

CITY ITEMS.

Signal Service, U. S. Army--Weather Report. OBSERVER'S OFFICE. WILMINGTON, February 3, 1874.

AMONG the recent decisions in the U. S. Supreme Court at Washington, D. C., January 28th, we extract No. 137, W. & W. R. R. Co. vs. Elliott. Error to the Supreme Court of Virginia. Dismissed.

FOUND DEAD.--An aged colored woman by the name of Agnes Walker, was found dead in her bed on yesterday, in a house situated on Nutt street, near the old W. & W. Depot. The Coroner will hold a jury over her body to-day, when the cause of her death will be ascertained.

Mayor's Court. His Honor W. P. CANADAY, Mayor presiding. Only one case was adjudicated before this tribunal this morning.

Thomas Runnels, for disorderly conduct, was fined \$10. Several cases of persons selling liquor without license were continued over.

OWNERS OF CATTLE.--The Mayor requests us to state that after this week all cattle found running at large in the streets, either day or night, will be impounded, and the ordinance of \$10 fine will be rigidly enforced. For the remainder of the present week but a small fine will be imposed, as was the case before his Court on yesterday.

ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH.--Last night, about midnight, Mrs. Amelia Greenwald was taken suddenly ill, and died in a few moments. Cut off in the midst of life, surrounded by her family who could do nothing to relieve her sufferings, her death is peculiarly agonizing. But a few days ago her silver wedding was celebrated, an account of which appeared in the Post at the time. Last Friday night her daughter, Mrs. Kahnweiler, sang at the concert of the Cornet Club, her mother being apparently in her usual health, with every prospect of a long life. We have seldom seen a more affectionate family, and they have the sympathy of their large circle of friends in this heart crushing bereavement. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 11 a. m., from her late residence.

POST MORTEM.--The sudden demise of the Siamese Twins, Chang and Eng, and their singular conformation has awakened in the medical profession, a strong desire that post mortem examination be held for the benefit of Pathological Science, application having been made to the family of the deceased twins, and declined as in direct opposition to a clause in the wills that their bodies should not be separated after death. Residents of Surry county demanded through Judge Settle an order from Judge Cloud, (in whose district the twins had lived and died) an order for such examination, but Judge Cloud declined action in the premises. It is reported, however, that Dr. Pancoast, and other eminent physicians of Philadelphia, left that city on the 29th ult., for Mount Airy, N. C., and were expected to reach their destination on Saturday, the 31st, to make the examination, of which a full and extended report will be made and published.

EARLY this morning a man by the name of William Davis appeared at Bowden's Still, with a flat loaded with boards of wood and 9 barrels of tar. He left the wood on the wharf, and then went down to Wilder's Still, where he left the tar, agreeing to return at 7 a. m. and get his money. He then took the flat down to the Rock Spring dock, from whence he took it and for a time disappeared. Before 7 o'clock a man came along and asked Mr. Williamson, the watchman of Messrs. Wilder & Morton, if he had seen a flat loaded with wood and tar. Williamson showed him the tar, which the man identified as his, and immediately went to a magistrate, got a warrant for the man Davis, and returned to Wilder's office. About 7 o'clock Davis appeared for the pay for the tar, and the warrant was read to him, when he dashed out of the office door, and started off at full speed. Williamson shot at him as he ran, hitting him in the hip, but it did not halt him. The chase was long and arduous, and Davis was finally captured by some policemen near the Union depot. The affair caused much excitement in the vicinity where it occurred.

THE TOWN CRIER.

- Damp. - Gold is 111 1/2. - Business is still dull. - Wet and rainy last night. - Katie Putnam next Monday. - Charming weather for ducks. - More good sidewalks are wanted. - County Commissioners met last night.

- Sheriff Black has gone to Raleigh to settle his taxes. - The State Grange meets in Raleigh on the 18th of this month. - We hope to hear the Concert Club in the open air before long. - The question of the hour is, Shall we have a railroad to the Sound?

- From present appearances the State docket will be continued into next week. - Now is the bill rendering time, and happy is the man who is able to collect any money. - As soon as Court adjourns, the Special Commissioners appointed to take evidence in the claims against the United States, will commence his labors.

- A bark under sail, in the shape of a cur with a yard of cloth tied to his hind leg, was seen on upper Market street yesterday, making about eighteen knots an hour for the country. - A span of black horses ran away yesterday and smashed G. F. Tilley's ice box in the market, and stopped. Had it not been for the ice box the team might have gone into the river. - Eleven obstinate men stood out against one fair-minded one in the jury room for a long time yesterday. The fair-minded one had to come down though, and go with the obstinate ones finally.

COMMITTEE MEETING.--The committee appointed last night at the Railroad Meeting by the Chairman, met promptly this morning at 11 o'clock, at the Produce Exchange, for the purpose of organizing. No business was transacted; they will await further instructions before proceeding in the premises.

LIFE OF EDWIN FORREST.--The Life of this distinguished actor, with Reminiscences and Personal Recollections of him, by James Rees, (Colley Cibber), will be published next week. Perhaps no man in the country was as well fitted for this task as Mr. Rees. His acquaintance with Mr. Forrest dated from boyhood, and Mr. Rees had enjoyed for a period of nearly fifty years the closest intimacy and friendship with Mr. Forrest, which gave Mr. Rees advantages, not possessed by any others, to write a correct and truthful history of the great actor, from the time of his birth until his death. On almost every occasion when Mr. Forrest was called upon for a sketch of his life to accompany any work, play or book of the drama, he invariably referred to Mr. Rees, "as being," he said, "better acquainted with his early life, and remembering incidents about him much better than he did himself." In the latter part of Mr. Forrest's life, Mr. Rees was his constant companion, and no one, perhaps, had as many advantages to become acquainted with Mr. Forrest's professional career, or with the various phases of his character in private life, as Mr. Rees. The advantages were the result of the confidence Mr. Forrest placed in Mr. Rees. When Mr. Forrest was absent from the city, he entrusted his house, his library, his picture gallery, and all their valuable contents, to the charge of Mr. Rees, with money to defray all the current household and other necessary expenses. Mr. Rees had the sole use of Mr. Forrest's library during his absence, and the privilege of introducing his friends to view both it and the picture gallery. All can thus understand the personal relationship which existed between the subject of this work and the author, and also the motive he had in its composition--a tribute to the memory of one with whose name a nation is so familiar. Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Brothers, 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, are the publishers of the work, and it is gotten up in very handsome style, in a volume of over five hundred pages, printed on the finest paper and handsomely bound. Every one contains a striking likeness of Mr. Forrest, engraved on steel, perfectly natural and life like, as well as a fac-simile of his autograph, with his last Will in full, and the charter of the "Edwin Forrest Home," which he endowed. Price two dollars a copy. Copies of the work will be sent, at once, post paid, to any one, to any place, on their remitting the price to the publishers. Agents and Canvassers are wanted everywhere to engage in the sale of "Colley Cibber's Life of Edwin Forrest," who can make large wages at it. Address all orders and letters to the publishers.

THE SEA COAST.

Meeting at the Court House Last Night in the Interests of the Proposed Railway to the Sound.

The meeting at the Court House last night, in the interests of the proposed railway to the sound, was attended by a considerable number of property holders, many of whom were prominent business men in the city. Maj. T. H. McKay was called to the chair, and on motion, Capt. Jno. L. Boatwright was appointed Secretary.

Col. S. L. Fremont, stated the objects of the meeting to be to build a railroad to the sound. He said that the W. & S. S. R. W., had now amended its charter, so that certain preferred stocks may be issued to the subscribers to the new road. The fact that the management would be under the control of the Sea Side Road, an expense of one organization would be saved. The question of the point to which the road should run was one of great and diversified interest. He made statements and figures showing the feasibility of the plan and strongly advocated it. The Chairman stated that his idea was that it would be the best plan to locate the road first and solicit subscriptions afterwards. Several routes had been suggested, and he would be happy to hear from the gentlemen present in regard to the matter. Mr. E. A. Keith had an interest in the welfare of Wilmington. He thought the gentlemen were hardly going on right. One party wanted it to run to Masonboro and another to Wrightsville. He thought the best way to do was to run it to both points. It would only be 2 miles longer and so the road would cost but \$7,000 more to satisfy all parties. Let us get the stock subscribed and then locate the road afterward. It does not seem as though it was a very great matter to raise the stock, if taken in small sums.

Mr. H. Burkholder spoke of the survey. He said a route was laid out down the old military road. This road was 5 1/2 miles from the city, and runs along the head of Hewlett's creek up to Matt's creek. It seemed to be the impression that the road running in this route gave Masonboro and Wrightsville both an opportunity to get to the city. This was a movement in which everybody was interested. The health of the city demanded it and it would be of incalculable benefit to all. It is a movement in the interest of the mechanics and operatives and should be built. The people do not care what point the road goes to, if it only goes to the sound. And the great metropolis of North Carolina, only 6 miles from the sea shore, has no watering place and no conveniences for the comfort of the business men of the city or its mechanics. Mr. Burkholder advocated the building of the road with great earnestness.

Col. Fremont offered the following, which was adopted: Resolved, That a committee of five gentlemen be appointed by the President to see what amount of money can be raised to build a railway to the Sound over the most practicable route; also to memorialize the Board of Aldermen to submit to the people of this city the question of subscription of \$10,000 to this work, and further, to see what amount of bonds will be given or subscribed to the work along the line, and at the several sounds.

The Chairman appointed on this committee, Messrs. F. M. Wooten, W. W. Harris, C. H. French, C. S. Ellis and C. C. Morse, who met at the Produce Exchange to-day, at 11 o'clock. Mr. W. B. Binford offered a resolution that a committee of five be appointed to solicit subscription from the three railroads centering at this point, but this motion was afterwards withdrawn. Captain Wooten stated that the Carolina Central Railway had already subscribed for one hundred shares of stock. It was resolved that 1,600 shares of stock be sold at \$25 per share, which would make a capital stock of \$40,000. The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the committee.

County Commissioners. The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held last evening, present the Chairman, Mr. Martin, and Commissioners Chadbourne, Morris, Rice and Nixon. It was ordered that the coupons on the March bonds, amounting altogether to the sum of \$1,113, be destroyed, and they were thereupon burned in the presence of the Board.

It was ordered that the County Treasurer pay in full the bonds of the County falling due March 1st, 1874, when due, the amount of which will be \$10,900. It was also ordered that the County Treasurer pay the coupons on the

bonded debt of the County falling due March 1st, 1874.

Ordered that advertisement be made in one daily paper published in the city of Wilmington, for the space of twenty days, for bids for caring for, nursing, clothing, furnishing medical attendance and medicines, and doing all other things necessary for the care and comfort of the indigent sick of the county of New Hanover for the term of 12 months from March 1st, 1874.

It was ordered that the value of the property of the Wilmington & Seaside Railway be reduced to \$5,000 to correspond with the valuation made by the city, and the Sheriff is authorized to settle the same at this amount. It was ordered further that the matter of approval of the bonds of county officers who have not heretofore filed their bonds, as required by law, be taken up for consideration at the first regular meeting in March, 1874.

John J. Hewlett, Clerk of Masonboro township, reported the roads in that township in good order. The Board then adjourned until 2 1/2 P. M. to-day. CORONER'S VERDICT.--Coroner Hewlett held an inquest this morning over the body of Agnes Walker, aged about 68 years. The jury rendered the verdict that she came to her death from natural causes. This old colored woman was a witness in Court last week.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH. NEW YORK. NEW YORK, February 3. The snow storm which commenced yesterday continues this morning, but shows signs of abatement--five inches have fallen. The snow in many places has badly drifted.

Two dollar counterfeiters on the First National Bank, Ninth National Bank, Marine National Bank, National Shoe and Leather Bank, National Bank of the State of New York and the National Bank of Commerce, are in circulation. All are well executed and well calculated to deceive. The schooner Carrie Nelson encountered a heavy gale on January 27th, lost everything moveable. The companionway, skylight, &c., were stove in, and for six days they could not attend to the pumps on account of the heavy sea washing over the deck, boat and bulwarks stove in, and the vessel leaking slightly.

A letter from Sydney, New South Wales, dated December 2d, says: The Barque Plato left here for China with coal some months ago struck on a reef north of New Caladonia, the crew escaping in one of their boats and making for Salomon Islands. On reaching their destination, they were, with one exception, mercilessly slaughtered by the natives. The survivor was spared from superstitious belief, that as the half dozen arrows by which he was pierced had not touched his vital part, it would be unlucky to attack him again.

PENNSYLVANIA. TITUSVILLE, February 3. A special dispatch from Cannonsville, in this State, gives an account of the most daring and extensive robbery at that place last evening. While the Cashier of the First National Bank, D. D. Williams, was writing at his desk, he heard a rap at the side door. Upon entering, two masked men sprang on him, bound and gagged him, and succeeded in making their escape with \$14,000 in currency, and \$30,000 in U. S. Bonds. Mr. Williams was found in an unconscious condition, but recovered consciousness in a couple of hours after being released.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3. The stock company at the Chestnut street Theatre struck last night on account of the non-payment of their salaries, preventing the production of "Through by Day Light," in which Winnita Montague was to appear. The piece will be produced at another Theatre.

WASHINGTON, February 3. In the Senate, Mr. Flanagan of Texas presented a petition of the colored citizens of Atlanta, Ga., denying the statement of the Hon. A. H. Stephens, in his speech in the House of Representatives, that the colored people of that State did not desire the passage of the Civil Rights Bill, and the resolution of the Georgia Legislature to the same effect was referred to the Judiciary Committee. Mr. West asked that the bill for the protection and prosecution of the work at the mouth of the Mississippi river be considered. After debate it was agreed to consider the bill to-morrow a. m. The House was engaged on a bill from the banking committee.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, February 3. N. S. Dodge, formerly Quartermaster, and subsequently an employe of the Treasury Department at Washington, well known in literary circles, died here yesterday. Dispatches from the North and East report heavy snow storms prevailing.

MISSOURI.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb'y 3. The House has passed a concurrent resolution, asking Congress to provide means to repair the levees of the lower Mississippi river.

CABLE DISPATCHES.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, February 3. Neither party made means to-day except the home rules in Kilkenny and Kerry counties. There was fighting at Sheffield to-day. The police were obliged to protect Mundell and Chamberlain, the liberal candidates, from the violence of Roebuck's supporters.

The election in Bristol, yesterday, resulted in the return of Samuel Morely and Hodgson, both are liberals and were members of the late parliament. Of the members of the new parliament, thus far chosen, the conservatives have a majority of sixteen. There were a number of meetings of the liberals and conservatives in the metropolitan district last night, which were addressed by their respective candidates. The proceedings at all the gatherings, were marked by much disorder. The election in Greenwich is in progress to-day. The election of Gladstone is thought sure. A dispatch from the borough says there have been a number of fights and much window smashing.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Feb'y 3. Spain has provisionally recalled her diplomatic representatives from Berlin, Vienna, and other European capitals. Thomas Hughes has withdrawn from the election in Marlborough, submitting to the opinion of the Attorney General, who declared that his chances of success were not equal to those granted the other Liberal nominee. Hughes appealed to and accepted the decision of the Attorney General to avoid the division of the party, and its possible defeat in sending the election in Marlborough. The floor of a factory in Burry, in Lancashire, where a Liberal meeting was being held, gave way yesterday, and precipitated a large number of people to the story below. Six persons were killed, and it is feared that many were fatally injured.

FRANCE.

PARIS, February 3. A profound sensation has been caused at Versailles by articles in the North German Gazette urging restrictions on the freedom of the church and ultramontane press in France and Belgium.

DIED.

GREENWALD.--Suddenly on Monday night, AMELIA, wife of Nathan Greenwald, aged 47 years. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence on Front street between Dock and Orange streets at 11 o'clock A. M., to-morrow, the 4th inst.

Grades of Rosin Adopted by the Produce Exchange. Common Strained, Low No. 1, Good Strained, Extra No. 1, Good Strained, Low No. 2, Extra No. 2, Window glass and water white grades, none lettered, some persons grade one grade higher, beginning with 1 and running to N.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

TUESDAY, Feb. 3--3:30 P. M. SPIRITS TURPENTINE--Sales of 80 casks at 43 cents per gallon. Market firm. ROSIN--No sales in this article reported. Market quiet and steady. CRUDE TURPENTINE--Sales of 501 bbls at \$2 15 for Hard, and \$3 15 for Yellow Dip. Market steady. TAR--Sales of 100 bbls at \$2 35 per gallon. Market quiet and steady. CORN--Market dull and nominally unchanged. CORN--Sales of 1,900 bushels yesterday evening at 92 1/2 cents, a slight advance. Receipts per railroad of naval stores as appears on the bulletin board of the Produce Exchange Feb. 3rd: Cotton, (bales) 57 Spirits Turpentine, (cks.) 393 Rosin, (bbls.) 1,715 Crude Turpentine, (bbls.) 328 Tar, (bbls.) 165

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. Cotton nominal with sales of 164 bales. Uplands 15 1/2 cents; Orleans 16 1/2 cents. Futures opened as follows: February 14 16 1/2; March 15 1/2 @ 15 1/2; April 15 29-32 @ 15 31-32; May 16 1/2 @ 16 7-16; June 16 1/2 @ 16 13-16; July 17 1-16 cents. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat a shade firmer. Corn firm. Pork heavy--near 25. Lard steady--steam 9 1/2-16 cents. Spirits Turpentine quiet at 47 1/2 cents. Rosin steady--\$2 45 for Strained. Lights heavy.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. Gold opened at 111 1/2. Stocks dull. Money--4 per cent. bid. Gold 111 1/2. Sterling Exchange--long 48 1/2; short, 48 1/2. Government Bonds strong. State Bonds quiet and nominal.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Paris, Feb. 2. Rentes 45 1/2.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 3.

Cotton quiet and unchanged. Uplands 7 1/2; Orleans 8 1/2. Sales of 10,000 bales, including 1,000 to speculators. Uplands not below Good Ordinary, shipped January and February 7 1/2.

LATER.

Uplands not below Good Ordinary, shipped March and April 7 1/2-16 1/2. Breadstuffs firm. Sales of cotton to-day 89,000 bales American.

MARINE.

Port of Wilmington, Feb. 3, 1874.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Caswell, Henry, Bannerman's Landing, A. H. Van Bokkelen. Steamer R E Lee, Skinner, Fayetteville, Williams & Murchison. Steamer Cumberland, Skinner, Fayetteville, Worth & Worth. Steamship Panita, Doane, New York, Barry Bros.

CLEARED.

Steamer R E Lee, Skinner, Fayetteville, Williams & Murchison. Steamer Caswell, Henry, Bannerman's Landing, A. H. Van Bokkelen. Steamer Cumberland, Skinner, Fayetteville, Worth & Worth. Sch. John W. Hall, Jr, Gloucester, New York, Harris & Howell. Ger. Barque Felix, Fustino, Stettin, Willard Bros. Ger. Brig Gloria, Lausch, Cork or Falmouth for orders, J. R. Blossom & Evans.

RECEIPTS.

PER RIVER STEAMERS, &c.

Steamer R E Lee--200 bbls turpentine, 105 do rosin, 76 do turpentine, 1 bale cotton. Steamer Caswell--142 bags peanuts, 104 bbls tar, 32 do turpentine, 4 bales cotton. Steamer Cumberland--478 bbls rosin, 83 do spirits turpentine, 30 do turpentine, 11 bales cotton.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

New York--Sch. John W. Hall, Jr--1,000 bbls rosin, 248 bales cotton.

FOREIGN.

Stettin--Ger. Barque Felix--3,200 bbls rosin. Cork or Falmouth for orders, Ger. Brig Gloria--2,130 bbls rosin.

List of Vessels Sailed for this Port.

BRIDGEWATER. Hertha, Olthaber, sld Dec 6. BRISTOL, ENG. Nor Brig Ara, Evachsen, sld Dec 23. Arcadia, Eldrup, sld Nov 7.

BERMUDA.

Br Brig Caronella, sld Dec 11.

BANGOR.

Isaac Carver, Williams, sld Oct 11. Addie L. Cutler, Smith, sld Oct 28.

NEW BEDFORD.

Gov Burton, Pinnney, sld Sept 30.

SWINNEMUNDE.

Clio, Schupp, sld Sept 17.

MARTINIQUE.

A Richards, sld June 25.

GEESTEMUNDE.

Bosse, sld Aug 22.

CARDIFF.

M. Gunderson, sld Oct 7.

NEW STORE.

NEW GOODS.

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At No. 29, Market Street.

The subscribers have purchased a full line of Staple and Fancy

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which they will offer at prices

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