

THE CITY.

RAILS. The following is the schedule now observed on the various Railroads running into the city: RICHMOND & DANVILLE RAILROAD - DAILY...

THE WEATHER TO-DAY. For the South-Atlantic and East Gulf States, falling barometer, warmer southeast to southwest winds, increasing cloudiness, possibly rain areas, and followed by rising barometer, and winds gradually shifting to cooler northerly.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. The following is the list of advertisements which appear for the first time this morning: H T Butler - Hardware, B N Smith - A fair proposition, C W Alexander - Masonic, R Lamb - For Rent, W M Crowell - Forage.

LOCAL DOGS. "Mother, may I go out to skate?" "Oh, no, my ponderous daughter - The ice is too thin to support your weight and you'd suffocate under the water."

The hop given by the Young Men's Pleasure Club this evening will take place in the building recently kept by Mr Boyd as a boarding house, instead of under the First National Bank as hitherto stated.

The following very characteristic postal was received at this office yesterday morning: Raleigh, January 9th, 1877.

This is to inform you that I have recently removed to Raleigh and would be glad to have my paper sent here. Z B VANCE.

The attention of our readers is called to the excellent and interesting letter written to the OBSERVER from Raleigh in regard to the labors before the Legislature and the views taken about the county governments by the eastern and western members. See also the plan proposed by our energetic Representative, Capt Shotwell.

Earnest Williams, who accidentally shot himself through the neck, and whose remarkable escape from instant death was recorded at the time, has entirely recovered, and is again able to be at work. It will be remembered that the entire load entered his neck between the jugular vein and windpipe, and came out on the other side.

And now a mountain man, comes a long and tells how that a neighbor presented him with two kittens which were exactly alike, and which he called respectively, Vance and Settle, and how the Vance kitten waxed strong and fat, and caught many rats and grew in favor with its master.

The Opera House Last Night - Spiritualism. As large a house as has appeared at the Opera House this season, greeted Mr Everett, the spiritualist, last night to witness the manifestations which he had advertised would be seen.

The Stars. During the months of September, October and November the four planets, Venus, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn, will all be visible in the evening sky, forming in the first half of November two pairs, Venus and Jupiter low in the southwest, and Mars and Saturn high in the southeast, about eight or nine degrees below the equinoctial, a sight as beautiful as it is rare.

Appeal for the Poor. The President of the Young Men's Christian Association request us to say that they had that the wants of the poor and suffering of Charlotte, and others temporarily here during the almost unparalleled cold season, require more means than they have been able to command.

Adjudged a Lunatic. Upon application by the relatives of Miss Minta Maxwell, a resident of this county, the Clerk of the Court issued an order to the Sheriff commanding him to summon a jury lunatico inquire into the sanity of the said Minta Maxwell as to whether or not she should be pronounced a lunatic, in order that, if she was so adjudged, a guardian might be appointed for her.

Carolina Military Institute. The Winstonsboro News & Herald says of this institution: It is under the superintendency of Col J P Thomas, who is widely and favorably known to the people of South Carolina as once one of her most prominent and useful citizens.

A Warning. Yesterday, two cows entered the garden attached to the late residence of Gov Vance and remained a short time. In five minutes afterwards, both dropped dead. Typical of the fate which awaits thieves and trespassers on the vineyard of which he is now the trusted guardian, and whose limits stretch "from where the restless waves of the eastern sea beat their everlasting retrain upon the white sandled shores of Hatteras, westward to where the rugged Alpine peaks of the grand old Alleghanies look down into the chambers of the setting sun."

Preliminary Trial of Three Negroes Accused of Murder. The Coroner's jury after holding an inquest over the body of Sam Rice, said to have been killed by three other negro men, in this county a few days ago, yesterday returned a verdict of death by violence. The three men were brought before Justice McNinch yesterday. The evidence did not disclose which one of the three did the killing, but was considered strong enough against all three of them to warrant the magistrate in binding them over to Court. Being unable to give bond, they were all three re-committed to jail.

Bears in the Neighborhood of the City. On Wednesday evening or night, an old bear and cub were seen at the old slaughter-pen of Rose & Jamison about three-quarters of a mile beyond the Lincoln depot, near the Air-Line junction by a young man who lives at the house of Dr Jones. On the day before, the same or another old bear was seen about a mile further on the Salisbury road by Mr Alexander. On neither occasion did the animals show any disposition to be ferocious. They were doubtless out on a food hunting expedition, and were driven thus near to the habitation of men, by the straits to which they, in common with all other wild animals, have been reduced during the recent severe weather.

It seems that this is not the first time we have had the wild bears near us. It is said that one was seen two years ago almost within the corporate limits, and chased for some distance by dogs. If the cold weather continues, we may expect all the beasts of the field and fowls of the air to make a combined raid upon us.

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NOTICE! To Merchants who purchased their first Stock of Boots and Shoes from Northern Houses, we Propose to sell their SECOND STOCK THIS SEASON, AT AS LOW OR LOWER PRICES THAN THE FIRST STOCK COST. CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK AND BE CONVINCED. JUST RECEIVED. 2500 CASES BOOTS AND SHOES, 500 ROLLS G. D. SOLE LEATHER.

OUR SECOND STOCK OF GOODS FOR THE SEASON IS NOW ARRIVING, AND BOUGHT AS THEY WERE ON A DECLINING MARKET, WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD BY ANY HOUSE IN NORTH OR SOUTH CAROLINA.

SMITH & FORBES. NEW IRON FRONT BUILDING, TRADE STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

GREATEST ATTRACTION! OF THE SEASON. BEST GOODS, LOWEST PRICES. WE ARE NOW SELLING BOOTS AND SHOES Lower than any house in the City. We are in earnest; we mean business, and respectfully solicit a call from every one. Now is the time to buy.

WADE & PEGRAM FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, CHARLOTTE, N. C. W. I. BEST & CO. C. L. VANDEGRIFT.

CONSOLIDATION PRODUCE AND FEED STORES!!! "UNITY IS STRENGTH." WE, the undersigned, have this day formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Best & Vandegrift, and we separately and together thank our patrons in Charlotte and surrounding country, for the large share of their patronage heretofore extended to us and we wish them to call on us at our store on Trade street, formerly occupied by Grier & Alexander, and we will do our best to please. W. I. BEST & CO. C. L. VANDEGRIFT.

BEST & VANDEGRIFT, GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS. ON HAND AND FOR SALE: 100 Barrels Allegheny Family Flour, 100 barrels Woodville Family Flour, bought before the rise and which we offer to merchants at a small advance on Baltimore quotations. 60,000 lbs Hay, from 90 cents to \$1 40. 20,000 lbs Heavy Middlings, 20,000 lbs Wheat Bran, 10,000 lbs Prepared Cow Feed, 800 bushels No. 1 Black and White Oats, 500 bushels No. 1 Northern Corn, 150 bbls Superior Apples, 100 bbls Early Rose and Peerless Potatoes. Lard, Butter and other Produce received daily.

CALL AND SEE US BEFORE PURCHASING ELSEWHERE. BEST & VANDEGRIFT, Trade Street. OUR CLOTHING! STANDARD, RELIABLE, STYLISH AND CHEAP, THE BEST IN THE CITY, AND UNIVERSALLY PRONOUNCED THE CHEAPEST. We Do As We Advertise.

OUR MOTTO'S! TRUTHFUL REPRESENTATIONS; SQUARE DEALING; POLITE ATTENTION. WE OFFER BETTER INDUCEMENTS TO OUR PURCHASERS THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE IN TOWN; AS WE ARE THE ONLY MANUFACTURING CLOTHIERS IN CHARLOTTE. Baltimore Branch Clothing House. TRADE STREET, ADJOINING MCDENNS.

SPECIAL NOTICE! OUR FRIENDS ARE EXPECTED TO CALL IN AND ARRANGE THEIR ACCOUNTS FOR 1876, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1st, 1877. EVERY ONE WHO KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT BUSINESS CAN SEE THE PROPRIETY OF HAVING MONEY TO DO BUSINESS WITH AND THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO CONTINUE ACCOUNTS LONGER WHEN OLD ONES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID. IN THE MEAN TIME WE ARE SELLING GOODS CHEAPER THAN EVER. ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO. HARDWARE. I OFFER SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS TO CUSTOMERS IN THE PURCHASE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED GOODS: Cooking Stoves, Cotton King, Acorn Cook, The Best Heating Stoves, Of all kinds for Coal or Wood. A complete stock of Builders, Carpenters and Mason's Tools, at low figures. Tinware, Toilet Sets, Shovels and Tongs, Sheet Iron and Feeders. All Tin work, or all repairing in my line promptly attended to. A large stock of Axes, Chains, Hoes, and such other Tools and Implements as are used on the farm. Respectfully, H. T. BUTLER, Next door to Postoffice, SUCCESSOR TO MOORE & BUTLER.

ON HAND - AND TO - Arrive this Week! 100 Tons more of Anthracite Coal, all sizes, which I will deliver at \$9 25 per ton or \$1 75 per 40 ton weight and quality guaranteed. Will in the future keep on hand a full supply. Mr J Alphonso Young, formerly with Mr C L Vandegrift, is now soliciting orders for me, and all orders left with him will be promptly attended to. F E PATRICK, Office of Cotton/Compress Company, jan9

Anti-Rheumatic Flannel, White Twilled FLANNEL, EXTRA HEAVY COTTON FLANN L, ALL KINDS, GOOD GOODS - FOR - BAD WEATHER, BARRINGER & TROTTER'S, House for Rent. A Nice (6) six room House with modern improvement, nicely arranged, several closets and convenient out houses. Well convenient with dairy attached. Will be rented cheap for this year. Location, corner Myers and 3rd streets. jan9 1w WALTER BREM.

NOTICE! THIS is to inform the public, that the Hornet Fire Company has fitted up a Dray in first-class city style, has secured the services of a polite and careful driver, and now solicits a share of the patronage of the merchants and citizens generally, who so kindly aided them in the enterprise. The undersigned have been appointed by the President of the Company, a soliciting committee, and are authorized to make contracts for hauling: W B MYERS, JR, R E MILLER, ROBT B RAY, CHAS N VANCE, JOHN W SHERRETT, D C MALLOY. The Dray when unemployed will be found at Independence Square. jan10 3t

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