

DATES.

Have you any dates? If not you can buy more good new dates for your money at ALLEN'S, opposite post office, than anywhere else. Don't pay over 10c pound for dates. We have just received a big shipment of new figs, dates, raisins, nuts. Also some fine Florida oranges, bananas, fine candies, etc. See our BIG box of gne stationery for 25c. Be sure you go to Allen's, it's headquarters.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Fair, warmer. The following temperatures prevailed at 8 a. m.:

Asheville	29 Fair
Atlanta	32 Fair
Boston	30 Fair
Chicago	24 Cloudy
Cincinnati	32 Cloudy
Raleigh	34 Fair
Jacksonville	38 Fair
New York	34 Fair
Washington	62 Fair

Dr. H. J. Chapman, in charge of the government weather bureau at the Winyah, reported at 9 o'clock last night the following weather condition prevailing in Asheville:

Maximum temperature for the day... 45
 Minimum temperature for the day... 24
 Average temperature for the day... 35
 Average relative humidity... 68
 Barometer at 9 p. m. ... 27.80. Stationary.

Local Business Items of Interest.

THE DAY OF GRACE IS OVER.

But the time for your Christmas Photos is at hand, the rush has commenced at Lindsey's Art Parlors. So you had best get your order in now or you will be too late.

Frank—Hello, Ed! You're diked out today. Where'd you get that new suit at? Ed—O, this is one of them handsome \$10.00 suits that Alexander & Courtney sell this week for \$7.50.

Frank—Great Jeezophat! that all it cost? I'll have me one before tomorrow night.

Double strength horsehound tablets made fresh every day at The Alcazar.

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In selecting your Harness—your life is at stake. J. M. Alexander has the best. No. 11 Northwest Court Square.

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All kinds of cheese can be had sliced for table use at Gross.

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Go to Gross' for fry in the box.

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Peanut Brittle that is Brittle. Coconut Crisp that is Crisp, made by the finest candy company in America, ---Tenny Co., only 10c package. Honey and molasses candy kisses 5c box.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. Fred Hull, who has been ill for some time, is reported no better.

Colonel Cameron is reported as still in a critical condition.

C. F. Ray has a pretty display of dolls and Christmas tree ornaments in his street show window.

John Ballard of Reems creek, brought to the city yesterday a quantity of apples of a very fine variety.

Mr. Leather, a well known horse dealer from Tennessee, is at Wiley Brown's livery stable with a lot of fine blooded horses for sale.

Capt. W. J. Hannah, with forty-three of the Richland Rifles, arrived last night and will take part in the Olligman obsequies today.

"Master of the Situation" will be subject of lecture of R. R. Swope, rector of All Souls' church at Biltmore, at the Young Men's Institute this evening at 8:30.

Turner McCarron, who it is alleged stole some money from Walter Crook Saturday night, was bound over to court yesterday in the sum of \$100 by Justice Van Gilder.

The notice to magistrates recently published in the Gazette, has had the effect to bring to the clerk's office a number of reports from justices of the peace, something unusual in Buncombe county.

The Rt. Rev. T. U. Dudley, D.D., will preach a special sermon on next Thursday night at 8 o'clock at St. Matthias Episcopal church to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The public is cordially invited to be present.

The ladies of Woman's Foreign Mission society who met in the parlor of Mrs. Turner on Friday afternoon decided to have a called meeting of their body on Thursday, the 9th, at 3:30 p. m. Important business under consideration and a full and prompt attendance is urged.

Ex-Sheriff D. J. Reynolds, one of the "elligibles" who was recently assigned to duty as store keeper in Wilkes county, has given notice to Collector Harkins that he could not fill the appointment at present, by reason of sickness in his family.

The National Educational association, department of superintendence, will hold its annual session at Chattanooga, February 22-24. Prof. D. L. Ellis, supervisor of public schools, has been given a place on the program to discuss the subject "Summer Schools for Teachers."

Miss Daisy Smith, a daughter of Dr. T. C. Smith, who filled the unexpired term of Prof. Grabau as organist in Central Methodist church, has been elected organist for the ensuing year. Miss Smith has had most excellent training and the church is to be congratulated on getting her services.

The Asheville Cigar company received yesterday through R. R. Porter a large order from a New York firm for their celebrated "Havana Mixture" smoking tobacco. This firm is acquiring quite a reputation on their goods. The quality of the goods they manufacture and the fairness with which they treat their customers is rapidly bringing them to the front as one of the leading firms in the state in the manufacturing of cigars and smoking tobacco.

SERIOUS AFFRAY.

The tunnel on Blue Ridge, eighteen miles east of the city, was the scene of a bloody encounter last Friday night, participated in by a well known young man of this county by the name of W. Y. Hemphill, and Dave Pressly. Hemphill was badly beaten and his wounds may prove fatal. It is claimed that his assailant did his ghastly work by the use of brass knucks. Hemphill's jawbone is thought to be broken and his entire face is horribly mangled. He was brought to Asheville Sunday and placed in the hospital, where he is receiving every possible attention. It seems that this unfortunate affray was the outcome of a drunken debauch on the part of both men. Hemphill is well known in this county and belongs to a good family.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Licenses have been issued for the marriage of the following persons:
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AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE.



Mr. Pete Baker, the well known dialect comedian and his merry company, were greeted by a large audience last evening at the Grand opera house. The initial performance, "Chris and Lena," proved one of the best attractions presented in Asheville this season, and above the average of the popular price plays which have exhibited in this city.

Pete Baker is one of the best dialect comedians on the stage and he was seen to great advantage last night in "Chris Schultzerhutzboffin" and "The Emigrant Boy." A variety of pleasing specialties were introduced, notably among which was the duet by Miss Lincoln, the graceful and clever soubrette, and Mr. Baker, also the superb dancing of Miss Lincoln, the singing of Baby Ceel, five years of age, and Mr. Baker's original "Song of all Nations" in ten different dialects. The hits were the dialect song and the dancing of Miss Lincoln.

The audience was generous in its applause and the encores were cheerfully responded to.

"Bismark," a comedy introducing a variety of burlesques is billed for tonight. Incidental to the play Mr. Baker will give some original specialties. He will assume the role of a German actor and will recite a parody on Hamlet's soliloquy. His company has a week's engagement, playing at popular prices. They will give a different performance each night.

A matinee will be given Saturday afternoon, at which a general admission price of ten cents will be charged. No extra charge will be made for reserved seats.



The Holiday Books

are ready in great variety. Nothing makes a more welcome present than a book. We have books for all ages and all tastes, from the picture book for the baby to the historical or religious book for grandfather. Christmas cards and souvenirs of all sorts are especially dainty and attractive this year. Come in and look around while the stock is fresh and unbroken.

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 New Stock at the Asheville Hardware Company, South Court Square

STIKELEATHER-M'CONNELL.
 F. Stikeleather, Jr., of the Asheville Transfer company, and Miss Hattie McConnell of this city will be married today at Statesville. Mr. and Mrs. Stikeleather will make Asheville their home.

AREND-SMITH.
 The marriage of Miss Berta Smith to Mr. Arend will occur in the First Baptist church at noon tomorrow.

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