

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States stationary or higher pressure and temperature; Southerly winds, partly cloudy weather and occasional showers.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wilson & Burwell—Druggists. M Lichtenstein—Tailor.

The Temperature.

Table showing temperature at the drug store of Wilson & Burwell registered as follows yesterday, at the hours indicated: 9 a. m., 77°; 12 m., 82°; 3 p. m., 84°; 6 p. m., 84°.

LOCAL DOGS.

Coroner W. N. Alexander has held fifteen inquests since the 1st of January.

The chamber of commerce rooms is getting to be a popular resort with the members.

Brooks Long, colored, the last of the "fermenter" roasters, was before Justice Osborne yesterday afternoon and was released upon paying the cost.

The number of small boys who collect on the streets whenever a military or fire company appears, is the subject of wonder if not of admiration to all.

Mr W. R. Myers, Jr., yesterday entered upon the discharge of his duties as route agent on the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad, vice Mr W. M. Walker.

Judge Schenck opened a special term of Stateville court yesterday, and will continue to hold it till the accumulated business of the last several years is disposed of.

Nat Caldwell, colored, in jail for larceny, and Aleck Hargrave, colored, in for felonizing his wife, were turned out of jail yesterday; the first on bail, the second to be put to work on the streets.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Grays did not leave till 6 p. m., the large orphan was arrayed in his uniform, and paraded the streets from 10 o'clock in the morning till the time of his departure.

It turns out that the man Brewer, who lost some money in this city, was not robbed in Henry Toole's barber shop. He was playing cards with Allen, the barber, under the Fourth street treacle of the Carolina Central Railroad, and thus his funds were spirited away.

We were made glad yesterday by the presentation of the four largest peaches and a half dozen of the very finest plums our eyes have feasted on this season, by our fellow-townsmen, H. W. Tatem, who, besides being an alderman of our city, knows just how to grow fruits.

Twenty more negroes left yesterday afternoon, for work on the track of the Richmond & Danville Railroad. Employment is now offered all who will go, and in any of the colored men of this place suffer for food with \$14.50 per month and rations offered them at this work, they deserve no better.

More Gold.

The woods are full of it and everybody is about to get rich. A rich vein has just been struck in the old Penland mine, on the hill beyond the Air-Line depot, within the city limits. This property is now owned by Dr John H. McAden, and the mine has not been worked for many years. The ore thus far taken out has yielded well, and the prospects are that the mine will turn out rich. Several gentlemen were inspecting it yesterday.

Directors' Meeting.

The adjourned meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company will be held at Raleigh tomorrow for the purpose of electing a president and secretary and treasurer. As there appears to be a considerable contest over the presidency, as developed at the Salisbury meeting, the proceedings will be watched with more than usual interest. There are also, it appears, two or three candidates for the position of secretary and treasurer.

Sunday's Services.

There were services in all of the city churches Sunday except the Second Presbyterian, whose pastor was absent at Concord, assisting Rev L. McKinnon, and the weather being very pleasant the attendance was good. At Tryon Street M. E. Church, Rev W. H. Bobbitt, D. D., presiding elder of this district preached morning and evening to good congregations. After the morning services, the communion was administered. In all the other churches the regular pastors officiated.

St. Swintha's Day.

Sunday, the 15th of July, was St. Swintha's Day, on which, if it rains, tradition declares there will be rain for forty days thereafter, and if there be no rain that day there will be none during the ensuing forty days. In 1875 St. Swintha gave us forty days of rain, but at the end of the time, science came in and claimed that a rain cycle happens every twenty-eight years, caused by the conjunction of two of these planets nearest the earth. Neptune and Mars were then in conjunction, and it is said they excited the electricity and condensed the vapor, which gave us sample deluges. But as Sunday it rained and yesterday it didn't, and so the old legend is proved a lie. It may have been a good rule in the olden time, but in this day and generation Old Frobs, is a bigger man than St. Swintha.

Meeting of the County Commissioners.

The board of county commissioners was in session at the court house yesterday for the purpose of receiving the tax lists from the hands of the assessors for the several townships of the county. A few orders were made for the payment of public money on different accounts, but the day's business was not of public interest. The board will be in session again to-day, when it will be met by the school committees of the different townships, numbering in all more than one hundred.

Departure of the Grays.

The Charlotte Grays left yesterday afternoon at 6:20 for Wilmington, Wrightsville and Smithville for an encampment of ten days. There were thirty-five rank and file. They were accompanied by a dozen or more citizens. The Hornets' Nest Riflemen escorted them to the depot, and on their arrival at Wilmington they will be met by the military of that city. The trip will prove a most delightful one. We shall hear from them in a few days.

Fraud in Postage Stamps.

Three letters, all of which bore stamps which had already been used once, were dropped in the postoffice yesterday, and were sent on to the dead letter office. The most abortive and ridiculous efforts had been made to erase the ink on the stamps, and in this effort they had been washed almost to pieces and the face on them scratched until it was unrecognizable. The fraud was perceptible as far as the stamp could be seen. It is well for the public to know that while stamps can be used a second time it costs \$50 to do it.

The Lightning's Freaks.

A rain storm, quite severe for the time of its short duration, and accompanied by heavy thunder, wind and vivid lightning, passed over this city Sunday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. The lightning, during the storm, struck at four different points within the city limits: A tree was struck in the yard of J. C. Burroughs, Esq.; another tree in the old cemetery, in rear of the First Presbyterian Church, was struck and had a considerable part of the bark torn from it; the house of P. S. Whisnant, Esq., in Smithville, was struck, and several bricks knocked from the chimney, and the frisky fluid also struck somewhere in Mechanicsville. Though a good deal of fright and nervousness resulted from the storm, no damage was done by either the wind or lightning.

Promoted.

Mr Jas. S. Davant, at present agent of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad in this city, yesterday received the appointment of general ticket agent of the Port Royal Railroad, with headquarters at Augusta. This position was, until a few months ago, held by Mr Thomas Davant, a brother of Mr James, who left it to take a similar one on the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad. Mr James Davant has sent in his resignation, which will take effect on the 1st of August.

Mr Davant has by his efficiency, fidelity to business, and always agreeable and pleasant manners, rendered himself exceedingly popular with the business portion of the community, as well as in social circles. His departure will be universally regretted. It is not yet known who will succeed him here.

His Honor Still on Internal Improvements.

When His Honor Judge Cloud held court here, he instructed the grand jury to order the county commissioners to lay a cheap carpet down in the aisles of the court room. His Honor, it is said, objects to noises—both those made with the feet and those made with the mouth, but more especially to suspiration—and it was with a view to prevent noise in the court that the order was given. His Honor stated that if the commissioners declined to pay for the bagging, he would do so himself. It is stated that at Concord a few days ago, while making a charge to the grand jury, and giving instructions in relation to the same thing, His Honor told what he had said in "Mr Barringer's county," and stated that the bill for the carpet had been sent to him and he supposed he'd have to pay for it, and he himself sitting near said he supposed so too.

News from the Lost Merchant, A. W. Lyons—He Turns up in Atlanta.

Yesterday morning Mr Kaufman, of Kaufman Brothers, on the corner of Trade and Tryon streets, received a telegram from A. W. Lyons, Esq., who left this city about two months ago, since which time, until yesterday, nothing had been heard from him. The dispatch was dated Atlanta and its purport was an inquiry as to whether or not Mrs Lyons, his wife, was still here. Mr Kaufman immediately answered the inquiry in the affirmative, and a short time afterwards another dispatch came inquiring if his store was still open, and if so what was the condition of his stock of goods. The telegram was answered by his wife, who told him that his goods had been seized by the creditors and removed. She also telegraphed him to come home immediately. No reply has been made to this dispatch.

Neither one of the telegrams received furnished the slightest clue to the facts connected with his mysterious disappearance. It will be remembered that he left the city on the North train for New York, and was seen, to the North, R. & D. train at Greensboro, but now instead of being found in the North, he turns up in exactly the opposite direction. His friends are inclined to the belief that he will return.

LOCAL FREIGHTS.

What the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, on Inland Trade and Improvements, Have Done

The committee of the Chamber of Commerce, on "Inland Trade and Improvements," consisting of Messrs Jno W Hall, J H Weddington, L W Sanders, R M Miller, Jno E Oates and S Wittkowsky, held a meeting at the rooms of the chamber yesterday evening, for the purpose of having a conference with Mr J J Gormley, superintendent A. T. & O. R. R., in regard to local freights. Mr Gormley, we learn, met the committee in a very liberal, and at the same time business like manner, and have given the merchants of Charlotte the following very liberal tariff of local freights to Statesville, for points on the line of the Western North Carolina Railroad:

Table showing freight rates: 1st class 25c per hundred pounds, 2nd " 20c, 3rd " 18c, 4th " 16c, 5th " 14c, 6th " 12c.

Other meetings will take place with the representatives of the several roads which terminate in or lead to Charlotte shortly, where these representatives are disposed to meet our merchants in the same spirit which Mr Gormley has shown. The thanks of the committee were unanimously tendered to that gentleman for the courtesy shown them and the liberality which he manifested toward the business interest of our city.

Business men complain that the very high local rates charged on the Western N. C. Railroad, is a serious detriment to the business of the city—the present tariff of freights almost prohibiting sales in the transmontane country. It is to be hoped that Maj Wilson, who is now at the head of this great North Carolina enterprise, will not turn a deaf ear to the appeals of our business men for a reduction of rates. While on this subject we will state that a barrel of kerosene oil was shipped a day or so ago, from Richmond, Va., to Hickory, N. C., for less than would have been charged from Charlotte. Why is this? Shall our Western railroad be run in the interest of Richmond and Baltimore, or shall it be run in the interest of North Carolinians?

Railroad men will learn some day that the men who largely helped to build their roads, and now pay freights to keep them up, have some rights that must be respected. Our local freight rates can be largely reduced without materially affecting the business of the roads. We learn from one of our business houses that fifty cents freight was charged on a package of four weeding hoes, not weighing ten pounds, from Charlotte to Pineville—ten miles—and one of the firm assured us that he could have hired a man to carry the package on horseback, for less money. Just at this time all the goods bought in Charlotte by the merchants of Pineville, are hauled by Mr Allen Cruse, in drays. This is an outrage, which we hope time and the determination of the members of the Chamber of Commerce will remedy.

There is no doubt that the question of local freights is one of vital importance to the business interests of our people, and the able gentlemen who compose the committee are determined to leave nothing undone to effect such a reduction of rates as our business interests demand, and the Chamber of Commerce, who are pushing these men forward, will stand by them to a man.

W. H. Motz, Esq., and the Convicts on the C. & L. N. G. R. R.

Two or three weeks ago there were published in the local columns of the OBSERVER reports of cruelty practiced upon the convicts engaged upon the work of the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad, in Gaston county. In giving publicity to these reports we expressed the hope that they were not true, and called for an investigation of the charges to the end that their truth or falsity might be established. A day or two after the appearance of the item in question, W. H. Motz, Esq., of Lincolnton, the manager of the convicts, wrote us, asking the name of our informant, which was given him. This was followed by another letter from Mr M., enclosing a communication which consisted of an assault upon the character of the gentleman from whom our first information was obtained, but which offered no evidence whatever going to show the falsity of the first charge. As a matter of course we did not publish any such communication, though it was sent us twice. The last number of the Lincoln Progress contains a card from Mr Motz, in connection with which are published certificates from certain parties, setting forth that to their knowledge the charges of cruelty to the convicts are untrue. These certificates are evidence bearing upon the case, and when Mr Motz produces these we open our columns to him with as little hesitation as we closed them against him when we sought to disprove the statements of our informant by assailing the character of that gentleman. The following is one of them:

"Gaston county, N. C., July 5, 1877.—We, the undersigned, subscribers living immediately on the line of the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad between Dallas and Lincolnton, hearing various reports of the cruel treatment of the convicts, feel it due to the contractor, W. H. Motz, and supervisor, Mr Coffin, as well as the gentlemanly overseers and guards, to state that the reports of the cruel treatment are unfounded and untrue. On seeing the operations of the same, and find them cheerful, vigorous, they are fed well and work well. The best evidence of the untruthfulness of

the reports is the amount of work they have done, and their healthy condition. Out of sixty men, for more than 2 months, there is only one sick man."

This certificate is signed by J F Plonk, J. P. William Garrison, M A Carpenter, D F Clanton, W F Abernethy, A G Harrill, J. P. L A Dellinger, D A Sumney, Jas D Mundy, M. D., and Ephraim Friday.

Statements to the same effect are published in connection with this card, by O S Dwight, chief engineer of the road and by J M Coffin, supervisor of convicts. In conclusion Mr Motz himself says:

"Not a single rule for the government of convicts has been violated; no man has been knocked down or stuck with a knife or treated brutally in any shape or form; some have been punished with a rod, who were refractory, but never without necessity and this is by express directions of the penitentiary board."

Mr Motz cannot complain that we have not set him right.

The Normal School at Greensboro.

Through a gentleman just from Greensboro, we learn that the interest in the Central North Carolina Teachers' Association which met in that city on the 2d of July is increasing, and that the session so far has been an exceedingly pleasant and profitable one. Eighty-three teachers have been in attendance. The exercises have been conducted by Mr Allen Jay, and consist of all the branches taught in our common schools, interspersed with daily discussions on the methods of teaching, school government, &c. Besides these, there have been lectures from gentlemen not connected with the school, among whom was the Hon. John Kerr. During the next few days, before the session closes, several other distinguished gentlemen will deliver lectures. Judge Dick will address the association to-day and on Thursday, Rev. Dr. J. Henry Smith will lecture on "Little Things." It is also expected that Dr Neres Mendenhall, formerly of this State, but now a professor in a college in Pennsylvania, will lecture to-day or to-morrow.

The regular session closes Thursday, after which, many of the teachers who have been in attendance upon these meetings, will go to Chapel Hill to the normal school there.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year:

President—Allen Jay; Vice-Presidents—1st, D W C Benbow; 2d, F S Blair; 3d, J M Weatherly; 4th, N C English; 5th, Sallie Henley; 6th, Bersive Osborn; Secretary and Treasurer—A L Mendenhall.

The keeper of a candy and ice cream store in San Francisco discharged a waiter for fondling the keeper's cat in business hours, and paid him at the rate of \$30 a month, instead of \$40, as previously agreed. The waiter carried his case into a Justice's court, pleading that he was not particularly fond of cats, but that he consoled the one in question because the employer had just chopped off the heads of two of her progeny. He recovered his rightful wages, but the Justice decided that he was lawfully discharged.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

What pleasant memories of the past are involved in the words, buckwheat cakes, muffins, waffles, biscuits, rolls, pot pies, fruit dumplings, etc. To make all these perfection itself use Dooley's Yeast Powder.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKETS.

JULY 16, 1877.

PRODUCE.

Baltimore—Oats dull; Southern prime, 45c; Rye quiet; new, 73; Provisions firm. MESS pork, 14.75; Bacon, shoulders, 8; clear ribs, 8; hams, 12c; Lard, refined, 10c; Coffee dull; job lots, 17c; Whiskey dull at 12; Sugar quiet at 11; Louisville—Firm; not higher. Wheat steady; red, 1.40; amber, 1.35; white, 1.30; Corn steady; but first white, 55; mixed, 52; Oats dull; white, 3; mixed, 40; Pork weaker at 14.00; Bulk meats strong; shoulders 6; clear ribs, 7; clear sides, 7; Bacon stronger; shoulders, 6; clear ribs, 8; clear sides, 8; sugar-cured hams in fair demand at 10c; Lard quiet; choice leaf in tierce, 10c; Whiskey quiet at 8; Bagging unchanged. Tobacco steady and unchanged.

COTTON.

Norfolk—Firm; middlings, 11; net receipts, 15; sales, 250; exports coastwise, 123. BALTIMORE—Firm; middlings, 12 1/2 16c; sales, 345; spinners, 75; exports coastwise, 75. Boston—Firm; middlings, 12c; net receipts, 7; gross, 7.

Wilmington—Firm and nominal; middlings, 11c; net receipts, 17; exports coastwise, 55.

Philadelphia—Firm; middlings, 12c; gross receipts, 33; gross, 808; sales, 283; spinners, 280.

New Orleans—Firm; middlings, 11c; low middlings, 10c; good ordinary, 10c; net receipts, 199; gross, 233; sales, 2,100.

Augusta—Firm; middlings, 11c; net receipts, 18; sales, 18.

Charleston—Firm; middlings, 11c; net receipts, 8; sales, 25; exports coastwise, 503.

New York—Steady; uplands, 12 1/2-16c; Orleans, 12 1/2-16c; sales, 304; consolidated net receipts, 1,143; exports to Great Britain, 4,894.

Liverpool—Noon—Firm and fractionally lower; middling, uplands, 64; mixed, 62; Orleans, 61c; sales, 10,800; speculation and export, 1,000; receipts, none. Futures—Partially 1-32d better; uplands, low middling clause, July and August delivery, 6 1/2-16c; August and September delivery, 6 1/2-16c; September and October delivery, 6 1/2-16c.

230 P. M.—Sales included 7,500 American. Futures—Steady; uplands, low middling clause, July delivery, 6 1/2-16c; New crop, shipped September and October delivery, sail omitted, 6 7-16c.

FUTURES.

New York—Futures closed barely steady; sales, 33,000.

July, 12 27/32c.

August, 12 29c.

September, 12 00c.

October, 11 65c.

November, 11 45c.

December, 11 44c.

January, 11 57c.

February, 11 70c.

March, 11 83c.

FINANCIAL.

New York—Money easy at 11/2. Sterling weak at 9/16. Gold sell at 1.06; Government strong and active. New 5's 113 1/2. States dull.

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 our 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 other 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 hesitation 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.

We solicit your orders or personal inspection to either of the above houses.

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20,000 Yards of New Styles of Calices, only 7 1/2 cents per yard.

5,000 Yards of Beautiful Edging & Insertings, from 5 cents to 75 cents per yard.

Ladies' Linen Suiting, 25 and 30 cents per yard. Another Lot Gents' Blue Flannel Suits, only \$12.00. Handsome Ladies' Slippers, only 75 cents per pair.

Mosquito Netting, all colors, 75 and 85 cents. 100 pairs No. 1 Ladies' Kid Gloves, only 75 cents. Don't fail to call and secure the greatest bargains of the season.

July 4

OBSERVER OFFICE.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 16, 1877.

The Cotton Market.

There was no change in this market to-day. New York closed better in feeling and figures, but our market was firm at Saturday's closing prices.

The following quotations are averaged from prices given by a majority of the cotton buyers:

Table with 2 columns: Cotton type and Price. Includes items like Stained, Tinged, Ordinary, Good Ordinary, Low Middling, Middling, Good Middling.

Receipts for the day, 7 bales.

New Books.

Table with 2 columns: Book title and Price. Includes 'Tangled, cloth', 'A companion to Helen's Babies', 'The Jericho Road', 'After Many Days', 'Upton's Tactics', 'The Child Hunter', 'A friend of Italy, cloth', 'For sale by, TIDDY & BRO.'

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Greensboro Female College.

THE Fall Session of 1877 will open August 22d, (4th Wednesday.) Terms per session of 20 weeks, board (exclusive of washing and lights), \$75.00; Tuition in regular English course \$25.00; extra studies moderate. For catalogue apply to President T M Jones. N H D WILSON, Pres't. July 11th Board of Trustees.

Mohair and Linen Dusters

AT BROOKFIELD'S AUCTION HOUSE.

HAVE just been received, one hundred and seventy-five Mohair and Linen Dusters, which are being sold very fast at the exceeding low price of one dollar.

Call and see them. July 11 w

"Babyland."

LARGEST PROFIT YET. Specimen copies free. For an Agency send to D LOTHROP & CO.

Feb 25 Boston.

Notice. City Taxes!!

All persons residing in the City of Charlotte on the 1st Monday in February last, and all bodies politic or corporate, who owned or possessed taxable property on the day aforesaid are hereby notified to return to me, on oath, within 30 days from and after the 10th day of July, 1877, a full, true and perfect list of their taxable polls, real and personal estate, and of their net incomes received during the fiscal year, next preceding the said 1st Monday in February, 1877.

Any such person, body politic, or corporate, so failing to return, is liable to a penalty of \$200. By order of the Board of Aldermen, F NASH, Clerk & Treas.

July 15 St. Sicut sun

Citizens and Home please copy saw for 30 days and send bill to city treasurer.

Ten Cent Column.

FOR RENT—A comfortable residence, at the West end of Trade street.

July 14 w At Barringer & Trotter's.

Summer Home in the Mountains. Excellent board, reasonable terms. Apply to JOHN MURPHY.

Swannanoa River, near Asheville. July 12 thu sun tu fri

GREAT BARGAINS.

can now be had in

FINE MILLINERY,

Which we are offering at greatly reduced prices. NEW SUN HATS just received. Large lot HAMBURG EDGINGS, NECK BUCHING,

Neck Ties, Bib Collars,

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