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Is Now Closing Out all WINTER GOODS, at Greatly Reduced Prices, to Make Room for SPRING STOCK.

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THE WELL KNOWN MILLINERY AND FANCY BUSINESS, UNDER THE GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, HAS DISPOSED OF THE WHOLE STOCK OF WINTER HATS, FLOWERS AND FEATHERS, AND MET WITH MORE SUCCESS THAN ANY OTHER MILLINERY BUSINESS IN THE STATE.

WITH THESE GREAT ADVANTAGES IN NOT HAVING TO CARRY OLD STOCK OVER, WHICH IS ALWAYS CONSIDERED DEAD STOCK, ENABLES ME TO BUY THIS

SPRING, ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BEST SELECTED STOCKS EVER BEFORE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

WARNING. GOALS IN MY LINE WHICH ARE BEING LEFT TOO EARLY ARE NOT THE LATEST STYLES, AS NORTHERN HOUSES ONLY OPEN THEIR DESIRABLE PATTERNS THE LATTER PART OF MARCH, THEREFORE I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE LADIES NOT TO MAKE THEIR PURCHASES TOO EARLY, ASSURING THEM THAT I SHALL TAKE GREAT PAINS MAKING CHOICE SELECTIONS.

RESPECTFULLY, M. KOPPEL.

THE CITY. CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 29th, 1875. On and after this date, mails will open and close in this office as follows:

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There is to be no shortening put into coat tails this spring, and pants will be baggier than ever to accommodate those gentlemen whose legs are built on the still plan. Dog-eared collars, cut so as to show the binding of the undershirt, will be popular.

Mr P S Whinsant, of this city, who has lately been established at Welford, S. C., manufacturing tobacco boxes, after spending several days in Winston, has determined, according to the Sentinel, to move his establishment to that town.

We are requested to state for the benefit of the public that the post office at Garibaldi, in Gaston county, on the Air-Line Railroad has not been discontinued as has been reported. Mr A Stowe is the postmaster, and the office is open and doing business as usual.

Alf Davis, a negro charged with belonging to the gang of highwaymen, was discharged on Thursday no evidence appearing against him. Subsequent revelations, however, proved his connection with the clan and on yesterday afternoon he was re-arrested and re-committed to jail.

Belknap's crime and its probable consequences to the Republican party in the next campaign were on the lips of everybody yesterday. One of the most prominent Republicans in the city spoke of the President's hasty acceptance of Belknap's resignation, as strange and unprecedented.

A little boy whose name we failed to learn, was running along the track of the North Carolina Railroad, between Eighth and Ninth streets, yesterday afternoon, when he fell with his face upon one of the ties, knocking out several teeth, cutting his lip, and otherwise injuring his face.

Mr James Stevens died in this city yesterday morning at 6 1/2 o'clock, aged 80 years. The deceased was the father of our city policeman Mr G K Stevens, and was one of Charlotte's oldest citizens, having resided here for the last 53 years. He was a man of excellent character and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Personal. E B Drake, Esq, the editor of the Statesville American, arrived in the city last evening.

Rev. E. J. Meynarde, formerly pastor of Tryon St. M. E. Church, of this city, was in the city on yesterday.

We will say to those to whom the information will be of any interest, that on yesterday morning we had to put our forms to press after the regular edition of the paper was worked off, and print 50 extra copies to supply the demand which was made at the office by new dealers and parties whose papers had been discontinued.

The First Month of Spring. March, it has been said, is the first month of Spring. He is nature's old forester, going through the woods and dotting the trees with green to mark out the spots where the future leaves are to be hung.

"Study March, with brows full sternly bent, And smelt strongly, rode upon a ram; The same which over Hellespontus swam; Yet in his hand a spade he also bent, And in a bag all sorts of weeds, the same Which on the earth bestrewed as he went, And filled her womb with fruitful hope of nourishment."

The Danville Fire. We mentioned briefly in our local columns on Thursday morning, that a fire had occurred in Danville, Va., on the night previous. Since that time the Danville News has come to hand, with the information that the prize house of A A Lawson, occupied by T F Staples, was burned, with \$18,000 lbs of tobacco, valued at \$1,800. Mr Lawson lost \$2,000, and had no insurance; Mr Staples had \$2,000 insurance. On the same night the prize house of A B Chambers, occupied by J J Hankins, was destroyed by fire. It contained \$800 worth of tobacco, insured for \$500. Mr Chambers' loss was \$2,000—no insurance.

A Nice Thing for Ford.

Mr Ford is very complimentary to Atlanta, and says that its ability to support a really first-class show is not second to any city in the South. Atlanta has given Mr Booth the largest house he has had since he left Baltimore. The receipts for the first night there ran to \$27,000. Charleston gave him \$2,400; Richmond about \$2,000, and Charlotte, \$1,500.

Something Like the Old Times. Leonard Crockett, colored, was tried in the Superior Court on yesterday, in conjunction with Henry Williams, also colored, for an attempt to steal hogs. They were detected in the act of putting a hog in a bag, and the evidence was undisputed. Both were found guilty, but Crockett being a very young boy, Judge Schenck did not want to send him to the penitentiary, and so told his mother that if she would promise to release him, the mother promised, and led her hopeful son. She afterwards requested Deputy Sheriff Farrow to fulfill the promise which she had made the Judge, and Mr Farrow, divesting himself of his overcoat, and requiring the boy to divest himself of his coat, proceeded to give him an old-fashioned, ante-bellum thrashing, laying on 29 square licks, which the boy will remember much longer than he would have remembered 10 years in the penitentiary.

The Lecture Last Evening. Prof Tripp lectured last evening to a full room. He had for his subject the causes of the Franco-Prussian war. Going far back into the mists of ages, he traced up the various feuds which had existed between France and Prussia and the causes which had led to them; then coming up to a later period, he spoke of the many insults which France had received from Bismarck before finally, exasperated to desperation, she asserted herself and declared war. A history of the most notable events of that period was given and the lecture closed with the beginning of the reign of the commune in Paris. Not only was the war told of and its causes, but interesting personal sketches were given; a brief biography of Bismarck was given, and his genius and nerve were commended in befitting terms; Bazaine, whom the world is disposed to regard as a traitor on account of his surrender at Metz was referred to as a gallant soldier, and the greatest military chief of the French army. One of the most interesting pieces of information imparted, was the statement received by the lecturer from a distinguished foreigner that the war being discussed was a pre-arranged plan between Prussia and Russia against France.

The lecture was highly instructive—perhaps the most so if any of the series. It was the last of the lectures, as we are sorry to say, Prof Tripp leaving to-day for Davidson College.

The Courts. Superior Court.—The criminal docket is still being run upon, and a considerable hole has been made in it. Quite a number of cases were disposed of on yesterday. The following were the jury trials: Jim Blair, colored, charged with larceny, convicted and sentenced to 3 years in the penitentiary at hard labor. Gus Wayman, colored, for indecent exposure of person, for trespass, and other still more villainous conduct in this city about two months ago, was sent to the penitentiary for 10 years. Henry Williams and Leonard Crockett were indicted for pursuing live stock, and tried; Williams was sentenced to 2 years in the penitentiary, and Crockett, a mere lad, was discharged to be punished by his mother. Bob Phillips, colored, tried for larceny, and acquitted. Moses Welch, charged with larceny was found guilty, but has not yet been sentenced. R J Smith, white, one of the participants in the Christmas riot, was tried for assault and battery, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the county jail, to be given credit for the two months which he has already served.

The docket was cleared of quite a number of other cases during the day. All the jail cases, so far as the grand jury has found bills have been disposed of.

Mayor's Court.—Henry Johnson, colored, was up for an affray, was found guilty, and \$2 and the cost were required of him. There were no new criminal cases before any of the Magistrates.

Lent and Its Origin. As the Lenten season has been ushered in, some words concerning its origin and observance will prove of interest to our readers. To have been established before the second or third century; but the Catholic church maintains with St Jerome, St Leo, St Augustine, and the majority of the fathers of the church of the fourth and fifth centuries, that it is of apostolic origin. They reason thus: that which we find universally established in the church, and of which we cannot, nevertheless, find the institution by a council, must have been established by the Apostles; and the 69th Apostolical Canon, the Council of Nice, in 325, that of Laodicea, in 363, and the fathers of the second and third centuries, speak of Lent as a usage generally observed by the church. In the Latin church Lent formerly lasted forty days each, and the Greeks observed four besides Lent, but they have reduced them to seven days each. Some Oriental sects had still other great fasts. The eighth Council of Toledo in 635—orders that those who break the fasts, without necessity, shall eat no meat during the whole year, and shall not partake of the Lord's Supper at Easter. Until the year 1200 but one meal a day was eaten during Lent. The close of Lent is celebrated in Catholic countries with great rejoicing. In Rome the piscivorelli, or shops in which hams, sausages, eggs, &c., are sold are illuminated and ornamented in the most picturesque manner the night before in order to attract buyers. The statue of a saint made of butter, is often seen. Heaps of eggs are multiplied endlessly by reflecting mirrors, and the whole scene is quite brilliant and attractive.

To Our Friends and Patrons in Charlotte.

We have this day restored to our subscription lists the names of every subscriber who has paid the subscription up to the 1st day January last. We do this from the conviction that we acted hastily in striking off the names without presenting the bills for the present quarter, which we have decided, after mature deliberation, it was our duty to have done. Between now and the first day of April the bills will be presented as usual, and each subscriber will have opportunity of saying whether the paper will be continued or not after that time. No paper will be sent to any one after the first of April, unless paid for in advance.

Close of the Market House. Under a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, directing him to close up the Market House whenever there was a failure on the part of the lessee to pay the rent, City Marshal Alexander on yesterday afternoon locked up that institution and took possession of the keys. The Market House has recently been rented by the month to one lessee, who sub-rented the stalls to a number of other persons. It looks singular to see this institution closed up during the hours of business, but we do not know that the community would be much the loser if it were kept closed.

Soliciting Committee. The members of the Hornet Fire Company, at their meeting last night, resolved to make an effort to raise a sufficient amount of money to purchase horses to pull their engine. We sincerely trust that the citizens of Charlotte will respond liberally when they are called upon for this purpose. This additional facility will certainly add greatly to the efficiency of the company, and every property owner has a personal interest in this. The following are the committeemen by Wards:

FIRST WARD. W R Myers, Jr. Robt R Ray, Isaac Wilson, M C Quinn, A B Springs, Jr. Jno W Stephens.

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THIRD WARD. Chas N Vance, Ed C Ray, D C Malloy, W T Wilkinson.

A Large Railroad Project. As already reported in our telegraphic columns, a bill has been introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Cockrell of Missouri, granting a charter to the New York and Martin Air-Line Railroad, Telegraph and Engration Company. It proposes to incorporate Joseph E Johnston, James E Longstreet, William H. Smith, William C Wickham, William Gaylord and others, under the above style, with a capital of \$50,000,000, and the authority to construct a railroad and telegraph line from New York to Fort McIntosh on the Rio Grande, via Washington, Richmond, Atlanta, Selma, New Orleans and Houston, together with branches from Charlotte, N. C. to Norfolk, Va., and from Loreda to Austin, Texas. The bill further proposes to grant a right of way two hundred feet wide, and also in the State of Alabama and Mississippi every alternate section of public land within ten miles of the projected line.

FUNERAL NOTICE. The funeral of Mr James Stevens will take place at 3 o'clock at the residence of his son G K Stevens, in Smithville.

MARRIED. By Rev T A Boone, on the 24th ult, at the residence of James A Crump, David C Livengood, Esq., to Miss Fannie A Harris.

In Concord on February 23d, at the residence of Mr H M Goodman, by Dr L A Bickle, Mr John M Honeycutt and Miss Jennie Biles.

DIED. Very unexpectedly of heart disease, on the 17th day of February, at her home in Early county, Georgia, Mary McBride, wife of Dr Richard E Hill, and daughter of the late Hon Charles Fisher of Salisbury, in the 52d year of her age.

In Winston, on Sunday evening last, 27th ult., of palsy, Mr Jesse Kennedy, aged 71 years, 9 months and 2 days.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Important Sale of City Property. BY Virtue of a Deed of Trust to us made by John Wilkes and Jane E, his wife, which Deed has been duly recorded and registered according to law, I, as surviving Trustee, will expose to Public Sale at the Court House door in the City of Charlotte, on Monday the 6th day of March, 1876, the following Real Estate in the City of Charlotte:

Certain Lots known in plan of said city as Lots 710 712 713 714 715 716 and 717, in square No 89, bounded by 6th and 7th and D and E Streets, behind the Baptist Church. Also—parts of lots 85 and 87, and parts of lots 88 and 89 in square No 9, fronting on Tryon street, adjoining the Opera House, with part of a lot on College street, next to the Gas House.

Said property will be sold as a whole or divided into lots suitable for building, and sold by maps thereof to be exhibited on the day of sale. Terms made known on day of sale. ADOLFUS H SMEDBERG, Surviving Trustee.

For Rent. TWO comfortable front rooms, over the store of Kyle & Hammond, on Trade Street, and lately occupied by Dr Carter Berkley as an Insurance office. For terms Apply to DR J H McADEN, mar3 1w

Prime Fig Tobacco. THE BEST IN THE CITY—TRY IT AT W M CROWELL'S. mar3

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Remember that true happiness is forever lost when your health is once broken down. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup prevents throat and lung disease, and cures Colds and Coughs.

Sciple & Sons, Coal and Lime Merchants, Atlanta, Ga. Analysis of our Shelby, Ala. Lime 98.85. 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. dec30

August Flower. The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver complaint. More than seventy-five per cent of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effect such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heartburn, Watery Cough Syrup prevents throat and lung disease, and cures Colds and Coughs. Try it. Two doses will relieve you. [dec30]

For Rent. THE residence next to the Charlotte Hotel, lately occupied by Mrs Presley, Apply to DR J M MILLER. mar3

PERSONS ATTENDING COURT SAVE MONEY BY COMING TO THE COMMERCIAL DINING ROOMS. mar1

PARTNERSHIP. THE undersigned have associated themselves in partnership for the purpose of carrying on the business of general dealers in Hardware, &c. RICHARD MOORE, HENRY T. BUTLER, Charlotte, N. C., March 2, 1876.

MOORE & BUTLER, (Successors to Richard Moore.) HAVE ON HAND AND ARE RECEIVING HARDWARE LOCKS, NAILS, SHOVELS, AXES, POCKET & TABLE CUTLERY. STOVES A SPECIALTY, FROM \$12.00 TO \$60.00 IN PRICES. MANUFACTURERS OF TINWARE AND ALL KINDS OF TIN WORK.

Repairing promptly attended to. Orders solicited. MOORE & BUTLER, Near Court House. Agents for Burton's Doubled Hoe. Best in use. mar3

COLOGNE, EXTRACTS, Toilet Soaps of superior quality, at Jan14 McADEN'S, Drug Store.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Table with financial data: Net Assets, January 1, 1875, \$38,838,267 65; Received in 1875, \$7,165,468 55; For Premiums, \$2,652,931 81; For Interest and rent, \$9,814,000 66; Total, \$48,656,668 21.

DISBURSED IN 1875: TO POLICY HOLDERS. For claims by death and matured endowments, \$2,732,522 27; Surplus returned to policy holders, \$2,543,598 08; Lapsed and surrendered policies, \$91,995 43; Total, \$5,268,115 78.

EXPENSES: Commissions to agents, \$528,740 55; Salaries of officers, clerks, and others employed on salary, \$7,375 65; Medical examiners' fees, \$13,700 00; Printing, stationery, advertising, postage, &c., \$113,505 88; Total, \$655,362 08.

Balance, Net Assets, December 31, 1875, \$41,462,065 63.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS: Loans upon real estate, first lien, \$36,936,282 40; Loans upon stocks and bonds, \$41,353 28; Premium notes on policies in force, \$6,730,587 50; Cost of real estate owned by the company, \$1,868,590 18; Cost of United States registered bonds, \$1,380,386 80; Cost of State bonds, \$619,800 00; Cost of city bonds, \$1,745,695 00; Cost of other bonds, \$435,000 00; Cost of bank stock, \$20,250 00; Cost of railroad stock, \$20,000 00; Cash in bank at interest, \$1,070,883 79; Cash in company's office, \$6,884 78; Balance due from agents, secured, \$78,180 45; Bills receivable, \$4,578 45; Total, \$41,462,065 63.

NET ASSETS: Interest accrued and due, \$1,617,000 07; Rents accrued, \$2,510 91; Market value of stocks and bonds over cost, \$72,088 20; Net premiums in course of collection, \$6,090 28; Net deferred quarterly and semi-annual premiums, \$4,285 63; Total, \$2,092,585 92.

Gross Assets, December 31, 1875, \$43,494,850 92. LIABILITIES: Amount required to reinsure all outstanding policies, net assuming 4 per cent interest, \$38,297,307 00; All other liabilities, \$995,764 00; Total, \$39,293,071 00.

Surplus, December 31, 1875, \$4,231,559 92. Increase of assets during 1875, \$3,050,986 66; Ratio of expense of management to receipts in 1875, 7.25 per cent; Policies in force, Dec. 31, 1875, 66,206, insuring, \$185,076,842 00.

JAMES GOODWIN, PRESIDENT; JACOB L GREEN, SECRETARY; JOHN M TAYLOR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

S. D. WAIT, General Agent, FOR NORTH CAROLINA, OFFICE AT RALEIGH. mar3

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.

AN Overcoat was left in the store of W L Boyd three weeks ago. The owner will please call and get it. Also pay for this advertisement. mar3

POSITIVELY THE LAST NOTICE—All persons indebted to the firm of McMurtry & Davis, are hereby notified that I will bring suit on Monday March 6th, for claims remaining unpaid on that date. J L BROWN, Trustee. mar3

FOR CASH—Old Cabinet Eyes Whiskey, at the DEW DROP. feb22 1f

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

White Peas. JUST Received a lot of White Peas, at W M CROWELL'S. feb19

FIFTY BOXES EACH, 8x10 and 10x12 Window Glass, at bottom prices. T C SMITH & CO, feb24

WE INVITE CASH Customers and promise to sell as low as anybody in Charlotte. T C SMITH & CO. feb24

To the Trade Only. FINE, Super, Extra and Family Flour, Sugar House and Golden Syrup, Demarara Molasses, Fine and Ground Alum Salt, Rio and Lagaryra Coffee, Refined Sugar, Bacon, Lard, Candles, Spices, Teas, Starch, Soaps, Woodware, Brooms, &c. A full line of Goods at very low figures for Cash. Cash buyers will find it to their advantage to give us a trial before purchasing. JOHN W HALL & CO., Wholesale Grocers, College St., near Trade. mar3

\$20 REWARD! STOLEN from the subscriber at his residence in Chester county, S. C., on Friday morning, 25th ult., a Black Horse, with a very large head and a Roman nose, and his mane lies on both sides of his neck. Suspected to have gone to North Carolina, as he was traced to the Catawba River. The above reward will be paid to any one returning the horse to me. D G ANDERSON, Cedar Shoals, Chester county, S. C. mar3