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JUST RECEIVED. 100 LBS., OF White Split Zephyr, AT THE Grand Central Hotel Store.

M. KOPPEL, Business Agent for Mrs. A. L. Bodfish, Charlotte, N. C.

THE CITY.

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

CITY BULLETIN. A blind darkey with a fiddle was another accession to the street opera on yesterday.

Orange boys have become very numerous round about here. "Oranges to-day? Six for a quarter," has come to be a very familiar sound.

Mr. R. M. Presson, the elephant man who has been doing business here for so long, has set up the elephant in our neighboring town of Monroe.

Yesterday was partially clear. There was no rain, and the feeling in the atmosphere indicates that the weather is about to return to the landmarks of other days.

The railroad meeting on yesterday, brought quite a number of our Statesville friends down, and also a number of country people from along the line of the road.

No telegraphic markets were received last night, in consequence of yesterday (Washington's birthday) having been a holiday at the North. We suppose this was "the why."

Mr. Wm. Tiddy who has purchased the late stock of Tiddy & Bro., will not be a news dealer. He has purchased the books and stationery of Mr. J. K. Purefoy, who will continue the news business.

The members of the German Singing Society will give a hop at their hall on Tuesday evening next, the 29th inst., complimentary to their Secretary, Mr. John U. Lamprecht, and his bride. We acknowledge with thanks an invitation to be present.

Mr. Koelisch has received the machinery for his book binding, and will be prepared to go to work in a day or two. All those having anything in the line of book binding to do, ought to give him a call and thus encourage home enterprise.

A very bad sanitary condition obtains around the Market House. Old fish heads, decomposing remains of chickens, &c., lay around in orderless profusion, and altogether a visit to that locality is not suggestive of odor of roses. It ought to be attended to.

The work in the Court House has been completed, and the room now presents a very creditable appearance. It has been greatly improved, in every respect. The paint is not yet dry in the room, the painting having just been finished.

The "perilous" are having a right easy time of it just now; very little to do. A fellow gets drunk, every now and then, but somehow or other there don't seem to be as many fights to the barrel in whiskey now as there used to be, and there hasn't been a case of disorderly conduct in a good while.

Personal. E. B. Drake, Esq., of the Statesville American, was in the city on yesterday, in attendance upon the railroad meeting.

Col. Thos. B. Long, the accommodating and efficient Special Agent of the Post Office Department for this division of the service, was in the city on yesterday.

J. M. Guider, Esq., of Burnsville, Yancey county, the Solicitor of his district, arrived at the Central Hotel last night.

Transferred to Statesville Jail. Andy Thornberg, the son of Jo, both crooked whiskey men, has been taken from jail here, where he has been in confinement for about a month, to the jail in Statesville, there to serve out a six months' term.

Five Points Improving. The Five Points are being broken up. One of the principal houses of the locality—a large one where much of the gambling was done, and much of the villainy was conducted—is being moved out, and "For Rent" is posted up on several doors. We do not know, very well, whether the community is to be much better or not for this breaking up, after all; for the Pointers will only change their bases, and are sure to corrupt the morals of whatever other spot they settle in.

The Insurance Building. The failure of the Southern Life Insurance Company, did not stop the progress of the building which is erecting in this city. Mr. Woodroffe, the contractor, has carried the work steadily ahead, and will have the building completed, in three or four weeks. And a very elegant building it will be—the handsomest in the city. There are three rooms on the ground floor, two fronting on Tryon street, one of which will be occupied by the Commercial National Bank; the third fronts on Fourth street, and would be a very good room for a grocery store. On the second floor there are four rooms, each with two windows, nicely arranged and comfortably large, with a middle passage. The third floor is a large hall, with a room, the size of those on the lower floor, cut off from the hall.

The plastering is now going on, and comparatively little work remains to be done. We can thank the Southern Life Insurance Company for this building, even if it has failed.

Pay Your Taxes.

Sheriff Alexander makes a strong and moving appeal, by an advertisement in another column, to those who are in arrears for taxes, to come up and settle. He assures us that he is in earnest in what he says, and that if delinquents do not come forward and settle their taxes, he will proceed to sell, as required by law, until his claims are satisfied. It will be much better for those in arrears, if they will attend to this matter at once.

The Wool Cotton.

Last week we mentioned some very curious cotton which had been brought to this city. It was a very short staple and had the texture of wool. A gentleman told us on yesterday that he had seen cloth made from this growth, and that it is of the exact fabric of woolen goods. We would suppose that it was as nothing so much like wool as that could ever be made, into strictly speaking cotton goods.

The Gaston Mining Company.

All the available assets of this Gold Mining Company that are not covered by a deed of trust made to Wm. M. Stuart, as trustee for the bondholders, have been seized under execution by creditors in this city. Times have been lively for awhile down the Air-Line, a good many of our business men having gone down to King's Mountain on the lookout for their debts. The property, it is believed, is more than sufficient to satisfy the judgment against the corporation. In twenty days the trust expires, and the whole property will be sold.

Lecture To-night.

Mr. Timlan R. Gaines will deliver a lecture this evening at 7.30 o'clock, at the Court House, upon the subject of immigration. Mr. Gaines has been engaged for several years past, in inducing immigration to this section of the South, and in that direction has done a great deal. Many colonies have been taken to South Carolina by him, where they have settled and are prosperous and contented, with the probability that they will soon become useful and reliable citizens. Addresses will also be delivered this evening on the same occasion by Col. Johnston Gov. Vance and Mr. Flemming. The public is invited to be present.

The Courts.

Mayor's Court.—There was no session of this honorable body, there being no business for it.

Before Justice Davidson.—Mose Shipp, colored, for stealing an axe. There seemed some doubt about Mose's guilt, and to make sure of it, he was bound over to Superior Court.

A negro named Downs, was also up, for failure to pay the road, and was released upon paying cost and promising to do better.

There was the usual amount of civil business before the different Magistrates, and Justice Davidson had a jury case, but the above were all the criminal cases.

An Enthusiastic Anti-Fence Man.

A gentleman took the appended notice from a tree near Garibaldi, in Gaston county. It is the work of one who is a violent enemy of the fence law, and who wants the boys to rally to defeat it. It makes fine reading, and we lend our mite in aid of the cause by reproducing it just as it is written:

Beit Kno Wn to all men that On next thursday the 17 day of Feb 18 76 the ElectOn Come off on the fence and All persons able to Get out on that day Send me Worde and i Will halt them for i Want to defeat that fence operation tack Notice and don not let no one fule you A bout the day but com out like men A nd let us Raley lik men a round the Foll against the fence law men yOn must All come Out and Vote With us for Ourseiva giv me notice Be four that day Jo cathey Raley Boys Raley

Almost a Fire.

The residence of Mr. J. R. Gillespie, near Davidson College, narrowly escaped destruction by fire early yesterday morning. The family had risen about 3 o'clock, for the purpose of being ready to take the train for Charlotte when it came by, and soon after all his rose, a son of Mr. Gillespie went up stairs with a candle to look for something. After he had come down, an explosion was heard above, and in a moment the stairway and indeed the whole house was filled with smoke. All hands ran up stairs, and found that in the room where the youth had been, the bed and almost everything else was on fire. The candle had probably been sitting on the table and the flames had been communicated to a pile of papers lying there. On the table there was also a bag of powder, and it had also cast the fire all over the room. Persistent and well directed efforts saved the house, but a good deal of damage was done in the room where the fire occurred.

From the Kulfie to the Altar.

About two weeks ago we published how Caldwell Henry carved John Nall, near Shepherd's X Roads, in the Southern part of Iredell county. John was stabbed dangerously in the pit of the stomach, and for awhile it was thought he would die. But he was engaged to be married and dying was not in his mind at all. The day for the marriage had been set, and the stabling occurred about ten days before it arrived. Though the wound was deep and a bad one, and the doctor advised quiet and perfect rest, the young man rallied from his bed of suffering, and when the wedding day arrived, was promptly on hand to take upon himself the marriage vows. The young lady was ready also, and while the youth could yet almost feel the keen blade as it tripped through the flesh, the knot was tied and the two were made one.

The bride and groom were in this city, yesterday; the bride a neat and pretty little lassie of about 16 years, the groom a stalwart youth of 18 or 19, who looks as if he were good for many years yet, knives to the contrary notwithstanding; but the wound is not healed yet; he still suffers pain from it, and the doctor still thinks that he got married too soon. But John don't think so, and maybe he knows best after all.

Caldwell Henry, the stabber, is in Statesville jail, because he was not able to give a \$200 bond for his appearance at Court. They say he is right smart of a galoot, and that he had no business to make that attack upon John Nall.

City Gas Supplies.

The prices of gas has lately been a good deal discussed in this city, and it will be of some interest to contrast the price here with what it is in the large cities: The price in Baltimore is \$3 per thousand feet, (or two dollars and seventy-five cents, being 1-12 off for prompt payment,) whilst the prices in the other cities alluded to are: Chicago \$2.50 per thousand feet; St. Louis, \$2.25; Cincinnati, \$2.25; Detroit, \$1, from gas made from naphtha; Pittsburg, \$1, from its adjacent cheap coal; Buffalo, \$2.25; Philadelphia, \$2.15, from the 1st of March next; New York \$2.75 to \$3, Boston, \$2.25; Brooklyn, \$2.75, with a prospect of an early reduction to \$2.25; Richmond, Va., \$2.50, and Lynchburg, \$3.

France and Europe Since 1848.

As may be seen by advertisement, Prof. Tripp, the well known lecturer on Europe, is expected to deliver soon in Charlotte a course of his series, descriptive of the great events and prominent actors in France and Europe since 1848, delineated largely from personal knowledge and original sources. The lectures have been extensively delivered and have attracted much attention. They are warmly commended by such as have heard them, embracing many of the most distinguished and cultured minds in the country; and including such names as the North as Rev. Dr. Sprague, of Albany, N. Y., Geo. S. Hilliard, of Boston, Mass., President Porter, of Yale College, New Haven, Conn., and at the South, of Rev. Dr. Phillips, of Chapel Hill, and Dr. Eugene Grissom and Hon. W. N. H. Smith, of Raleigh. The lectures were delivered last winter in the principal cities of Virginia and received the emphatic endorsement of the Norfolk, Petersburg and Richmond press.

The Lecture Last Night.

The effort of Rev. E. H. Harding at the Carolina Military Institute, last evening, was one of the finest of its kind that the people of Charlotte have had the privilege of hearing in many a day, and it is a source of regret that so few attended it. This fact can be accounted for in two ways: first, by the wet and muddy streets, and second, by the distance of the people of Charlotte from lectures in general. We verily believe that there is not a lecturer in the United States who could get a full house here, even if the doors were thrown open and everybody were invited.

After having been introduced by Col. Thomas, the lecturer announced as his subject, "The Gentleman and His Culture." He began by referring to the low standard of the society of the present day, as compared with what it was in the better days of the republic. In times past, refinement and culture was the passport to society, but this is no longer. Money is now the only requisite, and it makes no difference by what means this money was obtained. It was formerly the case that intelligence, culture and integrity were necessary in a man who was offered for a public office, but this state of things has ceased to exist. It might almost be said of this nation now, as Choate once said of Massachusetts, that shoddy rules in society and backstairs in the government. We have arrived at that condition of affairs where gentlemen are scouted, and where men who have climbed to wealth and position by dirty stairways and tortuous windings, are the real lords of the land. This is one of the most painful results of the late war, and its influence for evil upon the rising generation is incalculable.

This part of the lecture was particularly fine, and the deductions drawn from the state of society which had just been portrayed, were timely and well put. The reverend gentleman urged upon the young men to always maintain their self-respect, and to prefer to live and die in obscurity rather than win wealth and power by dishonorable means.

From this branch of his lecture, Mr. Harding proceeded to point out some of the characteristics of the gentleman, and touched first upon his manners. Omitting those of the drawing room, he spoke of those on the streets, on railroads and steamboats, and in all other places where he is thrown in contact with his fellow men, saying that the gentleman under all these circumstances is quiet and unobtrusive, never forcing himself forward and always maintaining a dignified modesty and freedom from those things, such as loud talking and flashy dressing, calculated to excite attention and comment. The style of conversation was also dwelt on, and the abbreviations and slang now so prevalent were animadverted upon in severe terms.

The advice given in regard to mental culture was very excellent. The young men were advised to discard the trashy literature of the present day. Novels were spoken of and some recommended. Scott's, Cooper's and Dickens' works were spoken of as good training for the mind; Macaulay was spoken of as the great master of the English language, and reading of his history was recommended; those addressed more particularly were advised to read English reviews and Daniel Webster's speeches. While speaking upon this branch of the subject, the lecturer paid a very handsome and deserved compliment to a "Christianian Reids," our North Carolina novelist. But above all things, the young men were charged to read the Word of God not only for the good to be derived from it, but also for its wonderful majesty and lofty eloquence.

We have left unsaid a great deal that we ought to have said, in presenting an outline of the lecture; but we must be content with this and with saying that it did great credit to the reverend lecturer, not only on account of the character of the advice given, but also of the elegant language in which his thoughts were clothed, and the deep research and power of analysis which the lecturer displayed.

The A. T. & O. Railroad, and the Childs Judgment.

A good deal has lately been said by the press and the public in regard to the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad, and what is known as the "Childs Judgment" against the Company, and the public, particularly the stockholders and others directly concerned, will be interested in a detailed statement of the matter. The history and the facts in the case are that the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad Company, made a mortgage of road-bed, right of way and franchise, in the year 1861, and issued, under this mortgage, one hundred and fifty thousand dol-

lars in mortgage bonds. These bonds were put upon the market and sold to different parties. After the war was over, a number of these bonds and coupons were retired by the company, but there were still a considerable amount remaining outstanding.

The Carolina National Bank, of Columbia, S. C., became the owner of about \$42,000 bonds and coupons, and demanded more for them than the officers of the company were willing to pay, and brought suit on the claims for par value of the same. The officers of the company believing that the scale of depreciation of Confederate money applied to this claim, as many of the bonds were not disposed of by the company until after 1862, resisted the suit and after the judgment was rendered in the Federal Court in this State, an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of the United States. The case was argued there and the opinion of the Court below was sustained and an order to foreclose the mortgage was made.

The Court appointed a Commissioner before whom the bonds and coupons were to be proved, and notice was issued for all parties holding the claims to come and make themselves parties to the suit; hence it is that our citizens holding the bonds and coupons are in the case.

The Carolina National Bank, sold their claims to L. D. Childs, of Columbia, and Mr. Childs sold to Henry Young, a capitalist of New York City. Henry Young died last year and now Mr. Mason Young, executor of his father, has the management of the claim.

The impression as created by some of the press, that the Childs claim was fraudulent, was never correct, and no such idea was ever entertained by the officers of the company. The only point of difference between the holders of the claim and the parties controlling the road, while the suit was pending, was as to the scale of Confederate currency.

When the judgment was rendered by the Court the point at issue was settled, and all parties acknowledged the perfect validity of the claim. It thus became the duty of the officers of the company to make the best arrangements with the creditors for time, in order to make some arrangements for paying off the debt. This was easily accomplished with Mr. Young, and the other creditors, who have all the time been very lenient, only requiring a reasonable interest on their claims, which the Board of Directors have acknowledged just and have promptly met. Col. Myers, the President of the Company, recently went to New York to see Mr. Young, the time for the payment having expired, and that gentleman agreed to extend the time until April, 1877, meanwhile the interest to be paid every six months. This is the basis of the compromise.

Meeting of the Stockholders of the A. T. & O. Railroad Company.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad Company, held in the City Hall at Charlotte on February 23d, 1876, the meeting was organized by calling A. W. Jamison, Esq., to the Chair, and appointing J. J. Gormley to act as Secretary. Messrs C. A. Carlton and J. H. McElwee were appointed a committee on proxies, and after a short time, reported 5,069 shares represented in person and by proxy. This being a majority of the stock, the Chairman announced the meeting duly organized and ready for business.

The President then read his report which was adopted. The Secretary then read the contract entered into by Mason Young, Esq., Executor, and W. R. Myers, President. After which, Col. A. B. Springs offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract entered into between the Atlantic Tennessee & Ohio Railroad Company and Mason Young, Executor of Henry Young, deceased, on the 15th day of Feb'y, 1876, be, and the same is hereby ratified; and that the President be required to attach to the same, the seal of the company.

Unanimously adopted. Mr. C. A. Carlton then offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the thanks of this company are due and are hereby tendered the judgment creditors for their forbearance, and kind indulgence in withholding the execution of their judgment.

Unanimously adopted. No other business being presented, on motion of Col. Johnston, the meeting adjourns.

A. W. JAMISON, Chairman. J. J. GORMLEY, Secretary.

MARRIED.

In Burke county, on the 16th inst., by Rev. Mr. Kaler, Mr. W. J. Stevenson, late of Monroe, to Miss Annie Bristol, of Burke county.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Give it to the children. Physicians prescribe it. Thousands use it. Sold by druggists. 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 rather than pay 75 cents for a bottle of medicine that would cure them. Dr. A. B. SCHEPPE'S GERMANY 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. O. 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 98.65. The strongest Lime in the United States. Montevideo, Cahaba 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.

WE HAVE ON CONSIGNMENT

A lot of fine White Beans, Oats and fresh Mountain Butter. STITT, WALSH & CO. feb23

100 BUSHELS Eastern Potatoes, for sale at STITT, WALSH & CO'S. feb23

Ground Feed.

ONE ton Eye and Corn ground; one ton Oats and Corn ground; one ton fine Bran and Shorts; one ton Wheat Bran. STITT, WALSH & CO'S. feb23

Ten Cent Column.

Advertisements will be inserted in this column at the rate of ten (10) cents per line, for each insertion; No advertising insert taken for less than twenty-five cents. Eight words make a line.

TWENTY Shares Stock in Charlotte B & L Association for sale. Apply to P. C. WILSON. feb22 2t

FOR CASH—Old Cabinet, Rye Whiskey, at the DEW DEPOT. feb22 1t

FOR SALE—House and Lot in Mechanicsville, four rooms. Apply to F. H. GLOVER. feb11 1t

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

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Prof. TRIPP'S GRAND DESCRIPTIVE SERIES. FRANCE AND EUROPE SINCE 1848.

A Graphic Portrayal of the Thrilling Dramatic Episodes and the Marvellous Political Transformation, together with vivid Sketches of the prominent actors, delineated from personal knowledge and original sources; combining the fascination of romance with the rarest historical knowledge; extensively delivered before select and brilliant audiences in the principal cities; and endorsed by the highest authorities in Europe and the United States. Particulars hereafter. feb23 1t

Valuable City Property For Sale.

If not sold privately before that time, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House lot in Charlotte, a valuable House and lot, in a desirable portion of the city, on Monday, the 6th day of March. Said Lot fronts 120 feet on B Street, running back 399 feet to C Street, and lies between 9th and 10th Streets. On the premises is a comfortable dwelling house, kitchen, well of water in the yard, and all the improvements are in good repair. Terms made known at sale. Apply to J. B. YKES, or to JOHN E. BROWN, Agent. feb23 1t

Great Attraction

ANDREWS & JONES'

OUR New Goods are arriving and we are now offering for sale at bottom prices, COOKED CORNED BEANS, DEVILED HAM and TURKEY, PERFECTLY FRESH HORSE RADISH, Gantz's Sea Foam, Condensed Milk, Cox's and Cooper's Gelatine, large lot Pickles, very cheap, fresh Canned Tomatoes, N. Y. State Baldwin Apples, fresh Florida Oranges, &c. Give us a call. ANDREWS & JONES. feb23

ANOTHER LOT OF

The celebrated Magnolia Hams, just arrived. STITT, WALSH & CO'S. feb23

The Last Call

ALL parties who have not paid their Taxes, are hereby notified that no further indulgence can be given. I will be compelled to settle in full with the County Treasurer in a few days, and in the meantime, if steps are not taken to cancel the taxes now remaining unpaid for the years 1874-'75, the claims will certainly be put in the hands of a Deputy for collection. It will be a very disagreeable duty on my part to be forced to sell the property of any man, but as I am legally liable for the taxes still due, the collection of the same will be enforced without fear or favor. This is positively my last call to delinquents to come forward and settle without delay. I can always be found at my office in the Court House. M. E. ALEXANDER, Sheriff. feb23 1m Democrat and Home copy 2t

Important Sale.

THE Real Estate of Robt. F. Davidson, including some valuable City Lots and two Tracts of Land, will be sold on February 28th, at 12 m. For particulars see hand bills. M. E. ALEXANDER, Sheriff. feb23 1w

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 liquor, except the PURE GRAPH 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 fe b19 B N SMITH.

Bagging.

50 ROLLS, 100 HALF ROLLS STANDARD BAGGING. R. M. MILLER & SONS'. WE charge extra for Chromos. feb18

New Goods!

A Fresh lot of that nice Coconut Candy, just received, at PUREFOY'S. feb19

Toys! Toys!

NEW TOYS, just opened, at PUREFOY'S. feb19