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The Observer Job Department has been thoroughly supplied with every needful

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The firm of ELIAS, COHEN & ROESSLER will dissolve on the 1st of January, 1878, and in order to close the business, we will offer, until the close of the year, the whole of our

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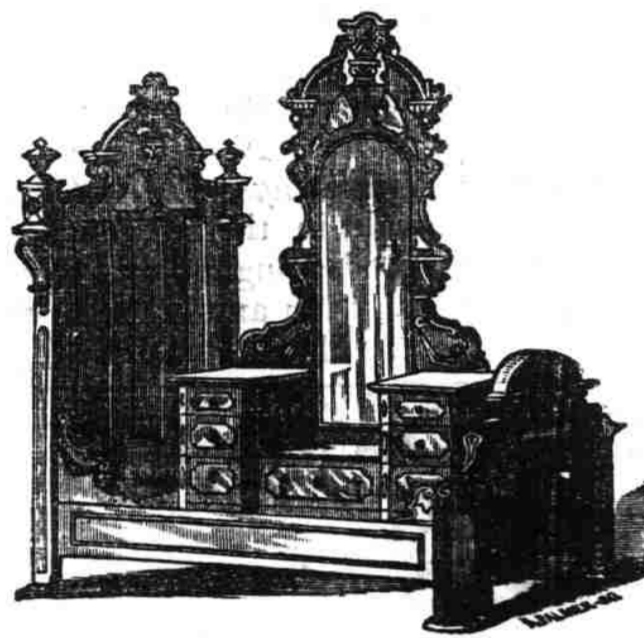
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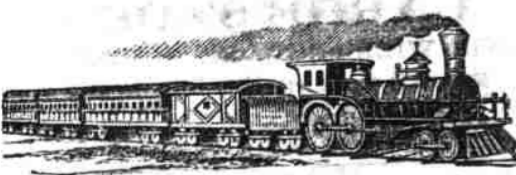
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FURNITURE DEALER.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Charlotte, N. C. Nov 13, 1877.

ON and after Thursday, November 15, the following Schedule will be run over this road:

Table with columns for GOING NORTH, GOING SOUTH, and arrival/departure times for various stations.

Close connection made at Statesville with trains over the W. N. C. R. R. All changes must be made on freight offered for shipment to Section House.

Mr. R. P. Rutledge, formerly with J. Mc Alexander, is with us, and will be glad to see his friends and former customers.

BOYD & OVERMAN, nov 14

Fresh Spices

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A SUPPLY OF THE FINEST

English Spices

JUST RECEIVED AT SCARR & CO'S Drug Store

NEW MILLINERY

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MRS R. MONELIS has just received the very latest styles of Hats, Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, Silks and Velvets in all the new shades. Call and see.

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GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

Corbin at the Senate Door—The Administration Indignant at the Failure to Confirm Its Nominees.

The Pacific Railroad—Voorhees on the Finances—Confirmations—Patterson Seated from Colorado.

General News and Gossip.

WASHINGTON, Dec 13.—SENATE—Cameron of Wisconsin, presented a petition from David C. Corbin, of South Carolina, asking that his claim to a seat in the Senate from that State may be inquired into and decided upon its merits.

Cameron moved that the petition lie upon the table for the present, and gave notice that he would call it up hereafter and move its reference to the committee on Privileges and Elections; so ordered.

Political critics have not recovered from the shock of yesterday's battle, yet. The President and his Secretary of State are reported as utterly indignant, but their future course has not yet been indicated.

Hotels—Colorado has been resumed. The House Military committee visited the Department of State to examine some documents on file, and afterwards heard Gen Miles, the Indian fighter.

SENATE—The Pacific Railroad committee referred the Texas Pacific Railroad bill to a sub-committee consisting of Matthews, Lamar, Dorsey, Sanders and Barnum.

The Construction committee is considered favorable to the road. The Postoffice committee agreed to report Wickesham favorably again.

NIGHT DISPATCHES. Recruits for the regiments in Texas will be sent by sea from New York to New Orleans and thence overland to Galveston.

The bill introduced by Mr. Morey, of Mississippi, and referred to the Pacific Railroad committee, allows the Southern Pacific Company to continue its road from Fort Yuma along the route selected for the Texas Pacific Railroad until its track meets that of the latter road. The bill grants the lands before allowed to the Texas Pacific, which that company has forfeited by not complying with the law requiring the building of the road within a certain time.

The bill contemplates the two companies working from opposite ends towards a meeting point. SENATE—Mr. Voorhees, of Indiana, submitted the following resolution, and gave notice that he would call it up on Tuesday, January 15th, 1878, for the purpose of submitting some remarks thereon: Resolved, That it is of the highest importance that the financial credit of the government be maintained, and in order to do so the government itself, in all its departments, should in good faith keep all its contracts and obligations entered into with its own citizens.

The discussion of Mr. Matthews' silver resolution, which lasted nearly four hours and resulted in the confirmation of Brady, collector of the Petersburg district, and Baxter as judge of the sixth judicial circuit, vice Emmons, deceased; Maury, attorney for the western district of Virginia; Hoyt, commissioner of Indian affairs; Murray, attorney for the western district of Louisiana; Postmasters: Little, at Piedmont, Va.; Leisenring, at Charleston, Va.; Leland, Waco, Texas; Mrs. Farrell, Covington, Ky.; Deslond, Plaquemine, La.

The President sent a dozen minor nominations to the Senate, to-day, of no general or Southern interest. The House, after a session lasting till 8 o'clock, seated Patterson, Democrat, from Colorado. The contest over this case closed with "nip and tuck." The first vote was to seat Bedford, Republican: This resulted: Yeas, 110; nays, 128—a strict party vote. The second was on a motion that there was no valid election: Yeas, 116; nays, 117; Democrats voting yea: Cutler, Stenger, Williams, Potter and Willis. The vote then recurred on the majority report seating Patterson: Yeas, 116; nays, 110.

Telegraphic Briefs.

TOLEDO, O. Dec 13.—Spontaneous combustion in the drying room burned the Milburn Wagon Company buildings. Loss \$45,000.

WILKESBARRE, PENN. Dec 13.—The jury in the case of Woodward & Doran, publishers of the Sunday News, charged with libel by Sheriff Kokland, of Luzerne county, brought in a verdict of guilty.

LONDON, Dec 13.—The work of removing Temple Bar was commenced yesterday.

LONDON, Dec 13.—The India Council yesterday sold £2,000,000 of bills at one shilling and 9-16 pence per rupee. This is lower than was anticipated and completely demoralizes the silver market.

NEW YORK, Dec 13.—Elijah Alliger, having failed to procure \$75,000 bail, was placed in Ludlow street jail by the sheriff.

The Financial Excitement in Newark.

NEWARK, N. J. Dec 13.—The excitement to-day extended to all savings banks, but subsided toward night. The Newark Savings Institution paid all applicants 18 per cent. The amount drawn was \$25,000, and \$2,400 were newly deposited. The managers express confidence that the depositors will ultimately lose nothing. The Howard Institution paid depositors in full as fast as they appeared. The managers have determined to continue payments as rapidly as the clerical force will allow. The Dime Bank checked their run by requiring the three months' notice, and hope to resume payments soon if not suddenly compelled to convert their securities. The German Bank, a small institution, is not yet affected, but will adopt the three months' notice rule if pressed.

THE WAR.

Further Details of the Plevna Engagement—The Turks Renew Offensive Operations—Calmness in Constantinople and No Talk There of Peace.

LONDON, Dec 13.—The Russian account of the capture of Plevna confirms the details already telegraphed. It says the Turks fought like lions. Seven Pashas were captured. The counting of the prisoners and trophies is not yet completed. The Emperor was present at the thanksgiving service held on the site of the former headquarters of Osman Pasha.

The Russians had information three days in advance, of Osman Pasha's intention to sortie. At 7 o'clock in the morning Osman crossed the Vid by two bridges and attacked the Russian positions with such fury that they captured eight cannon, and in a few minutes almost annihilated a Siberian grenadier regiment. The Turks then found themselves under the fire of a hundred cannon of the Russian second line, and were attacked by grenadiers who resolved to capture their guns. The Turks were driven back after a fifteen minutes bayonet fight, but continued to fire from the shelter of the banks of the Vid, until 12:15, when the firing ceased on both sides. A quarter of an hour afterwards Osman sent an envoy to treat for a surrender. Osman's wound is in the leg, and is not serious.

The Turks seem to have renewed offensive operations in the neighborhood of Ruzhuk. The report prevailed at Constantinople last night that a great battle had been fought between Mechtka and Ruzhuk, the result of which is unknown. Thus far, however, official reports from the Turkish headquarters only mention an affair with six Russian battalions. The Times Paris dispatch, dated yesterday, says: "The fall of Plevna is still unknown to the Turks, generally, so it is impossible to estimate its effect upon the population, which, however, will probably maintain its usual calm."

EDINBURGH, Dec 13.—The Scotsman's London correspondent telegraphs as follows: "From a most influential quarter, the suggestion has been laid before the British cabinet that Constantinople be made a free city under the guarantee of the European powers."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec 13.—No overtures for mediation have yet been made to any of the foreign embassies here. Chakir Pasha, who was appointed to replace Mehemet Ali, has resigned his command on account of ill health.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec 13.—The news of the fall of Plevna was received here with calmness and fortitude. The journals urge resistance to the last. The Turkish Parliament was opened to-day by the Sultan. All the Turkish dignitaries and foreign ambassadors were present. The speech from the throne was reserved in tone and alluded neither to peace nor mediation.

FRANCE.

MacMahon has a Conference With the Senators and Deputies—The Uncertainty Continues.

PARIS, Dec 13.—Replying to the deputation of Senators and Deputies from the department of the Vosges and the city of Nancy, who represented the League of trade with the treaty that the President would place himself in direct communication with the moderate Republicans, MacMahon, much moved, declared that he had no personal ambition; that he was indifferent alike in regard to the Count De Chambord, the Count De Paris and the Prince Imperial, and would maintain Republican institutions until 1880. He assured the deputation that he was actuated by the best intentions, and would do nothing that was not dictated by his conscience and the interests of the country.

The uncertainty as to the formation of the cabinet continues. The meeting of the Republican Union, to-day, re-affirmed the resolve not to vote any portion of the budget, so long as the national wishes are not completely satisfied.

The Constitutional announces that M. Dufaure and Duke D'Audiffret Pasquier were again summoned to the Elysee, yesterday, as President MacMahon refused to accept the programme proposed by M. Batbie. M. Dufaure is stated to have submitted last night a list of the parliamentary cabinet including M. Bouteux, Bethmont, Fay, and Waddington.

The Gaulois publishes the same intelligence. Republican papers express great distrust of these negotiations, and declare that the Left remains firmly resolved to obtain the execution of its whole programme.

LONDON, Dec 13.—The Pall Mall Gazette's dispatch from Paris says: "A deputation from the Bonapartists interviewed President MacMahon to-day and declared that they could no longer support his policy."

THEY ALL DO IT.

A Fire Company Busted in New Jersey and a Big Defalcation in New York.

PATERSON, N. J. Dec 14.—An inventory of the defunct Patterson Fire Insurance Company shows the liabilities to be \$450,000. The capital assets are \$65,000.

NEW YORK, Dec 13.—The amount of the defalcation in the Watson J. Hill-dreth & Co. collecting agency is over \$200,000. Many of the shrewdest merchants in town are among its victims. Investigations of numerous other similar institutions have already begun under the impulse of this failure.

The Senatorial Contest in California.

SACRAMENTO, CAL. Dec 12.—In the Democratic caucus of both houses of the Legislature, to-night, CS Ryland, Mark L. McDonald, J. T. Farley, Judge Hager, Judge Sepalceda and J. P. Damore were placed in nomination for the United States Senate. Three ballots were taken without a choice.

Destructive Fires.

MEMPHIS, TENN. Dec 13.—A fire at Helena, Ark., last night, destroyed a block. The following are the principle sufferers: J. K. Wooten, queensware, \$13,000; Mulkey & Burke, books and stationery, \$12,500; the office of the Daily World, \$8,000, and J. K. Coolidge, commission merchant, \$8,000.—The postoffice was in the building destroyed but the mails were saved.

NEW CASTLE, Dec 13.—The Royal Hotel, and the block of buildings comprising the principal business portion of the town, were burned last night. Loss, \$40,000.

The frittering away of wealth is of minor account compared to the expenditure of vital force by delay in treating a cough or cold. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup saves time and strength in its effect upon coughs and colds. 25 cents a bottle.

To Physicians.

We desire to call the attention of medical men to Dr. Price's Florida Water, as being the finest cologne water made. In the sick room it is refreshing to the invalid, and a disinfectant. Physicians know that all pleasant odors are healthful, while disagreeable smells invite disease. Dr. Price's American Perfumes richly deserve to be called the best.

New Advertisements.

DR. S. B. NYE,



Oculist---Optician,

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In informing his friends and the public that he is again in Charlotte, and is stopping at the

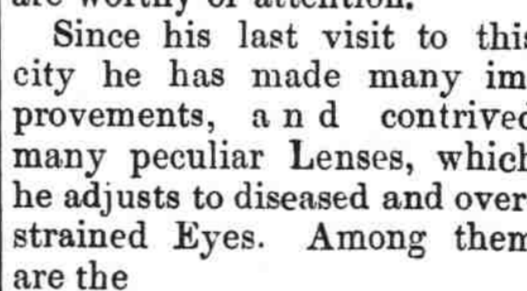
CENTRAL HOTEL,

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For his office, Room No. 1, near the Ladies' Parlor, first floor, for but a short time.

His excellent display of Optical Goods, consisting of the finest of Crystal Glasses of his own manufacture, set in most every imaginable frame, such as Gold, Silver, Steel, Rubber, Tortoise Shell, Horn and Skeleton frames of the very latest and most approved patterns, are worthy of attention.

Since his last visit to this city he has made many improvements, and contrived many peculiar Lenses, which he adjusts to diseased and overstrained Eyes. Among them are the



Mazarine Blue,

which most effectually relieves the sensitive Eye from the distressing effects of strong light.

Dr. Nye thinks it unnecessary to trouble the public with the reading of endless testimonials which he is willing to produce at his office on application. Office hours from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Very Respectfully,

S. B. NYE.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Among our goods received for Christmas are the following: Writing Desks, \$1.50 to \$15.00; Photograph Albums 75cts to \$10.00; Autograph Albums; Bibles, Pocket, Teacher's and Family Hymn Books for all denominations; Prayer Books—Episcopal and Family Children's Books—best lot we ever had; Standard Books of all kinds; Poets in Cloth, Sheep, Morocco and Ivory; Fine writing paper in boxes; Wedding Stationery in boxes; Gold Pens, Pearl, Ivory, Silver and Ebony holders; Fine Inkstands for library or desks; Ivory Paper Cutters; Pearl Card Cases; Fine Pocket Books and Ladies Purses; Toilet Boxes; Mathematical Instruments; Paints in boxes, oil colors in tubes; School satchels; Pictures, Frames and Moulding; Stereoscopes and Views; Gold and Silver paper; Ivoryine Tablets; Portfolios; Scrap Books; Far-four games of all kinds; Children's blocks, puzzles and alphabets.

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Good Suits of Clothing, worth \$10, for \$6.50.

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early in the incoming year, and I will continue it in my own name.

OUR STOCK

on hand being much larger than I desire to overtake, I have

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