

# Daily Charlotte Observer.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

THE REMAINDER OF OUR

## Summer :-: Goods

Must be sold to make room for our

## LARGE FALL STOCK.

To do this we have made a still further reduction in prices. Call and get bargains.

## Parasols, White Robes, Etc.,

At prices that cannot be duplicated. FELT at \$1.00 per yard. Everything else in proportion.

## HARGRAVES & ALEXANDER.

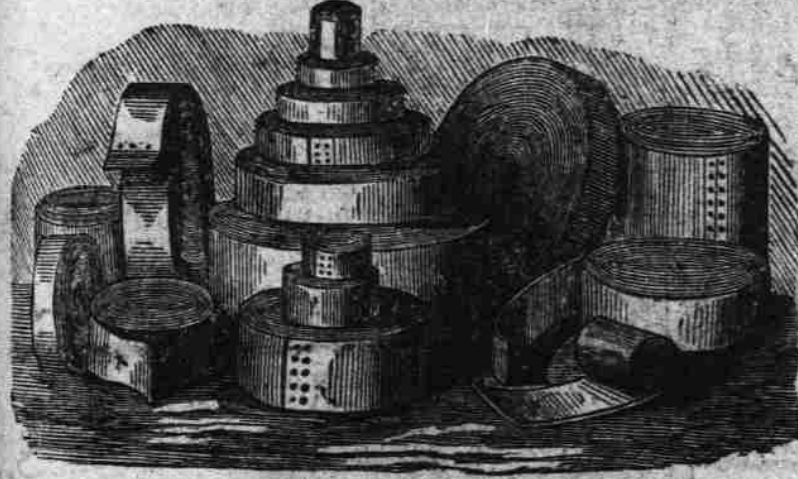
SMITH BUILDING.

## THOMAS K. CAREY & CO.

25 S. CHARLES STREET, BALTIMORE, MD.

## MANUFACTURERS PURE OAK LEATHER BELTING,

And Dealers in RUBBER BELTING, PACKING, HOSE, &c. COTTON, WOOLEN and SAW MILL SUPPLIES, &c.



Agents:  
Boston Belting Co.'s Rubber Belting  
Hoyt's Leather Belt  
Mt. Vernon Belting  
Joseph Noonan's Sons Roller Slasher and Clearer Cloth  
T. K. Earle's Card Clothing, &c.

## DRESSMAKING.

Having secured the services of a stylish and competent dressmaker from the North, I would respectfully announce that I will be prepared to take in work by the 20th of this month. A liberal share of the public patronage solicited. Satisfaction in work guaranteed.

## T. L. SEIGLE.

Special attention given to orders for outfits from a distance.

## The Great Closing Out Sale

## ALEXANDER & HARRIS

Will continue until the entire stock is disposed of.

ALEXANDER & HARRIS.

### The Charlotte Observer.

"TRUTH, LIKE THE SUN, SOMETIMES SEEMS TO BE OBSCURED, BUT, LIKE THE SUN, ONLY FOR A TIME."

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#### A CHILD'S SUICIDE.

##### A Sprightly Little Boy Sends a Bullet Crashing Through His Brain.

A Philadelphia special says: A sad and extraordinary tragedy occurred Sunday morning in the handsome house No. 600 north Sixth street, Oscar Parry, a bright little boy not yet twelve years of age, took his own life by shooting himself with a pistol. What could have prompted the act is a mystery, and his father, who doted upon him, is almost crazed with grief. Oscar was a precocious and handsome boy, and was idolized by those who knew him well. For several weeks he had been away spending his vacation at Atlantic City, and returned again only last week to prepare again for school. He came back light-hearted and hopeful, with cheeks browned by the sun, but about three days ago began to complain of headaches. This morning his father, William Parry, was playing with him in bed, and the two got up and dressed for breakfast. Oscar said he did not feel hungry, and declined to go down stairs. His father persuaded, but finally hushed him as he always did. The family were seated at the breakfast table, and had scarcely begun to partake of the meal, when they were startled by a sharp report. At first it was thought a window sash had fallen in one of the rooms, but that theory was soon abandoned. "It sounded like a pistol," some one said, and Mr. Parry became alarmed. He had left a pistol in his room on a shelf, and hastily rising from the table, ran up stairs. On opening the door of his room he saw little Oscar lying on his back on the floor, with his hand to his head. His right arm lay across his breast and in the right hand was the pistol. A moment more and the boy was in his father's arms, but he was beyond recall. Death had been instantaneous, and the father fell beside his boy in a fit of uncontrollable agony. The other inmates of the house, anxious about Mr. Parry's absence and the unexplained noise, went up stairs and found the father and his dead son. A doctor was sent for, but it was no use—the pistol had done its work well. Oscar had seen the pistol on the mantle, and almost as soon as his father left the room he placed a chair under the shelf so as to reach the weapon. He must have understood its use, as the muzzle was placed to his temple and the bullet shot through the brain. It seems impossible for the tragedy to have been the result of an accident, unless the boy did not think it would go off.

Mr. Parry could give no explanation of the affair. "Only a few hours ago," he said, "I was playing with him before rising. He was cuddled up in my arms and laughing as I teased him. I asked him if he liked to be my baby, and he said, 'No, not a baby,' as if he felt himself too big and old to be called a baby. I told him that I didn't mean that, and he said yes, that he liked to be my boy. There was nothing the matter with him then, and I cannot understand this horrible thing. I have never chastised my children. I only had two, Oscar and his elder brother. Now he is gone." Mr. Parry is an educated gentleman, and as he told the story of his boy's death his eyes filled with tears and the words came in broken sentences. "No, I cannot say whether it was accidental or intentional. But what could have made him do it? He was of a lovable disposition, and I almost adored him. He had nothing to worry him, and when he came back from the sea shore he seemed glad to go back to school.

#### Greenbacks at a Premium.

New York World.  
Greenbacks are actually at a premium over silver, and are being traded in as if they were merchandise. Since the order of Treasurer Jordan prohibiting the sub-treasuries from paying out any more one and two dollar bills, these denominations have been very scarce. The object of the order was to force into circulation the standard silver dollars, which nobody likes to carry, and which the government has been obliged to pile away in its big vaults, while its gold surplus has been decreasing to an alarming extent. New one and two dollar bills no longer being issued by the government, those in circulation are sought for by the banks. The consequence is that they are worth a slight premium above par. Zimmerman and Forsyth, the bullion dealers, say that they are paying \$1001 for every \$1000 of the one and two dollar bills, and they must make a small profit selling them to their customers. This is said to be the first time in the history of the country that paper currency has sold at a premium.

#### About the State.

Greensboro Workman: It was nine instead of five head of cattle that the train killed near Jamestown some days ago five killed out right, and four dying afterwards. The next night the train killed two dogs that were too busy eating beef to get out of the way.

Wilmington Review: A fine catch of mullets was made on Monday last, at Masonboro beach by Mr. Jere Hewlett and crew. They got something over 7,000, fine fat fish, the catch filling 50 barrels. It is considered a very fine catch, especially thus early in the season.

Greensboro Patriot: Mr. Joseph Maller, deaf mute, who worked for Mr. C. H. Doughty as a shoe maker a few years since, in this city, was killed by a train while walking on the B. & O. R. R. track, while going to Baltimore to seek employment. He was killed in a cut near Eldridge, Md. on the 27th of August.

Hickory Press: The warehouse of Messrs. Hall Bros. in the rear of the store now occupied by Messrs. Flaum Bros. gave from the pressure of its contents and was crushed off its pillars to the ground last Wednesday night making considerable noise. There was a large quantity of goods in the warehouse, among other things about three car loads of salt and dried fruit and a large quantity of store hardware, &c., to which but little damage was done.

Goldboro Argus: A large shipment of convicts from the State Penitentiary passed through this city en route for the public work on Angola Bay, in Pender county. A telegram has been received in this city by Sheriff Grantham, from Governor Scales, notifying him that Lewis Williams and Wesley Wall, the two negroes who were convicted of burglary at our late term of Superior Court and sentenced to be hanged on the 18th current, have been commuted, the one to 10 and the other to 15 years respectively, in the penitentiary. This step on the part of our excellent Governor meets with the entire approbation of all even minded citizens in this community.

Goldboro Messenger: Capt. R. T. Fulghum, died in the insane asylum at Raleigh Saturday morning. Until two or three years ago, when his mind became impaired, Capt. Fulghum had led an active life. The outbreak of the war found him a freight conductor on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, which position he relinquished and entered the army. For a long time he was on the staff of Gen. Lawrence Baker, and at the close of the war he selected Goldboro for his home and engaged in the dry goods business under the firm name of Fulghum & Whitfield. The firm was not successful, and Capt. Fulghum drifted into journalism, publishing the Farmer, Land-Mechanics' Journal here in Goldboro, and later in Raleigh. He did excellent service as Secretary of the State Fair. Subsequently he published the Greensboro Patriot, and made it a most excellent paper. Peace to his ashes.

Raleigh Visitor: The North Carolina Wire and Picket Fence Company was incorporated by C. D. Upchurch, Esq., Clerk of the Superior Court, on Saturday last. It is rumored that a new independent morning daily paper will soon be established here by a joint stock company. Efforts are now being made to perfect the arrangements for its publication. Rev. Chas. Soon, the Chinaman, gave quite an interesting lecture to the Sabbath school children of Edenton Street M. E. Church on yesterday afternoon on the manner and customs of China, showing some of the idols which they worshipped. The lecture was quite interesting and the large audience was much edified. He also preached at night to a very large congregation. He will remain in North Carolina until the meeting of Conference in November next and then he will go back to his native country as a missionary from North Carolina.

#### Stopped His Paper.

N. Y. Newsdealer.  
Once upon a time a certain man got mad with the editor and stopped his paper. The next week he sold his corn at four cents below the market price. Then his property was sold for taxes, because he didn't read the Sheriff's sale. He was arrested and fined \$8 for going hunting on Sunday, and he paid \$30 for a lot of forged notes that had been advertised two weeks and the public had been cautioned not to negotiate for them. He then paid a big Irishman, with a foot like a forge hammer, to kick him all the way to the newspaper office, where he paid four years' subscription in advance and had the editor sign an agreement to knock him down and rob him if he ever ordered his paper stopped again. Such is life without a newspaper.

#### Miss Cleveland's Book.

Washington Critic.  
Miss Cleveland writes to a friend in Washington, says a special to the Philadelphia News, that she has been paid thus far the sum of \$7,250 as her share of the profits upon her book, "George Eliot's poetry and other studies." The sale of the book keeps up fairly well and her profits upon the venture will aggregate not less than \$25,000. She is so highly elated over her success that she is already engaged in writing a novel which will record portions of the remarkable career of her brother, the President, and will also contain some chapters of Washington life.

## 1885. 1886.

## FALL and WINTER CAMPAIGN

### You Can Laugh

Advanced prices to scorn, because at a moderate outlay you can buy our newest arrivals of goods at a

GENUINE BARGAIN.

Towels 2'x4 inches, in Bleached Damask, at 25 cents each.  
Towels 18x42 inches, in Bleached Damask and Knotted Fringe, at 25 cents each.  
Towels 23x42 inches, in Bleached German Huck and Knotted Fringe, at 45 cents each.  
We will positively not sell more than one dozen of a kind to any one customer.  
10-4 Extra Heavy Bleached Sheetings at 25 cents per yard, worth 32 1/2 cents. We continue this offer mainly for the benefit of our out-of-town customers.  
Cretones at 17 1/2 cents per yard, which readily sold at 25 cents per yard.  
Fifty Inch Raw Silk Upholstery Goods at 80 cents, \$1.00, \$1.25, up to \$2.00 per yard. These we reduce 30 per cent.

### Honey Comb and Marseilles Spreads.

1 Lot 10 1/4 White Honey Comb Spreads at 95 cents, worth \$1.25.  
1 Lot 10 1/4 Marseilles Spreads at \$1.00, worth \$1.40.  
1 Lot 10 1/4 Extra Heavy Marseilles Spreads at \$1.60, worth \$2.25.  
ABOVE PRICES FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

### PEOPLE RELY UPON OUR STATEMENTS.

They come prepared,  
They find what they want.  
They see the bargains displayed, and  
They leave our store with smiling faces.

## New Arrivals of Fall Goods

IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS,

### Our Carpet Department

Has just received the largest shipment of Carpets that has ever reached any Southern city at any one time. We are now prepared to show INGRAINS, TAPESTRIES and BRUSSELS of most exquisite colors and patterns.

#### OUR BUYER

Displayed excellent taste and good judgment. He deserves credit for having secured the above shipments at prices which we were paying months ago, and not at the exorbitant prices which are being asked by manufacturers now.

WE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MAIL ORDERS.

## WITTKOWSKY & BARUCH,

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## Our Grand Closing Out Sale

OF

## Summer Clothing

—STILL CONTINUES.—

In order to make room for our Fall and Winter Stock, which is daily arriving, we will offer this week at a great sacrifice,

## 100 Men's Suits at \$5.00,

WORTH \$10.00, \$12.00 AND \$13.50.

100 Boys' and Children's Suits from \$2.00 up.

These are extraordinary bargains and cannot be gotten anywhere else for

### Double the Money.

But they must be closed out. We don't intend to carry any over. We make a clean sweep of every garment every season, and do not take cost into consideration. An early call will pay every economical purchaser.

## W. KAUFMAN & CO

LEADING CLOTHIERS, CENTRAL HOTEL CORNER.