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THE CITY.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 20th, 1875. On and after this date, mails will open and close in this office as follows:

Two Ostrich Tips lost. See ten cent column. The weather moderated, yesterday, and the sun sat under a cloud.

Platt D Walker, Esq., of Richmond county, is registered at the Central Hotel. Plenty of sunshine yesterday, and it brought out whole hosts of the 'angels in dimity.'

The occasional rains of the past few days, and then the heavy winds keep the streets from being either dusty or muddy.

We are requested to say that Rev L A Bikle will preach at St Mark's Lutheran Church, of this city, on Sunday next.

Mr George Cross, who lived a few miles in the country, and who was well known here, died at his residence on Wednesday afternoon, after a protracted illness.

This was the day for Randolph Sutton's swing; but Randolph won't swing. We had counted on a column and a half article for tomorrow's paper, on the tight-rope performance, but 'our curt,' beat us out of it.

The holes in the streets are being filled up with the rock which has been broken in front of the Court House. Trade between Church and Graham, has been very much improved and many loads have been dumped off right in Independence Square.

The associated press telegrams, this morning report Col Wm Johnston, of this city, in Washington, as a member of the committee appointed by the recent National Railway Convention, at St Louis, to memorialize Congress regarding the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Railroad men do not like the article in yesterday's paper regarding the Trade street crossing and the trains. They say that railroad men made Charlotte, and they ought to be allowed some rights in the corporation. Besides, they hold that these trains subject no reasonably careful person to danger.

The increasing length of the days is to be deplored, for the reason that it makes the nights shorter. Presently it will be so that a fellow can't even sit up and 'hunch' his sweater for a little matter of six or seven hours and get away at a reasonable time, without going at dark.

So Appropriate. Everybody must be struck with the appropriateness of the little quotation at the head of Mr. John T. Ford's advertisement of the appearance here of Mr. Edwin Booth: 'They are coming to the play; get you a place.' The way this community took that advice, yesterday morning, was a caution to late risers.

Killed on a Railroad. The Richmond & Danville train which arrived last night, found a dead negro on the track near Barchesse's Depot, yesterday. It is supposed that the negro was riding on the truck of the freight train the night before, and fell off on the track. He was cut all to pieces, the wheels of several cars having passed over him.

All Invited to the Party. Two young ladies in this city—sisters—and a young lady from abroad visiting them. A gentleman in Shelby writes to one of the ladies, urging her to go to the ball, to be given by the young men of that town, to-night. 'Come,' says he, 'and bring your sister with you, and bring also the stranger that is within thy gates.' Good thing; the reporter booked it.

Not a Strike After All. We understand that there was no strike at the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, as we intimated yesterday. The matter was simply a business matter between the road and its employees, in which a temporary misunderstanding existed. The employees of this road, in quiet submission to orders and faithful discharge of their duties, are not surprised by those of any road in this country.—Columbia Union-Herald.

The Great Tragedian. Edwin Booth is thus summarized by a contemporary: In person, Mr Booth is of medium height, rather slender build, and of a pensive cast of countenance. He has a head of a classic mould, and features of that character universally recognized as handsome. He has been twice married, his first wife living but a few years. His present wife, who was a Miss McVickers, of Chicago, still survives. He is a man of the strictest temperance principles, ignoring spirituous liquors, and not using tobacco in any form.

Caught on the Fly. On Wednesday night, while Mr George Berry, the lightning engineer on the Air Line Railroad, was on the top of a dove flew into the window of his engine cab at the 165 mile post. It was frightened almost to death but was uninjured, and he brought it alive to this city yesterday morning.

Tac Croakers. 'Hitting the nail on the head' is illustrated in the remark of the Southern Christian Advocate, when it thus refers to 'croakers.' The item has a local application: 'Of all classes on earth, defend us from those who are habitually croaking. They are very miserable themselves, and make everybody else unhappy who come within the range of their influences. No matter how happy the circle into which they enter—all may be sunshine and happiness—but when they come the chill is at once felt; it is like a wet blanket.'

Death of a Physician. Dr. S. J. Alexander, a brother of M. E. Alexander, Esq., Sheriff of this county, died on Wednesday night at 12 o'clock, at his residence just across the State line, in York county, S. C. Dr. Alexander was a native of Mecklenburg, and had been living in the county all his life until about 18 months ago, when he married and moved over to South Carolina. He still retained his practice in the Steel Creek neighborhood, and was a popular and prominent physician in his section of country. He was a genial, whole-souled gentleman, and leaves many friends to mourn his death. At the time of his death, which was caused by diphtheria, he was about 41 years of age. He will be very much missed in his neighborhood.

Leap Year Customs. This, which is a selection, is of interest to our young men: In 3 years out of every 4 man has the privilege of 'popping the question,' and the annoyance of sometimes having a plain spoken 'No!' for a reply. On 'the fourth year woman may propose, if it pleases her. In the event of refusing, the penalty, we believe, is that the ungallant gentleman shall present the tender damsel with a new silk. There is a reservation, however, that the right to claim: 'when she proposed, the darning was worn of a scarlet portion, which (or a little of the lower portion of which) she must exhibit to the gentleman, the understood idea being that the silent dress shall cover the patch, and thus assuage dire feminine indignation at the rejection of her offered hand.

The Courts. There was dullness again yesterday in the courts. There was nothing for the Mayor's Court, and the Magistrate had very little to do.

The Township Fence Question. We understand that, at the meeting on Monday night, of those opposed to the fence law, it was stated by some one that the Overseers had declined a communication in opposition to the fence law, and that this was because it feared to give offence to a certain class of its readers. This is not true. The first communication received, we had intended to publish, but misplaced it and could not find it again; the second was declined for the good and sufficient reason that it was written on both sides of the paper. The party who brought it to the office was told in plain terms that this was the objection to it, and that if it were rewritten, although unnecessarily long, it would be published. It cannot be truthfully charged that we withhold communications, which are otherwise proper, on subjects pertaining to the public welfare, for fear of offending an individual or combination of individuals.

The Cotton Crop of 1875. In the advance sheets for the forthcoming report on the cotton crop, we find the following statements, which are important, as they summarize the results of the season's working, and will probably not admit of material correction: In yield of lint to seed, Texas, Arkansas and Alabama, give an average of thirty-one per cent, or three per cent, better than that of last year. Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana, thirty per cent. Florida and Tennessee, the lowest of 27 and 28 respectively. In quality, Texas is by far the highest. Arkansas coming next. All the rest report a lower average than last year, Mississippi especially, being in arrears. Nearly all the counties reporting a high average are upland. On the first of December, but one-tenth of the crop remained to be gathered, and later reports reduce that to one-twentieth. The effect of the weather on the crop is variously estimated. In the lower States, there were no killing frosts up to the 18th of December, and many held that fact to have been detrimental to the blossom and young bolls were present in December, and delayed the ripening. Rain has also been heavier than last year, and has impeded picking, the whole estimate being somewhat less favorable than that of last year. The total quantity is deducted from the foregoing facts, thus adding two per cent. area planted: Average of 1874 was 83 per cent; of 1875, 93.1. The crop of 1874 being 3,333,000 bales, that of this year would be 4,403,000 bales. Three per cent should be deducted for estimate of loss by open weather and consequent running to seed. This reduces the yield to 4,100,000 bales.

St. Valentine's Day. February 14th is some distance off, and the stationers' trade has not yet begun to 'put forth the leaves of love' and vehicles of ridicule; but their windows will soon indicate that the taste for celebrating the day in the modern style still exists. Some neat and pretty designs in lace paper, artificial flowers, burning verses and gilt printing will be offered as mediums for indicating preference and existence of the tender passion, but what the grotesque and vicious abortions called 'comic valentines' have to do with St. Valentine or love, except love of cruelty, the mind of man fails to discover.

The City Yesterday. Charlotte was quiet yesterday, to a fault. We mean by this, that it was destitute of any event of special interest. True, the streets were pretty well filled with wagons and people, and there was a good deal of stirring around, but this does not constitute news. People moved about lively enough, and there seemed to be a good deal of activity in business, the clerks were in the stores, busy, and the loaded wagons rolled through the streets, but you can't tell anything about the news market by the appearance of the streets, and notwithstanding the life which was manifested all over the city, yesterday was unequalledly a newsless day.

Advertising Your Business. A contemporary truly says that in the most primitive days it was recognized as a truth, that in order to do business a merchant must be known. The first efforts consisted in selecting a store in a public thoroughfare and putting up an attractive sign. These methods were effective only in attracting the attention of the passers-by. With the growth of journalism a merchant was for the first time enabled to address an audience not only in his own vicinity, but at all points from which trade could be attracted; so that a card in a newspaper became the most effective salesman, who said precisely the right thing in the best manner, and whose activity could not be measured. A card in the newspaper of today is a missionary a yearly hence.

A Reportorial Soliloquy. Green, of the Durham Tobacco Plant, who knows how it is himself, puts up a bright, ingenious half-column job upon the local historian of this paper, representing him in a soliloquy upon the miseries of bachelorhood. He puts these words in our mouth: 'Now I'd like to know what these single blessednesses are. Here I sit with me button to my collar and no coziness in criticism of the style of the great master of modern English. In dress he looks Hamlet and in expression of countenance, in the look of his large sad eyes, in tone, action and dialogue, as well as when he muses in soliloquy there is a deepness of marked melancholy about him that makes those who are familiar with Shakespeare feel as if the real young Prince of Denmark stood in the flesh before them. You can see him in the person of Mr Booth even when he does not speak, brooding as if his soul writhed over his father's wrongs and his mother's infidelity, and plotting schemes of revenge upon his hated uncle. And yet at no period in the play even when Mr Booth rises to the highest demands of tragic art, do you feel the satisfaction that you do at the end of the play where upon a review of it, you are ready to say that it is so complete and satisfactory a conception of Hamlet, that there is nothing to which you can object but all of which you are forced to commend.'

Mr Booth's Hamlet. The following is an extract from the Richmond Engineer's notice of Mr Booth's performance of Hamlet, at the Richmond Theatre on Monday night. The notice is evidently the work of a careful and competent critic: 'Mr Booth's Hamlet comes up to our ideal of the melancholic Prince, and to pick here and there a great point in the play which he makes as if the custom in criticizing ordinary actors would no more convey a proper idea of the greatness of his personation in all its entirety than a synopsis of one of McCausley's essays would of the splendor of the style of the great master of modern English. In dress he looks Hamlet and in expression of countenance, in the look of his large sad eyes, in tone, action and dialogue, as well as when he muses in soliloquy there is a deepness of marked melancholy about him that makes those who are familiar with Shakespeare feel as if the real young Prince of Denmark stood in the flesh before them. You can see him in the person of Mr Booth even when he does not speak, brooding as if his soul writhed over his father's wrongs and his mother's infidelity, and plotting schemes of revenge upon his hated uncle. And yet at no period in the play even when Mr Booth rises to the highest demands of tragic art, do you feel the satisfaction that you do at the end of the play where upon a review of it, you are ready to say that it is so complete and satisfactory a conception of Hamlet, that there is nothing to which you can object but all of which you are forced to commend.'

The Scene at Philfer's, Yesterday Morning. Such a rush for reserved seats for a theatrical performance as occurred at Philfer's book store, yesterday morning, was never before known in Charlotte. It had been advertised that the box sheet for next Tuesday night, would be opened at 7 o'clock, and before daylight the crowd began to assemble. Several persons sat up through all of Wednesday night, and we are told that at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, there were not less than 25 people standing on the pavement in front of the book store, eager to gain admission. When the store was finally opened, the crowd had increased to at least 40, and it rushed in pell mell, each anxious to be the first at the diagram. This was before 7 o'clock and the crowd was twice put back into the street, each retiring slowly with the hope of being the last out and hence having the best showing to be first in again. At 7:10 the sheet was opened, and there was a scene of great confusion. As fast as they could be marked off and tickets given, seats were disposed of, and the stream of people continued until at 9 o'clock every one of the balcony chairs and the orchestra chairs were taken, as well as many of the seats under the gallery. At 10 o'clock the box sheet was closed, and at 2 it was re-opened and the sale recommenced. At dark last evening 650 seats had been sold, leaving 100 in the parquette yet unshaken. In addition to this 100, the gallery will be reserved, if it is found necessary to do so, and the reader need not think that all the room has been taken up. True, all the choice seats have been taken, but there are many others left, and almost any one would prefer an inferior seat to not seeing Booth at all.

Thus far, as is stated by Mr Levin, the advance agent, \$1,100 has been received for tickets—almost twice as much as any other company which ever visited Charlotte, has taken in for reserved seats in advance of the performance.

Now Did You Ever! And now comes forward a friend of the Abbeville (S. C.) Press and Banner, and announces that two Irish potatoes carried in your pocket, is a sure cure for rheumatism! 'Shoot him on the spot!' And hereafter, every fellow that comes along and tells you that rheumatism can be cured; tell him to death at once. 'Let no guilty man escape.'

MARRIED. In Charlotte, N. C., on the 18th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev P J Curraway, Mr. G. S. Johnson and Katie, youngest daughter of F L Markey. St. Louis Republic and Augusta Constitutionalist please copy.

SPECIAL NOTICES. Common sense. For all cases of Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, etc., use 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 would die rather than pay 75 cents for a bottle of medicine that would cure them. Dr. A. B. BOONER'S GREAT SYRUP has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wonderful cures astonish every one that try it.

Nervous Debility. VITAL WEAKNESS OR DEPRESSION: A weak exhausted feeling, no energy or courage; the result of mental over work, indiscretions of excess, 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 despondency, imparts strength and energy—stops the drain and regenerates 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, 502 Broadway, New York. See large advertisement.

For Rent. A pleasant Cottage, containing four rooms, a kitchen and well of good water on the premises, on Tryon street, within two hundred yards of the public square. Apply to JAMES HARTY, jan21 3c

THE SUN. —IS UP AND— STILL RISING! WE DESIRE TO RETURN OUR THANKS for the very liberal patronage extended to us by the citizens of Charlotte, and the surrounding counties, and promise to do in the future as in the past, confiding ourselves to strictly honest dealing, and leave nothing undone to give universal satisfaction to all. We have recently moved into the large and commodious store, formerly occupied by MR. S. M. HOWELL. Where we will be glad to meet our old friends and a great many new ones. We will keep on hand a large and commanding stock of Groceries and Confectioneries, which will not be surpassed in the city, and at prices that defy competition. We are manufacturers of the best Home Made Candies at Wholesale and Retail. Our Bakery is in full blast, and we have Bread and Cakes that cannot be excelled in this or any other market. C. S. HOLTON & CO. jan21

Store to Rent. To a good tenant looking to a permanent business, a favorable lease would be extended for the Store and buildings, lately occupied by S Frankenthal. Enquire of B BARRINGER, or WITROWSKY & RINTELS. jan19 if

LUDWIG & FISCHER'S, WINE & BEER. LAGER & SALOON. LYNNHAVEN OYSTERS. FRENCH AND GERMAN WINES. MILWAUKEE, GINGINNATI and READING LAGER. jan21

CHARLOTTE OPERA HOUSE. 'They are coming to the play; get you a place.'—SHAKESPEARE. The most eminent actor of the Shakespearian Drama, EDWIN BOOTH, in the popular tragedian, MR. F. EDWARDS, of Booth's Theatre, New York. A DRAMATIC COMPANY OF GREAT REPUTATION, IN SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET, ON TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 25th, 1876.

THE 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.)

NOTICE.—On Tryon Street, yesterday afternoon, two Ostrich Tips. The finder will confer a great favor by leaving them at THIS OFFICE. jan21 if

THIRTY-FIVE SHARES OF Building and Loan Stock, for sale cheap. Apply to J. F. NEWBART. jan21 if

NOTICE.—The ticket No. 1, Row A, Centre Balcony for Booth, January 25th was lost yesterday afternoon. Persons are cautioned against trading for the same. A suitable reward will be paid for its delivery at Philfer's book store. A duplicate has been applied for. jan21

CHAMBRAY'S colored and figured DELAINES, at 10 cts COLORED CAMBRIES, at 10 cts. And a good assortment of Ladies' Hosiery, for sale by JOHN I. BROWN, Trustee of McCausley & Davis. jan20 2c

FOR RENT.—A DESIRABLE RESIDENCE ON TRYON STREET, and the N. C. R. R. Good front and lot, 12 months. The house will be thoroughly repaired. Barn rented separately if desired. jan11 4c E A OSBORNE, Agent.

Mark Twain's 'Roughing It' a book of both interest and value, with the name of W W Greer on the fly leaf, has been loaned by him to some friend, within the last 12 months. That friend will confer a favor by leaving it at THIS OFFICE. jan19 3c

STORAGE. AS LOW AS CAN BE OBTAINED IN THE CITY. MONEY ADVANCED BY CITY BANKS ON GOODS STORED WITH US. A SHORTER CALDWELL, - MANAGER, jan20 1w

NOTICE! GREAT BARGAINS IN GOODS! TRUSTEES SALE. BY Virtue of a Mortgage Deed made and Decreed by Siegfried Frankenthal on the 17th day of 8-September 1873, and registered in the office at Charlotte in Book 9, page 286, the undersigned will, on the 29th day of January, at 11 A. M., proceed to sell at public Auction (at the store on Trade Street, formerly occupied by said Frankenthal), to the highest bidder, a complete stock of Goods, consisting of full lines usually kept in retail stores. The sale to continue from day to day until the whole stock is so disposed of. WITROWSKY & RINTELS, Trustees. jan19 10c

CUTHBERTSON & LONG, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. GROCERS, TRADE STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C. Offer to the trade a well selected and unrivalled Stock of Groceries, cheap for CASH. jan12 ENGLISH Hair Brushes, Tooth Brushes, and Nail Brushes, at McCADEN'S Drug Store. jan14