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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:

Northern,	delivered	8.30 a. m.,	close	9 00 p m
Southern,	"	8.30 "	"	7.30 p m
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C. C. East D.,	"	8.30 "	"	9.00 p m
C. C. West D.,	"	6.30 p m	"	9.00 p m

Money Order and Register hours from 9 a. m, to 4 p. m.

R E McDONALD, P. M

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CITY BULLETIN.

Windy, yesterday; very. By the time March comes, there won't be any wind left.

The new engine attracted as big a crowd to our office, yesterday, as Josh Billings had on Monday night.

No raised windows and sitting in front of stores, last night. On the contrary quite the reverse.

The counters and other store furniture of the firm of McMurray & Davis, will be sold at auction to-day at 10 o'clock.

It is said that a citizen of this place is writing a history of North Carolina. The question arises here, who is it? and we don't know.

The street crossings which, on Monday night were covered with mud and slush, were, by noon, yesterday, as dry as a bone. The wind and the sunshine did the work.

Less than two weeks till Spring. Where are all the nice old gentlemen, who looked wise last Fall and said it would be the severest Winter we ever had?

Dr S B Higgins, homeopathic physician, who has been residing in Charlotte for about two years past, is about to remove to Iron Station, Lincoln county.

We do not rememb r when we have seen so many drunken men on the streets at one time, as yesterday forenoon. Haven't got much opinion of a man who gets drunk before dinner time.

The most satisfactory information we can give Webb, of the Shelby *Banner*, is that the question on which he asks light, will be referred to one, without whose answer ours wouldn't be worth a nickel.

The arrest of Gronau, the Baltimore merchant tailor, on Saturday last, for selling goods without license, was a good card for him. He sold fifteen suits of clothes on Monday.

We are very sorry that, in enumerating the different localities in Charlotte, in yesterday's paper, we should have omitted one so classic and so important as Smoky Hollow. It was a pure case of *lapsus* memory.

Sam Thompson welcomes the establishment of the bar-room opposite the Court House. Now, he says, he sees the expediency of following Mr Greeley's advice, to clasp hands across the muddy chasm, and will follow it.

Josh Billings did not make expenses by his "humorous reading" in this city, on Monday night. The next time he comes along, he will have to give this scribe a chromo in addition to a free ticket, if he expects to inveighle him in.

A man whose name we could not learn, was thrown from a runaway horse, yesterday about noon, at the corner of Graham and Fifth streets. We could not learn, either, the extent of the man's injuries, or even if he sustained any.

The weather of yesterday was very cold; indeed as much too cold as last Saturday was too warm. The wind blew, too, nearly all day, rendering the cold all the more sensible. Last evening, however, the wind lulled, and the weather was cold on a dead level.

Capt Jordan, the freight conductor on the North Carolina Railroad who had an arm broken at Raleigh on Friday night last, is confined to his home at Company Shops, and Mr Wm Coffin, a clerk in the railroad office at Greensboro, is in charge of his train.

The "bloods" are already speaking for front seats on the night that Vic—the gentle and fascinating Woodhull—lectures here. "The True and the False, Socially," is the theme, and she knows all about it. Prepare yourself for the occasion by reading Bessie Turner's book.

Street Improvement.

Street Superintendent Hunter now has his force employed in lowering and grading the street and pavement at the corner of Ninth street, between B and C. The street has not only been too high, but has been very irregular, and all this will be remedied. The pavement will also be lowered, graded and walled.

A Boyhood Memory.

They were talking about it the other day; recalling some of the incidents of boyhood days and comparing notes; and it was unanimously voted that the most lively and exciting period in a boy's life, is the time when he is wrestling with the calf, off in the corner of the cow-pen, while the cook milks the cow.

Snakes in February.

Shakespeare said: "It is the warm day that brings forth the adder," but it would appear that the adder doesn't always wait for the warm day. For on yesterday, cold as it was, negroes on the place of Mr D P Hutchison, about a mile and a half from the city, killed one of these, while it lay basking in the sun. Snakes in February! Just think of it!

The Post Office Scramble Revised.

Since making the announcement of the different candidates for the postmastership of this place, we have been reliably informed that we omitted the names of several, among whom are Dr. William Sloan, Thos. D. McAlpine, C. J. Cowles, John Schenck, colored, and others, too tedious to mention. Also, in speaking of Mr. McDonald's backing, we omitted the name of Prince Brown, colored.

The news of the contest among the different candidates is that the most popular ones have not got the money, while on the other hand, the unpopular *have* got the money, though they lack the popularity.

Singular Growth.

Mr Jas Northey brought to our office on yesterday, a singular potato, or potatoes, as you please to call it or them, after hearing the description. The combination was two sweet potatoes grown together, and lapped in and around each other, more like a stick of molasses candy than anything else we can now think of. It was raised in the Steel Creek neighborhood, in this county, and is the most remarkable growth in the potato line that has been offered for our inspection.

The Handsomest Journalist.

We will venture the assertion that the genial, jovial, jolly, Junior Editor of the *Home* carries off the palm for the best looking editor in the State.—*Concord Sun.*

This is self-sacrifice rewarded. We remember distinctly that Shotwell put on a clean shirt last Thursday morning—the morning of the day that Harris, of the *Sun*, called. And thus, by means of a paltry, insignificant shirt, are we defrauded of an honor which is clearly our own, leaving the shirt out of the question.

Personal.

Reuben Ragland, Esq., of Richmond, Va., arrived in the city last night, and is stopping at the Central Hotel.

Thos B Keogh, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy, arrived last night, and registered at the Central. He will to-day transact business in connection with the late Bank of Mecklenburg, and also in the case of R. A. Brady of Davidson College, who has filed a petition in bankruptcy, and whose creditors will hold a meeting to-day.

How He Lost by the Late War.

Everybody knows that John Schenck, the well-known colored bar-keeper of this city, is smart, and he got off a good thing yesterday morning. Talking, yesterday morning, to a gentleman about the late war, he remarked that it had been the ruin of him, "Why," said John, "at the beginning of that war I was worth $2,000, and now I ain't worth a red. People see me walking along the streets then, would say, 'yonder goes a piece of the floating currency; yonder walks a $2,000 bill.' Yes, sir, I lost $2,000 by the war; and it was all I was worth, too."

Fingers Cut Off by an Engine.

On yesterday morning, at Monroe, quite a mishap befell Mr A T Sawyer, of this city, who is supervisor of the track of the Carolina Central Railroad. He went down on the 6 o'clock train in the morning got off at Monroe, and was looking around the train. He got in front of an engine which was moving toward him, and, in stepping off the track, his foot slipped and he fell. Fortunately, his body fell outside the rails, but a wheel of the engine caught the three last fingers of his left hand, and cut them off. Mr Sawyer took the return train, arriving here at 11.30 A. M., and Dr Gibbon dressed the hand.

The Pranks of a Horse.

The public was a good deal interested, yesterday afternoon, in the performances of a spirited horse, which was being ridden barebacked through the streets by a negro. The horse would stop dead still, every now and then, and suddenly give a jump; stop again and repeat the operation, bowing his back suddenly and becoming as round as a barrel. This operation is known to the readers of Mark Twain's "Roughing It," as "bucking," but it failed to work in this case. The darkey stuck to the vicious animal, closer than a brother, and rode him to his destination, without once coming in contact with the ground.

An Enoch Arden Case.

A kind of an Enoch Arden case has just developed itself in this county. The other day a man called upon our worthy friend, the Register of Deeds, and unfolded to him a dismal tale. About 18 months ago the narrator married a wife. Since that time the matrimonial sea has been calm; in other words everything has been lovely, until one day last week, when up steps "another fellow" and claims the woman as *his* wife. He argued priority of marriage, and said he must have the woman. The last married asked the Register for advice; of course he gave it; everybody does; and it was to the effect that the muchly-married woman be left to decide between the two husbands. This course was pursued, and she chose the one whom she had last married. She went back on her first love, even as her first love had once gone back on her, and peace of mind is once more established around the domestic hearth-stone.

The Blue Ridge Blade.

This is the name of Capt Avery's new paper, and the first number is before us. It is well grown for its age—a beautifully printed 32 column paper, filled with the very best of matter, original and selected. So well known is Capt. A. to all of our readers, that it is altogether unnecessary to say that the *Blade* starts, with its first issue, alongside the ablest, brightest and in all respects best newspapers of North Carolina. Knowing its editor as we do, we cannot think that it will ever, while under his management, fall in any manner short of *a first class* paper. Such journals as this is and will be, elevate the profession and the people among which they are published. We would be glad to see a dozen more papers *like it*, started to-day in North Carolina; for it is true of journalism, as Daniel Webster said of the legal profession, that there is room at the top. We have no sympathy with the namby-pamby, idiotic little sheets which are springing up everywhere; it is papers of the character and ability of this new one, that the State and the Democratic party need, and to such, none will be sooner than we to extend the right-hand of fellowship. In his salutatory, speaking of the political course of the *Blade*, Capt. Avery makes use of this characteristic language:

"Very many of the subscribers to the *Blade* will no doubt be my old and perhaps partial readers while connected with the *Expositor*, *Piedmont Press* and Obserrvxr. To them it is unnecessary to say that politics with the undersigned is a lower order of religion and that the order is thoroughly Democratic. Strangers will find out the same by reading the paper."

We wish the projectors of this new enterprise more success than in their most sanguine moments they ever hoped for, and shall always look with interest for its weekly visits.

Brem & Osborne.

We are glad to see that these young gentlemen are getting into a good business, and are taking a firm foothold among the business firms of the community. They make a specialty of collections, and many claims are going into their hands. They are young men of brains and of energy, attentive to the interests of their clients, and within the whole circle of our acquaintance, there are not two young men for whom the future promises better things.

Wool Cotton.

A bale of cotton, such as has never been seen in this market before by the oldest cotton buyer, was received on yesterday by Messrs. Oates Bros., from Isaac Harris, Esq., of Mooresville, Iredell county. It is of the exact texture of wool, and is greasy, and feels to the touch just as wool; it has almost no staple at all, and, while certainly a species of this staple, has very few of its qualities. Handsful of it have been brought here before by the farmers, among whom it is known as vegetable wool cotton, but this is the first bale ever seen here. It has no merchantable value in this market, and will be shipped by Messrs Oates Bros. to Philadelphia. Mr. Harris expects to realize a large price for it, but cotton men here doubt if he will be able to do this, since the growth cannot be adapted to the uses to which either cotton or wool, strictly speaking, is applied. It is so far from being cotton, that no clatsification could be found for it, and it is just as far from being wool.

The Courts.

Mayor's Court.—There being no cases again yesterday morning, there was again no court.

Before Justice Davidson.—Capt B C Henry for assault and battery upon John Young, a negro in his employ. The negro swore pointedly that he had been struck, and Capt Henry proved by negative testimony that he had not struck him. In view of the conflict of testimony, the court dismissed the case for the present.

A C Smith and Mary, his wife, were up for obtaining board under false pretences. They are peddlers of jewelry, and last week arrived in this city, and took lodging with Mr R W Little, They professed to have a very valuable pack, and to possess quite enough of the wherewithal to pay their way as they go. They remained at Mr Little's until yesterday morning, and started to leave, but couldn't "ante" on the board question. Mr L had them arrested for the offence mentioned, and brought before Justice Davidson. There they turned over all of their "jewelry" which proved to be a band-box full of five cent brass, to their creditor, and, all their earthly possessions having been secured, they were discharged.

Curing Hog Cholera with Calomel.

Some years ago cholera attacked the hogs of a certain gentleman in this city, and all of them died, except two. He tried calomel on these two—dosed them with calomel, and they got well, they were pigs then, and after that time they never grew a particle. The hair on them grew so long that it almost dragged on the ground, but the pigs themselves never got any larger.

One day a neighbor came along and saw these pigs. He was struck with their appearance. They were then two years old. The neighbor wanted to buy them, and our friend wanted to sell them; these being the inclinations of the two men, a bargain was soon struck. The man took them home and fed them and fattened them. At the end of three weeks he went to their former owner and asked him what sort of pigs those were; said he had been feeding them and watching them for three weeks and they hadn't grown a bit. "Phsaw!" said the seller, "that's nothing. I fed them and watched them for two years before I sold them to you, and even then they hadn't grown any." And down to their dying day though they lived to a ripe old age, those pigs never did grow any more; and when they were finally gathered to their fathers, they were still pigs, in size.

Third Class Mail Matter.

The Postoffice Department has a new plan for postage on third-class matter. It proceeds upon the established fact that merchandise cannot be carried for long distances at the old rates restored by the bill which has just passed the House, except at a loss to the government. It is proposed therefore to rearrange the classification of third-class matter, dividing it into two classes for general purposes of transportation. From the miscellaneous articles comprising the third class, transient newspapers and periodicals and the articles not strictly merchandise, are to be taken and made a separate class. Upon this class the postage is to be one cent for every two ounces irrespective of distance. The remaining articles of the third class, properly denominated merchandise, are to be carried according to weight and distance. The country is to be divided into circuits of five hundred miles, and the postage upon this merchandise to be arranged according to a sliding schedule, an additional half cent an ounce being required for each additional 500 mile circuit. The Postmaster General will recommend this plan, and it is expected that it will receive the attention of the Senate committee on post-offices, which now has the House bill before it.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Letter from the City of Flowers—Festival and Centennial Tea Party—Street Fights—Josh Billings—Valentines—Thunder Storm.

MESSRS EDITORS:—

The ladies of the M. E. Church gave a festival and Centennial Tea Party on Thursday and Friday nights of last week. It was a very enjoyable affair, and did great credit to the ladies who got it up. About $275 were netted.

Everything was pretty lively on our streets last Saturday evening, especially in the way of fights. Three bellicuff affrays took place, and one whole family was lodged in jail for disorderly conduct where they remained till this morning and had a hearing before the Mayor, who put them on the streets to work out their fines.

Josh Billings failed to "warble" for us on Saturday night. He passed on through as a good many of the troupes have done this season, after being billed here.

Something less than a barrel of valentines passed through our postoffice this morning. We know of one young man who got 15, all comic.

Our city was visited by one of the hardest thunder storms last night, we have seen for a long time. It was a regular summer time storm, and seemed rather strange in the middle of February.

H.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 14, 1876.

MARRIED.

In Beaufort county, on the 12th of Jan. Mr D H Whitley, late W. N. C. R. R. agent at Old Fort and Miss Hattie Hale.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., by Rev L. McKinnon, at the bride's father, Mr John F Sides and Miss Amarintha J White. Both of Cabarrus county.

DIED.

In Burke county, January 8th, 1876, Benjamin Galloway. Aged 67 years.

Near Salisbury, on the 7th inst., Mr S S Trott, father of W H Trott, of Monroe. Aged 70 years.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Lost time is forever lost. Absence from school is often caused by a Cough. Cold or Hoarseness, can easily be prevented by giving Dr Bull's Cough Syrup to the children.

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. BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wondrous 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, indescretions or excesses, 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 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.

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

TAKE NOTICE.

REGULAR Conclave of Charlotte Commandery No. 2, U. D., at their ASYLUM to-night The members will take due notice; and be punctual in their attendance at 7 o'clock. Sir Knights who are in the city are courteously invited to be present.

By order of the E. C.

C W ALEXANDER,
Captain General.

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Fresh Arrivals.

100 FAT CHICKENS.

50 LBS APPLE BUTTER.

25 BUSHELS WHITE BEANS.

500 LBS CABBAGE.

10 BUSHELS LARGE ONIONS.

LOT ONION SETTS, at

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A Package of White Goods, consisting of Laces, Insertions and Edgings. The finder will be rewarded by leaving same at THIS OFFICE.

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14 BARRELS OF EXTRA FLOUR, On Consignment at low figures, at THE RISING SUN.

10 BOXES OF LEMONS, At Wholesale and Retail, at THE RISING SUN.

12 BARREL OF MALAGA GRAPES, AT THE RISING SUN.

4 box's of large fine FLORIDA ORANGES, AT THE RISING SUN.

5 BARRELS OF BALDWIN APPLES, AT THE RISING SUN.

30 BARRELS OF FLOUR, Of all grades, at THE RISING SUN.

HOME-MADE CANDIES, At Wholesale, at THE RISING SUN.

GROUND PEAS a Specialty, at THE RISING SUN.

BANANAS, BANANAS, BANANAS. Just received all of the above, which we sell as low as any house in the city.

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NEW STOCK JUST RECEIVED. Largest and finest assortment of Chocolate Creams in the City. Also many new styles of fine Candies, which have never before been offered for sale here.

Very Choice Fresh Italian Macaroni, etc., etc., at

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Auction Sale of Goods and Groceries.

BY Virtue of a mortgage, duly executed and recorded in Book 12, Page 499, I will sell on Saturday the 26th day of February, 1876, at public auction for cash, the entire Stock of Goods lately claimed by J A Blackwelder and J S Graham.

Sale to take place at the store on 7th and D Streets, at 11 o'clock a. m., and continue until the goods are all sold.

feb26 tds J C BOYT.

EXTRA WINTER And Spring Seed Oats, for sale at

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WESTERN CORN, just in, and a chromo with every bushel.

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50 ROLLS,
100 HALF ROLLS STANDARD BAGGING, at

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WE charge extra for Chromos.

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Is pure and old, at the COMMERCIAL, under Smith & Forbes' shoe store.

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

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BUYERS WILL FIND IT TO THEIR INTEREST TO GIVE OUR STOCK AND PRICES AN EXAMINATION.

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