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BOOTS AND SHOES.

W. M. SMITH. W. S. FORBES. SMITH & FORBES, NEW IRON FRONT, SMITH BUILDING, TRADE STREET.

SPRING STOCK! W. L. BOYD, HAS RECEIVED HIS SPRING STOCK

LADIES', GENTS, MISSES & CHILDRENS BOOTS, SHOES & GAITERS, W. L. BOYD, NEW IRON FRONT "SMITH BUILDING," TRADE STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

BURGESS NICHOLS & CO., WHOLESALE & RETAIL, ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE, BEDDING, & C. CHILDRENS CARRIAGES, BED ROOM AND PARLOR SETS, AND A FULL LINE OF COFFINS OF ALL GRADES, ON HAND.

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL STORE.

MR. KOPPEL, IS NOW NORTH, PURCHASING A FRESH SPRING STOCK,

MILLINERY, WHITE GOODS, KID GLOVES, EMBROIDERIES, FANCY AND DRESS GOODS, CENTRAL HOTEL STORE.

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 million and one stars were visible last night. Many new advertisements this morning ready them.

A Grateful Corpse. "Cut off in the blossoms of my sin, Unhoused, disappointed, unanointed; No reckoning made, but sent to my account With all my imperfections on my head."

Advertising in Hard Times. Horace Greeley, who knew the value of advertising to business men probably as well as any man that ever lived, always insisted that in hard times when business was dull and money scarce, was of all others the time when merchants should advertise the more liberally so as to stir up the people's minds to buy from them.

Hand Cut Off. One day in the latter part of last week, Mr Clarence Whisnant, youngest son of Mr P S Whisnant, late of this city, had his hand cut entirely off in a planing mill at Welford Station, on the Air Line Railroad, in South Carolina.

Tragedy in Ashe County. Information has reached this city of the tragic end of Wm. Ray, a citizen of Ashe county, who does a good deal of trading here, and is quite well known in the business circles of Charlotte. It is stated that on Sunday, the 5th inst., a crowd of men with whom he was at amity, went to his house and attacked him, cutting his throat from ear to ear. The cause of the enmity has been learned, other than those just given.

The Courts. Mayor's Court.—S McNinch was arraigned for a breach of the peace and for resisting arrest; he was fined \$10 and cost, and bound in a bond of \$200 to keep the peace.

Personal. Col P Donan, late the editor of the widely known Lexington (Mo) Caucasian, and now the accomplished editor of the Raleigh Sentinel, arrived in this city on Sunday night, and spent yesterday here, visiting among his friends. It afforded us a vast amount of felicity to clasp the hand of this brilliant brother in business bonds. He returns this morning.

Judge Schenck passed through the city last evening, on his way to hold Polk Court. Col E B Long, the faithful and capable special agent of the post office department, arrived in the city last night.

A friend in the Steel Creek neighborhood writes that the storm visited that section. The hail fell very heavy, at first in small lumps, but before it ceased, in stones as large as a partridge egg and some as large as a guinea egg. It is not thought that the hail did any material injury to the crops. The storm seems to have been pretty general. Reports of it come from considerable distances along the railroads.

The City Case Decision.

The late decision of the Supreme Court in the case of J H Wilson et al., vs the City of Charlotte, sets a much mooted question at rest. All the facts in the case were decided in favor of the defendant. The decision will add largely to the revenues of the city, and many persons who have declined to pay their taxes until a decision should have been reached in this case, are notified that they are now expected to pay their arrearages, for receiving which the City Marshal will attend at his office every day this week.

A Skeleton in a Shaft.—Progress of the W. N. C. R. H. A correspondent at Old Fort writes us that a few days ago, while the hands employed on the Western North Carolina Railroad work, were engaged in cleaning out the bottom of the shaft in Swannanoa Tunnel, which is 128 feet deep, and which has heretofore had 100 feet of water in it, a human skeleton was discovered, with a hole through its skull. It is supposed that these are the remains of some person who has been murdered and the body thrown in this shaft, within the last five years. The discovery of course excites a good deal of sensation in the neighborhood.

The passenger trains on the Western road, were to have run to Henry's (late Malone's) store on yesterday, and regularly after this time.

Fashion Notes. Calico dresses are coming in vogue for street wear. Bows, sashes, and loops are placed on appropriate parts of the dress ad libitum. Percalé, cambric, calico, and lawn will take the place of linen and batiste for suits next summer.

Box plaited ruffles and flounces are preferred by modistes for stylish suits in course of preparation for Easter Sunday and after Lent.

Coat shaped sleeves with deep gauntlet cuffs, or with several overlapping ruffles toward the wrist, are adopted for all wash goods suits of the coming season.

A Former Charlottean. Mr John Vanlandingham, who has just returned from a visit to Florida, brings interesting information concerning W H H Houston, the larger, who jumped his bail in this city about a year ago, and fled to Florida. Houston now has a wholesale and retail leather store and saddle and harness manufactory, in Ocala, and is said to be doing a flourishing business. We have before us a copy of the Ocala Banner, in which he has an advertisement, measuring about a third of a column, signed "H. Houston." He says that he intends to make enough money to pay all of his debts in North Carolina, and then come back here to live in Charlotte again. He became mixed up in a pretty hard scrape down there not long ago, involving fraud upon his employers when he was the manager of a large tannery, but worked out of it in some way or other, and legal steps were not instituted against him. Houston did not try to conceal his North Carolina character from the people among whom he has recently settled, but told them all about his "irregularities" up here before anybody else had an opportunity to do so. He is an odd character, this Houston. He is a very Mulberry Sellers, and his dreams of the future are now of the brightest character.

Severe Storm. A terrific storm, such as has not been known here for a long while, passed over this city on Sunday evening. In the afternoon, the clouds began gathering with increasing thickness, and before they broke, hung in a heavy, black mass close to the ground, charged with electricity which occasionally broke forth, illuminating everything with a bright, supernatural light. Presently the flood gates were opened, and rain and hail fell in torrents, accompanied by wind and lightning. The storm continued, not a great while, but during that time reigned with tremendous fury, the hail stones and large rain drops falling with the force of solid rocks. Ere long, however, the storm ceased to howl; the clouds broke and disappeared; by midnight the moon was out bright and full and the bright sun of yesterday morning looked down upon streets as clean as if the city had been swept from one end to the other with a great broom, with little or even dampness to tell of the fury of the storm of the evening before, and none of its traces left except a look of beautiful tidiness on all hands.

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Living Out Doors.

There have been two negroes in Morning Star Township, for the past two weeks, who live out in the brush heaps and the thickets, and who are very ragged but are said to be heavily armed. They go up to the houses occasionally and beg something to eat, and at night their fires are frequently seen gleaming in the midst of the thickets. The impression prevails in that section that they are escaped jail-birds. Some time ago, some negroes escaped from Concord jail, and these two may be of that gang.

Much Smoke, Little Fire. On Sunday afternoon Mr W P Myers received a telegram from a brother, at Monroe, telling him to come there by the next train, as he was under arrest for having shot a negro. Mr Myers went down and returned last evening. He found that on Sunday, for some impudence given him, his brother had drawn a pistol with which he struck a negro across the head. The pistol was discharged at the time the blow was delivered, and as the negro had his face burned, and was knocked down, it was thought that he was seriously hurt. It turned out, however, that his only injury was that received by the blow from the pistol, and that this was but a gash on the head. The Magistrate's fees were paid, and the case ended.

Supreme Court Decisions. Opinions have been filed by the Supreme Court, in the past few days, in the following cases, among others. We extract from the Raleigh News: Rebecca Houser vs Levi Sain et al., from Lincoln. Affirmed. J R Moore and wife vs Gilbrath Dickson from Gaston. Affirmed. Bank of Greensboro vs City of Greensboro from Guilford. Reversed and judgment for defendant. State vs Gus Graham, from Anson. Affirmed. S M Thomas vs R H Campbell, from Richmond. Error. Judgment reversed. George R Trexler vs Richmond & Danville Railroad Company, from Guilford. Affirmed. Merchants & Farmers National Bank of Charlotte vs W R Myers, from Mecklenburg. Reversed. E M Holt vs George W Patterson, from Cabarrus. Affirmed. W A Smith et al, vs G L Gibson, from Cabarrus. Affirmed. State and John Brown et al, vs Joel Pike, Administrator et al, from Guilford. Affirmed.

The following is a digest of the opinion of the Court in the case of Curlee vs Thomas, from Union. A. recovers a judgment against B. for \$103, who subsequently obtained judgment against A. for \$90 upon a cause of action existing at the time of A's judgment, but which was not pleaded as a counter claim. On a motion in the Superior Court, in which both judgments were docketed, to allow the judgment of B. to be credited on that against himself, Held, that A's personal property exemption protected the judgment against B. from any such proceeding, as it is in the sense of Art. 10, Sec. 1 of the Constitutional final process.

SCIPLE & SONS, Coal and Lime Merchants, Atlanta, Ga. Analysis of our Shelby, Ala. coal, 98.05. The strongest in the United States. Montevallo, 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 Virginia. We solicit orders, send for prices. SCIPLE & SONS, Atlanta, Ga.

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, Water-brash, gny 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, loss of spirits, &c. Go to the Drug Store of Messrs T. C. Smith & Co., wholesale agents and retail druggists generally and get a 75 cent bottle, or a Small Bottle for 10 cents. Try it. Two doses will relieve you. [dec30]

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We Were the First to Sell Kerosene at 20 cents, and will continue to do so. T. COLEMAN & SON, Homecopy

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TRADE STREET!



THE Co-partnership heretofore existing between High Prices and Groceries, has been dissolved by the death of the former who has been killed by T Coleman & Son. They are still alive and WIDE AWAKE, and are up with the spirit of the times, and will sell GOOD RELIABLE GROCERIES to Farmers or City Customers, at the very lowest possible profits, so when you want the most goods for the least money, don't fail to give them a call. Believing that large sales and small profits pay better than slow sales and big profits, we rely on this to make our money. Remember we are doing strictly a CASH business and don't ask us to make TICKETS.

T. Coleman & Son, At the Wide Awake Grocery. LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEED, Are the most reliable sold in Charlotte only by W R BURWELL & CO. USE ALADDEN SECURITY OIL, Will not explode, and as safe as any oil sold. Price lower than any in the market. W R BURWELL & CO, Springs' Corner.

Horse For Sale. I HAVE a good farm or saddle horse for sale low. Must be sold as I have no use for it. RICHMOND HAIR DYE, Heimstreets Hair Coloring, Ayers' Hair Vigor, Hall's Hair Renewer, Batchelor's Hair Dye. W R BURWELL & CO, Springs' Corner.

THE FINEST Brandy, Wine and Whiskey for medicinal use, for sale by W R BURWELL & CO, Springs' Corner. BUFFALO LITHIA WATER, 10 cases, fresh at W R BURWELL & CO'S. THE BEST CIGAR To be had 3 for 25 cents, is the La Parepa, to be had at W R BURWELL & CO'S.

From This Date WE will sell Pratt's Astral Oil at 40 cents a gallon. T C SMITH & CO. WILL buy one gallon of Pratt's Astral Oil—the best Lamp Oil in use.

40 Cents. STOP TALKING ABOUT HARD TIMES, WAIT ONLY A FEW DAYS TO BUY CHEAP GOODS. WE ARE BUYING OUR STOCK FOR CASH, AND EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT IS THE WAY TO BUY CHEAP GOODS.

FORGET ALL ABOUT THE HARD TIMES. 'ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.

WITT KOWSKY & RINTELS' RETAIL COLUMN, Marseilles Spreads, WHITE GOODS.

PLENDID STOCK OF, HOSIERY WHITE AND FANCY, ENGLISH, BALBRIGGAN, LARGE STOCK TOWELS, D'OILIES, ALEXANDER KID GLOVES, BEAUTIFUL BERLIN GAUNTLETS, Ladies' Hose Supporters, HIGH TOP COMBS, BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS, WITT KOWSKY & RINTELS.

Ten Cent Column.

Advertisements will be inserted in this column at the rate of ten (10) cents per line for each insertion. No advertiser taken for less than twenty-five cents. Eight words make a line. JUNIOR HOP CLUB—The members of the Junior Hop Club, are requested to meet in the front room over Spencer & Allen's Store, to-night at 7:30 p. m. Business of importance to be transacted. E F Young, Secretary. W T WILKERSON, President.

FOR SALE—Three hundred Cram Ties, twenty-five thousand pound iron, and ten thousand pounds of heavy hollow Metal Pipes, which might be used for gas or draining purposes. Apply to J S MEANS. NOTICE. U. S. Internal Revenue, SPECIAL TAXES. May 1 1876, to April 30 1877.

THE Revised Statutes of the United States, Sections 3282, 3287, 3289 and 3290, require every person engaged in any business, avocation, or employment which renders him liable to SPECIAL TAX, TO PROCURE AND PLACE CONSPICUOUSLY IN HIS ESTABLISHMENT OR PLACE OF BUSINESS A STAMP denoting the payment of said SPECIAL TAX for the Special Tax Year beginning May 1, 1876, before commencing or continuing business after April 30, 1876.

THE TAX EMPRACED WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE QUOTED ARE THE FOLLOWING VIZ: Rectifiers.....\$200 00 Dealers retail liquor..... 25 00 Dealers, wholesale liquor..... 100 00 Dealers in malt liquors, wholesale..... 50 00 Dealers in malt liquors, retail..... 20 00 Retail dealers in leaf tobacco..... 25 00 And on sales of over \$1,000, fifty cents for every dollar in excess of \$1,000. Dealers in manufactured tobacco..... 5 00 Manufacturers of stills..... 50 00 And for each still manufactured..... 20 00 And for each worm manufactured..... 20 00 Manufacturers of tobacco..... 10 00 Manufacturers of cigars..... 10 00 Peddlers of tobacco, first class (more than two horses or other animals)..... 50 00 Peddlers of tobacco, second class (two horses or other animals)..... 25 00 Peddlers of tobacco, third class (one horse or other animal)..... 15 00 Peddlers of tobacco, fourth class (on foot or public conveyance)..... 10 00 Brewers of less than 500 barrels..... 50 00 Brewers of 100 barrels or more..... 100 00 Any person, so liable, who shall fail to comply with the foregoing requirements will be subject to severe penalties. Persons or firms liable to pay any of the Special Taxes named above must apply to J J MOTT, Collector of Internal Revenue at Statesville, and pay for and procure the Special Tax Stamp or Stamps they need, prior to May 1, 1876, and WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE. D. D. PRATT, Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Office of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C. February 1, 1876. mar12 6td 4tw

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