

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

J. T. DeLANE, Local Editor.

CALEB MOTZ, Esq., was elected to the Convention by a majority of 257 over his competitor.

The corn crop of Hyde, says a correspondent of the Wilmington Journal, is very good, but the cotton prospects not as good as that of last year.

Personal.—We notice on our streets this week the energetic President of the Chester and Anson Railroad, Dr. A. H. Davison.

We advise those of our farmers who have butter and eggs to sell to bring them along, as there is none of either on the market at present. We have not seen into three or four pounds of butter in town this week. Come along with your butter, eggs and chickens and we will guarantee ready sale.

We have all been blessed this and last week with good rains, which were badly needed, and now everything looks bright and cheerful. We asked one of our farmers how his corn looked when he replied "Bully; never saw a better prospect for corn in my life." This is certainly encouraging.

We respectfully ask all persons indebted to us either for subscription or advertising to come forward and settle at once and not have bills shoved in your face. And when the bills are presented we hope they will not say, "I will come around and fix it." This sort of business don't suit us.

LINCOLN is slowly, but surely growing in importance, and bids fair to shake off the lethargy that has so long entrained her pecuniary interests. The streets are being permanently improved and a great many other things are being done that will add to her lustre. Altogether, our citizens are alive to the situation, and are doing all in their power to invigorate the town. Their motto seems to be, "Onward and upward."

Complimentary.—Dr. J. H. Mills, Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, N. C., writing from here to the Orphans' Friend, says Lincoln and her citizens the following merited compliment:

In looking around in Lincoln, we see a charming village, with good water, mountain air, and refreshing shade trees. As a summer resort it merits a front rank. This is the first place on our tour in which we have found apples abundant to eat and to dry, in fact it is a place and country for good living and good appetite, and the children enjoy eating and sleeping. Rev. N. H. Cobb is holding a protracted meeting here, but he seems to have the place. He sent the first dollar given by an individual to begin the orphan work and his interest in it has not yet abated. Rev. Mr. Johnston offers as the Presbyterian church and the house is full. He leads in prayer for the young, and the people manifest much interest in the work. But the train will soon be here and this delightful spot will be known to us by the pleasant impression it has made upon our mind and hearts.

Anecdote of the Bar.—In the days of "And Larceny" a Miss Patterson of Cumberland county sued one McKoy in trover for the conversion to his own use of a negro. The defendant's counsel demanded the "cause of action" in the following poetical strain:

"Billy McKoy with grim satisfaction, Demands of Miss Margaret her 'cause of action. And wishes to know in this open place How comes it she has sued him in case."

To which the plaintiff's counsel immediately replied:

"Miss Margaret replies with a kind of a snigger, Why Billy you know you converted my 'nigger'."

Converted him, not to the God of the sinner. But to cash, and you are the winner. Now having received and failed to pay over, You see you are sued in this action of Trover."

That Phantom.—We had the pleasure of attending a pleasant "hop" at the residence of Dr. J. M. Lawing last Friday night. At an early hour the young folks began to assemble and soon the house was crowded to its utmost capacity, all looking happy and cheerful, as if they anticipated a good time; and we believe their anticipations were fully realized. The evening's entertainment opened with a grand phantom entrance and all at once the band burst forth with a thrilling strain of melody in the hall, which brought all to their feet, and especially the "masked" ones. To see these young people stalking about the hall in their ghostly habiliments was enough to make one believe that the phantom tales, of which we hear so much said, were really true. This was merely a prelude to what was to follow, if we are to judge from the ball after their masks were thrown aside.

We noticed that Wilmington was largely represented, by both ladies and gentlemen.

Theft.—On last Sunday Morning a colored man by the name of Pink Runson visited the premises of Caleb Hobbs, Esq., for the purpose of hiring his carriage Mr. Hobbs was not at home just at the time, having gone to his father's. Pink thought he would look around and see if the carriage would suit him, should he get it. He made very close observations, and discovered some eggs in it, of which he pocketed five, and strolled around with the dignity of a Sioux Chief on the war-path. But, unfortunately for Pink, Mr. Hobbs had just put the eggs there that Morning, and consequently knew just how many were there; and on his return missed the set eggs. He accused the above named colored man of lifting them, which he denied, of course, but being examined the eggs were found on his person. Mr. Hobbs then let in upon him and gave him a few warm rounds with his fist and bade him leave as soon as possible. He was very obedient and hastened down the road with the rapidity of a lightning express.

A Gentle Reminder.—The luminary published at Shelby, known as the Aurora, takes us to task for inadvertently failing to notice the revival that was progressing in our village for two weeks, which ended on the 5th, inst. During the first week we had noted its progress, intending to publish it, but by some accident the copy failed to get in the hands of the compositor, which is not infrequently the case about a printing office, as the Aurora well knows. Being aware of this fact, then, the Aurora man should have had a more Christian-like bearing, and he would have found out in time that "All's well that ends well." We have always had the highest regard for the cause of religion, and nothing pleases us more than to chronicle its progress.

We are frowned upon by the paper above named for calling upon our young people for some sort of amusements—dancing for instance. There was nothing wrong in that suggestion, as all reasonable-minded persons will admit. Our remarks were confined to those of the dancing persuasion, and it didn't necessarily follow that those having religious scruples were implied in any sense.

Dancing is an amusement, and if conducted properly will minister to health and happiness, notwithstanding it is condemned by many of our good people. As a means of physical culture it favors the development of the muscular system, and is promotive of health and cheerfulness. Jacques says it is "the best of all indoor exercises, as it brings to bear upon the physical system a great number of energizing and harmonious influences."

We have said this much to place ourself right before the people, and to correct any misapprehension that may have been made by the silly remarks of the Aurora. Our remarks are not directed to the editor of that paper—far from it; for we have always made it a rule to pay no attention to two classes of persons—fools and infants—the Aurora man is no infant.

Township Officers.—The following named gentlemen were elected officers of the different townships in this county at the last election:

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP. Magistrates.—J. L. Wilkie, A. W. Burton, W. T. Shipp, J. G. Justice, Joseph B. Blackburn, Edward Beatty. Clerk.—K. J. Shipp. Constable.—M. I. Eudy. School Committee.—Daniel Finger, J. E. Mullen, H. W. Barton.

HEWITSON TOWNSHIP. Magistrates.—A. G. Harrel, S. V. Goodson. Clerk.—John C. Radisill. Constable.—H. S. Dellinger. School Committee.—J. A. Brown, L. S. Camp, Ed. Reinhardt.

CATAWBA SPRINGS TOWNSHIP. Magistrates.—D. H. Parker, Joseph H. King, J. B. Shelton. Clerk.—W. O. Benton. Constable.—J. J. Long. School Committee.—W. S. Tucker, A. G. Dellinger, A. F. Barnett.

HOWARD'S CREEK TOWNSHIP. Magistrates.—H. E. Rainsour, J. M. Banly. Clerk.—A. S. Coon. School Committee.—D. A. Coon, J. E. Seagle, W. H. Shell.

NORTH BROOK TOWNSHIP. Magistrates.—James H. Biggestaff, Samuel Yount. Clerk.—S. J. Weaver. Constable.—C. C. Ledford. School Committee.—M. L. Radisill, W. S. Pool, J. A. Hoyt.

The Choker! MESSRS. EDITORS: Some of our citizens may be needlessly alarmed from having heard on our streets during the past week such ominous inquiries as "Who chokes to-night?" and "How many chokers are wanted?"

We assure our good people that though these phrases bear a hidden meaning they are really as innocent as "Chops and Tomato sauce," and other kindred ambushed technicalities. A friend, who knows all about it, and who is moreover deeply grateful to certain good-natured chokers, has kindly furnished me the following information respecting their new order of men, which I give to your readers in order to satisfy the curious and to remove the fears of those who anticipate a renewal of Ku Klux outrages.

A Choker is an unmarried male of the genus homo, too young to seriously contemplate a matrimonial alliance, yet old enough to feel the moon's gentle influence and to keep late hours without exciting anxious cares for his welfare at home; who has seen something of society, knows when a corner is in order and can maneuver himself into position without impudently disclosing the purpose of his strategy, and who is ever ready to act his part when the necessities of his neighbor call for his assistance. It is not necessary that he possess unusual conversational powers; his part is kind, considerate action. He believes in order and regularity, and prevents such disgraceful accidents as "Spiked teams" on public occasions or at private parties. He manages a fan dexterously, rolls his eyes affectionately, pomeades slowly and never falls into the way of others. If there be pleasant, secluded places, his polite consideration for the wishes of his friends prompt him to seek other paths and to leave the "bowers" and the "rustic benches"—just wide enough for two—for those who are familiar with "Come into the garden, Mand?"

The choker is therefore a creature brim-full of love for his friends. May his race never die out, and when the choker of to-day advances to a higher state of life may he be blessed in the possession of a kind, courteous choker to relieve his wants and to administer to his pleasure.

Isaac Merritt Singer.—This eminent mechanic died at his residence at Old Paignton, near Torquay, England on the 23d day of July, 1875, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

It rarely happens that a great mechanical inventor permanently identifies his name with the useful inventions he gives to the world. The men of talent too often seize upon and carry off the fame which properly belongs to the men of genius. Still more rarely does it occur that the meritorious inventor secures the pecuniary rewards which justly pertain to the highest efforts of the mind.

Mr. Singer's mind naturally employed itself about novel means of reaching important results, and for many years, while engaged in inventions, it was his practice to employ the simplest materials, such as a steel wire bent to some peculiar shape, or a piece of sheet iron cut to some strange form, or a pine stick curiously whittled with a pocket knife, to elucidate the principles of some of the most useful and ingenious mechanical devices.

While he was still a young man he invented a steam drilling machine, which was used with much advantage in the construction of various railways and canals. Subsequently he invented a machine for carving wood, metals, or marble. While endeavoring to introduce this invention to public notice and use, his attention was casually directed to the sewing machine. At this time (A. D. 1850) though several patents on sewing devices had been granted in this and other countries, no practical machine capable of profitable employment to do ordinary work had ever been produced.

Up to that time sewing machines had been experimental merely and had failed to be useful. In eleven days the first Singer sewing machine was invented and built complete. It contained much that was new and useful, subsequent improvements, for which numerous patents were obtained, added greatly to the value of this machine; but it was successful and profitable from the beginning to all concerned in it, and, against all competition, has steadily and continuously increased in public favor, thus establishing the reputation of the inventor and securing him a vast fortune. After several years' residence in Paris, he went with his family, to England, and finally purchased an estate and settled down at Old Paignton, near, Torquay, in Devonshire. The last years of his life were devoted to the improvement of that property, where he dispensed a liberal hospitality, and to the poor of that neighborhood his death will be a severe bereavement.

A man by the name of Arney was arrested in Charlotte one day this week, charged with having more wives than the law really allows. He had been living in Salisbury, but as the thing had begun to leak out he thought he would make his escape, so he stepped over to Charlotte, where the hands of the law were placed upon him. The Observer says of the case: "One of the wives of the bigamist Arney, of whom we spoke in yesterday's paper, came over from Salisbury yesterday morning, accompanied by Justice Haughton, of that place. Yesterday afternoon the man was brought out of jail and taken before Justices Marting and Davidson for trial. His wife, quite a respectable looking and well-dressed woman of perhaps 35, was at the trial, and made affidavit that on the 4th of May, 1873, she, Negan Lamora Logan, widow of Capt. J. J. Logan of the Confederate service, was married to Arney, in Sumter, S. C.; that they subsequently moved to Salisbury, N. C., where she was apprised of the fact in an indirect manner, and afterwards by Arney's own confession that he had a wife and children living in Mississippi, &c., &c."

Arney, a few days ago, escaped to this city, where he was arrested upon a telegram. Gov. Vance appeared for the defendant and W. H. Bailey, Esq., for the plaintiff. The man was adjudged guilty, and was allowed to give bail in \$1,000; failing to do this he was committed to jail.

If a man happens to drop off to sleep on the streets of Charlotte, he will be certain to wake up with pockets gone and his watch, if he has any, removed. At least, such was the case with a man by the name of G. W. McMann, who was known as having a bar-room in that city some two or three years ago. The Observer says he went to sleep while sitting on the steps of Walter Brem & Martin's store, and when he awoke, found that his hat had been stolen, both pockets of his pants cut, and a knife, rule, and something over 55 in cash taken.

Married. On Saturday, the 31st, of July, by J. A. Anderson, Miss Lizie Pyscour and J. A. Sabin. On Thursday, the 5th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Michael Carpenter, by Rev. J. C. Clapp, Miss Jennie Carpenter and H. J. Crooks, all of this county.

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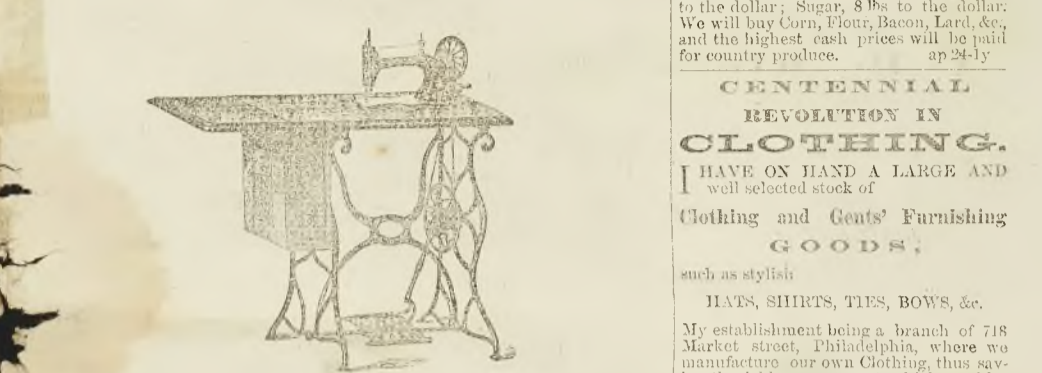
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Table showing sales of Sewing Machines for 1873, 1874, and 1875. Columns include company names and sales figures.

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