

Post Office Regulations.

Post Office, WILMINGTON, N. C., June 14, 1873. This date the mails will close as follows: ...

Announcement.

Mr. N. Gerken, has taken charge of the city circulation and will superintend delivery hereafter. He is alone authorized to collect subscriptions and to accept for the same.

CITY ITEMS.

Signal Service, U. S. Army--Weather Report. OBSERVER'S OFFICE, WILMINGTON, August 18, 1873.

OTTO SCHUTZ, Observer, U. S. A.

The Favorite de Blanche Cologne is indeed a favorite among the ladies.

Lucky.--Cashier Smyth, of the Freedman's Savings Bank, left a roll of money amounting to \$125 in the street this morning, and in about an hour afterwards discovered that the money was gone.

Yesterday morning was bright and beautiful, but before the church bells tolled, the sky became overcast and heavy showers deterred many from going to church.

Saturday Night Sketches. A dim though clear starlight night, and the heavy pall of a terrible murder and its undiscovered perpetrators, quieted even the Saturday night's crowd.

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Burglary.--A colored thief effected an entrance into the residence of Mr. John Varella on the corner of Fourth and Orange streets, on Saturday morning about 4 o'clock, and after succeeding in placing a basket of clothing out of the window unobserved, re-entered in hopes of securing more booty.

The burglar forgot to take the clothes.

THE TOWN CRIER.

Rainy. Hot yesterday. Gold to-day is 115 1/2. Chapter meeting to-night. R. C. Myers, Esq., returned. The Post is in great demand. Reporters have enough to do now-a-days.

Blue Lodge meets next Wednesday, in the E. A. degree. Hard shower yesterday. So many birth-days in this month, the crier can't keep up with them.

There will be plenty of business at the next term of the Superior Court. Assassins ought to have "six months twice a year" the balance of their lives.

Mayor's Court.

His Honor W. P. CANADAY, Mayor, presiding. Jno. Cowan, charged with making an assault on James H. Carraway, was continued until to-morrow.

Beverly Scott, charged with disturbing the Coroner's jury, was also continued until to-morrow.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

Last Saturday night, about midnight, as James H. Carraway, one of our most respectable colored men, was going home, while near the corner of Sixth and Market streets, he was suddenly assaulted by two colored men, and severely injured.

One of the ruffians gave him a severe blow in the temple, which prostrated him, and nearly proved fatal. An attempt was made to rifle his pockets, but the sudden appearance of policeman Joseph Cutlar drove off the assassins.

Mr. Cutlar blew for assistance, and officer Martin soon arrived. Mr. Carraway was carried to his residence, bleeding profusely, and Dr. King summoned, who did what he could to relieve the sufferer, and staunch the flow of blood.

STATEMENT OF THE VICTIM.

I was coming from my barber shop about half-past 12 o'clock Saturday night, as usual, and observed two men sitting upon the foundation wall of Dr. Bellamy's fence, on the corner of Fifth and Market streets, who sprang up as I passed and followed me. I walked rapidly as possible, as I have been followed before, for I used to carry my money home Saturday nights, but I stopped it. I deposited my money in a store down street. These fellows came up rapidly behind me, and one of them struck me with some hard substance, which knocked me down and cut me very badly.

They attempted to rifle my pockets, but the police arrived and the men fled. I am positive that John Cowan was one of the men who struck me. I think I know the other man, but am not so certain.

Acting upon the information given by Mr. Carraway, Cowan was arrested and lodged in the guardhouse.

Our reporter called on Mr. Carraway about an hour after the occurrence, and found him still bleeding profusely, with two wounds on the left temple, as if made with a brass knuckle. He also observed that, save Dr. Winants' private lamp, there was not a street lamp lighted on that side of Market street, from Ninth to Front. Had there been light, the police might have been able to arrest the ruffians. We have no doubt but his Honor the Mayor will investigate the cause of the darkness.

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STATE ITEMS.

The entire sales of the old Fair Ground lots at Raleigh amounted to \$13,000.

Asheville is yet without postal cards, and wants to know what's the matter.

Charlotte brags on a cucumber 18 inches long. How's that for a cucumber?

Two two-horse wagon loads of loose Granville tobacco sold last week at Milton for \$800.

The Charlotte Observer brags of a chicken with two heads, two pair of eyes, two pair of wings, and four legs. Eggs-traordinary.

George T. Bibb, of Asheville, while on the street one day last week, was suddenly prostrated, and in eight minutes from the time he fell he was dead.

The North Carolina Agricultural Society are getting out a lot of handsome posters for the next State Fair, six feet by four in size, in illuminated colors, which will be distributed throughout the State.

The Asheville Pioneer has been shown by Serg't Bryant, of the U. S. Army, a postal card, on which was written 1,430 words in a clear, legible hand. It was sent by a comrade of his from Raleigh, who declared it to be his intention to beat the New York Herald's man, who had written about 1,000 on a card.

The Sentinel says: The Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society have secured the assistance and co-operation of three musical professors of that city, Professor Scheider, of St. Mary's School, Bauman, of Peace Institute, and Dr. L. Von Meyerhoff, of the Baptist Female Seminary, to direct a grand musical festival during fair week. The Professors of Music of the various colleges of the State and leading amateurs will be invited to participate.

The Asheville Pioneer tells of a gentleman who, when approaching the ballot box, was asked how he intended voting on the Constitutional amendments, replied that he intended to vote against them. A gentleman present who was possessed of an enquiring mind, asked him why he intended voting against them, and what objection he had to the proposed amendments?--When he very gravely replied, "I have no objections to the amendments, but I have d--d serious objections to the fellows that got them up." His head is about level.

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A letter from the Yellowstone Expedition reports much ill-feeling between the infantry and cavalry, owing to the arrest of Gen. Custer by Gen. Stanley, and compelling him to march one whole day in the rear of his command. No cause assigned.

Charles Smoch, of Frechold, N. J., lost five valuable horses from cerebro-spinal meningitis last week. The disease is reported as rapidly spreading in the vicinity.

The gold operations in Wall street on Saturday have given rise to the feeling that the gold clique purposes trying again the tactics which led to Black Friday, and the bears are preparing an appeal to the President to interfere on this occasion in time to prevent the bulls from succeeding.

The National Revenue Reform Association has addressed a communication to the Secretary of the Treasury, asking him to revoke the order recently issued by Collector Arthur, of the Custom House, requiring the merchants in person to make affidavits of entries. The letter adds: The real motive for the issuance of the order was simply the gratification of self-consequence, and to compel personally the attendance of merchants in order to humble and still further hamper them with unnecessary, illegal and arbitrary requirements made under color of law.

Additional accounts of the railroad accident on the Chicago and Alton Railroad state that the train started from Willow Station, according to the best evidence, ten minutes behind time, and as is customary on this road to make up lost time, undoubtedly the rate of speed was somewhat accelerated. The Conductor and Engineer knew they were to pass the coal train at Lemont, seven miles distant, but unhappily that train did not wait as it should have done, but came on toward the passenger train, expecting to make Willow Station. It was a race for life. The Conductor and Engineer of the coal train knew that the passenger train, laden with precious lives, was in front, and that if they did not reach the switch by a certain time, a collision was inevitable. Both trains were rushing towards their destruction, and as they flew over their iron way through the darkness, their speed increasing at every revolution of the wheels. There were three concussions, first when the engines met and were destroyed; second, when the baggage cars struck and were smashed into fragments; and third, when the smoking car collided and leaped into the air, alighting on the fractured boiler of the freight engine. The remains of the passenger train engine were thrown from the track towards the East, and so were the remains of the baggage car; then came the smoking car on top of the boiler. The fore part of this car was burst open by the force with which it struck the hind wheels remaining on the track; on these it stood at an angle of thirty degrees. The passengers were imprisoned in broken iron and wood, while the deadly steam came up with terrific force from the boiler, instantly peeling off the skin, and causing the most excruciating agony. One moment was sufficient to cause death, but many were there several minutes before being extricated. One breath was fatal, the inner surface of the chest and lungs being fearfully scorched.

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