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THE CITY.

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

CITY BULLETIN. Sheriff Alexander continued all day yesterday, sending out his valentines to delinquents.

Thursday night we will have Frank Mayo, in his famous impersonation of Davy Crockett. It will be something well worth attending.

Our lady readers may be interested in knowing that Mrs Secretary of War Belknap, wears the smallest shoe in Washington for a lady—namely, a one and a half.

Between the man who robs his neighbor's hen roost, and the one who lampoons his enemies with insulting valentines, gimme a dynamite field, every time.

At this time, as the Augusta Constitutionalist says, scarcely a day passes but what a dead body is expressed North from Florida via the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad.

The Sentinel says that on Friday night last, while en route to use people some cars at the depot, Capt Jordan, freight conductor on the North Carolina Railroad, had the misfortune to break his left arm.

Our new steam engine has been put in position, and yesterday evening, was set running. It attracted many visitors to the office, and excited a great deal of admiration.

Postal Regulations. Parties taking newspapers from the office are responsible, according to the postal laws, for the amount of subscription.

Needs Attention. There is a low place just in front of the Gray building, corner Trade and Church streets, which needs the attention of the Street Superintendent.

To Cure Hoarseness. When the voice is lost, as is sometimes the case, from the effects of a cold, a simple, pleasant remedy is furnished by beating up the white of one egg, adding to it the juice of one lemon, and sweetening with white sugar to the taste.

An Old Hoax. While excavating under the Charlotte Hotel, preparatory to fitting up a saloon there, Mr. J. F. Davidson found, five feet under the surface, a box which was evidently very old, it being eaten in holes in several parts, by the rats.

Correction. Last week we mentioned a fight between Mr Henderson and Mr Freeland, and said that, during its progress, Mrs Henderson came out and began to belabor her husband, under the impression that it was the other man on top.

The Courts. Mayor's Court.—There were no cases for trial before this body, yesterday morning, and consequently it did not convene.

Before Justice Davidson.—Mr Benj. Howie for assault and battery upon Alfred Johnston, a negro in his employ, for disobedience. Fined \$1 and cost.

Bettie Norment, colored, had Rissa Tate up for assault and battery; defendant released upon payment of cost.

Before Justice McViney.—Rissa Tate had Bettie Norment up for assault and battery; defendant released upon payment of cost.

Localities in Charlotte. This place is divided up into three times as many different localities as it has wards.

The Way Now. The heads of families in this city, have fallen upon a new plan to remind young men who visit on Saturday night, that it is time for them to be walking.

Valentine's Day. Yesterday was the anniversary of this festival. Here, comparatively little attention was paid to it.

This "Miserable Weather." Yesterday was the most dismal day, "of all the glad new year." It was horribly gloomy, heavy clouds sitting mist all day long.

Trunk Stolen. Last Saturday night a trunk, containing a considerable quantity of ladies' wear, was stolen from the back porch of the residence of Mrs Annie W Miller, corner of Tryon and Fourth streets.

The Post Office Scramble. There are no new developments which can be learned, in the fight for the postmastership of this city.

Centennialism. Everything is centennial now, and every place where there was a skirmish or anything else during the revolutionary war, is having its centennial.

The Churches on Sunday. We had another disagreeable Sunday. Rain fell in the morning before daybreak, and the ground was wet and muddy.

Why a bear always climbs down a tree backwards? Why a turkey's egg is speckled, and duck's egg blue? Why a goose stands first on one leg and then on the other?

Why rabbits have a short tail and cats have a long one? This was about the style of his "humorous reading," last night.

Letter from Gastonia.—The Weather—The Narrow Gauge Railroad—Pleasant Ridge.—The White Mule Question, &c.

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The contractors, Messrs Deal & Fry, had some difficulty in running their engine over a portion of the road that was laid during the old snap that we had a few days ago.

Personal. We had the pleasure of a visit, yesterday, from W H Sailer, Esq., late of the Bryant, Stratton & Sailer, Business College, of Baltimore, who is now on his way to his Southern tour.

Concert Postponed Indefinitely. We have referred on more than one occasion, to the fact that it has been proposed to give a concert at an early day for the benefit of the hospital which has been recently established by the Church Aid Society, of this city.

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A Mania for Indians. We are told that at a certain point, on the North Carolina Railroad, there lives a crazy man whose one great idea, is to go to Indiana.

Unfulfilled Hopes. When youth and health bloom in the cheek, Life's promises are full, before, and pleasures ever nigh.

Our trusts neglected promises, will wrinkle, sting and roll, Break down the bravest heart on earth, Dissimulate the soul, and scatter the dissembler's art.

As honors soul more trusting still, grows blind to all defect, Throws all within the scale and only, sins beneath neglect.

But oh! humanity, why not make all ye can of now, Yet ere the day will surely come, ye must in sorrow bow.

And if there's one on earth ye love, cling with a soul sincere, For that is dearest sin that we, should start another tear.

Then cling to those who love you most, you owe them all of this; As making those who love you best, is all that hast of bliss.

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CHROMO FREE. THE Undersigned at great expense have prepared themselves to offer a CHROMO free to every customer who purchases a bill at their store...

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FOR SALE—House and Lot in Mechanicville, four rooms. Apply to F. H. GLOVER.

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FOUND—Another Key. In fact we can begin to boast of a full and complete assortment. If you have lost a key call at THIS OFFICE.

For Sale. I WILL SELL cheap for cash, eight two mule teams, sixteen first-class mules and four two horse wagons with harness complete. Apply to W. J. BLACK.

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