

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

M. Fraley—Spring Clothing. H. Q. C. D. W. N. C. Charlotte Hotel. Y. M. C. A. Meetings.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—For the South Atlantic and Eastern Gulf States, Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, increasing cloudiness and rain, with southwest winds and falling barometer, and stationary or slight rise in temperature, followed in the western portion of the Ohio Valley during Sunday evening by colder northerly to westerly winds and rising barometer.

LOCAL DOGS.

Yesterday was a very quiet day for Saturday.

The days of picnics and "jiggers" are nearly upon us.

And now the voice of the turtle dove is heard in the land.

Fighting Easter eggs was the fun among the boys yesterday.

The size of the soda fountain will soon begin in the land.

Nothing in the Courts yesterday except a little suing.

The Hornets Nest Riflemen and the Cadets of the C. M. I. will parade tomorrow.

The L & D Club meets to-morrow, (Monday) evening at the residence of Mr. B. R. Smith.

More kerosene lamps bought yesterday than for many days. Rise in the price of gas, you know.

A coat of paint has done much to improve the old building just above the Charlotte Hotel.

Prof. J. F. Latimer, of Davidson College, is in the city, and will preach at the Second Presbyterian Church to-day.

Trot out your candidates for Mayor and Aldermen; we would like to know how many suitable men we have for these offices.

"Can't afford to burn gas at \$5" said the family man. "Well, you needn't expect me to do any work at night then," said a member of the family.

The fish dealers have letters giving accounts of storms on the coast, in consequence of which they did not receive the usual supply of fish.

Of the first twenty men of the Charlotte Greys who had their measures taken for the uniform, only four fell under six feet. The physique of the company is very fine.

The Charlotte Hotel has undergone a complete metamorphosis since it passed into the hands of the present proprietor. It is much improved in all its appointments.

Mr. Walter Maffitt and family have returned from a visit to Wilmington. Like everybody else who visits "the city by the sea," he was charmed with the hospitality and kindness of its people.

The bull frog singeth and is happy, because he is no longer afraid of being bulldozed into his hole by the coldness and inclemency of the weather; for the winter hath departed and Spring is fast putting on its garb of green.

Organization of a Colored Church.

We were misinformed as to the time for organizing a colored Episcopal Church. The meeting for this purpose will take place at the Court House to-night at 8 P. M. The services will be conducted by Rev. McKenney, colored, Deacon of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and sent out by the Freedmen's Commission of that church.

Rev. B. S. Bronson will address the meeting on the relations of the Protestant Episcopal Church to the colored race. All interested are invited to attend.

The "Charlotte Advertiser."

The first issue of a sixteen column weekly paper, bearing the above title, made its appearance yesterday morning. It is edited and published by Mr. Harper J. Elam, a printer in the Observer's office, and Mr. James A. Vogler, proprietor of the Charlotte Job Office. It is strictly an advertising medium, and will be distributed every Saturday gratuitously. It, however, contains a considerable amount of reading matter, which is gotten up in a spry and very readable style. The young men who have it in charge are worthy and industrious members of the "type-setting" fraternity, and we hope their paper will receive all the encouragement, in the way of advertising patronage, necessary to insure its success.

To-Day's Services.

There will be special services at the Episcopal and Catholic churches to-day. The Easter Festival of the Sunday School of the Episcopal Church will be held at 4:30 P. M.

The following are the appointments for the Y. M. C. A. meetings to-day: A meeting, specially for the members of the Association, at 9:15 A. M., at the First Presbyterian Church; a general prayer meeting at the Methodist at 4:45 P. M., and a union meeting at the Second Presbyterian at 7:30.

No preaching in the First Presbyterian and A. B. Presbyterian churches to-day. Sunday schools as usual.

Rev. J. F. Latimer fills the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian Church in the morning.

Y. M. C. A.

Meetings of Messrs. Hall and Cree—Work of the Association.

The Young Men's Christian Ass'n meetings held under the auspices of Messrs. Hall and Cree are increasing in interest. The Conference meeting yesterday morning and the Bible reading in the afternoon, were both well attended and proved of a very interesting character. The principle meeting of the day however, was the union mass meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, at 7 P. M. A large congregation was present and all apparently took a deep interest in what transpired.

After the usual opening services delegates from Chapel Hill, Raleigh, the North Carolina College, at Mount Pleasant, and Duke West College, made interesting reports of the work of their various Associations, the difficulties which they encountered, &c. After this Mr. Cree made a short address on the importance of the work and success which had attended the efforts of the organization for good.

The appointments for to-day's services (which appear elsewhere) were then made and the congregation was dismissed.

The Reporter obtained from Messrs. Hall and Cree the following interesting facts concerning the work of the Association in the United States: The past year, while one of unprecedented disaster in business circles, has been one of unusual activity in Christian Association work. The International Executive Committee from carefully prepared statistics, show that not only has there been a very healthy growth in the number of associations, but all over the country they have been unusually active. At the last Convention eight hundred and twenty-one associations sent in detailed reports, an increase of two hundred and sixty-six over those reporting in any one year. Those failing to report would swell the grand total of organizations connected with the Executive Committee to over 1,000. Notwithstanding the business depression, sixty buildings are reported clear of all debt, valued at \$1,943,293, and building funds added making the total value of the property, exclusive of libraries, furniture, etc., over \$12,000,000. The annual expenses of the associations for the year amounted to about \$450,000. One hundred and twenty general secretaries are employed, who give all their time to the work. The aggregate membership of the Association is about 100,000. Over 10,000 men were furnished with employment during the year. Twenty-one State and provincial conventions were held during the year, at which 416 associations were represented by 1517 delegates. Nearly all the States have State executive committees, which act in harmony with the International Committee, and many of them employ efficient State Secretaries.

The growth of associations in the Southern States has been very marked. At the time the visitation of the South and West was undertaken by the committee, there were but three associations south of Washington; they now number almost two hundred, and many of them are very active. Some of the State organizations are very efficient, and the future success of the association cause in the South is assured.

During the year the work among railroad men, of whom there are 800,000 employed upon over 80,000 miles of railway, has been measurably successful. Reading rooms and railroad associations have been established in many of the most important railroad centres. This work is being prosecuted this year with the co-operation of the most prominent railroad men in the country.

The work among the German-speaking young men of the country shows healthy progress, and will be pressed during the Spring.

A new feature of association work has just been undertaken by Gen. Geo. D. Johnson, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., under the direction of the Executive Committee, for the colored young men of the South. A most hearty indorsement of the work was given by the Virginia State Convention, and it is now being prosecuted with every prospect of success.

Matrimonial.

In looking over the list of marriage licenses issued from the Register of Deeds' office, we find the list for March smaller than for any month in a number of years, except one, the month of May, 1874, when the number of licenses issued was the same. There is no way of accounting for it except by the hard times. Whatever else may be said of the male sex, they can't as a general thing be accused of a deliberate and premeditated attempt to starve another man's daughter.

The following are the names of persons to whom licenses to commit matrimony were issued during the month just passed:

WHITES. M. E. Beaver to Conelia Flow. Wm. L. Bigham to Annie O. Kelly. Thos. H. Beatty to Meherva C. Terrell. Joseph E. Henderson to Maggie E. Miller.

BLACKS. Aleck Caldwell to Francis Sloan. Ezekiel Morrison to Sarah Caldwell. John Ross to Comfort L. Alexander. Emanuel Gibson to Harriet Weddington.

Joseph Little to Susan Smith. Albert Bowman to Julia Still. Albert Davis to Annette Hunter. Calvin Walker to Harriet Johnston. Samuel Cooper to Harriet Gaffney. Charlie D. Dickson to Addie Killian.

THE FIGHT FOR LIGHT.

The consolidation of the two gas Companies which have been dispensing light to the citizens of Charlotte for the two years past, and the increase in the price of gas has furnished the theme for many an animated conversation within the past forty-eight hours. The first notice given of an increase in the price of gas appeared in the advertising columns of THE OBSERVER, and before ten o'clock on that day little else was talked about, among business men. The impression seemed to prevail that in the consolidation of the two companies that the people were in the hands of a monopoly.

We believe if the new Company had stated the actual reasons for the consolidation, and such other facts as might have safely been given to the public, that the opposition would not have shown such a bold front. Those who have been using the Centennial gas at one dollar, could hardly realize that a jump to five dollars could be made with any show of justice. The cost of the production of gas was discussed at length, and the question was raised "what is it to be done?" Besides a street rumor that the two Companies had consolidated, and that the price of gas was summarily advanced, nothing was known.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was called and not a few of the members got off a quantity of gas on this gaseous question. The action of the Chamber took definite form and shape, by the appointment of a committee to confer with the authorities of the gas Company, as published in this paper yesterday morning. The following letter was written to the President of the gas Company: CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 30, 77. Jas. H. CARSON, Esq., Pres't Charlotte Gas Co., Charlotte, N. C.:

Sir—At a meeting of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, held at their hall this evening, the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce disapproves of the action of the two Charlotte Gas Companies in raising the price of gas, and thinks it will be burdensome to consumers, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of five members of this Chamber be appointed to confer with the proper authorities of the new company, to ascertain whether or not some compromise in the reduction of price cannot be effected and report to an adjourned meeting of this body.

Without being authorized to speak either for the Chamber, or the Committee, I believe that the consumers will be willing to pay a fair price, and to the end that the matter may be discussed, I have the honor to ask you to fix some time and place, when and where the committee can confer with the proper officers of the company, in regard to this matter. Your early attention to the matter will oblige

Yours very Respectfully, CHAS. R. JONES, For the Committee.

The following was received in reply: CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 31, 77. Dear Sir—We will be pleased to meet your committee on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Company, JAS. H. CARSON, Pres't C. G. L. Co.

Col. C. R. JONES, Charlotte, N. C. The President of the Company requests us to publish the following as representing the side of the Gas Company:

EDITORS OBSERVER:—In explanation of the recent action of the Gas Companies, I deem it due to the consumers to state that it was done to save our stockholders from any further loss in furnishing the citizens of Charlotte with light at a price much below the cost of production. In the last two years we have lost thousands of dollars, the benefits of which have been reaped by you.

We have made no "ring," nor formed any "combination" to extort from our customers any more than a fair price for the article we propose to furnish. There is no place in the State where rosin gas is used that does not pay more than we propose to charge, and we say to you in all sincerity that \$5 per thousand feet is the lowest figure at which it can be furnished.

If the proposed arrangements are perfected by the stockholders of the two companies, rosin gas will be furnished to the patrons of both companies in a short time. JAS. H. CARSON, Pres't C. G. L. Co.

The following paper was circulated during the day, and as will be seen, pledges quite a number of consumers to discontinue the use of gas unless there is a reduction in the price: CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 30, 77.

We, the undersigned, in consequence of the recent gas monopoly and advance in price of same, hereby pledge ourselves not to use or consume any gas manufactured for sale or consumption by said combination of the two gas companies, nor any manufacturing gas in this city, unless a reduction is made by said monopoly satisfactory to the demands of the times.

This agreement to be in force from and after the 1st day of April, 1877, and to continue in force until the 1st September, 1877: L. W. Purdue, J. A. Elliott, J. W. Remley, Thos. Biggs, Field Bros., C. S. Holton, Best & Vandegrift, B. N. Smith, A. H. Mosteller, J. F. Mos-teller, W. Q. A. Overcash, W. F. Cuthbertson, Spencer & Allen, Jno. Brookfield, J. Moyer, Kyie & Hammond, J. Lindy, R. M. White, Boyd & Overman, W. J. Black, Myers & Sumrow, Long & Bro., Myer, Ross & Jones, Smith & Forbes, Brown & Co., J. M. Mendel & Co., J. T. Julian, S. T. Black, R. F. Huneycutt, Kaufman & Bro., Tiddy & Bro., J. S. Snafar, W. B. Taylor, F. H. Andrews, F. Scarr & Co., M. Fraley, G. W. Chalk & Co., J. M. Sims, F. H. Dewey, E. N. Littlejohn, John W. Hall & Co., S. H. Farrow, Hunter & Farrow, W. M. Crowell, M. Harkey, Wilson & Burwell, Padell & Sumner, R. B. Alexander, C. Roediger, Walter Berg & Martin, [except light at desk.] T. C. Smith.

We are informed that quite a number of other consumers will add their names to the above list, if the fight continues. In the meantime we suppose matter will remain in statu quo, until the meeting referred to above.

The poor and humble, alike with the rich and powerful, find in Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup a true, tried and trusted friend. Price 25 cents; large size, 50 cents.

Location of the Normal Colored School—Gov. Vance Requested to Act as Delegate.

In Thursday's OBSERVER was published an account of the proceedings of a meeting held by the colored citizens of Charlotte, for the purpose of sending a delegate to Raleigh to confer with the State Board of Education as to the location of a normal school, for the education of colored teachers.

There appears to have been some dissatisfaction at the proceedings of this meeting, which was probably created by the fact that the notice that such a meeting would be held was not extensively circulated, and consequently there was not a full representation of the colored people of the city.

On this account another meeting was held at the Court House on Friday night. J. W. Gordon was called to the chair, and S. A. Waugh and C. W. Chestnut were appointed Secretaries.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, There was a meeting held in this city, to elect a delegate to the State Convention to be held at Raleigh on the 10th of April, the proceedings of which meeting did not meet the approval of the majority of the legal colored voters and tax payers of the city; and

WHEREAS, This meeting is called to reconsider the proceedings of the former meeting relative to the location of the normal school for the education of colored teachers, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That the proceedings of the said meeting be and are hereby declared null and void.

Resolved, 2nd. That as the election of another delegate might create hard feeling, we send no delegate to said Convention, but that we request Gov. Vance to act as our delegate in said Convention, and to State that we desire the school to be located at a point as near the centre of the state as possible, which is easily accessible and convenient, where there is a healthy moral tone, and where the expenses of living will be as small as possible, always excepting the city of Raleigh, which we do not consider a suitable location.

After which the meeting adjourned.

Mecklenburg Presbytery

Is now in session at Wadesboro, having convened on Friday. It will probably remain in session till Tuesday.

The pastors of the two churches in this city are in attendance, as is also an elder from each. Gen. W. L. T. Prince, who now resides in Wadesboro, but still retains his connection with the First Church, represents it, and Mr. J. Alexander went from the Second Church.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKETS.

March 31, 1877.

PRODUCE

Baltimore—Oats firm; prime Southern, 45. Rye fancy and active, 72.75. Provisions firmer quiet and unchanged. Coffee nominal. Whiskey better. Sug. Sugar fairly active, 10 1/2.

Louisville—Flour dull; extra, 5 25/65; family, 5 75/65. Wheat scarce, firm and unchanged. Corn dull; white, 42; mixed, 41. Rye quiet, 75. Oats firmer; white, 40; mixed, 38. Pork quiet, 15 1/2 25; bulk meats quiet; shoulders, 5 1/2; clear ribs, 8 1/2; clear sides, 8 Bacon quiet and unchanged. Sugar: cured hams, 11 1/2. Lard firm; choice lard, 10 1/2; do. keg, 12. Whiskey firmer, 1.04.

COTTON.

Galveston—Holiday; net receipts, 384. Weekly net receipts, 1,770; gross, 1,786; exports Great Britain, 7,008; Coastwise, 3,488; stock, 47,692; sales, 4,277.

Norfolk—Quiet and steady; middlings, 10 1/2 net receipts, 493; sales, 50; exports Coastwise, 93. Weekly net receipts, 2,965; sales, 579; stock, 11,514; exports Coastwise, 2,313.

Baltimore—Quiet; middling, 11 1/2; gross receipts, 79; sales, 95; exports Coastwise, 50. Weekly net receipts, 322; gross, 1,873; exports to Great Britain, 578; Coastwise, 756; stock, 7,081; sales, 1,385; spinners, 545.

Savannah—Firm; middlings, 11 1/2; net receipts, 478; sales, 1,400; exports to Continent, 775; Coastwise, 1,579. Weekly net receipts, 2,720; exports to Continent, 1,616; Coastwise, 934; stock, 29,425; sales, 3,200.

New Orleans—Firm; middling, 11 1/2; low middlings, 10 1/2; good ordinary, 9 1/2; net receipts, 1,620; gross, 1,728; sales, 4,000. Weekly net receipts, 14,459; gross, 15,896; stock, 219,273; sales 16,250; exports Coastwise, 2,489; Continent, 2,210; France, 11,318; Great Britain, 4,597.

Mobile—Firm; middlings, 10 1/2; net receipts, 87; sales, 1,030. Weekly net receipts, 2,926; exports Great Britain, 8,841; Continent, 413; Coastwise, 739; stock, 52,584; sales, 5,500.

New York—Holiday. Cotton Exchange closed; net receipts for the week ending yesterday 937; gross 959; sales 7546; stock 270,396 consolidated net receipts, 3,672; exports to Great Britain 3,290; Continent, 775.

SPRING TRADE 1877. Smith & Forbes,

13 High Street, Boston, Mass., and Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C.

WE are now receiving in our CHARLOTTE HOUSE a full line of all grades of BOOTS and SHOES. Having introduced in BOOTS and SHOES in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, with success beyond our expectations, we have recently established a house at Headquarters, NO. 13, HIGH STREET, BOSTON, MASS., which will enable us to fully compete with our only Jobbing Houses North, and to extend our trade into other States.

We sell only by the case from our BOSTON HOUSE, and all orders forwarded there will receive prompt attention, and, if preferred, be shipped and billed direct. The former reputation of our CHARLOTTE HOUSE, unsurpassed in the South for the amount and variety of its large Stock, shall be maintained, and we shall constantly keep on hand in both houses a full line of all grades of BOOTS and SHOES. Having made this arrangement we have no hesitancy in going into large towns or cities to show our Goods feeling assured that we are able to give to prompt paying customers as good terms as any other house North or South.

SMITH & FORBES.

TRADE STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C., and 13 HIGH STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

SPRING CLOTHING,

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THE BALTIMORE BRANCH

CLOTHING HOUSE.

M. FRALEY,

TRADE STREET, ONE DOOR FROM TRYON.

FINANCIAL.

New York—Money 2 1/8; sterling higher 4 1/2; gold 4 1/2; governments active and strong. New 9 1/2, 10 1/2 States quiet and steady.

Bank Statement: Loans increase 4 million; specie decrease 2 1/2 million; legal tenders increase 4 million; deposits decrease 2 million; reserves decrease 12 million.

OBSERVER OFFICE.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 31, 1877. The Cotton Market.

We can note no change in the market today, the closing being steady at yesterday's closing quotations.

The following quotations are averaged from prices given by a majority of the cotton buyers, estimated: Standard..... 9 1/2 10 1/2 Tinged..... 10 1/2 10 3/4 Ordinary..... 9 1/2 10 1/2 Good Ordinary..... 10 1/2 10 3/4 Low Middling..... 10 1/2 10 3/4 Middling..... 10 1/2 10 3/4 Low Middling..... 10 1/2 10 3/4

Receipts for the day, 17 bales. Receipts in all ports, 3,672 bales. Stock, 724,147 bales.

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.

A NICE Room and board, corner 6th and College streets. Apply to mar 31 2t K N LITTLEJOHN.

HARD CRABS for sale by the dozen (Saturday) at the Lunch House of mar 30 2t L W FIGOTT.

FOR RENT—The Store at present occupied by Keith, Walsh & Co. mar 11 1t J L MOREHEAD.

ROOMS TO RENT—Several good rooms in the Springs building, at reasonable prices. mar 9 1t A B DAVIDSON.

FOR SALE—A comfortable two story Cottage, with six rooms, will be sold to a man who means business, on easy and accommodating terms. Lot 60x138 feet, capital garden, good well, kitchen, servant's room, stables, and other necessary out-houses. Property well improved and within five minutes walk of Independence Square. For information apply at mar 11 4t T-B OFFICE.

A., T. & O. Railroad.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Charlotte, N. C. Sept 30, 1876. On and after Monday, Oct. 2nd, the following Schedule will be run over this road:

GOING SOUTH. Leave Statesville..... 6.00 a. m. " Mooreville..... 7.21 " " D. College..... 8.03 " Arrive Charlotte..... 9.45 " GOING NORTH.

Leave Charlotte..... 2.45 p. m. " D. College..... 4.52 " " Mooreville..... 5.14 " Arrive Statesville..... 6.30

All charges must be paid on Freight offered for shipment to Section House, Henderson's, Alexandria and Caldwell's. These being "Flag Stations," the Company is not liable for loss, or damage to freight after it is unloaded at either of the above named "Flag Stations."

No freight will be received by Agents for shipment unless the name of consignee and destination is distinctly marked thereon. J. J. GORMLEY, Superintendent.

A LOT OF BEAUTIFUL.

WHITE CROCHETED SHAWLS,

ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO'S.

TRADE STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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TRADE STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

EARLY ROSE POTATOES, \$5 PER BARREL.

Peerless Potatoes, \$5 a Bbl.

GOODRICH AND PINK EYE,

\$5 PER BARREL.

Brought from New York and Guaranteed to be Genuine and sound.

Northern Apples at a small advance on New York prices; 500 bushels White Bolted Meal, at 75c; 500 bushels No. 1 Seed Oats, at 65c; 20,000 lbs Shorts, at \$2 per 100 lbs; 20,000 lbs Bran, at \$1.50 per 100 lbs; Sacks included in 2,000 lb lots; 40,000 lbs N. C. Hay, at 75c per 100 lbs; 20,000 lbs Maryland Timothy Hay, at \$1.50 per 100 lbs; 20,000 lbs Shucks, at \$1 per 100 lbs; 20,000 Fodder, at \$1.25 per 100 lbs.

FLOUR & GRAIN.

Of all kinds and in any quantity, supplied on short notice. Don't forget to call.

BEST & VANDEGRIFT.

KAUFMAN & BRO.,

LATE OF BALTIMORE,

Will Open their New Store at the Springs Corner,

CONSISTING OF A LARGE ASSORTMENT

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS AND HATS

At a Large Stock of

LADIES', GENTS, MISSES AND CHILDREN'S

BOOTS & SHOES,

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS, WHICH WE WILL OFFER TO THE PUBLIC.

PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

Call and satisfy yourself before purchasing elsewhere.

Don't forget the stand.

KAUFMAN & BRO.

HEATING STOVES AT COST.

TO MAKE ROOM FOR A LARGE LOT OF COOK STOVES, I WILL SELL ALL HEATING STOVES FOR WOOD AND COAL, AT COST.

H. T. BUTLER, Near the Court House,

SUCCESSOR TO MOORE & BUTLER.