

IN THE CITY.

TRAINS.

The following are the Schedules now observed on the various Railroads running into the city:

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—For the South Atlantic States, easterly winds, backing to colder northeast and northwest with falling followed by rising barometer cloudy weather followed by clear weather.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following is the list of advertisements which appear for the first time this morning:

Smith & Forbes—Boots and Shoes. Best & Vandegrift—Seed Potatoes. Boyd & Overman—Bargain Counter. Alexander, Seigle & Co.—Ruffs, &c. J. Duls—Seeing is Believing. Andrews & Jones—At Cost. J. J. Mott—Notice. T. W. Sparrow—Fruit Trees. J. Duls—Fellow Citizens.

LOCAL DOGS.

Lent. To-day is Ash Wednesday. No Mayor's court yesterday. There is a time for every thing. Just now nursery men are in order. These cold, dusty blustering days give us foretaste of what March will bring.

T. W. Sparrow of Davidsonville agent of Westbrook's Philadelphia nursery is in the city soliciting orders.

The railroad agents are forming a rink on a matter not appertaining to railroad business. Interested parties look out for the captain.

The death of cases still continues in the Justices courts, and one of the dispensers of the law, declares a willingness to shoulder a musket if that will better things any.

Yesterday developed more than the usual number of matrimonial applicants. Eight marriage licenses were taken from the Register's office; seven whites and one black. Look out for squalls!

A gentleman just from Lincolnton reports that Maj. A. W. Burton, the Mayor of that place was dying from a paralytic stroke when he left yesterday about noon.

The Barefoot Chief reports the Young-man-afraid-of-his-Squaw, as absent from the wigwag; and fears that that he will soon take his departure for the happy hunting ground in the great majority beyond.

In another column we publish a communication recommending the retention of Dr. Grissom, as Superintendent of the Insane Asylum at Raleigh, and would merely remark on passing that the points of the article are well taken.

Our sister cities of Wilmington, Charleston, Columbia, Atlanta and Augusta, seem to have plenty of theatrical amusement offered to them. Of late the Charlotte Opera House, one of the prettiest in the South, has been occupied only semi-occasionally. Why is this?

Tiddy's book store was crowded pretty much the whole day with young maidens and other young bloods, engaged in selecting the most comic and sentimental valentines to be found. The scene was gay, festive, blushing and noisy between the embryo fathers and mothers of the coming generation.

Let it be observed by the Episcopal and Catholic churches, as a season of fasting and prayer, commemorative of the forty days' fasting of Christ. It begins with Ash Wednesday (to-day) and continues till Easter. Its observance is as old as the Christian church, and is recognized to some extent by most of the Protestant denominations.

New Partnership. Messrs W. R. Burwell, and W. M. Wilson have formed a partnership in the drug business, and will shortly commence business at the old stand of McHenry, Davis & Co. Mr. Burwell buys out Dr. J. M. Miller, and Mr. Wilson takes the interest lately owned by W. J. Black, in the firm of Wilson and Black (1708 BROADWAY).

A Sorry Attempt to create a Sensation. On yesterday evening some person desiring to create a sensation upon the streets, caused to be posted on the Observer's bulletin board, and on several lamp posts, what purported to be an "extra" announcing that the Florida vote had been given to Tilden.

The so-called extra was the heading of an advertising circular, but it neither created any mirth, merriment or excitement, as all the papers were quickly torn down and torn to pieces.

The reorganization of this company is progressing finely and from present appearances, Charlotte will soon be able to boast of two military companies. Forty members is the complement required for organization, and some twenty odd have obligated to join already, eleven being old members. We wish them good speed.

Considerable excitement was caused yesterday in front of this office by the boisterous conduct of a drunken young man by the name of Henry Clontz, from the country. He resisted the officers with all his might, and his father came to his rescue. The old man was thrown heavily to the ground by a bystander, and policemen Hill and Urt took the fractious young man before the proper authority, where he was fined \$3.50 and allowed to depart.

Our Stateville correspondent writing under date of February the 12th says: "Sunday was a bright beautiful day, services were conducted in our various churches, large congregations being in attendance. The day was signalized by two 'run-aways,' resulting very disastrously to buggies, but fortunately doing no further damage to speak of."

Work on the new Methodist Church, which had been suspended on account of the cold weather, is being rapidly pushed forward, and the congregation look forward to its early completion.

Prof. Humphreys, late State Entomologist of Georgia, is stopping in our midst making collections in his line. He has already added largely to his store in the way of minerals, and pronounces this vicinity rich in mineral wealth.

Col. R. F. Armfield will deliver an address at the Court House on Tuesday evening, on education, its importance &c. Mere mention of the Col.'s name will insure for him a large audience.

Several Northern gentlemen are here looking at the country with a view of settling, provided they are favorably impressed.

The merchants' complain of dull times, and the people generally vote this delightful weather which we are having.

Tradition informs us that on the 14th day of February, as one year succeeds another, the birds mate, and old winter dons her spring garments. Whether this is true or not, St. Valentine's day is always looked forward to by the laux and lassies of every christian country. Originally it was the universal custom, to exchange missives of kindness, love and affection on this day, but the custom has been steadily declining in the higher circles of society, and at present finds only a slight recognition, except for the sending of comic or ridiculous sentiments. The missives are always sent by an anonymous person, and are ineffectual unless the hidden author can be subsequently discovered.

The festival has descended rightfully to the children, who enjoy it with the hearty zest peculiar to them. Its origin is involved in obscurity. It has been contended that it has descended from the old Romans, who, during the month of February, among other festivals drew the names of young girls from a box; and that the church, finding that the people clung to this practice, gave it a religious dress and placed it under the patronage of St. Valentine. Another theory, and probably the correct one is, that it is a relic of the natural religion which recognized this time as the season for mating among animals and hence sanctified this time to the sexes. The custom of devoting this day to festivities and interchange of feelings was some time back very largely observed in England, Scotland, and on some parts of the continent.

Parties of ladies and gentlemen would assemble on the eve of St. Valentine and write on pieces of paper the names of their acquaintance. These were thrown into a box and the names drawn out by those present, each drawing one of an opposite sex. The person whose name was then drawn became the valentine of the person drawing, and so remained for a year. This relation was a sort of temporary engagement which ripened into a real one. This amusement was very popular in the Fifteenth century among all grades of society, even at many European courts. It however fell into disuse, and the symbolic meaning passed away; the era of glaring prints came with their burlesque as well as sentimentality, and the custom has been rapidly disappearing. It now lingers principally as a harmless sport for the little ones, or is availed of by persons to indulge in coarse bull-squats at the expense of others.

As a rule, we are of those who believe in displacing those in power, who through the long dark night, not only deserted us, but by their position and intelligence assisted the more ignorant in forging claims for our oppression.

North Carolina, disrobed and dis-crowned as she has been, now that she is in the charge of her own true sons, can ill afford to uphold the hands of her despoilers. But to this rule as to all, there are exceptions, and I think Dr. Grissom a most worthy one. In the first place he has never been a bitter partisan, though generally voting the Republican ticket. I know that in the last campaign he refused to "play tri-bate to Cross" to "throw in" to the

general corruption fund of the Radical party. For, said he, "holding the position I do it is not right that I should do this thing." But be his politics what they may, is a matter of small concern in this instance. The question "Canst thou minister to a mind diseased?" is of grave importance, and did more than make a point in a marvellous drama. The Legislature, confessedly one of ability and fairness, should rise above party and party considerations, and think only of those unfortunate fellow-beings, afflicted with the saddest calamity that can befall our nation.

For what is man, infinite, though he be in faculties, "in action like an angel, in apprehension like a God," when the divine image characterized in the face, and mirrored in the soul, is shattered by insanity. Insanity and intemperance its foremost proximate cause, are the dark shadows which follow our civilization, with an ever deepening gloom. They appear at our firesides, our altars, our most sacred seats like the skeletons at the Egyptian feasts, as if to mock us.

There are evils at work in our midst, which are paralyzing the energies of hundreds of our people, mortgaging future generations to imbecility, insanity and premature death. It would seem then one of the first and highest duties of the State, to invoke her most skillful and scientific men, to resist and check those calamities, which weaken its strength by deteriorating its citizenship. While there are many eminent physicians in the State, it is generally conceded that Dr. Grissom is better suited for the position he holds, than any of them. His mind is enriched with the treasures of a very faithful experience. The ratio of death is less and the percentage of cures greater, among those under his care, than can be found in any similar institution in the country. This is shown by statistics and is not a mere dictum. He reflects credit on the State, not only as the Superintendent of her Asylum; but, as a gentleman of refinement and culture, who by careful research and study, has thrown new light on the peculiarities of insanity, the causes thereof and the remedies therefor. We are glad to be able to state that such sterling Democrats and experienced physicians as Drs. Burke Haywood, R. B. Haywood, Hill, Hines, McKee of Raleigh, Drs. Whitehead and Summerell of Salisbury, Du Ross of Wilmington, and Henderson of Concord, and such true and faithful papers as the Sentinel, Fayetteville Gazette, Goldboro Messenger, Charlotte Democrat, Milton Chronicle and perhaps others, not only endorse his personal management, but insist that he is emphatically "the right man, in the right place."

The tendency to draw everything into politics, is one of the great evils of the age. The State charities belong pre-eminently to the people. They are too broad in their philanthropy, too elevated in their moral standpoint, too Catholic in their beneficence, to make the trusts connected with them, the rewards of partisanship. In the name of humanity, let there be no little spot, where the politician, in character as such, cannot enter. Let him look on its walls of exclusion, more hopelessly, than ever the banished Peri gaze upon the barred gates of Paradise, and let that spot be the domain of public charities. Respectfully, C. M. Morganton, Feb 12, 77.

Look out for cold weather and don't catch cold, but if you do, nothing will meet the requirements of your situation as well as Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

FINANCIAL. New York—Money easy 2 1/2%; sterling steady 4 1/2, gold \$1.05 1/2; governments active and steady; new 5's 10 1/2.

FUTURES. New York—Futures closed steady; sales, 50,000 bales.

February, 12 23-32 1/2 c. March, 12 29-32 1/2 15-16 c. April, 13 5-5-32 c. May, 13 5-16 1/2 32 c. June, 13 15-32 1/2 c. July, 13 9-32 1/2 c. August, 13 21-32 1/2 16 c. September, 13 11-32 1/2 32 c. October, 12 21-32 1/2 32 c. November, 12 23-32 1/2 32 c. December, 12 23-32 1/2 32 c.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., February 13, 1877. The Cotton Market.

No decline took place in cotton to-day, transactions being too light to establish a market; otherwise a very noticeable decline would have occurred. The demand being in excess of the supply buoyed the market up; but the closing was weak with a perceptible downward tendency. We quote as follows:

Lower Grades..... \$111
Low Middling..... 114
Middling..... 114
Good Middling..... 112

Receipts for the day, 111 bales. Receipts in all Ports, 23,928 bales. Consolidated, 68,324 bales. Stock, 877,035 bales.

Anthracite Coal. A New supply of the very best Anthracite Coal, which we will deliver at \$9.50 per ton.

Full weight and quality always guaranteed. Orders left with Mr. J. Alphonso Young, or at Cotton Compress will be promptly filled.

Thanks to the public for past patronage. F. E. PATRICK.

RUSH, RUSH, RUSH.

A. W. LOYNS' CASH STORE. Selling off at Cost all Winter Goods, to make room for Spring Stock.

Ready-Made Clothing. Of the best quality and make, at Great Cash.

1000 Yds Dress Goods at 15 Cents. INSERTING & EDGING VERY LOW.

NOTIONS and HOSIERY the best quality ever offered in this market, at Cost.

Only 10 pr Blankets LEFT. Will close them out at Reduced Prices. Don't lose any time but come at once and convince yourself.

JUST IN FOR SALE LOW. COUNTRY BACON, PEARL GRITS, PEARL HOMINY, MAGNOLIA HAMS, CHEESE, CRACKERS.

Mayer, Ross & Jones. Great Bargains. MILLINERY and ERY GOODS. ENTIRE STOCK AT AND BELOW COST.

AB Assignee in Bankruptcy of Mrs. A. L. Boddab. I will sell the remainder of her Stock at and below cost to close out. A good assortment of Genes' Finishing Goods. All these goods will be sold at PERCENT BELOW COST.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKETS. February 13, 1877. PRODUCE.

Baltimore—Oats and rye steady. Provisions and coffee steady and unchanged. Whiskey dull at \$1.09. Sugar quiet.

Louisville—Flour firm; wheat firm, 1 1/4 47 for red; 1 50 for amber and white Corn dull; white, 43; mixed, 37. Rye steady. Oats quiet and unchanged. Pork firm, 17 1/2 25; bulk meats fair demand and steady; 6 1/2 50; an 94 for shoulders, clear ribs and clear sides. Bacon quiet and unchanged. Sugar cured hams 11 1/2 13 1/2. Lard in good demand, Whiskey steady and unchanged. Bagging quiet 11 1/2.

Galveston—Quiet; middlings, 12 1/2; net receipts, 2,487; sales, 361 bales; exports Coastwise, 988.

Baltimore—Quiet; middling, 12 1/2; net receipts, 1,657; gross, 1,886; exports to Great Britain, 2,287.

Wilmington—Dull and nominal; middlings, 12; net receipts, 315.

Philadelphia—Firm; middlings 13; net receipts, 1,165; gross, 1,165; spinners, 198; exports to Great Britain, 1,212.

Savannah—Quiet and firm; middling 12 1/2; net receipts, 660; sales, 500; exports to France, 1,484.

New Orleans—Very little doing; middlings 12 1/2; low middlings, 11 1/2; good ordinary, 11 1/2; net receipts, 12,888; gross 14,048; sales, 200; exports to Great Britain, 8,530; France, 1,488; Channel, 1,315.

Mobile—Holiday; net receipts, 711; Coastwise, 1,216.

Memphis—Holiday; net receipts, 1,915; shipments, 1,268.

NEW YORK—Cotton dull; sales, 539 bales; middling, 12 1/2 c; consolidated net receipts, 63,324; exports to Great Britain, 54,898; France, 9,092; Continent, 5,878; Channel 1,315.

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

Pay Your Taxes! Commence the New Year—Discharging Your Duty.

UNFLINSA' T—The task is to me, I am under the necessity of telling the people of Mecklenburg county, who have not paid their taxes for the last year, and more especially those who are in arrears for the year 1876, of at such tax.

MUST BE PAID. I am required by the laws of the State to turn over these taxes by certain specified occasions. By a strenuous effort I have been able to settle with the State officers, but owing to the large amount yet remaining unpaid on the tax books, I have not been able to settle with the County Treasurer of the county. Longer indulgence will not be given me, and longer indulgence CAN NOT be given you.

Persons who disregard this notice, after a reasonable time, may expect to see their property advertised for sale. M. E. ALEXANDER, Sheriff.

Charlotte Institute. (THE Spring Term begins February 7th, 1877. The Academic Course embraces thorough instruction in the English Language and Literature, in Geography, History, Mathematics, Natural and Moral Philosophy, Chemistry, Astronomy, Geology, Physiology, Evidence of Christianity, &c. Unusual facilities are offered in the ORNAMENTAL BRANCHES.

Young ladies not connected with the Institution can receive private instruction in any Department. Daily instruction in pencil or crayon drawing, \$10 per term. PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

In response to the wishes of parents who desire their children to take a complete course, without changing the system of instruction, the principal has organized a Primary Department for little children. They will receive special attention, and the charge will be \$15 per term. For other information, apply to REV. S. I. MARTIN, Principal.

I. I. FILLETTE. Has just opened a NEW STORE. Trade Street, under the Central Hotel, old stand of E. J. Allen.

Where he offers a Choice Stock of Fancy Goods, consisting in part of: ZEPHYRUS INFANTS' & CHILDREN'S SALES, (very elegant); ZEPHYRUS SHAWLS, large and small; LACE and SILK TRIMS, BLACK, WHITE, & COLORED; RARE WHITE and BLACK HULLION, KID GLOVES, Woollen and COLORED, &c. &c.

These goods have all been selected with great care and at low prices. My wife's agent for the City and County of Charlotte, KID GLOVES, the PARISIAN FAVORITE. Jan 31 1w

Dissolution. THE firm of Wade & Pegram is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and the business will be settled by PEGRAM & CO., who are authorized to sign the name of the firm in liquidation. R. D. WADE, S. S. PEGRAM, February 1st, 1877.

CO-PARTNERSHIP. The undersigned have this day formed a co-partnership under the style or firm of PEGRAM & CO., for the purpose of conducting the BOOT and SHOE Business in all its branches. (all and see us at the old stand of Wade & Pegram. S. S. PEGRAM, W. W. PEGRAM, First Nat Bank Building, Charlotte, N. C. feb 10 5c Democrat and Home copy 1f

Sale of Valuable City Property. BY Virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust executed to the undersigned as trustee for the benefit of certain parties therein named, by the late Thomas W. Dewey, on the 7th day of January, 1870, I shall expose at public auction to the highest bidder on Tuesday of the next term of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg county, being the 27th day of February, 1877, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m., at the Court House in or, the following city property: 1. The lot in the City of Charlotte known as the Banking House of the Bank of Mecklenburg and occupied by the late Thos W Dewey, extending fifty six (56) feet on Tryon street, and the same on Church street, and extending iron street to street. 2. Also one lot in Charlotte in the Northern portion of the city, fronting on Graham street, adjoining the property of M. L. Barner, 306 by 37 feet, comprising three front and three back lots. The latter will be sold in separate lots. Terms made known on day of sale. F. H. DEWEY, Trustee.

Watches & Jewelry. VERY LOW AT—Hales & Farrior's. WE HAVE A LARGE STOCK, AND WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD. All work in the line neatly done, and Warranted. Jan 28

AN ENTIRELY NEW IMPERIAL SALOON STOCK. LAUER'S CELEBRATED LAGER BEER. By the dozen bottles \$1.25. By the keg \$4.25. SWEET OR SOUR CLARET, and OTHER DOMESTIC WINES, by the dozen bottles \$3, by the gallon \$5.00. WINE and BEER ON DRAUGHT. OPEN DAY AND NIGHT. JOSEPH FISCHESSE, feb 13

REAL ESTATE. Immigration Agency. FOR the sale of Land, and providing homes in the Piedmont regions of North and South Carolina. THOS F. DRAYTON, Charlotte, N. C. feb 12 1f

REMOVAL. THE undersigned takes this opportunity to inform his friends and customers that he has removed his Tailoring Establishment two doors East of his old stand on Tryon Street, where he will be pleased to wait on them in future. JOHN VOGEL, Merchant Tailor. dec 9 1f

COMPETITION DEFIED! In order to make room for my SPRING STOCK, I will sell, for the next thirty days, my entire Stock of FALL & WINTER CLOTHING, AT COST. Examine Prices & Convince Yourself. H. FRALEY, Prop. ja 7

Valonitnes. TIDDY & BRO'S. For Sale. A FIRST CLASS ANSON HARDY PAPER CUTTING MACHINE, Plough Knife in good order. This Machine will be sold at very reduced rates. Apply to or address OBSERVER. feb 1