

Post Office Regulations.

The mails will close from this date as follows: Northern through (night) mails..... 8 P M through & way (day) mails..... 5 A M Southern mail..... 5 P M Southern Central Railway mails..... 5 A M Smithville, Saturday and Tuesday..... 5 A M Smithville, river, Monday & Friday..... 1 P M Smithville, by Carolina Central Railway, daily..... 5 A M Court House, (horse mail) evening Friday..... 6 A M Mails delivered from 7 a m to 7 p m, and on Sundays from 8 a m to 12 m, and from 2 to 6 p m. Money order on Register department open same as stamp office.

Hours for opening and closing Wilmington Library Association Reading Room, daily: 9 o'clock a m, to 1 o'clock p m. 3 o'clock p m, to 6 o'clock p m. 7 o'clock p m, to 10 o'clock, p m.

Geo. N. HARRISS is authorized to contract for advertisements and to receive for any moneys due the Post. NEIL GERKIN has charge of our city circulation, and is authorized to collect moneys due therefor. ROUTE carrier boys are not authorized to sell copies of the Post.

CITY ITEMS.

Signal Service, U. S. Army--Weather Report.

Observer's Office, Wilmington, March 18, 1874.

Time of Observation	Barom.	Ther.	Wind	Weather
6 A. M.	30.025	68	W. brisk	Cloudy
9 A. M.	30.051	74	S. W. fresh	Fair.
3 P. M.	30.055	76	S. W. brisk	do

OTTO SCHUTZE, Observer, U. S. A.

The Mayor disposed of several cases of disorderly conduct this morning.

The gas lamp in front of the City Hall has been provided with a new oval globe.

EXCELSIOR ROCK LIME.—A superior article. For sale at twenty-five per cent. less than other lime, by KERCHNER & CALDER BROS., and WORTH & WORTH.

Why is a preacher like a speculator in cotton? Because both deal in "futures."

WARM.—Young Prob. states that it's warm all over the United States to-day except Pike's Peak, and there the thermometer is thirteen degrees below zero.

CLOTHING is down, money being scarce, we are offering our entire stock of clothing, boots and shoes at suspension prices.

S. HANSTEIN & Co's New York House, 15 Market st.

NOT TO RETURN.—The U. S. Revenue steamer Seward has been ordered to Galveston. The steamer Crawford, now stationed at Philadelphia, will probably be ordered here.

THE PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS.—MEETING YESTERDAY.—In response to an invitation from Col. S. L. Fremont, a number of prominent colored citizens met at the City Court Room yesterday afternoon, at 6 o'clock, when the propositions for an appropriation to the proposed Railroad to the Sound and for the Cape Fear Agricultural Association were explained at some length, answering such questions relative to the advantages to be derived from the projects, what benefits would accrue to the city, &c., &c., as suggested themselves. The Colonel's remarks were explicit and very satisfactory.

At 7 o'clock Col. Fremont left, when a meeting was organized by calling Geo. W. Price, Jr., to the Chair, and requesting James Telfair, Jr., to act as Secretary.

The following resolution was then offered and unanimously adopted: Resolved, That a mass meeting be called at the City Hall on Friday night next, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of the giving expression of opinion on the subjects to be voted on next Monday, and that a Committee of five be appointed to arrange for said meeting.

The following were appointed said Committee: Owen Burney, Duncan Holmes, Charles Southerland, Geo. L. Mabson and Wm. Phinney.

Subsequently the following was issued: NOTICE.

There will be a mass meeting of the voters of Wilmington at the City Hall on Friday night, March 20th, to discuss the question of appropriation or, no appropriation to the Sea Side Railroad and Cape Fear Agricultural Association. Let all the voters turn out and hear the arguments for and against.

OWEN BURNEY, GEO. L. MABSON, DUNCAN HOLMES, CHARLES SOUTHERLAND, WM. PHINNEY, Committee.

For the Post An Acrostic.

In reply to a beautiful little letter from a very tiny girl: Can my muse find words all sweet And fresh to lay, at a little maiden's feet, Teaching thence up to her heart Reaching higher than a heart I may claim of lips of rose, Eyes of brown, that so disclose Knowledge, that I hesitate Ere beginning task so great; Love and thanks, tho' they must say, Live within my breast for aye, Offering such, is what I'd yield, Crowned with prayers, that He may shield King of kings—thy precious life, May with joy thy lot make rife; Yielding ever, little one, Ever to the Cross—The Son—Round which life, if we but hold Sheltering arms, our own will fold.

Scott.

THE TOWN CRIER.

- Warm.
- Gold is 111½.
- News scarce.
- Ladies out in full force.
- Summer clothes are welcome.
- Time for paving bids has been extended.
- Attorneys busy preparing for the next court.
- The city is fast putting on its spring clothes.
- Bishop Atkinson returned last night and is in the city.
- Improvements continue to be the order of the day on all sides.
- The river has more water in it than it had a short time ago.
- The supply of cockroaches is rather in excess of the demand.
- Stoves are played out and windows are open again. So nice and mild.
- Meeting to-morrow night in favor of the city appropriations, in front of the City Hall.

Visits to the Dredging Machine are now the thing. It amply repays the trouble if one can happen when a big stump is extracted. The machinery of the Woodbury is nearly ready, when she will go down to work on the bar.

OWING to the late panic we will sell until January 1st, our entire stock at 25 per cent. less than New York cost.

S. HANSTEIN & Co's New York House, 15 Market st.

NAVAL.—We notice among the naval orders that Chief Engineer Thomas B. Brooks, a brother-in-law of Capt. Manning, of this city, has been ordered from the navy yard at Norfolk to the Franklin as fleet engineer of the European station.

EFFECTS of panic tremendous: Tumblin' in prices at

S. HANSTEIN & Co's New York House, 15 Market st.

HOG SHOT.—A few nights ago a gentleman who had been annoyed to a very considerable extent by having his front garden rooted up, took his gun and waited for the hog to make its appearance, and as soon as it commenced rooting up his plants he fired, and the hog rolled over grunting his last. Persons who are in the habit of turning their hogs out at night to root up flower gardens, grass plots, etc., need not be at all surprised to hear that their swine have met with a similar fate.

STATE ITEMS.

Dr. Plumer will preach in Charlotte next Sunday.

Lexington earnestly disclaims any anti-whiskey crusade.

One meteor exploded in Magnolia last Friday and another about four miles off.

North Carolina contains about thirty-two millions acres of land about one-fifth of which is under cultivation.

A cow which had been dead three days in Duplin county was cut open and found to have a live calf, which was taken away and is still thriving, though it is three weeks old.

The Rutherford Star says: "We learn that Mrs. Frank Weaver's barn, stables, corn crib and five horses and mules were burned last Wednesday night, about twelve o'clock, in Polk county. It was supposed to have been the act of some incendiary, who was trying to wreak his vengeance upon a helpless woman, who suffered much, and all because her husband loved the Union. We hope that the guilty parties may be brought to justice."

A distress from famine in Bengal is causing many thousands of natives are dependent upon the Government for food. A Tirhoot district 1,000 persons, all whom were in an associated condition, made application for relief, and the last ten days.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH. NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 19. The French residents of this city celebrated this evening their third anniversary of the Uprising of the Paris Commune by a banquet and ball. There was a large attendance, and among the invited guests were the Working Men's Committee of Safety. Addresses were delivered in French and English appropriate to the occasion. The proceeds were devoted to the benefit of the widows and orphans of the Commune.

From private advices received from Havana under date of March 11, the Cuban merchants of this city have learned that the commission of La Denda has been engaged in the examination of the affairs of the Spanish bank and have ascertained that that institution has issued \$104,000,000 in paper currency, instead of \$60,000,000 which the bank had acknowledged in their published statements, and that their capital is only \$6,000,000. It has been further ascertained that the basis for this over issue has been a loan to the Captain General of less than \$50,000,000 in paper currency without the specie to back up the notes. In addition to this immense issue a very large quantity of counterfeit bills have been discovered, and this has created so much excitement in Havana that specie is going up rapidly, and many persons are exchanging their currency for real estate and buildings in the erection of the latter there has lately been great activity, the owners of paper money being far more anxious to have property in buildings than to hold any quantity of depreciating currency. Efforts were made to introduce foreign specie into Cuba, as the currency has not been very successful. So far the specie has only gone into ports and out again in foreign trade. The discovery of all these facts the Cuban letters state has thrown the financial condition of the country into a state of chaos and destroyed the calculations of all foreign merchants trading with Havana.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, March 19. A colored mail driver has robbed the mail of some two hundred thousand dollars postoffice orders and drafts, a few of which he used. Those recovered will be restored to their owners.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, March 19. In the Senate Mr. Spencer from the Commerce Committee have reported favorably on the House bill appropriating \$30,000 for improvement to the mouth of the Mississippi river. Laid over.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, March 19. The Mayor refused the committee of ladies to veto the ordinance allowing the saloons to keep open Sundays. It was mainly upon this issue that he was elected and could not honorably veto the ordinance.

CABLE DISPATCHES.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 19. Stanly writes to the Daily News that after a careful investigation he is convinced that Dr. Livingstone is dead.

Parliament resumed to-day. The Queen's speech refers to the continuance of friendly relations with foreign powers, and alludes to the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh as a pledge of friendship between two great empires.

FRANCE.

VERSAILLES, March 19. After a long debate in the Assembly to-day a resolution was offered, the Left censuring the government for its action in reference to the nomination of Mayors of cities was defeated by majority of 62.

BAYONNE, March 19. The Carlist forces under General Sabello entered Olat without opposition.

The temperance movement is still in progress, with increased interest in Williamsport, Penn. Many saloons are closed. The ladies started out on the 17th, and on reaching Washington street it was ascertained two or three hundred Germans had congregated. Lager beer was served from a wagon, and the crowd was boisterous and threatening. Tumblers were thrown and the police threatened. The movement was unexpected, and has greatly injured the liquor sellers. Two arrests were made.

WEEKLY REVIEW. WILMINGTON MARKETS.

The advance in rosin, spirits and cotton are the new features which have been developed in the general trade for the past week, though all branches of business have partaken of the quietude the sequence of the planting season.—A similar condition of the market is reported at all other Southern ports and interior towns. Our merchants, however, are sanguine of an improvement ere many weeks, and are consequently receiving per steamers weekly from the North, large and varied supplies of goods, both in the grocery and dry goods line. The New York Financial Chronicle, in its review of the New York dry goods market, says the increase of business, consequent upon the advance of the season, has been restricted entirely to the jobbing department of the trade. The movement from first hands has been light, and the market for some lines of cotton fabrics has softened a little, although the accumulation of most makes has not yet become so excessive as to cause a serious depression. The arguments that we advanced some weeks ago, however, regarding the unwarrantably high range of values current upon all cotton fabrics are shown to have been well founded, and the gradual shrinkage of values seems to be inevitable. It is manifestly an unhealthy state of affairs when goods are so far above their relative value, as compared with the cost of the raw material, the price of labor, etc., as to deter buyers from operating beyond the meagre necessities of their current trade. Yet this has been the condition of our market throughout the present season, and until buyers are met on a fair basis we cannot look for much activity in the trade. There has been a good attendance of Western, Southern, Southwestern and near-by buyers during the past week, and jobbers have been kept fairly busy, though the aggregate movements were not as liberal as might have been expected from so numerous an attendance.

Further falling off presaged by the decrease at the interior towns, point to a very speedy advance in prices; for, although Liverpool, we believe, has never expected a very large crop this year, still such an unprecedented decline in the scale of receipts cannot fail to produce a market effect, especially when so great a "future" business has been done.

The receipts at this port for the week sum up only 488 bales. The week's quotations are:

FRIDAY—No sales. Market quiet and steady:

Low Ordinary,	8 cents	per lb.
Ordinary,	10	"
Good Ordinary,	12½	"
Strict Good Ordinary,	13½	"
Low Middling,	14½	"
Strict Low Middling,	14½	"
Middling,	15	"
Strict Middling,	15½	"

SATURDAY—No sales. Market steady.

Low Ordinary,	8 cents	per lb.
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Good Ordinary,	12½	"
Strict Good Ordinary,	13½	"
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MONDAY.—Sales of 16 bales at 8, 24 at 10, 22 at 11, 6 at 12, 10 at 13, 3 at 13½, 21 at 14, and 5 at 14½. Market firm:

Low Ordinary,	8 cents	per lb.
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TUESDAY.—Sales of 26 bales at 10½, 13 at 11½, 5 at 12½, 1 at 13, 16 at 13½, and 11 at 14. Market firm.

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Strict Good Ordinary,	14@14½	"	"
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Strict Low Middling,	14½@15	"	"
Middling,	15@15½	"	"
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For Thursday's transactions see daily markets.

The following is the stock of Cotton and Naval Stores on hand March 16th, 1874, as appeared on the bulletin board of the Produce Exchange:

Cotton in yard, bales	2,812
" afloat,	253—3,065
Spirits Turp. in yard, cks.	4,264
" afloat,	1,725—5,989
Rosin in yard, bbls.	53,410
" afloat,	14,267—69,677
Crude Turp., in yard, bbls	19,696
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Tar in yard, bbls.,	6,450
" afloat,	3,060—10,510

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GRADES OF ROSIN ADOPTED BY THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

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L. Extra No. 9	Low No. 12
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T. Extra No. 17	Low No. 20
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V. Extra No. 19	Low No. 22
W. Extra No. 20	Low No. 23
X. Extra No. 21	Low No. 24
Y. Extra No. 22	Low No. 25
Z. Extra No. 23	Low No. 26

Window glass and water white grades not lettered. Some persons grade one grade higher, beginning with I and running to N.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

THURSDAY, March 19—3:30 P. M. SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—No sales—44 cents per gallon bid and refused.

ROSIN.—Sales of 500 bbls of C. Spot at \$1.90 and 500 do buyer's option March at \$1.90. Market firm at \$1.90 for C. Spot.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Sales of 300 bbls at \$1.90 for Hard, and \$2.90 for Yellow Dip.

TAR.—Sales of 300 bbls at \$2.25 per bbl.

COTTON.—The market opened firm on Friday but rather quiet on the slightly advanced figures asked. The tone of the market was reported to be healthier on each day's transactions, and on Tuesday an improved demand brought about some business at irregular figures, generally above Monday's quotation, though scarcely quotable so. Wednesday the advanced Liverpool advices imparted new animation to our market and our quotations were revised and advanced from 1 to 1 cent over the previous day's. To-day we have no change to note the market closing quiet.

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Tar, (bbls.)

[BY TELEGRAPH.] NEW YORK MARKETS.

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