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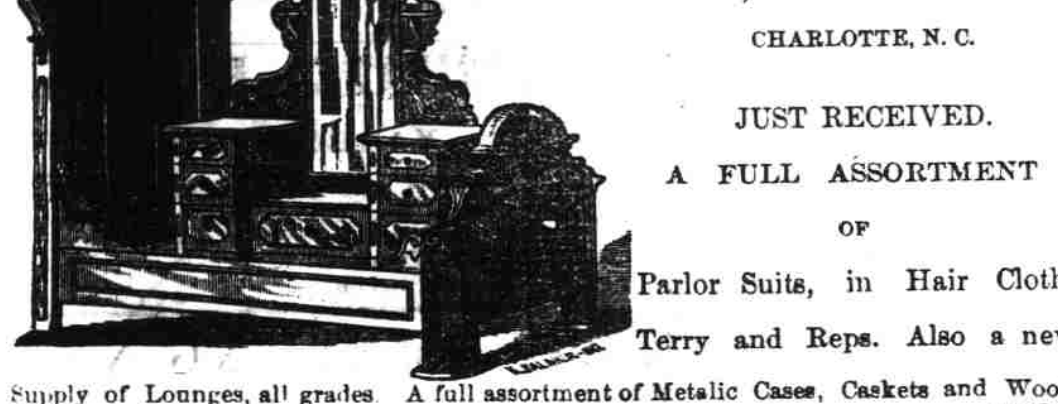
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White Split Zephyr,

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

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R. E. McDONALD, P. M. dec21 tf

THE CHURCHES TO-DAY.

(CATHOLIC CHURCH).—Services this morning at 10 o'clock, and sermon by the priest, Rev. Father Hands.

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

CALVARY MISSION CHURCH.—Services in the morning at 11 A. M., and at 7 P. M., by Rev. W. S. Hallow. Sunday School at 9 A. M.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.—Preaching at 11 a. m., and at 7 p. m., by Rev. J. B. Haskell, of Charleston, S. C. Sunday School at 3 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Services this morning at 11 o'clock, by Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, of South Carolina, and this evening at 8 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. Theo. Whitfield, Sunday School at 9 A. M.

TRINITY STREET M. E. CHURCH.—Services this morning at 11 o'clock, and this evening at 7 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. P. J. Curran. Sunday School at 3 P. 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.

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. Seats free.

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.

CITY BULLETIN

Superior Court convenes one week from to-morrow.

The city was unusually quiet last night, for Saturday night.

Booth plays in Atlanta on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week.

The Board of Aldermen will meet to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Market Hall, in regular monthly session.

The streets were crowded, on yesterday, during no day of the season has there been a larger number of people in town.

The fledgling of Dr. J. J. Lawrence, the Medical Brief, mentioned by us yesterday, is published at St. Louis.

The doors of all the sanctuaries of the city will be open to-day, and strangers in the city are cordially invited to any of them.

There has not been a single interment in Elmwood Cemetery in 40 days. Nothing could speak better than this statement, for the health of Charlotte.

Religious services are held almost every Sunday, by some of the laymen of the city churches, at the county jail. There is quite a large congregation in that institution at present.

Shrove Tuesday will occur in this centennial year on the 29th of February. This coincidence of Shrove-Tuesday and Leap-Year Day has not happened since 1731, and will not occur again till 1941.

Another section which we neglected to mention, the other day, in calling over the names of the different localities in Charlotte, was Rag Row. It is just "beyond" California.

Messrs Rishel & Miller have an advertisement in another column. They work on an old hat to some purpose, and persons whose hats are begun to show the effect of age and wear, ought to call on them.

A firm in this city, one day last week, in a half hour, sold a consignment of 57 bushels of peanuts, from which circumstance we argue that, as a people, our taste for "the national fruit" is in a state of high culture.

THE Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

The Young Men's Christian Association will hold a meeting this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, at the Baptist Church.

Herold Almanac. We have received the New York, Herold Almanac for 1876. It gives the latest election returns by counties, and where possible, by cities and towns—all from official sources.

What a delightful day yesterday was! The sun shone out brilliantly, and the air was never more salubrious.

Important Suit Before Judge Schenck. On last Thursday, His Honor Judge Schenck denied the motion for an injunction and receiver, made in the cases of the executors of the late Gov. Graham in one case, and M. C. Cameron in the other, against the surviving representatives of the estates of the late T. R. Tate and T. W. Dewey.

Sale of the Spoke and Handle Factory. The spoke and handle factory and several lots adjacent thereto, were re-sold on yesterday, at the Court House door.

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There will be something in the magisterial courts toward the last of this week. One countryman sued out a warrant yesterday, against another for killing his dog, and the case was set for trial on Saturday. The photographic reporter will attend the trial.

The matrimonial market has become so dull, that Mr Register Maxwell has determined to offer a chromo with each license issued during the next month. When a number of licenses are bought together, as in the case of a family being supplied, an elegant, mounted chromo, will be given.

Personal. W. P. Cannady, Esq., of Wilmington, one of the Western North Carolina Railroad Commissioners, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon over the Statesville Railroad, by his special train, and passed on through to Wilmington.

Our friend H. P. Underhill, the great Interstate Biochard & Huffman Combined Grain and Fertilizer Drill, Wisner Boss Baked and Milburn Wagon man, of Baltimore, arrived at the Central Hotel, last night.

Something New. We were shown yesterday, a tax receipt paid on real estate in York county, S. C., by a gentleman who now resides in Charlotte. In looking over the different articles as subjects for taxation, we find the following list:

State tax, \$30.28

Ordinary County tax, \$8.25

Railroad and Km. Klux tax, \$8.25

District school tax, 1.376

Total, \$48.177

This Klux tax is something that we do not understand; will some of our South Carolina contemporaries please rise and explain?

Descended from a High Station. "B. D. S.", the Charlotte correspondent of the Raleigh News, thus "writes up" a female in this city. Many, indeed the majority of our citizens, will know of whom he speaks: "Standing in front of the Central Hotel yesterday I saw a woman pass by seemingly to be nonchalant of the surroundings. 'That woman,' said a gentleman near by, 'was at one time, one of the most perfect ladies that ever appeared in Southern society.' I asked him how that was, for her unobtrusive appearance represented everything to the contrary. He answered she was a South Carolina by birth, was a Miss F., before she was first married, and one of the leading belles of the circle she moved in. Just before the war she married a gentleman of excellent family and of high standing in social and literary circles. It is a needless drag, he continued—but the match was an unhappy one. Her husband entered the war as a Colonel and is well known in the history of North Carolina's soldiers. He fell mortally wounded in Virginia. To think sixteen years ago this person moved in the best society of North and South Carolina, and to-day she walks the streets a washer-woman, is always a sad sight.

Matches on the Cotton Platform. On Friday, two bales of cotton were slightly burned on the cotton platform, by a match being run over and exploded by the wheel of a truck. On yesterday morning, another match was run over and struck, and several matches were found at different parts of the platform. There is no place outside of a powder magazine, where matches are more out of place than on this cotton platform. Only presence of mind and prompt action prevented a conflagration and the destruction of much property on Friday; for it is certain that if the burning bales had not been instantly dumped off the platform, the fire would have extended in a second to the other cotton, and the scenes of last April would have been re-enacted. It is not reasonable to suppose that these matches are dropped by design. It must be through carelessness on the part of some of the many persons who frequent the platform. One thing we have noticed that is very reprehensible, and that is that boys are allowed to make a play-ground of the platform, and are permitted to run over the cotton bales and play among them. Some of these boys no doubt carry matches in their pockets, and if they do it is certainly a matter of no surprise that they should drop out. This may be the explanation of the little fire of Friday morning, and as there is a probability of this recurrence though it be slight, should be taken to prevent a recurrence of the same circumstance, by forbidding boys without business from coming on the platform. They are in the way there, anyhow, and their presence can do no good and may do harm.

Darkey Superstition. A case strongly illustrative of the superstition of the African, has just come to our knowledge. In a certain section of the city there lives a negro woman who has an unfaithful husband. Recently she found that her liege lord had been giving presents to her rival, and while she made home exceedingly lively war on the aforesaid liege lord, she said nothing to the other woman, and the two women meeting, a few days ago, they shook hands and had a pleasant enough time with their "Miss" this and "Miss" that. But shortly after they parted, the wife felt a pain in her right arm, and knew then that she had been "conjured" by the black goddess which the other woman worships. So she sent for Ann Carleton, an old colored witch, who commanded her to cover the ground between her front door and the gate with salt, and she did so, and the pain left her arm. Ann then told her that the other woman had "fixed" her husband, and he had no power within himself to refrain from visiting her; but that for \$10 she (Ann) would remove the "spell." The \$10 was forthcoming after many exertions, but shortly after its payment, the woman saw the witch and her husband in conversation, and had her suspicions excited that Ann was playing into the hands of the other party. So she has dispensed with Ann's services, and engaged those of an old negro man, who now has the case under treatment.

Soon after the right arm got well, a pain struck the left one, a day or two ago as the woman put her hand on the knob of the gate; and it has been decided that the rival has "dressed" the gate. So the unfortunate woman stays in the house all the time now, seeing on the door the figure 5, which she takes to indicate that she will die in 5 days. She has carefully washed the dress which she had on the day she shook hands with her rival, but the "spell" continues.

MARRIED. On the 15th inst., in Chambersburg Township, Ireland county, by Rev. E. F. Thomas, Mr. James Sidney Godfelter to Miss Isabella Catherine Gillespie, daughter of the late Thomas Gillespie.

DIED. In Fayetteville, on Wednesday, Mrs. Patty Aiken Mallett, wife of Chas. R. Mallett.

In Norfolk, February 9, Mrs. Claudia Hilliard, wife of Judge Louisa Hilliard, of North Carolina.

known and foreign institutions, with all the attendant risks of insolvency, defective sources of information, and a certainty of trouble, and often litigation, in recovering payments.

We have here in Charlotte many excellent companies from other States and countries, and it is best that those who seek to make a safe provision against the "inevitable day," should have a large number to choose from. But one who has surveyed the whole field in insurance, rejoices to find in his own State and amongst our own people, accompany so safe and successful.

The gentlemen above named are willing to risk their means and their pecuniary trust, others need not fear to follow.

The agent for this section is at work amongst us and he deserves the patronage of our people. A NORTH CAROLINIAN.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HEALTH NOTES.—Statistics prove that twenty-five per cent. of the deaths in our larger cities are caused by consumption, and when we reflect that this terrible disease in its earlier stage will readily yield to a bottle of Dr. Bull's Syrup (costing 25 cents), that we condemn the sufferers for their negligence, or pity them for their ignorance?

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 Humphrey's 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 HUMPHREY'S HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE COMPANY, 562 Broadway, New York.

See large Advertisement. no9 1y

CUT THIS OUT. It May Save Your Life.

There is no person living but who 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. J. C. CURE'S GERMAN SYRUP has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wondrous cures astonishes every one that tries 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.

Sciple & Sons, Coal and Lime Merchants, Atlanta, Ga., Analysis of our Shelby, Ala. Lime \$8.65. The strongest Lime in the United States. Montevillo, Cabana 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 Georgia. We solicit orders, send for prices. SCIPLE & SONS, Atlanta, Ga. dec30

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Rishel & Miller, IN repairing old Hats, are very much encouraged in Charlotte. Their work gives entire satisfaction, so don't fail to bring in all your old broken down hats, especially silk hats, and have them rebuilt. They are stopping at Mrs. B. C. Henry's boarding house, on Tryon street. feb20 1t

Dissolution Notice.

THE firm of Hilton & Crowell, was dissolved by mutual consent on January 27th. All bills, notes and accounts due the late firm, must be paid to S. H. Hilton, who will also settle all claims against the firm. feb20 2t

NOTICE.

I have placed all uncollected accounts of L. mine, in the hands of Brem & Osborne, who are authorized to take steps to recover them. J. T. BITTLER, feb20 3t

Just Received.

ONE Thousand pounds Mountain Beans, 100 bushels White Peas and Cabbages, 100 nice Chickens, 300 dozen fresh Eggs, 300 lbs nice Sour Kraut, and many other articles not here enumerated, at prices to suit the "hard times." W. M. CROWELL, feb20

I CALL THE Attention of the Public to an Arrival

FRESH GOODS. ASPARAGUS IN 3 lb. CANS, TURKISH and FRENCH PRUNES, 54 to 9 pounds for a dollar, NEW DATES very fine, LONDON LAYER RAISINS, SPICED PIGFEET & SPARE RIBS, PIGS TONGUES, SMOKED BEEF, BEEF Tongues and Choice Mackerel, Baker's and Sweet Chocolate, Twin Brother Yeast Cake, Salpicant preserved Oranges in glass, a choice article got up in New Orleans. Tapioca, Sugar Peas, Apples in gallon cans, put up similar to fresh Peaches. EGG POWDER, This is an entirely new article, said to give utmost satisfaction. It is for cakes, etc., the cheapest article to use, and about equal to 10 cents per dozen for eggs. TRY IT! TRY IT! TRY IT! SUGAR AT REDUCED PRICES. I have made the arrangement to sell the Charlotte City Mills (F. F. F.) Flour, (choicest) at same figures as at the Mill. A fine lot of Maccha, Java, Laguayra and Rio Coffee, for roasting in my Store, just received. Full assortment of Family Supplies, on hand as low as ever. C. HASHAGEN, OPPOSITE CHARLOTTE HOTEL. feb20

VINEGAR.

25 Barrels and Half Barrels Pure White Wine and Cider Vinegar, at R. M. MILLER & SONS'. feb19

Ten 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.

LOST—A Silver Button made from an alligator's tooth, on which is beautifully carved an imitation of a young alligator, set with gold. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at. feb20 St TH. H. OFFICE.

FOR SALE—House and Lot in Mechanicville, four rooms. Apply to F. H. GLOVER, feb11 5t

FOR RENT—Cottage, corner 8th Street and N. C. E. R. Apply to F. H. GLOVER, feb11 5t

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. feb10

Premium Domestic Wines

FOUR YEARS OLD. I HAVE just received a good supply of Concord and Catawba Wines, over four years old; the Wine is pure and free from any liquors, except the PURE GRAPE JUICE. You have tried the Peach and Honey, now try our Domestic Wine. How would it do to set before your friends when they drop in? For sale by feb19 B. N. SMITH.

New Goods!

A Fresh lot of that nice Coconut Candy, just received, at PUREFOYS. feb19

French Candy.

A FINE ASSORTMENT OF FRENCH CANDY, just received at PUREFOYS. feb19

Toys! Toys!

NEW TOYS, just opened, at PUREFOYS. feb19

JOHN W. HALL, W. J. JOHNSON, Of Richmond, Va.

JOHN W. HALL & CO.,

WHOLESALE GROCERS,

107 LEGE STREET, NEAR TRADE, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

We will be pleased to serve the city and country trade at lowest market quotations. feb18

DON'T THE SUN SHINE!



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.

1-2 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. C. S. HOLTON & CO. feb16

We Have

JUST Received a supply of Kerosene Lamps and Lanterns, and German Student Lamps. feb17 W. R. BURWELL & CO.

Stockholders Meeting.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Stockholders of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad Company, will be held in the City of Charlotte, on Tuesday, February 22d, 1876. By order of the Board of Directors. J. J. GORLEY, Supt & Treas. feb18 ed till me's