

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, Tennessee and Ohio valley, warmer south-east winds, falling barometer, cloudy and rainy weather will prevail.

THE CITY.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

But three days now. Hand in church notices to-day. Any Sunday school Christmas trees this year? No interments in the cemeteries during the past week. Freight of all kinds are very heavy on the railroads at present.

The Stateville accommodation train brought a good crowd to the city yesterday.

The work on Ward's store is progressing rapidly. The wall is almost completed.

The small boys have taken possession of the out-skirts of the city—shooting off fire crackers.

A drove of Tennessee horses was brought into the city day before yesterday and quartered at Wadsworth's stable.

All the schools in the city suspended yesterday for the Christmas holidays. But few of them will resume their exercises before Thursday, the 3rd of January.

The receipts of cotton this week are heavier than they have been any time this season. There were 879 bales yesterday. The cotton platform is literally packed.

One small boy whistling and turning his arm like a crank, while another acted monkey, was a sight on Tryon street, yesterday. Usurping the prerogatives of the street opera.

The threatening character of the weather prevented a large attendance at the German last night, but everything passed off pleasantly, and the dancers enjoyed the occasion with the usual zest.

Change in the Grocery Business. Messrs Jno W Hall & Co, wholesale grocers, have bought out the stock of groceries of Messrs M M & S Wolfe, and will, in a few days, move from their present stand on College street to the business house on Trade now occupied by the firm which they have absorbed.

Buying Gas Works. Col H Phoebus, proprietor of the mammoth Hygeia Hotel at Fortress Monroe, the largest seaside resort in the Southern States, was in the city yesterday, negotiating for the purchase of the engine and gas works of the Centennial Gas Company which sold its interest to the Charlotte Gas Company last May. The capacity of this machine is two thousand lights.

No Drill. The Mecklenburg Independent Battalion was ordered out for the monthly drill yesterday at 1 o'clock, and the Polk Rifles (of Pineville) came in for that purpose, but when the drums beat the city military didn't appear, and the drill had to be abandoned. Business was so very heavy everywhere that the members could not get off from their work.

Pay Trains. The pay train on the Carolina Central Railroad arrived here last evening and went on up the road last night. The pay trains on the other roads have likewise made their monthly trips within the past few days, and if railroad items are scarce in these columns for the next two weeks, it is because these bloated railroaders feel that their superior wealth should restrain them from speaking to newspaper reporters for the present.

The Busy Bee Entertainment. The success which attended the entertainment given last night in the basement of the Smith building, on Trade street, by the Busy Bee Society of the Episcopal church, was greater than had been anticipated. Nearly everything in the line of supper, which had been prepared for the occasion, was disposed of, and the receipts and the general success of the entertainment were gratifying in a high degree to the managers.

Declines the Honor. Col J P Thomas has written a letter declining to serve as the major of the independent local battalion to which position he was chosen about ten days ago by a meeting of the commissioned officers of the several companies composing the battalion. Col Thomas regrets the necessity for this declination, but states that his duties as superintendent of the Carolina Military Institute are such that he would not be able to give the proper attention to the battalion. It is supposed that the officers will have another meeting in a short time and elect another gentleman to fill the vacancy.

Convicted by the Consciousness of His Guilt. Early yesterday morning, a negro man drove a fine looking milch cow to one of our beef markets and offered her for sale. Several negroes standing around jestingly intimated that he had "stole dat 'ar cow." He denied the allegation so bitterly that they grew suspicious and accused him again, when he denied it with oaths. But just about this time a policeman appeared in the distance with another negro in tow, and as soon as our Peter saw the officer a great fear seized him, and he passed away through Five Points like chaff before the wind. The cow was taken in charge by policeman Carter and shortly afterward it was claimed by Mr E E McDonald, who has a dairy farm two miles west of the city. The cow had been stolen the night before.

A FORGER IN THE TOILS.

The Case of John H Miller, Arrested in Canada for Forgery in Georgia.

Confirmation of the suspicion which was expressed in yesterday's OBSERVER that the John A Miller who had just been arrested in Canada for forgery committed in Georgia was really John H Miller who was well known here in 1874 in connection with the Southern Life Insurance Company, is found in the Augusta Chronicle and Constitutionalist, of Thursday, received here yesterday, and also in the Richmond papers of the same date. Our Georgia contemporary says that Miller went to Augusta soon after the war, and becoming agent of the Southern Life, traveled through the country and gained considerable reputation for his energy and success in his line of business, having induced a large number of people in the Southern States, and particularly in Georgia and South Carolina, to take out policies in the company then represented by him. Just before the collapse of the Southern Life he became agent of the Cotton States Life Insurance Company and established an office in Augusta. In November of 1876 Miller obtained a large amount of money, by some estimated as high as \$15,000, from various merchants in Augusta, on paper purporting to have been signed by responsible parties in South Carolina and elsewhere and accepted by merchants in Charleston and other cities. In some instances he paid small debts due by him with large drafts, receiving in each instance the sum over and above the amount due, so as to make up the face of the draft.

Among the parties who accepted this paper was J G Baile & Bro., who supposed that it was all right until December 7th, after Miller had gone, no one knew whether, when they discovered that the names on it were forged. Other parties about this time made similar discoveries and the search which was then put on foot has just now resulted in the capture of the forger. He has been heard of in several places within the last year, but it was only a short time ago that he was definitely "spotted" in Boston where, under the name of Colonel Thomas he pretended to be practicing law. He there gained the affections of a rich widow, and was entrusted with much of her business, and was getting along prosperously. Mr. Robt C Baile went to Boston in search of the man, but Miller got wind of his presence and fled to Canada, where he gave his name as Chapman and professed to be a detective hunting for ku-klux. He was taken under arrest at the instance of Mr. Baile and confined in jail until the papers necessary for his arrest could be received from Georgia. Mr B has a requisition for him from the United States Government but certain other papers are required by the Canadian court.

Miller's real name is John Bagge Hopper, and he came originally from Queen Anne county, Maryland. His case in another striking illustration of the fact that "A man may smile and smile and be a villain."

The Rudisill Mine—The Ore to be Tested by the Latest Process.

The Rudisill mining company have shipped ten tons of ore to Philadelphia to be worked by a new process of desulphurization which is in operation there, at the Philadelphia Reduction Works, owned by Bancroft & Walker, and the result of this test is awaited with much interest. If the machine operates as successfully as is represented, or even half so well, this experiment will prove a turning point in the history of mining in North Carolina. The determination of the Rudisill company to try the experiment was made at the solicitation of Gen J F Walker, the present superintendent of the mine, who has seen this and every other process for extracting sulphur employed in the United States. He is so confident of the entire success of this trial of the Rudisill ore, that he ventures the assertion that within three months the method will be operating in this county. The Rudisill mining company started into the work with a view of fairly testing this mine, which is regarded as representative of the other mines about Charlotte, and although laboring under many disadvantages from the beginning, they have never faltered. Should they succeed at last in falling upon a method by which the sulphur can be entirely expelled and all the metal in this class of ore extracted, they will confer a lasting benefit upon the whole State.

Gen Walker, who has been in the mining business all his life in the western States, does not hesitate to pronounce the ore he is now getting out the finest he ever saw anywhere. He came here merely with a view of buying up the refuse ore of this company, to be worked by the process mentioned above, but was so favorably impressed with the quality of the ore that he connected himself with the company. He has already made many improvements in the details of the work with a view to greater rapidity and economy.

The company, in order to avoid imposition and to give a result which will settle, beyond all controversy, the capacity of this new process, will send on forty tons of ore—thirty tons besides what has already been shipped—and the result will be based upon this, the ore being such as is taken from the mine from day to day. It is thought that they will be informed as to the result of the test before the end of the year.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

Where to Buy Them.

The sentiment that it is "more blessed to give than receive" is inspired by the near approach of Christmas, and yesterday the smiling and happy countenances of many of our best merchants indicated that the buyers of Christmas goods have even now been liberal customers. In making the annual purchases it would be well for all to remember that Christmas is best honored by deeds of kindness and charity to those who really need our charity, rather than feasting one's family or his friends, particularly if one must do it by purchasing beyond his means. In everything be just before you are generous, and the happy feeling of a good conscience will more than compensate for the little privations many honest men are required to undergo.

Purchasers thronged the streets yesterday, and the confectionery and variety store keepers were busy from early morning until the close of business last night. We have already mentioned those of our patrons who deal mostly in such goods as would be most likely to be selected for Christmas presents, but there are yet many articles in the line of staple goods which would suit most admirably for this purpose. At the drug store of F SCARR & CO

Can be found English, French and American hair brushes; tooth, nail and coat brushes, elegant sets of Celluloid brushes, combs and mirrors, choice perfumes in great variety, soaps of all kinds and prices, puff boxes and other toilet articles; for the table, English spices, gelatine, corn starch, extract of vanilla, lemon, and many other articles pour la cuisine.

WILSON & BURWELL

Have a most elaborate stock of goods on hand, and among them may be found many choice articles which would suit admirably for Christmas presents. For instance: exquisite toilet bottles, Eau de cologne in profusion, choice perfumery, spices, hair, nail and tooth brushes, soaps in every imaginable variety and style, in fact everything for the toilet or toilet purposes. Ye who prefer light to darkness, can find here a lamp of every style. Buy one and make your Christmas evening brighter, lighter and happier.

At the well known drug store of DR J H MCADEN,

Who is acknowledged to have the finest house of the kind in the State, is to be found, as indeed might have been expected, an array of Christmas articles. Among them are Lubin's extracts and colognes, English select spices, Colgate, honey and glycerine soaps, English, French and American hair and tooth brushes, lamps and lamp goods, in fact almost any article which can be found in any drug store in North Carolina.

J HARTY,

Who keeps the China emporium, has been particularly happy in his selection of goods in his line for Christmas. In his stock is to be found plain white and gold band tea and dinner sets, beautiful moss rose and fern decorated chamber sets, china cups and saucers, and mugs with mottoes, a large assortment of decorated glass and china vases, majolica, silver plated spoons, castors, pickle stands, toilet sets, card stands and card receivers in every conceivable shape, a general assortment of toys, banks and doll furniture, and a general assortment of housekeeping goods.

E D LATTA & BROTHER,

Clothiers, have an elegant stock of clothing and gentlemen's furnishing goods, elegant neck ties and scarfs, sleeved buttons and studs, clothes and hat brushes, silk handkerchiefs, hosiery, kid gloves, pulser warmers, mufflers, and lap robes, just to baffle the cold weather we are going to have, umbrellas and silk hats. These gentlemen have been in business here for only about eighteen months, but in that time they have succeeded in building up a trade which is both creditable to them and to Charlotte. Their success has been marked by energy, strict attention to business on business principles, and a careful regard for the wants and demands of their customers. Many articles on their shelves and counters would make most admirable Christmas presents.

KAUFMAN & BROTHER,

Who occupy the old Springs corner, have among their stock of notions and fancy goods, many articles which would be suitable for Christmas presents, such as scarfs, neck-ties, handkerchiefs, collar and sleeve buttons, fine boots, shoes and hats. Coming here only last spring to take a hand in the business of the liveliest town in the State, among a set of the very liveliest merchants to be found in the country, it is creditable to them to be able to state that they have more than held their own.

BERWANGER & BROTHER,

Clothiers and dealers in gentlemen's furnishing goods, though comparatively new to the Charlotte trade, give unmistakable evidence of business thrift, and many of their goods would make most admirable Christmas presents. Among their stock we may mention a full line of clothing, a fine selection of hats, gloves and hosiery, neck-ties, scarfs, handkerchiefs, and gentlemen's furnishing goods.

Unequalled in effectiveness, unapproached in cheapness, and unrivaled in popularity, is Dr Bull's Cough Syrup. 25 cts per bottle.

Mistake on the Part of the "News"

The Raleigh News has several times announced that Rufe Lowrance would be hanged in this city on Friday the 21st inst., and in its issue of Thursday it repeated this statement. Our contemporary is laboring under a misapprehension. While Judge Kerr originally named yesterday as the day for sentence of death to be executed upon Lowrance, he subsequently deferred it and sentenced the prisoner to be hanged on the 11th of January, which day he had previously appointed for the execution of Dick Smith. So that unless His Excellency the Governor interposes executive clemency, both of these men will suffer death on Friday the 11th prox.

Emigration, but Not to Liberia—Deluded North Carolinians Going West.

Conversation with Capt Kimball, ticket agent for the western and south-western railroads, reveals the astonishing fact that within the past three weeks one hundred and forty persons have emigrated from the section of country within a radius of thirty or forty miles around Charlotte, including the upper portion of South Carolina. The destination of most of these is Texas, but many are going to Mississippi and to south-western Tennessee. A party of about forty from Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland and other adjoining counties took the Air-Line train at this point night before last, bound for Texas. A larger number have gone from York county, S. C., than from any one section. The majority of these expect to locate in Arkansas.

The most lamentable feature of this movement is that most of those who have been lured away by the rosy colors in which this promised land has been painted, are young men and well-to-do citizens, who, feeling the influence of the general depression, hope to reach a place where this is not felt. They have closed their ears against the distressing stories which those who have returned from the West, broken in fortune and spirit, are constantly relating. They sell out everything they have and with this money are enabled to leave their homes with bright hopes and high anticipations. It seems that they are determined to go through with the same bitter experience which so many have encountered. The papers of Texas and other western and south-western States are constantly giving warnings to people who propose going thither, and relate many stories of misfortunes and shattered hopes, but they seem to have no effect. Our information is that others are making arrangements to leave, among whom is a small party from the section of country north and north-west of Charlotte, between this point and the Western North Carolina Railroad.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKET.

DECEMBER 21, 1877.

PRODUCE

Baltimore—Oats lower; southern 33 1/2; Rye dull at 63 1/2. Provisions dull and unchanged. Coffee firmer but higher. Whiskey dull at 1 1/2. Sugar steady.

Cincinnati—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat quiet and steady. Corn dull and a shade lower at 38 1/2. Oats quiet and steady. Rye dull and lower at 60. Pork dull and nominal. Lard dull; steam 7 1/2, closing at 7 1/2. Bulk meats dull; shoulders 4 1/2, clear ribs 5 1/2, clear sides 6 00. Bacon easier; shoulders 6 1/2, clear ribs 7, clear sides 7 1/2. Whiskey quiet at 1 05. Butter dull and lower; creamery 28 1/2, prime to choice western reserve 18 1/2. Central Ohio 15 1/2. Hogs steady. Hogs dull and lower and but little doing.

New York—Flour, shipping grades, a shade stronger and a good export demand; other kinds dull without any decided change. Superior western and state 4 00 1/2, closing strong for shipping grades and dull for other kinds. Southern flour quiet. Wheat about 1 1/2 better but somewhat irregular and unsettled. Corn a shade firmer. Oats 1/2 better and quiet. Coffee, Rio, quiet and unchanged. Sugar dull and nominal at 7 1/2 for fair to good refining; refined in fair demand; 94 for standard A. Molasses, foreign, nominal. New Orleans unchanged with a fair inquiry. Rice unchanged with a moderate trade. Pork dull and easier at 12 7/8. Lard a shade lower; prime steam 8 1/2. Whiskey steady at 1 10. Freight to Liverpool a shade firmer.

COTTON.

Norfolk—Quiet; middlings, 10c; stock, 35,318; weekly net receipts 22,100; sales, 3,900. exports coastwise, 5,912

Wilmington—Unchanged; middlings, 10c; stock, 30,142; weekly net receipts, 7,075; sales, 567; exports to Great Britain, 2,153; to the continent, 2,073; coastwise 3,323.

Philadelphia—Quiet; middlings, 11c; weekly net receipts, 1,175; gross, 6,119; sales, spinners, 2,228; stock, 9,416; exports coastwise, 1,128.

Augusta—Quiet and steady; middlings, 10 1/2; weekly net receipts, 10,974; shipments, 8,430; sales, 6,990; spinners, none; stock, 10,995.

Charleston—Steady; middlings, 10c; stock, 84,563; weekly net receipts, 22,355; sales, 7,900; exports to Great Britain, 5,749; to the continent, 3,670; coastwise, 3,798.

New York—Quiet; uplands, 11 5/16; Orleans, 11 7/16; sales, 344; receipts of the week, net 58.9; gross, 89,867; exports to Great Britain, 9,785; to the continent, 60; sales 6,193; stock, 101,772.

COMP BALE COTTON STATEMENT.

Net receipts at all United States ports during the week, 232,052; net receipts at all United States ports same week last year, 198,735; total receipts to this date, 2,117,867; total receipts to same date last year, 2,363,745; exports for the week, 131,808; exports for the same week last year, 150,960; total exports to this date, 979,481; total exports to same date last year, 1,172,068; stock at all

United States ports, 820,011; stock at all United States ports same time last year, 941,159; stock at all interior towns, 132,463; stock at all interior towns same time last year, 151,249; stock at Liverpool, 338,000; stock at Liverpool same time last year, 498,000; stock of American afloat for Great Britain, 247,000; stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year, 400,000.

LIVERPOOL—Noon—Flat and irregular; middling uplands 6 7/16, middling Orleans 6 1/2, sales 7,000, speculation and exports 1,000, receipts 8,250, American 8,150. Futures dull; uplands, low middling clause, December delivery 6 11/32, February and March 6 7/32, April and May 6 1/2, per call 6 9/32. Sales for the week 37,000, speculation 1,000, export 4,000, stock 338,000, American 174,000, receipts 87,000, American 67,000, actual exports 13,000, afloat 257,000, American 240,000, sales, American, 24,000.

2 P M—Futures weaker; uplands, low middling clause, December and January delivery 6 7/32, January and February 6 7/32.

4 P M—Sales, American, 5,800; uplands, low middling clause, February and March delivery 6 3/16, shipped February and March per call 6 5/16. The market for yarns and fabrics at Manchester is dull and tending down.

5 P M—Futures closed dull; uplands, low middling clause, December delivery 6 5/16, January and February 6 3/16.

The circular of the Liverpool Cotton Brokers' Association says: Cotton has been dull with a limited demand, which was freely supplied; prices were somewhat irregular and in most instances have declined. American was freely offered and prices have declined 1/4. Sea Island was in fair demand at generally steady prices. Futures under the influence of the unprecedentedly large receipts at American ports, and somewhat gloomy appearance of politics have been pressed for sale, and although a very large business was done, prices this (Thursday) morning showed a decline of about 7/32 in the week.

FUTURES

New York—Futures closed firm. Sales 88,000 bales.

December, 11 16 1/8. January, 11 19 1/2. February, 11 29 1/2. March, 11 41 1/2. April, 11 53 1/2. May, 11 64 1/2. June, 11 75 1/2. July, 11 86 1/2. August, 11 98 1/2.

FINANCIAL.

New York—Money active at 6. Sterling firm at 3. Gold quiet at 2 1/2. Governments dull. New 5's 9 1/2. States quiet.

The Cotton Market.

OBSERVER OFFICE. CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 22, 1877. The market still has a downward tendency, the closing being as follows:

Stained 7 1/2. Tinged 9 1/2. Low Middling 10. Middling 10 1/2. Good Middling 10 1/2. Receipts for the day, 879 bales. Receipts for Thursday (not reported) 690 bales.

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Come and get bargains. Everything is called by their right name and warranted as represented. at J T BUTLER'S, dec22

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THE store on College street which has been occupied recently by J W Hall & Co. Has an elevator and all other necessary conveniences, and is particularly adapted to the grocery trade. Possession given at once. Apply to SANDERS & BLACKWOOD. dec21 2w

REMEMBER

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IS the only Fashionable Merchant Tailor in this section of the country. He don't only call himself a tailor, but is a master of his trade. Call and see for yourself that all his garments are cut and made in the most artistic style. dec21

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Just Arrived. Just Arrived. A splendid assortment of Ladies' Neck Chains & Locketts, Ladies' Opera Chains, Ladies' and Gents' Sleeve Buttons, Gents' Chains, Gents' Collar Buttons, And a Handsome Line of JETT GOODS. CALL AND SEE THEM.

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To Pay Full Price for Clothing, when you can buy the same goods for three-fourths of their value.

Ask for any thing you want in the CLOTHING and Gent's Furnishing line, and we have it.

Call and convince yourself, before purchasing elsewhere, and save your money. Garments made to order at short notice, and we guarantee a fit, or no sale.

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BUY BIXBY'S BEST BLACKING.

BEST BOOTS and SHOES.

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ALEXANDER, SEIGLE & CO.

N. B.—We want you, if you owe us anything, to call by January 1st, and pay your note or account, as we are determined to close up the business. A. S. & CO. dec 12