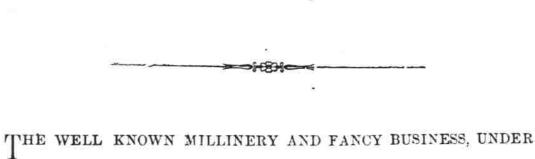




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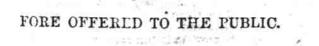
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city, from 9 o'clock last night until just 12. A petition to the Governor for the pardon of the man Coddard, who was convicted at the last term of Court, of rape upon a colored girl, is being circulated in this city for signers.

sale of the R F Davidson lots and lands, are requested to call this day on the trustees and settle, or the property will be re-sold at their risk. The last issue of the Lumberton Robesonian

contains a piece of poetry entitled "Silver Threads Among the Gold." We have understood that these words have been set to music. If so, we would be very much pleased to hear the song. A special engine came in last night on the North Carolina Railroad, for all the empty cars here. They are being taken to Richmond from all points along the line, there being, we suppose, a rush of freight for the

Fifteen Cents Apiece.

OBSERVER were sold on the streets as high as fifteen cents. If it be necessary, we take pleasure in stating that five cents is the regular price, and subscriptions paid at the office amount to but little over two cents per day, and the paper is delivered in any portion of the city free of charge.

The Bare Foot Chief. Sam Thompson, formerly of this county,

has a paying position in the Clerk's office in Charlotte, and has made many friends. He has donned his war paint since he went to Mecklenburg, and is now known as "Bare Foot Chief."-Blue Ridge Blade. Yes, and they do say that the paint which

he has donned was rubbed on his cheeks off these of one of the squaws. -----Services During the Lenten Season. The season of Lent is being celebrated in

the two churches named below, services as follows: St Peter's (R C) Church .- Services two evenings in the week, viz : Wednesday and Friday, commencing at 71 o'clock P. M. Wed-

nesdays, the Stations of the Cross; Fridays, the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with reading of Meditations and night prayers. St Peter's (E) Church .- Services on Litany days at 111 o'clock, A M; on all other days at 51 P M.

### The Oath of the Highwaymen. The following, according to the testimony of Ferdinand Hendricks, the State's evi-

dence against the highwaymen, is the oath in which the clan which recently commitwas bound. It is the verbatim oath to Court, yesterday morning :

"You, the undersigned members of this clan (upon the Testament and a bowie knife certify that you will not conview the convulsions of this clan, and it you do, you will thereupon be killed, undeterminable, upon

#### -----Photograph of the "Dynamite Fiend "

Mr C Hashagen received, on yesterday from his brother at Bremerhayen, a photograph, indeed two photographs, of Thomas-

Squirrel, have filed a petition to have the action declared unconstitutional, null and void ; and it is a settled fact that before anothre moon shall wax and wane, the Bare Foot Chief himself will be driven in disgrace from the council of warriors. Ugh !

The parties who bought property at the A Few Reflections on the Cash System. We have been satisfied for some time that the only rule on which to conduct a newspaper successfully, was to require the sub-

scriptions to be paid in advance. We are not in the habit of laying our complaints, or our business, before the public, but in justification of the rule adopted on the 1st instant, we feel that a few plain statements may not be out of place. Experience has taught us the lesson, better though it may

be, that a daily newspaper cannot be published on the credit system. Every dollar of the expense is cash, and to meet this expenditure, cash must be required of patrons. Our friends will please remember that we do not refuse to credit them, because they are not good, in the commercial sense of the word, but simply because it is necessary to have some business rule, which applies We are informed that copies of yesterday's to all alike. We have made no distinctions whatever, and shall regret if any of our friends should accuse us of discrimination.

No business man, who will take the trouble to look at the subject in its proper light, can blame us for our course. We are far from being independent, either of the merchants or the people of Charlotte. We are a part

of her-look jealously to her interests, and a friend to every enterprise which is for her advancement or prosperity. In cutting off a large number of our patrons throughout the city, we have attempted what may be considered as a dangerous experiment, which may result to our detriment. We may have unintentionally offended some of our best patrons. If so we are sorry for it, but we cannot retrace our steps if we would, and we certainly do not desire to do so. Thirteen daily papers have been interred in the grave of journalism in Charlotte, and we are

determined that the OBSERVER shall not make the fourteenth. We expect to live to write her history for many years to come, and grow better, and better with each year's experience.

## Sentences of the Highwaymen.

Some of the gang of highwaymen who were operating so extensively in the vicinity of this city about two months ago, have been overtaken by justice. Neal Knox, the leader of the gang, was on yesterday sen-

tenced to 30 years in the Penitentiary, and four others to 25 years each. Gen Barringer was of counsel appointed to defend these negroes, and when asked by the court what he had to say, before sentence was passed,

ted so many depredations near this city, He said that he recognized the enormity of the crime of which the defendants had been which Ferdinand swore in the Superior proyed guily, and had nothing to plead for them except their youth and their ignorance.

They were all very young men, and he believed that they had very little idea of what crime is; they do not look upon it as we do, and a great deal of the crime which exists among the race, is chargeable to their teach-

ers and preachers. It is the duty of the older negroes to be more careful in the training of their young, to set good examples before them, and to impress upon them the responsibility of citizenship. Gen Barringer

when you require cash from ( close the amount due you and four dollars to pay six months in advance, and will continne the cash business, and only wish you could give some of your friends the requisite amount of nerve to carry out their intention of doing a "strictly cash business" as

you are doing. Surely no fair minded man will blame you for your course when he has given the matter a fair and square look in the face. Continue to send me the OBSERVER and your subscription shall be promptly paid here-Charlotte, N. C., March 2, 1876.

March.

We derive the present name of this month from the Romans, among whom it was, at an early period, the first month of the year, as it continued to be in several countries to a comparatively late period, the legal year beginning eyen in England on the 25th of March, till the change of style in 1752. For commencing the year with this month there seems a sufficient reason in the fact of its being the first season after the death of the year, in which decided symptoms of a renewal of growth take place. And for the war was told, up to the last battle, when Romans to dedicate their first month to victory perched upon the French banners. Mars, and call it Martius, seems equally natural, considering the importance they atestablishment by France of the empire in tached to war, and the use they made of it. Mexico. The early lives of Maximilian and Among our Saxon fathers, the month bore the name of Lenet-monat-that is, lengthing, education and marriage, and a tribute, month-in reference to the lengthening of beautiful, eloquent and glowing, was paid the day at this season, the origin also of the the lofty-minded, kingly yet ill-starred Aus-

term Lent. March is noted as a dry month. Its dust s looked for, and becomes a subject of congratulation, on account of the importance of dry weather at this time for sowing and planting. The idea has been embodied in proverbs, as "A peck of March dust is worth king's ransom," and "A dry March never begs its bread." Blustering winds usually prevail, more or less, throughout a considerable part of the month, but; mostly in the earlier portion. Hence, the month appears o change its character as it goes on; the common remark, familiar to every one, is that "It comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb."

> Regulations for Lent. The following are the regulations for the

course, and will be an exhaustive treatment Lenten Season, as officially promulgated by of the grand theme, involving an intimate the Rt Rev James Gibbons, Bishop of Richacquaintance with the whole complicated mond and Administrator Apostolic of North work of European political events for the Carolina: 1st. The Lent this year will commence on past half century.

Ash-Wednesday, the 1st of March. 2d. Every day of Lent (Sundays excepted) is a fast day, binding on all not legitimately dispensed. Only one full meal (to be taken after midday) is allowed by law.

3d. Flesh meats is allowed on Sundays at all the meals; and on week days, at the principal meal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, except the second Berkley as an Insurance office. For terms Apply to DR J H MCADEN.

4th. To those who fast, custom allows in the morning a cup of coffee, of tea, or chocolate made with water, and a small portion of bread; also an evening collation, not to ex ceed the fourth part of an ordinary meal. Those not having control of their times of repast, and forced to take their meals at a in Hardware, &c. RICHARD MOORE,

late hour in the afternoon, are permitted to Charlotte, N. C., March 2, 2876. transfer the collation to the morning. bth. Fiesh meat and fish are not to be used

The Lecture Last Evening. The second of the course of lectures being delivered in this city by Prof Tripp, was one FINE, Super, Extra and Family Flour, of great interest. It treated of the Crimean War and of the efforts of France to establish Sugar House and Golden Syrups, Demarara herself in Mexico, with interest reminiscences of Maximilian and Carlota. Barely touch-Molasses, Fine and Ground Alum Salt, Rio ing upon "the eastern question"-what to and Laguaryra Coffees, Refined Sugars, do with Turkey-and the Herz govinian insurrection which is now in progress, the

From this the lecturer proceeded to the

Carlota were dwelt upon, their birth, train-

trian, who assumed the reins to rule the

mercurial Mexicans. The story of Maximil-

ian's brief reign, and his cruel death, as well

as the existence worse than death which

the once beautiful Carlota is now dragging

out are yet fresh in all minds, and we need

The lecture was full of interest and in-

struction ; the descriptions were very fine,

and it was in all respects worthy the close

attention which was paid it. Prof Tripp

will deliver this evening at 8 o'clock, the

third and concluding lecture of his highly

interesting course in Charlotte; subject: the

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responded in a few highly sensible remarks.

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