

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

RAILROAD DIRECTORY.

Table with columns for destination (Richmond, Columbia, Augusta, etc.) and departure times.

THE CHURCHES TO-DAY.

First Presbyterian Church—No services. Sunday school in the afternoon at 4 o'clock.

INDICATIONS.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, August 30, 1878.

For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, partly cloudy weather.

Local Report for Yesterday.

Table with columns for Barometer, Relative Humidity, Wind, Clouds, and Temperature.

Meteorological Record.

Table with columns for Stations, Barom., Th., Wind, Vel., and Weather.

HOME FENCIBLES.

Summer over. Whew!

The last Sunday and the last day of the month.

Full moon last evening—the second for the month.

A dog of Mr. J. A. Elliott, supposed to be mad, was killed yesterday by Mr. John A. G. Orr.

All the jury cases on the civil docket of the Superior Court, after 113, have been continued for the term.

Mr. S. Landecker is now with Messrs. Elias & Cohen, and will be glad to see his friends and those of that popular house.

Prof. Agostini's dancing school opens in the Smith building to-night.

Members of the German club will be present at the opening.

A Mecklenburgh and his wife, citizens of Crab Orchard township, boast a joint weight of 475 pounds.

James Holland and Samuel Thompson, both colored, convicted of manslaughter in Gaston county, and sentenced to the penitentiary in November 1877, were discharged Thursday, their sentences having expired.

A match game of base ball was played between the Swiftfoots and the Stuart nine, on the grounds of the Carolina Military Institute, yesterday, resulting as follows: Swiftfoots 6, Stuart's 6—the best game ever played in Charlotte.

The S. V. M.'s amateur minstrels, will certainly appear on the night of the 30th. If the talent is there, the company will make a first rate entertainment for there has been no lack of practice.

If they are as successful as they anticipate, they will visit and give exhibitions in several neighboring towns.

The moon and Jupiter were in conjunction Friday, and yesterday Jupiter was in opposition with the sun.

Jupiter is now at his most brilliant point, being more than 180,000,000 miles nearer than when he is at his farthest.

If he would knock off a few more hundred millions it would begin to look as if he were getting real sociable.

Mecklenburgh's First Sale.

The first bale of cotton of this year's growth was sold in this city yesterday, and the "second new bale" in the State, the first having been sold in Wilmington two or three days ago.

It was raised in Providence township, by Hugh J. Banks, Esq., a classed strict low melling and bright 13 1/2 cents, weighing 469 pounds and was bought by Oates Bros.

The first bale sold in Charlotte last year came from South Carolina on the 23rd, and the first bale from this city came in on the 24th, five days earlier than the crop this year.

Thus the cotton season has commenced.

The best is the cheapest. Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup is acknowledged to be the safest and most reliable medicine for babies. Price 25 cents.

THE PETHEL TRIAL.

DID HE POISON HIS WIFE?

Commencement of the Case—Only a Part of the Evidence Taken, and One Branch of the Case Touched Upon.

The morning hour of the Superior Court yesterday was entirely consumed in the selection of the jury for the trial of George Pethel for the murder of his wife, formerly Alice Pethel, by poisoning.

The court room was packed from the beginning by a crowd which made no attempt to conceal their eagerness to hear all of a case, which from its peculiar nature, and its several removals, is alleged to have been enacted, to Iredeil, and then to Mecklenburgh—has for a long time occupied public attention.

Solicitor Montgomery is assisted in the prosecution by Capt. Chas. F. Price, of Salisbury, for the defence appear, Messrs. Shipp & Bailey, of this city, and Messrs. J. W. Mauney and J. M. Gray, of Salisbury.

The following is the jury selected: J. S. Phillips, W. S. Alexander, F. B. McWhirter, A. M. Stewart, R. J. Sifford, J. R. Baker, J. E. Griffith, W. N. Price, H. C. Irwin, D. K. Sing, A. F. Torrence, D. W. Oates.

There was nothing peculiar noticeable about the demeanor of the prisoner, a young man of twenty-three. He was composed, his conduct was marked by the most watchful attention to all that was said on the trial.

When the court opened in the afternoon, the solicitor stated what he proposed to prove. It was, briefly, that on or about the 1st of February, 1878, the prisoner caused the death of his wife by administering strychnine, as medicine.

The first witness was N. D. Fetzer, a druggist of Concord. He was asked if he recognized the prisoner as a man who had bought strychnine from him on or about the 1st of February, 1878, and replied that he did not.

On the cross-examination, he said he never heard of Alice Pethel having any "smothering" spells, had heard George speak of her being sick, never heard them quarrelling, had never been to their house but once, but had frequently seen them at his.

On the cross-examination, he said he wasn't at the funeral, nor the inquest; didn't know there was a preliminary trial; first said he never told anybody what he saw until he saw Mr. Price, the lawyer at Charlotte court, and afterwards said he told Mr. Jo McLean, two or three weeks after the prisoner went to jail.

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