly, in Hillsboro, on the 26th of December, Willie Woodell, son of W. W. Woodell of Raleigh; aged 17 years, 3 months and 10 days.

SPECIAL NOTICES. To mothers whose children are weeping—Sweet and balmy slumber secured for the little ones, and coughs and colds rapidly banished by the use of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

CUT THIS OUT. It May Save Your Life. There is no person living but what suffers more or less with Lung Diseases, Coughs, Colds or Consumption, yet some die rather than pay 75 cents for a bottle of medicine that would cure them. Dr. A. B. SCIENCE'S GERMAN SYRUP has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wonderful cures astonishes every one that try it. If you doubt what we say in print, cut out and take it to your Druggists Messrs T. C. Smith & Co., wholesale agents and retail druggists generally, and get a sample bottle for 10 cents and try it. Two doses will relieve you. Regular size 75 cents. (Dec 31.)

Nervous Debility. VITAL WEAKNESS OR DEPRESSION: A weak exhausted feeling, no energy or courage; the result of mental over work, indiscretions or excesses, or some drain upon the system, is always cured by Humphreys' Homeopathic Specific No. 23. It tones up and invigorates the system, dispels the gloom and despondency, imparts strength and energy—stops the drain and 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' HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE COMPANY, 562 Broadway, New York.

See large Advertisement.

Sciple & Sons, Coal and Lime Merchants, Atlanta, Ga. Analysis of our Shelby, A. L. Lime 85 85. The strongest Lime in the United States. Montevale, Canada 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 Virginia. We solicit orders, send for prices. SCIPLE & SONS, 109 1/2 ly Atlanta, Ga.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Notice. THE Merchants, Liquor Dealers, Hotel Keepers, Insurance Agents, and traders of every description, are hereby notified that their semi-annual report are now due, and for the purpose of receiving the same, I will be at my office on each day, until the 15th inst. Liquor dealers are required to strictly comply with Section 19, Schedule "B" Revenue Laws for 1874-75. WM MAXWELL, Register. jan28

THE COMMERCIAL DINING ROOMS, under Smith & Forbes' Shoe Store, will be open Monday. M O TRAVIS, Prop'r. eor. jan1

Partnership. THE Undersigned have this day associated themselves as general partners, for the purpose of conducting the Grocery and Commission business, in several branches, under the firm name and style of Mayer, Ross & Jones, at the old stand of Mayer, Ross & Jones, Trade street, Charlotte, N. C., where each of us will be answerable to our friends. J. B. MAYER, J. B. JONES, CHAS. H. JONES. Charlotte, N. C., January 1st, 1876.

School Notice. THE School of Miss M. H. Barber, will be resumed on Monday, January 10th. jan2 1/2

Dissolution. THE firm of Mayer, Grey & Ross, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. B. GREY, J. B. ROSS. Charlotte, N. C., January 1st, 1876.

All parties indebted to the late firm of Mayer, Grey & Ross, are requested to call at once at the old stand and settle with either of the undersigned, who are only authorized to settle the business of the late firm. J. B. MAYER, J. B. ROSS. Charlotte, N. C., January 1st, 1876.

SPECTACLES! SPECTACLES!! TO THOSE THAT WANT THEIR EYE TEETH CUT, I SELL THE BEST PEBBLE IN STEEL, FRAMES, FOR \$2.00. Warranted Genuine, AND AS GOOD AS THERE IS IN THE UNITED STATES. Some Had Their Eye Teeth Cut, AND PAID FIVE AND TEN DOLLARS FOR A HUMBBUG GLASS.

SPECTACLES A SPECIALTY. WILL SELL A GOOD PAIR OF SPECTACLES FOR 25 CENTS.

SAVE YOUR MONEY. FAND GO TO OLD RELIABLE J. T. BUTLER'S, -FOR YOUR- SPECTACLES.

A FINE BAR and BILLIARD PARLOR is connected with the COMMERCIAL DINING ROOMS, under Smith & Forbes' shoe store, jan1

TO OUR CITY AND COUNTRY CUSTOMERS! YOUR ACCOUNTS OF 1875 IS NOW DUE, AND WE NEED THE MONEY TO SETTLE OUR BUSINESS FOR THE YEAR JUST CLOSED. YOU WILL CONFER A SPECIAL FAVOR IF YOU WILL CALL AT ONCE AND SETTLE UP.

VERY TRULY, Alexander, Seigle & Co. jan2

Dissolution. THE firm of Mayer, Grey & Ross, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. B. GREY, J. B. ROSS. Charlotte, N. C., January 1st, 1876.

All parties indebted to the late firm of Mayer, Grey & Ross, are requested to call at once at the old stand and settle with either of the undersigned, who are only authorized to settle the business of the late firm. J. B. MAYER, J. B. ROSS. Charlotte, N. C., January 1st, 1876.

THE GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT LINE, VIA CHARLESTON, S. C. BETWEEN CHARLOTTE and ALL POINTS NORTH and EAST.

CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA & AUGUSTA RAILROAD, COLUMBIA, S. C., JANUARY 3rd, 1876.

THE CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA & AUGUSTA RAILROAD, in connection with THE SOUTH CAROLINA RAILWAY, and its connecting STEAMSHIP LINES at the port of CHARLESTON, presents to Shippers of COTTON, AND THE MERCHANTS OF CHARLOTTE, AND ALONG THE LINES OF RAILWAYS CONNECTING THEREON, THE MANY ADVANTAGES OF THE GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT LINE.

With the ASSURANCE THAT TRANSPORTATION shall be as QUICK, EASY AS LOW AND SATISFACTION AS COMPLETE, as by any other line that bids for their business. For rates, classifications and all information, call on the undersigned.

A. POPE, General Freight Agent, C. & A. R. R., Columbia, S. C. N. M. JOHNSTON, Soliciting Agent, Charlotte, N. C. W. W. PEGRAM, Agent, C. & A. R. R., Charlotte, N. C. jan2