

The Charlotte Observer

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FIVE MINUTES WITH THE MORNING NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

The government launch Nellie struck a snag in the Mississippi river Tuesday...

The river mail route south of Vicksburg has been discontinued...

Fire in the town of Howard, Mich. Tuesday evening destroyed the business portion of the town...

Uncle Sam's balance sheet at the end of the year just past shows a deficit of \$75,000...

The preliminary examination of the remaining negro charged with conspiracy in the Christmas Eve murder plot...

It is reported that Col. Sudekoff assassinated in St. Petersburg, Russia, was killed by some of his own agents...

The London Times publishes a dispatch confirming the report of an engagement between the Egyptian forces at Gezireh and a band of insurgents...

The color-demonstration at Key West, Fla., celebrated emancipation day Tuesday...

The P. & N. General has issued an order placing a certain class of printed matter or heretofore rated as third class on the fourth class list as merchandise...

A collision between two trains on the Canada Grand Trunk Railway yesterday resulted in the death of nineteen men and injury to twenty or thirty more...

A meeting of the Irish Nationalists was prevented yesterday by the prohibition of the Lord Lieutenant and the presence of a force of police...

In the evening at a dinner Mr. Biggar, member of Parliament, expressed his opinion of the Lord Lieutenant...

A number of boats loaded with coal were sunk in the Ohio river yesterday by heavy ice. One of them colliding with a steamer caused her to take fire and sink...

A number of spinners and pack boys struck against a reduction of wages in Grinnell mill at New Bedford, Mass. yesterday...

The suspended National Bank at St. Albans, Vermont yesterday paid up its first dividend to creditors...

A fire in Brockton, Minn., yesterday, nearly destroyed the town. Among the buildings burned were the Sherman house county buildings and nine business houses...

The president of the American Iron and Steel Association expresses the opinion that prices have reached the bottom...

The funeral of Archbishop Perche, at New Orleans yesterday, was very imposing...

LOCAL. A white man named F. B. Hubbert has been arrested on charges of being implicated in the late burglaries...

W. A. Withers, a Mecklenburg boy, has been appointed Assistant State Chemist...

The Charlotte Hotel has been closed under mortgage. A destructive fire occurred on the farm of Harvey Walker four miles from the city...

Pink Hall, a colored shoemaker, was shot while at work last night. A son of Wm. Lillycrop was run over by a carriage and slightly injured...

James Williams, confined in jail at Ottumwa, Iowa, yesterday shot the jailer dead and escaped. Landrum & Butler, dry goods dealers at Augusta, Georgia, have failed for \$85,000...

Judge Kirkel of the U. S. Court at Kansas City, Mo., yesterday decided that the State of Missouri had a priority to try Frank James who was demanded by Federal authorities for a robbery committed in Alabama...

The hunting party of Gen. H. H. Houghton, Michigan, yesterday, caused the loss of six lives. Mary Anderson, the Kentucky girl, emphatically denies that she is engaged to the English duke or anybody else...

The Charlottesville, Va., Chronicle says "Mahonism must be made odious." One would think from the result of the last election that it was already so...

P. T. Barnum has accumulated a fortune of \$10,000,000 in the show business. In his will recently made he makes liberal bequests to a number of charitable institutions...

The National Republican says the Republican party must stand by the negro because the negro holds the balance of power, and without his vote the Republican party would be in a lonesome minority...

The Macon, Ga., Telegraph and Messenger, one of our most valued exchanges, comes out in a new dress and in eight-page form. We like the change, and we herewith take occasion to extend to our sprightly and vigorous contemporary our best wishes May it "live long and prosper."

The State capital at Des Moines, Iowa, which was begun in 1870, is just being completed. It is built of Missouri yellow and gray stone, is 83 feet in length, 246 in width, and 92 feet to the top of the cornice. It cost \$2,862,631, and what is remarkable there is no complaint of any jobs or stealage in the construction...

Macon Telegraph: If farmers, merchants, manufacturers and other representatives of other business interests are entitled to whatever profits the enterprise in which they are engaged can be made to pay, wherein consists the justice of outside interference, to cut down the profits of the railroad business to the lowest living margin? The war upon railroads is improper as a matter of policy and indefensible as a matter of right...

The Reading company's rail mill, in Pennsylvania, which was a very extensive establishment, has closed, because it cost \$374 a ton to make rails, while in other sections of the country, which could be made for \$35. It has been proven that the Southern iron mills can make iron at a much less figure than Northern mills, even in the most favored localities, and this doubtless has been the cause of the suspension of more than one mill in the North...

I've heard old cutting stages say that for every pain St. Jacobs will pay...

FOURTH CLASS MATTER.

The Postmaster General Orders Certain Postal Matter to be Classified as Merchandise.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Postmaster General today issued an order changing the rate of postage on a certain class of articles which heretofore were rated as third class or printed matter, paying postage at the rate of one cent for every two ounces...

Under this order the articles which heretofore were classified as merchandise or fourth class matter, upon which postage is one cent per ounce. The following is the text of the order: (The merchandise within the meaning of the postal laws is not necessarily changed by printing or stamping thereon of words, letters, characters, figures, images or of any combination thereof. Labels, envelopes, photographs, playing cards, address papers, paper sacks, wrapping paper with printed advertisements thereon, bill heads, letter heads, envelopes, and other matter of the same general character, the printing upon which is not designed to instruct, amuse, cultivate the mind or taste or impart general information, or the articles of merchandise, and should be rated as fourth class matter.)

FEARFUL COLLISION. Nineteen Men Killed and Twenty or Thirty Wounded.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 2.—This morning on the Grand Trunk Railway a suburban train left Union station at 6:40 o'clock, one of the cars attached was filled with employees of the bolt works who live in the city and who are conveyed to their daily labor by this means, the train stopping for them opposite the works. After turning the curve at Parkdale boundary a freight train was observed coming cityward but the impetus of both trains was so great to allow the brakemen to do their duty in time and the result was a shocking tragedy. Nineteen men employed at the bolt works were reported killed and 20 or 30 wounded. The conductor of the freight train, George Barber, is said to be responsible for the horrible affair as he was running his train without orders. He has been arrested.

A Prohibited Meeting—Biggar's Compromises to Spencer.

DUBLIN, Jan. 2. Despite the proclamation of the Lord Lieutenant prohibiting the gathering of the Nationalists at Coote Hill, county Clavar, Hon. J. C. Biggar, member of Parliament, with a number of members of the organizing committee of the Irish National League, arrived at the depot and were met by a large crowd. Magistrates and a force of police were also present at the depot. The magistrates waited upon Biggar and handed him a copy of the proclamation prohibiting the meeting. Biggar mounted a car and drove off, followed by his friends and the police, then later preventing any assembly of the crowd in the streets was expected. At a dinner given in his honor in the evening by the Nationalists Biggar made an address, in which he said he was not aware how Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, intended to take his property, but unless some successful prostitute or church robber unmasked it years ago, Earl Spencer would probably at the present day have been a drunken horse breaker.

Coal Boat Sunk and a Steamer Barred.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 2. Two tow boats with heavy loads of coal barges were caught in the heavy ice and current and collided with a pier at the Davis Island dam early this morning. Several coal barges were wrecked. The tow boat N. Barton, caught fire from the collision, her furnace being broken down and her crew numbering twenty men became panic-stricken and several jumped overboard midway between the dam and Neville Island. The boat careened and went down in shallow water. Her companion boat not having been injured put out a yawl and succeeded in picking up sixteen of the Barton's crew. The other four are missing. Shortly afterwards the tug engineer Underwood was picked up. It is possible that the three still missing have managed to make shore but up to noon today they had not reported. The steamer Barton was valued at \$25,000. The tow boats which sank were valued at \$25,000, making a total of \$50,000 on which there is no insurance.

Fall in the Prices of Iron.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—The secretary of the American Steel and Iron Association in a review of the year's trade estimates the shrinkage in price or number 1 anthracite foundry pig iron at \$4 per ton, steel rails at 30 per cent, bar iron at four cents per pound and nails at 1 per keg. The secretary says: "It will be seen that the decline has been very serious, much more serious than is generally supposed. It would seem that prices cannot go any lower than they now are, and this theory would appear to be confirmed by the fact that owners of furnaces, rolling mills and steel works on every hand have put out their fires because the future offered no hope of their realizing living profits."

Federal of Archbishop Perche.

N. W. ORLEANS, Jan. 2.—The obsequies of the late Archbishop Perche were held today in the cathedral of a very imposing character. The procession included in addition to the Catholic clergy, the State and city officials, military, various Catholic societies, Sisters of Charity and workers in charge of the inmates of the Catholic asylum here, and a great concourse of citizens.

St. Louis cathedral where the ceremonies were held was decorated with funeral emblems and appropriate inscriptions. Right Rev. F. X. Sella, prelate, officiated at the cathedral, as assisted by the clergy from this and other States.

A Destructive Fire.

BRECKENRIDGE, Minn., Jan. 2.—This town was nearly destroyed by fire yesterday. Among the buildings burned are the Sherman House, the Wilkinson county offices, containing nearly all the county records, and nine business buildings. The loss is \$75,000; insurance \$35,000.

Strike Against Reduction.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 2.—Twenty-one spinners at 18 Backboys mill in the Grinnell mill yesterday. The mill stopped.

A Western editor has spent six years writing a book entitled, "How to test the efficacy of any medicine stick to it but in the preface he says, however, he knows no better remedy for coughs and colds produced by sedentary habits, than Dr. Bull's cough syrup.

The March of Progress.

Philadelphia Times

On the 24th of December, 1814, the treaty of peace that closed the War of 1812 with England, was signed at Ghent by the English and American Commissioners; but the hostile armies were in the field far across the sea from Ghent, and it required many days to carry to the enemies facing each other behind shot guns, the news that they were again friends.

On the 8th of January, 1815, a full fortnight after the treaty of peace was signed, the battle of New Orleans—the most bloody and decisive of the war—was fought by Generals. Packenham and Jackson. It was fought when the warring nations had made peace two weeks before; but news then tardily was found and the battle of the sailing vessels of that day, and Packenham gave his life as an offering to a war that had been ended by treaty, and Jackson was made President by the battle that should never have been fought.

The march of progress since the last war with England, was very pointedly exemplified in the Times of yesterday. The "London hour" report for the murder of Carey the informer, whose case attracted world-wide interest, was executed at 8:02 yesterday morning, and at 5 o'clock of the same morning, or three hours earlier, by American time, than the hour of execution, an account of it was published in these columns and ready for delivery to readers. In the meantime, the report had to be made up in London, cabled to New York, telegraphed to Philadelphia, carefully edited, set up and stereotyped, but all that the Londoner read three hours before the London hour of death.

Paying in First Dividend.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Jan. 2.—The suspended Vermont National Bank began yesterday to pay its first dividend to depositors, amounting to 12 1/2 per cent.

The London Truth fears that over dressing is a constitutional defect in America; this may be so but there is one thing England can not help acknowledging that we have the greatest remedy for asthma known—Dr. Bull's cough syrup.

The Snow of Mont Blanc is not whiter than teeth that are daily rubbed with SOZODONT, and coral gathered in ocean depths is whiter than the hue of the gums freed from spurgines by the same salutary agent. American ladies visiting foreign lands will find the attention of beholders attracted by the envy of their transatlantic sisters, with the surprising excellence of their teeth. When asked what they owe to this charm, they murmur the talismanic word SOZODONT.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. JANUARY 2, 1884.

Produce.

BALTIMORE.—Noon.—Flour quiet; Howard Street and Western Superfine \$3 00; 30 50 Extra \$2 75; Family \$2 00; 35 75 City Mills \$2 50; 30 00 do Extra \$4 00; \$2 25. Rye bran \$2 75; 25 00. Paupers Family \$2 50. Superfine Patent \$7 00. Wheat—Southwestern \$1 10; 11 00. Southern \$1 05; 11 00. Amber \$1 05; 11 00. No. 1 Maryland \$1 10; 11 00. No. 2 Western winter red spot \$1 05; 11 00. Corn—Southern lower \$1 05; 11 00. Southern \$1 05; 11 00. Yellow \$2 50. BATTLEMORE.—Night.—Oats—Quiet; Southern \$2 43; Western white \$2 43; mixed \$2 39. Pennsylvania \$2 43. Potatoes—quiet; mess pork \$15 50. Bulk meats—shoulders and clear ribs sides packed 74 1/2. Bacon—shoulders 7 1/2. Clear ribs sides 9 1/2. Lard—ordinary to fair 11 1/2. Sugar—quiet; A soft 7 1/2; copper refined quiet at 14 1/4. Whiskey—steady at \$1.50; 1 1/4. Freight—dull.

CHICAGO.—Night.—Flour dull. Regular wheat opened easier, declined 1/2 cent; re-closed again and closed 1/2 cent under Monday's figures. January 93 1/4. Corn unsettled and irregular. Chicago 1 1/2 cents higher for January than on Monday. Cash 1 1/2. January 1 1/2. Oats—opened 1/2 cent higher, declined 1/2 cent; re-closed and closed a shade better; cash 23 3/4; January 23 1/4. Pork opened 1/2 cent higher, advanced 1/2 cent; re-closed and closed steady. 24 1/2; 25 1/4. Lard—regular, opened 10 1/2; 11 1/4. Higher, re-closed 7 1/2; but proved slightly towards the close; cash 8 75; 88 50. 28 00; 88 50 for January. Bulk meats in fair demand; shoulder 26 1/2; short rib 27 00; short clear 37 00.

NAVY STORES.

WILMINGTON.—Spirits turpentine steady at \$1. Boston firm; strained \$1.15; good do. \$1.20. Crude turpentine steady; hard \$1.15; yellow dip and virgin \$2.00. Tar firm at \$1.40.

CHALLOTTE.—Turpentine easy at 30; Rosin quiet; strained and good do. \$1.15.

SAVANNAH.—Turpentine dull at \$1; sales heavy; Rosin—firm; strained \$1.15; good do. \$1.20; sales — barrels.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK.

Exchange—4.81 1/2. Money—2 1/2. Government—7.057. Four and a half per cents—114 1/2. Four per cents—123 1/2. Three per cents—100. State Bonds—steady. Alabama—Class A. 2 to 5—82 1/2. Alabama—Class A. small—83. Alabama—Class B. 5 to 10—82 1/2. Alabama—Class C. 4 to 5—82 1/2. Georgia 6's, mortgages—101.08. Georgia 7's, mortgages—101.02. Georgia Gold—110. Louisiana Consols—74 1/2. North Carolina 4's, J and J—83. North Carolina 6's—109 1/2. U. S. Bonds—103. U. S. Bonds—103. Tennessee 6's—103. Tennessee New—103. Virginia 6's—103. Virginia 6's—103. Virginia 6's—103. Adams Express—110. American Express—91. Chesapeake and Ohio—144. Erie—103. Fort Wayne—103. Hannibal and St. Joseph—89 1/2. Harlem—191. Houston and Texas—45. Illinois Central—131. Lake Shore—95 1/2. Louisville and Nashville—44 1/2. Memphis and Charleston—38 1/2. Metropolitan Elevator—90. Mobile and Ohio—87 1/2. Nashville and Chattanooga—85. New Jersey Central—85. New Orleans Pacific—115. New York Central—119 1/2. New York Elevated—105 1/2. Norfolk and Western preferred—39 1/2. Northern Pacific common—24 1/2. Northern Pacific preferred—58 1/2. Ohio and Mississippi—29. Pacific Mail—41 1/2. Pittsburgh—103. Quicksilver—61. Quicksilver preferred—61. Reading—58 1/2.

Richmond and Allegheny

Richmond and Danville 54. Richmond and West P. Terminal 27. Rock Island 118 1/2. St. Louis and San Francisco 23. St. Louis and S. F., 1st preferred 87. St. Louis and S. F., 2nd preferred 80 1/2. St. Paul preferred 116 1/2. Texas Pacific 17 1/2. Union Pacific 71 1/2. Western Union Express 74 1/2. Wabash Pacific preferred 184. Wells Fargo 107. Western Union 74 1/2. Bid. Last bid. Offered. Asked.

COTTONS.

GALVESTON.—Quiet; middling 10; low middling 9 1/2; good ordinary 9 1/2. 316 net receipts 1048; gross receipts 1048; sales 303; stock 117 479. exports coastwise — to France —; Great Britain —; continent —; Great Britain —; continent —; Great Britain —; continent —.

NEW ORLEANS.—Firm; middling 10; low middling 9 1/2; good ordinary 9 1/2. net receipts 1338; gross 63 634; sales 1 621; exports coastwise —; Great Britain —; continent —.

BALTIMORE.—Steady; middling 10; low middling 9 1/2; good ordinary 9 1/2. net receipts 100; gross 100; exports coastwise —; Great Britain —; continent —.

BOSTON.—Quiet; middling 10; low middling 9 1/2; good ordinary 9 1/2. net receipts 1428; gross 1771; sales —; stock 6 155; exports to Great Britain —.

WILMINGTON.—Firm; middling 9 1/2; low middling 9; good ordinary 8 1/2; net receipts 444; gross 444; sales —; stock 15 303; exports coastwise 1 549; Great Britain 871; channel —.

PHILADELPHIA.—Easy; middling 10 1/2; low middling 9 1/2; good ordinary 9 1/2. net receipts 93; gross 98; stock 10 540. exports to Great Britain 25; sales 500; exports to continent —; channel —; coastwise 1 800; Great Britain 11 329.

NEW ORLEANS.—Firm; middling 10; low middling 9 1/2; good ordinary 9 1/2. net receipts 1104; gross 1185; sales 2700; stock 100 91; exports to continent —; channel —; coastwise 1 800; Great Britain 11 329.

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