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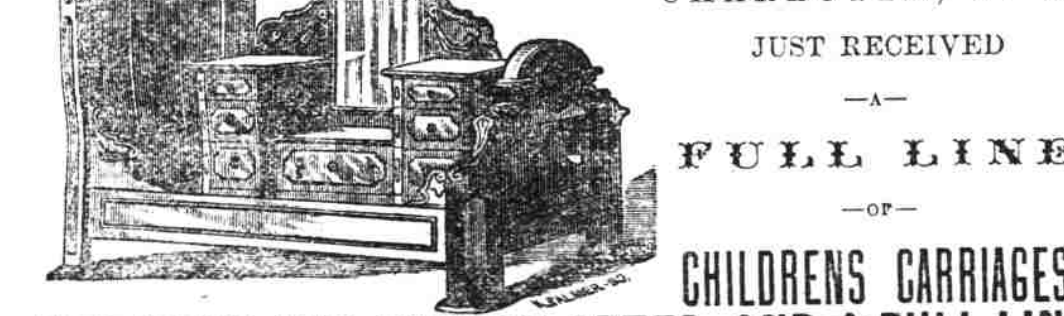
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ENABLES ME TO BUY THIS

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ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BEST SELECTED STOCKS EVER BE-
FORE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

WARNING.

GOODS IN MY LINE WHICH ARE BROUGHT HERE 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 PUR-
CHASES TOO EARLY, ASSURING THEM THAT I SHALL TAKE
GREAT PAINS MAKING

CHOICE SELECTIONS.

RESPECTFULLY,
M. KOPPEL.

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.
Air-Line, " 8.30 " " 5.30 p. m.
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CITY BULLETIN

Mecklenburg Presbytery meets at Sharon Church on to-morrow week, the 15th inst.

Mr John L. Bailey, Jr., received his commission on Sunday morning last, as United States Cauter for this city.

A walk through the side streets of the city, develops a vast amount of dirt and filth lying around loose.

The funeral of Miss Ella McLaughlin, took place on yesterday from Tryon street M. E. Church, and was well attended.

Mr Robt Lamb has purchased an interest in the Dew Drop Saloon, on College street, and promises to furnish his patrons with the best of liquor, wine, ale and beer.

People who were on the street last night, could make a rough estimate of how much dust there was in town, by the amount that lodged in their mouths and eyes.

The Charlotte Observer having added steam power to its office now claims the belt as the champion paper of the State. We don't object.—Wilson Advance.

Somebody suggests that *sic transit gloria mundi*, would be the most appropriate inscription that could be placed on the new insurance building when it is completed.

Yesterday was the most March-like day we've had, so far during the month. Bitherto old Boreas has departed himself with becoming and acceptable conservatism.

There is a move among some of the ladies to get up a Martha Washington Tea Party for the benefit of the Horner Fire Company, to assist the members in their efforts to get money for the purchase of horses.

Mr Jo. Lindy is erecting a commodious residence on the corner of B and Sixth streets. There are very few portions of the city which have improved more than this, in the past year or two.

The long platform extending the length of the Springs building on Trade street, near the corner of Tryon, was torn down yesterday, being old and unsatisfactory, and will be replaced by a new and good one.

On Saturday morning last, old Mr Klous, who is section master on the first section of the North Carolina Railroad, stepped from the platform of the depot in this city, to a dump standing on the track, when he slipped and fell, breaking two ribs.

The Mecklenburg Historical Society will meet this evening in regular monthly session, at the office of Dr T J Moore. The regular lecture of the course will be delivered by Gen D H Hill. A full and prompt attendance is desired.

Mr J M C Horn, was coming into the city yesterday morning, by the Lawyer's Road, in the two-horse buggy of Mr Swearingin, when the horses took fright and ran away. Mr Horn was thrown out and bruised, not however, seriously.

Mr M Koppel, business agent for Mrs. C. N. Bodfish, left for the Northern markets a day or so ago, for the purpose of buying his stock of Spring goods. He asked us to say, and we do so with pleasure, that he expects to purchase a stock which has heretofore been unequalled on this market as to quality or price.

Mrs M E Deasley will place on sale at Pifer's book store to day, tickets which will entitle the holder to one week's board at the North Carolina Centennial boarding house at Philadelphia. As a limited number only will be sold, we advise those who contemplate going to Philadelphia this Summer to procure tickets at once.

Removal of Head Quarters.
Capt Lambdin Dawson has been appointed General Agent for North and South Carolina of the Piedmont & Arlington Life Insurance Company and has removed his headquarters to Raleigh. Our neighbor the *Horn*, speaking of this, well remarks: "He is one of the most energetic agents we know, and will push the interest of the company."

Property Sale.
The sale of the property of Mrs. A. C. Williamson, hitherto advertised by W. B. Atwell, Commissioner, took place at the Court House door on yesterday. The property is situated on Trade street, running through to Fourth, and lies between the present residence of Mrs. Williamson, and the property of J. R. Holland. There is a small dwelling house on the ground. The property was bought by Walter Brem, for \$1,375.

The sale of the Wilkes property, advertised to take place on yesterday, was postponed.

The Lenten Season.
Lent, which is the most impressive season of the christian year, is being very carefully observed by the members of the Episcopal and Catholic churches of this city. Lent is not observed now so severely as of old, and the church is more indulgent to believers, yet more than usual self-denial and more compliance with the forms of religion are required. Fish, which is now to be bought in our market, is one of the hardships which many rigid churchmen will humbly endeavor to endure. The whole matter of abstinence and fast is left to the judgments and consciences of the church members, with the express obligation upon all to regard the season as one of special prayer and self-denial. Some idea of the spirit that characterizes the observance of the solemn "forty days" by many fashionable dames and damsels may be obtained from this brief doggerelistic "Lenten Lament."

Farewell to opera and to ball,
Reception and to morning call;
Hail to ashes, sackcloth, prayers,
To seeing circles, orphan fairs.

Farewell to turtin divine,
Farewell to punch and rosy wine;
And hail to herring that disarms
The sinful soul of its alarms.

Change of Schedule.

Another change will take place in the schedule of trains on the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad, in a few days. The regular train will, after about the 10th inst., leave Charlotte at 3.15 a. m., instead of at 2.45, and returning, arrive at 6.20 p. m., instead of at 6.30. The Saturday accommodation train will arrive at 9.50 instead of at 10.45 a. m., and leave at 2.30 p. m., instead of at 2.45.

Embryo Congressmen.

The town is full of nigger babies. The reporter, in his perambulations, yesterday afternoon, came across five, all in one group, and all nursed by little nigs just a size larger than the babies, the whole posse sitting out in a gutter. One mischievous little rat, about five years old, whose face had never been washed, inserted her index fingers in the corners of her mouth, which she pulled open till it looked like a cellar door, rolling her eyes around at the same time, while a perfect chorus of yells went up from the multitude of babies, who were scared mightily into death.

Useful.

The main objection most people have to sending communications on postal cards is that the writing is, of course, open to general perusal. A good way of avoiding this difficulty, according to an exchange, is to use sympathetic ink. A solution of 10 grains hypophosphate of soda in teaspoonfuls of water is the simplest fluid for the purpose. Use a perfectly clean pen, and after writing go over the letters with a smooth paper cutter to remove all traces of the salt. Exposure to the heat of a bright coal fire turns the writing black.

"Spending the Day."

Yesterday morning was still and beautiful, and when you saw the elderly ladies walking the streets, with baskets in their hands and preceded by a whole parcel of children in clean clothes, you might bet that Spring had come and that they had locked up the house and told the servants to scour up the kettles and clean up the back yards, as they themselves were going out to "spend the day." There were a good many of them on the go, and the young men who have been "doing bad" lately, and those who are reported to have matrimonial designs, were all thoroughly and elaborately discussed yesterday.

Statistics of the Catholic Church.

By the latest reliable statement for 1875, it appears that the diocese of Richmond has 21 churches, 22 chapels, 23 priests, 12 clerical students, 5 female religious institutions, 5 female academies, 13 male and 13 female parochial schools with an attendance of 2,234 scholars, 1 hospital, 2 orphan asylums with 107 orphans, 4 benevolent institutions, 55 benevolent and religious societies numbering 8,595 members and a Catholic population of 18,060.

In the Vicariate of North Carolina there are 7 priests, 11 churches and chapels, 21 stations, 1 female academy, 1 female religious institute, 3 parochial schools, 4 theological students and a Catholic population of 1600.

Railway Tax Decision.

The Rockingham, Richmond county, *Courier*, says that the Commissioners of that county last year imposed a tax on the Carolina Central Railway, to the amount of \$6,000 per mile for the road bed, &c. The Company appealed from the assessment of the Board to the Superior Court. Judge Buxton heard the case at Chambers during the Fall term of our Court, and decided that the power of assessing property was alone vested in the Township Trustees and County Commissioners. The Company again appealed to the Supreme Court, which tribunal has confirmed Buxton's decision and the tax will have to be paid according to the assessment.

Herbal Exhibition.

Messrs. Wallace Bros., of Statesville, write us that their exhibition of the *matéria medica* of North Carolina, embracing 2,000 articles, intended for the Philadelphia Centennial, will be held at the public hall in Statesville on the 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th inst., and will be free to all. Many who will not go to the Centennial, would be pleased to see this exhibition, and we are requested to announce it, and to say that a band of music will be present on the occasion. These enterprising gentlemen have been dealing largely, for several years past, in medicinal roots and herbs, and have built up a fine business in this hitherto neglected branch of trade. The display will be an interesting one, and we have no doubt will attract much attention even at Philadelphia.

Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met at the Court House in Charlotte on yesterday. Present W E Ardrey, chairman; H M Dixon, R L DeArmon, Thos Gluyas, T L Vail.

Nearly all the proceedings were orders for the payment of money or for other purposes and all the business that is of general interest, is embraced in the following:

Pay to S D Whitley for arresting Jim Suthers, a highway robber, \$25.
Pay to S H Hilton for arresting Adam Phifer and Jim Poindexter, highway robbers, \$50.
Pay to J C Orr for arresting Dennis McCoy, highway robber, \$25.
Pay to Henry Leak for arresting Neil Knox, highway robber, \$25.
Pay to W N Alexander, Coroner, for holding inquest on the body of John D Cowan, \$10.

Ordered by the Board that the tax laid by the trustees of Clear Creek Township, for building Township fence, be approved.
Pay to T M Harker, Joe McDade and J Jamison for apprehending Ferdinand Hendricks, a highway robber, \$25.

Ordered by the Board (over one-fourth of the voters of Clear Creek Township petitioning) that an election be held in Clear Creek to vote on the question of selling or not selling spirits in said Township.

Ordered by the Board that T L Vail, Wm Maxwell and J R Erwin, be and are hereby appointed a committee to cause to be bound such old county records as in their judgment may require preservation.
After some other business the Board adjourned.

Where the Clerks Have Gone To.

Nearly all of McMurray & Davis' clerks have positions elsewhere since that firm went out of business. Mr Klueppelberg is with Witkowski & Rintels; Mr Rogers with Smith & Forbes; Mr Alexander with Timmons & Nazarenes; Mr Hannon with J Rothschild; Mr Northey in the lumber business with Capt Grose; Capt Stitt is preparing to go into business in a day or two; Mr Gallant is at his home in the country; Mr Spratt has been buying cotton with Mr McMurray since last Fall.

Sudden Death.

On Sunday morning Andy Alexander, the colored shoe maker who has a shop on Trade street near the North Carolina Railroad, arose early to attend the sunrise prayer meeting at his church, leaving his wife and an infant child, about a year old, sleeping in the bed. When he returned they were still asleep, and he woke his wife, and in endeavoring to arouse the child, was shocked to find it dead. It was in perfect health when it went to sleep, on Saturday night, and the father is certain that it was alive when he arose early in the morning and went to church.

Personal.

It gave us great pleasure to meet Maj Jne W Dunham upon the streets yesterday. He has been very long, within the past four weeks, at the residence of Dr J M Miller, and was able to be out, yesterday, for the first time.

We had the pleasure of a call, on yesterday, from Mr Crawford Gornaley, of Norfolk, Va., who is here on a visit to his brother, Capt J J Gornaley.

J S Tomlinson, Esq., of the *Piedmont Press*, arrived in the city last evening, and gave us a short but pleasant call.

Col John B Peck, of the Air-Line, was in the city, yesterday.

W S Bynum, Esq., of Lincolnton, who has been spending some time at the residence of his father, W P Bynum, in this city, will on Sunday next, be ordained rector of the Episcopal Church of Greensboro.

Interesting Revenue Ruling.

In answer to the inquiry "Is it a violation of the law for a person to roll, twist up, or in any manner prepare any portion of the tobacco of his own growing for his own use without a license therefor being first obtained?" Hon D D Pratt, United States Internal Revenue Commissioner, replies:

"I have to inform you that this office never issues, and does not now, so construe the Internal Revenue law, relative to tobacco, as to prevent any farmer or planter, or other person from manipulating in any way he may see fit, leaf tobacco which he has himself grown or produced, solely and especially for his own use or consumption. By an examination of section 3,244, paragraph 9th, and of section 3,368 of the United States Revised Statutes you will see that even a farmer or planter, who should manufacture tobacco of his own growing or production for sale, or for removal, for consumption or use, though such manufacture should involve no radical change of the leaf, or any material modification of its form, by manipulation, would render himself liable to qualify as a manufacturer and pay the tax which the law imposes."

The Sabbath and Sabbath Services.

Contrary to expectations, Sunday was a lovely day. It was rich in beauty, and no less pleasant than beautiful. The weather acted as a favorable stimulus upon church-goers, and, as on the previous Sabbath, nearly the whole town turned out. There was more than the average attendance, at the churches, which is to say they were all well filled. There were services in all the churches except the Lutheran, and all the morning's sermons were preached by the pastors of the several churches. It was so at night, also, except in the case of the Baptist Church where Rev A N Arnold, D D, of Chicago, preached. The moon was out at night, the weather was pleasant, and there was only a slight falling off in the congregations from the day services.

There has never been so large an attendance at any of the prayer meetings held by the Young Men's Christian Association, as there was at that on Sunday afternoon at Tryon Street M. E. Church. Prayers were offered and hymns sung, and earnest and interesting addresses delivered by Messrs Coleman and Faust.

The Courts.

Superior Court.—This body was engaged during all of yesterday, with the civil docket, and a good many cases were disposed of; some were tried by jury, some compromised some abated, and others disposed of in other ways. The jury cases of the day were: Jos Hamilton vs. the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company, action for the killing of a cow; judgment given for the plaintiff, in the sum of \$40 and cost. W J Black vs. D G Maxwell, action to recover a claim; judgment for the plaintiff for \$28 and interest. W G Erwin vs. Allen Cruse, action on a note on which defendant was security for \$2,500; verdict rendered for the plaintiff. Francis E Nuttall vs. the North Carolina Railroad Company, action for damage; verdict for the defendant; appeal taken. The last case tried during the day was 59. The Court will this morning resume the civil docket, and take up the case of A M Sloan vs. B I McDowell; the plaintiff brings this suit to recover a sum amounting to \$1,000, to which the defendant sets up a counter-claim of about \$40,000.

Notre.—We erred in stating, a few days ago, that Gus Wayman, colored was sent to the Penitentiary 10 years for indecent exposure of person. He was convicted of larceny, and the indecent exposure, &c., was offered in evidence to the Court, as showing his character and habits.

Mayor's Court.—Lee Moore, colored, for being drunk and disorderly. Fined \$2 and cost.

Before Justice Davidson.—John Veno, for assault and battery upon Wm McCord; found guilty and sentenced to pay \$1 and cost. He was also indicted on a peace warrant, sworn out by McCord, and required to give bail in \$300. In default of this, he went to jail.

Lee Potts, colored, was up for failing to provide for his family, and was sent to jail.

Green McEwen, colored, was up from Pineville, on a peace warrant sworn out by Mary Brown, also colored, and was bound over.

Before Justice McNinch.—Isaac Kennedy, colored, for perjury in a civil case tried a few days ago before Justice Davidson. Bound over to Court in a bond of \$25.

Protracted Meeting.

A protracted meeting began last evening at Tryon Street M. E. Church, with a sermon by the pastor, Rev W H Bobbitt, the Presiding Elder of the district, was expected to officiate, but did not arrive. There was a very considerable congregation, and some interest was developed, three or four penitents having responded to the call to the altar. Services will be held again this evening.

MARRIED.

On the 2d inst., by Rev J E Pressly, Mr Chas M Wagner, of Iredell, to Miss Maggie A Clark, of Catawba county.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

W P Clark, Esq., 320 Walnut street, Philadelphia, writes: "I have used Dr Bull's Cough Syrup, and found it the best remedy I ever tried."

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 Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Heartburn, Water-brash, gnawing and burning pains at the pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin Coated Tongue and disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of food after eating, low spirits, &c. Go to the Drug Store of Messrs T. C. Smith & Co., wholesale agents and retail druggists generally and get a bottle of August Flower, or a Sample Bottle for 10 cents. Try it. Two doses will relieve you. [dec30.]

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See large Advertisement.
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How would it do to set before your friends when they drop in? For sale by
mar7 B N SMITH.

Attention Pioneers.



YOU are hereby ordered to attend the regular monthly meeting of your Company this (Tuesday) evening, March 7th, at 8 o'clock.
Hall over D. M. Rieger's Store.
C. C. MOORE, Secretary.
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Toilet Soap of superior quality, at
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BLACK SILKS.

WITKOWSKY & RINTELS.

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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.

FOR CASH—Old Cabinet Rye Whiskey, at the
DEW DROP.
feb21

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.
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"Seven Up."

A Clear Havana Cigar, manufactured expressly for us. Only 10 cents, 3 for 25 cents.
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AND Fresh LEMONS, just Received at
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I HAVE purchased the Stock of Liquors, &c., of the Dew Drop Saloon, and will in future keep a full Stock of Choice Liquors, Wines, Ale, Porter, &c.
mar7 3t ROBT LAMB.

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