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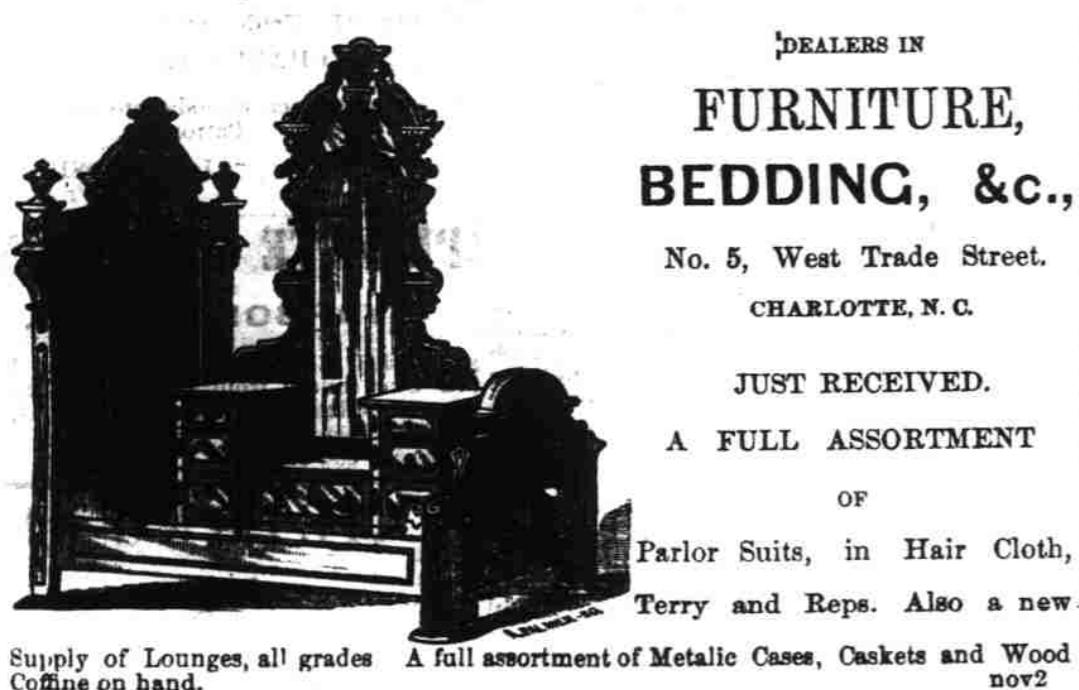
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PRICE LIST

FROM THE GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL STORE, OF CHARLOTTE, N. C.

- LISTEN LAWN AT 75 CENTS A YARD, WORTH \$1.00 (A GREAT BARGAIN). CORSETS AT 90 CENTS, WORTH \$1.50 ELSEWHERE. ALL WOOL DRESS FRINGES AT 10 CENTS, SOLD ELSEWHERE AT 15 CENTS.

THE CITY.

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

Regular monthly meeting to-night of the Hornet Fire Company. More rain yesterday; this uncertain, irregular, cold and disagreeable rain.

The officers of the fire department will have their quarterly inspection to-morrow (Saturday) morning, at 10 o'clock.

We are told that a man will shortly establish a bar-room in this city, and will give a chromo with every twenty drinks, for which drinks cash is paid.

This, from an exchange, applies here: "Scarcely a month has passed since the new year was born, and yet the world is full of broken resolutions and lamp chimneys."

The story in three sonnets, published on our third page, this morning, is well worth reading. It is from the pen of James Barron Hope, the editor of the Norfolk (Va.) Landmark.

If the young people intend to have any more fun this season, they had best be in a hurry about it. Lent is almost here, and this will deprive many from participation in the pleasures incidental to the exercise of the light "piantasio" toe.

A revenue officer, from another town, was in the city on yesterday. He says he is just through a raid in Wilkes county, and the prettiest girl he saw on the trip, was one who cussed him till the mountain air smelt of sulphur, because he seized her uncle's crooked whiskey mill.

Hard Times. There is a general complaint of hard times and the money pressure. The only remedy is in hard work and close economy.

Personal. D J King, Esq., Masonic editor of the Hebrew Leader, of New York City, arrived in this city last night, and registered at the Central Hotel.

John Frey, Esq., of Atlanta, a special agent of the Post Office Department, has been in the city for a couple of days past.

Mr Geo A Hanna, who was formerly connected with the assay office, in this city, is now engaged at the Geological Museum, in Raleigh, with Prof Kerr.

Gov Vance left last night for Chester, S. C, where he will deliver his popular lecture, "The Scattered Nation," the proceeds of the lecture to be given to the Ladies' Memorial Association, to aid in completing the monument to be erected at Columbia in memory of the Confederate dead.

The Hospital for the Aged and Infirm. Mention was made, one day last week, of the fact that the members of the Ladies' Aid Society, of this city, were taking steps to establish here a hospital for aged and destitute women.

The Southern Life Insurance Company. No facts regarding the failure of the Southern Life Insurance Company, have been received in this city beyond what were published in the Observer of yesterday.

We learn from Mr Woodruff, the contractor for the elegant building of this company which is being erected in this city, that he will not suspend operations, so far as he can now see.

"To What Base Uses," &c.

The hall of the Young Men's Christian Association is on the third floor of the Yates building, on Trade street. Two young men have rooms on the same floor of the same building, and on Wednesday night when they started to bed, they heard groans proceeding from the hall first spoken off, as of some one in great distress.

The Furbish Fifth Avenue Company. This troupe will be in Charlotte in a short time, and will produce "Two Orphans," the magnificent drama which took so immense a here, when presented by the Hall Combination.

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North Carolina Boarding House at Philadelphia.

This is what the Hillsboro Recorder thinks of the idea of Mrs Beasley, of this city, of establishing and conducting, while the Centennial is in progress, a boarding house in Philadelphia for the entertainment of North Carolinians alone: "Mrs M C Beasley, of Charlotte proposes to open a boarding house in Philadelphia during the Centennial exclusively for North Carolina guests, for two dollars a day. This is an inviting arrangement and no doubt many will accept it.

Postage on Printed Matter. The House of Representatives have passed a bill to repeal Hannibal Hamlin's double postage rate on third-class matter, which includes transient newspapers, books, periodicals, etc.

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presence, by the aforesaid William, but its character was not so grave as to warrant the visiting upon him of very dire vengeance;

A CENTENNIAL BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.—During the month of June of the present year a billiard tournament will take place in Philadelphia on a scale exceeding anything of the style ever before attempted in Europe or this country.

Strengthen your voice and remove Colds, Coughs and Hoarseness, by taking 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.

Sciple & Sons, Coal and Lime Merchants, Atlanta, Ga. Analysis of our Snelby, Ala. Lime No. 65. The strongest Lime in the United States.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. The Southern Life Insurance Co., HAS "stepped down and out," but the citizens of Charlotte, can still find at the Store of F. H. ANDREWS & CO., Florida Oranges at 60 cents per dozen.

For Rent. A House with five or six rooms, large garden and yard, and in a delightful neighborhood. Apply to SOUTHERN HOME OFFICE.

ATTENTION, HORNETS. W. L. BOYD, HAS bought Messrs Smith & Forbes' entire Retail Stock of BOOTS, SHOES and SHOE FINDINGS, and is now closing out all Winter Goods at greatly reduced prices, to make room for Spring Stock.

CHEAP CASH STORE. NEW FIRM! STITT, WALSH & CO., ARE NOW RECEIVING A SELECT STOCK OF FAMILY GROCERIES.

LATEST ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS. J. S. PHILLIPS, MERCHANT TAILOR AND DEALER IN GENTS FURNISHING GOODS.

Ordered Shirts a Specialty. Cutting and repairing done promptly. All goods and work must be paid for on delivery, as I am compelled to do a cash business.

SEAGER'S BALTIMORE BEER IS THE BEST IN THE CITY, KEPT AT THE COMMERCIAL.

CHARLOTTE OPERA HOUSE.

BLIND TOM, THE CELEBRATED MUSICAL PRODIGY. ONE NIGHT ONLY! WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1876

Doors open at 7 o'clock; performance at 8 o'clock, P. M. Admission 50 cents; reserved seats 75 cents; Children half price. Sale of seats at Phila's book store.

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

ESTRAY NOTICE.—Two SHOATS have been at the Charlotte City Mills since last Fall. Any person having lost stock of this kind will please come forward, prove property, and take them away. Apply at CHARLOTTE CITY MILLS.

SALE of Household and Kitchen Furniture.—On Saturday the 11th of February, will be sold at the residence of Mrs Annie W Miller, opposite the new insurance building, a large quantity of Household and Kitchen Furniture, at public auction, embracing almost every article in that line.

CONSIDER YOUR COW.—Besides the very best Flour, you can buy FINE FEED, BEAN and CORN MEAL to be delivered at your house from CHARLOTTE CITY MILLS.

FOUND.—And left at this office, a plain gold ring, on which is engraved initials, of two names. The owner can have the same by identifying the property and paying for this advertisement.

FOR RENT.—From now until the end of the year, the office in Springs' building, at present occupied by Dr Jones & Graham. Apply to JONES & GRAHAM.

FOUND.—And left at this office, a safe key, which the owner can have by proving property and paying for this advertisement.

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.

COLGATE'S VIOLET TOILET WATER. Colgate's Cashmere Soap, Colgate's Honey and Glycerine Soap, Nelsom's Gelatine, German Sweet Chocolate, Lubin's Powder, Coleman's Mustard, Hoyt's German Cologne. Just received by W R BURWELL & CO.

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Call early and secure the BARGAINS. TERMS STRICTLY CASH. W L BOYD, New Iron Front, "Smith Building," Trade St., Charlotte, N. C.

HAVING concluded to change our business, we have sold our entire RETAIL STOCK of Boots and Shoes to W L Boyd, and will hereafter devote our attention to the Wholesale Trade.

ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY, 1872. THE subscriber respectfully returns his grateful thanks to the citizens of Charlotte and vicinity for the very liberal patronage bestowed during the past four years, and having secured the house formerly occupied by J S M Davidson, 2nd door below Wilson & Black's corner, he expects to keep a good stock of Family Supplies, and handle all kinds of Produce, with which the country abounds.

EVERYTHING IS STRICTLY FIRST CLASS, and neat and nice, at feb 21 THE COMMERCIAL.