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LOCAL NEWS.

New Advertisements.

See ad. headed "Opera House." W. J. Gorpon, Sect'y-Wilmington Hool Ladder Co., No 1. JAMES C. MUNDS-Tolu Anodyne.

Sagattel, Nonthrop-A Card. D. Rosser & Norman-Notice. CHAS. D. MYERS & Co-I X L. GOLD & MURCHISON-Cartridges.

W. L. D. Rosser, Sect'y & Treas - Wilming Compress and Warehouse Co. A. Summer. - Collars by the bucket full couts a bucket.

April Fool jokes are in order to-day. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be held this evening.

The regular meeting of the Wilming-1901 Hook & Ladder Company No. will be held this evening.

So far as we can ascertain, nothing has been injured hereabouts by the frost of Saturday morning.

The breakfast bell rings at 7 o'clock, turn-out bell at 8 o'clock and market bell (for closing) at 10 oclock.

The annual meeting of the policy holders in the Wilmington Mutual Insurance Company takes place this evening a Lippitt's Hall.

Visitors of Ladies Benevolent Society will meet at the school house on 3d, between Market and Princess streets, Tuesday, April 3d, at 4 o'clock promptly.

Sociable on Thursday.

A pleasant sociable, to be given under the auspices of the Hibernian Benevolent Association, will take place at Meginney's Hall next Thursday evening. Messrs J.H McGarity, James Reilly, James Corbett and Geo. P. Lamb, form the Committee of Arrangements, from whom tickets can be procured.

Dramatic Readings.

The two young elecutionists from Raleigh, Miss Manly and Mr. Haywood, will give an entertainment in this city on next Wednesday evening. We had occas on in a recent issue to speak of these talented young North Carolinians, and we can but reiterate here that they should not only be patronized by our people but assert that they will present a most charming entertainment to all who may attend. Tuey will appear in the Opera House and an excellent programme has been chosen for the occasion. The admission is low enough, (only 50 cents) and reserved seats may be had now at Heinsberger's

Meteorlogical Summary, for March

From Mr. Seyboth, U. S. Signal Officer at this point, we have the following report for the month of March:

Mean temperature, 53.1°; about 0.7 (7-10) below average; highest thermoneter 78°; lowest do. 28°; monthly range of temperature, 50°; mean daily range of temperature, 20.5°; greatest daily range of temperature, 32°; mean monthly humidity 61.9 per centum.

Mean monthly barometer, 30.036 inches highest barometer, 30.59 inches; lowest barometer, 29.40 inches,

Number of raining days 12; clear days 13; total amount of rainfall, 4.5;

Prevailing winds, Sourhwest; highest velocity, 52 miles per hour; total number of miles traveled, 8.732.

New River Canal.

night last was postponed on account of it being Good Friday. The meeting takes place to morrow night at the Court House when it is hoped the attendance will be

It is a remarkable fact that with the exception of the meeting held to memorialize the Legislature, there never has been a public meeting held in Wilmington in relation to the inland water way, while for several years past there have been meetings held all through the counties between this city and Pamlico Sound, and large subscriptions in money and bonds made to the enterprise.

measures as will secure to Wilmington in our midst. Judge Meares then pro-

New Hanover Criminal Court.

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county.

At 11 o'clock this morning His Honor, We wish that time and space permitted Judge O. P. Mearcs, convened the Criminal Court of New Hanover county. The Sheriff made a proclamation of the fact, able closing his cries with "God save the State charge of Judge Mearcs. We would like hely oils in their possession, according to and this honorable Court," whereupon the to be able to print his charge on the crime Judge administered the oath of office to of perjury which his honor thought was Maj. Jno. W. Dunham, the Clerk ap- getting to be of very common occurrence, priests for use in their respective congregapointed by the Legislature. His Honor likewise of libel and bribery. The latter tions. informed Maj. Dunham that he had ex- crime the Judge stated had now entered amined his bond, was satisfied with it and into the Jury box. His honor lere also that he would direct it to be turned over spoke of the crime as prevailing at politito the County Commissioners and to be cal elections, to a very great extent, and of the thermometer, as taken this mornby them registered. Col. B. R. Moore pointed out the evil results that would ing at 7:31 o'clock : was then sworn in as Solicitor. This follow in case the purity of the ballot-box having completed the organization of the is not preserved. Court, the Sheriff was then directed to call over the list of the names of persons tentive listeners during the delivery of Mobile, 64; Montgomery, 62; Nashsummoned as jurors. The names were the charge, and all seemed impressed

M. M. Hankins, T. J. Southerland, Sylvester l'etteway, John Pleasant, Watson McNeill, John C. Smith, Seth W. Davis, Dan. O'Connor, Nicholas Morris, prove as great a terror to the criminals George N. Harris, Abraham Mosely, Isaac and evil-doers in the county as did the W. King, John Waddell, Jas. K. Cutlar, first. At the conclusion of the Judge's Geo. W. Hewlett, W. H. Cotton, Samuel charge the court took a recess until half Howland and John D. Hancock.

named persons were drawn to serve as

The jury, with M. M. Hankins as foreman, was then sworn in by the Clerk and assigned their places in the jury-box, when His Honor delivered the tollowing

here upon this occasion as the representatives of the moral element of society; you stand, as it were, as a great stonewall between the moral world on one side and all that is infamous on the other. It is a remarkable fact, continued His Honor, that crime for sometime past has been on and there are reasons for it and what are they? It is because of a defective criminal code, or if this be not one it is in the want of concurrence of the judicial and executive officers of this community, or, perhays, there is too much of a sickly sympathy for convicted rogues. Now it is the overburdened tax-payers, the honest sons of toil, the respectable of all classes of society that appeal to you on this occasion; not only this but as an additional incentive to the performance of your duty in ferreting out all immoralities of whatever character that are against the law, your own individual interests demand it; the most solemn and comprehensive oaths found in the English language.

It is to protect us in life, character and property; not only that the criminal may be arraigned and feel the force of the law, but it is for the ten fold more important purpose of keeping the evil-doer and the evil inclined in terror of the law. When the convictad murderer stands before me, said his honor, I confess that my sympathy is with the one who lies in the cold and silent tomb. The laws of Holy Writ say that he who takes the life of his fellow man ought to die, and it is my opinion, let it be worth what it may, that he ought to die.

There are some good men, continued the Judge, who are opposed to capital punishment; while he did not want to ac-The meeting to been held on Friday cuse them of infidelity he would say that if there was one law more explicit than another in the teachings of the Bible, it was the law which said that the murderer shall surely die, and the laws of North Carolina, as well as the law of God, says that the murderer shall dic. The Judge here alluded to the pardoning power as it had been exercised by the Chief Executive of North Carolina, and cited an instance in which the perpetrator of one of the most cold-blooded and atrocious murders ever known in the criminal annals of the State had been turned loose upon this community by the exercise of this power. It was his opinion that this pardoning While it has ever been claimed that this power should be abolished. His Honor enterprise is of Wilmington origin, it bere named the different crimes for which seems quite singular that no public move the death penalty had been fixed. He has ever been made in the city until now, dwelt particularly upon burglary as being with the exception of that held to memo- of very common occurrence and which, rialize the Legislature. Whether it has notwithstanding the fact of there being a been the mertness of the people or from long list of county officers and well-paid sone other cause no public move has been city policemen it was rarely the case that made we know not, but at any-rate the the crime was detected. In fact His Honor citizens are now called upon to take action | said that he wanted no better evidence of and they would be blind to their own in- the inefficiency of these officers than that terest were they to neglect to take such the crime was of such frequent occurrence

common crime of larceny in New Hanover

us to give a more elaborate and extended synopsis of this

The Court room was crowded with atafterwards put in a hat and the following with the earnestness of the Judge.

Grand Jurors during this term of the justice there need be no apprehension of punishment when called to appear before his honor, Judge Meares, but to the guilty we are very much mistaken if the second Criminal Court of New Hanover does not past two o 'clock.

Easter Day.

we believe Easter Day always is, and, we this. may be pardoned for saying, as it always should be. There were large congrega-Gentlemen of the Jury: You stand tions everywhere and the decorations in the churches where Easter is held as the Queen of Festivals evidenced the interest with which the fairer portion of the cougregations hailed the advent of the day.

in by Easter carols from the children the Parish, given out to the world from the increase in the county of New Hanover, the top of the church tower, the bell from St. Mark's Church (colored) having previously pealed out its call to a midnight communion. At 11 o'clock the bells rang for morning services which, in some instances, were prolonged until 2 o'clock. St. James' St. Paul's (P. E.) St. Thomas' St. Paul's (Lutheran) St. John's and St. Mark's Churches were all beautifully decorated, and we do not remember to have everseen the adornments more tastefully arranged, although the scarcity of flowers interfered seriously with the plans of the ladies. In St. James', in the afternoon, the services were entirely choral, for the benefit of the children, and in St. John's, and to do this you are bound by one of in the afternoon, they were also choral, but were arranged entirely for the benefit of the Sunday School children of the What is the object of a Criminal court ? Parish. In this Church the pupils of the School, accompanied by their teachers, entered the main door and advanced up the central aisle singing an Easter carol. They were seated, class by class, in the front seats, when the Superintendent, Mr. T. C. DeRosset, from his scat in the chancel, called the classes by their numbers Each class, as it was called, advanced to the chancel and delivered the amount of its Easter offerings to the Superintendent as also a letter of a sentence to be made up by the entire School. The amount of the offering was then called out and the letter was hung by the Superintendent on a wire suspended across the front of the chancel from the choir to the lecturn. The entire body of children, with their teachers, sung a portion of a hymn appropriate to the particular class at that time tendering their offerings. When completed the letters spelled 'Christ is Risen," each letter being formed of evergreens and flowers of various bright

The occasion was a very interesting one and there was a large congregation conducted the opening and closing services. The offerings, which were made entirely by the children, there having been no general collection, amounted to upwards of \$50. When it is understood that there are but about fifty children in this School, the average being about \$1 to each scholar, the amount will be seen to have been a very handsome one.

The alarm of fire this afternoon was caused by the burning of a two story frame house on Second, between Church and Castle streets, owned by Mr. Wm. Berry and occupied by a Mr. Hunt.

The annual meeting of the Wilmington Compress and Warehouse Company will be held on Wendesday at 11 o'clock upon our agricultural interests of the too charter will be submitted for approval.

Blessing The Holy Oils.

The Catholic priests of this diocese and those of Virginia assembled in Richmond at the Cathedral, Thursday morning, for very the blessing of the "holy oils" to be used but plain and practical in "baptism and extreme unction." The the rules of the Catholic church, are burned, and new oils are distributed to the various

The Thermometer.

From the United States Signal Office at this place we obtain the following report

Augusta, 59; Charleston, 62; Cincinnati, 43; Jacksonville, 65; Knoxville, 51; Lynchburg, 57; Memphis, 43; ville, 43; New Orleans, 63; New York 47: Norfolk, 53; Pittsburg, 38; Savan-To him who is innocent and fears not | nah, 62; St. Louis, 28; Washington, 55; Wilmington, 90.

St. George & St. Andrew's.

The Anniversary Dinner of the St. George and St. Andrew's Society takes place to-morrow evening, and our acknowlments for an invitation to be present are tendered to the committee, Messrs. John Colville, Berry Gleaves and H. G. Smallbones. We have on hand some very pleasant reminiscences of the anniversa ries of the Society in past years, and will Yesterday was bright and pleasant as make it our endeavor to be present at

New Insurance Firm.

As will be seen by a reference to our advertising columns, Messrs. T. C. De-Rosset and Samuel Northrop, Lave entered into an insurance copartnership under the style of DeRosset &. Northrop. This effects an consolidation of the Agen-At St. James' the morning was ushered cies heretofore held by Mr. DeRosset and Messrs. Northrope & Cumming, and the new firm now present a number of the best companies in the world. They represent no other than first class fire and marine companies, aggregating over sixty millions of assets.

Petersons' "Dollar Series."

Something entirely new in literature is a series of choice works of fiction about to be issued by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa., under the title of "PETERSONS' DOLLAR SERIES OF GOOD Novels," and to be sold at a much lower price than such books have ever before been published at in America. For the initial volume has with rare good taste been chosen the Countess of Blessington's charming uovel of "Country Quarters." This gifted lady was one of the most brilliant women of rank London ever produced. The brightest literary lights of the last generation delighted in paying homage to this beautiful and talented Countess. Lord Byron made no secret of his love for this remarkable lady, so richly lowered with brains and beauty. This choice novel from her pen has been prepared in elegant and durable style, as all the volumes of "Petersons' Dollar Series of Good Novels" will be, and is sold at retail at the surprisingly low price of One Dollar a copy. Every volume in the scries will be complete in itself, and each one of them will contain as much matter as is generally given in a \$1.75 or \$2.00 book, and be in uniform, style and size with "COUNTRY QUARTERS." Booksellers are requested to send on their orders at once, so as to have them on hand to show their customers. A very elegant binding of blue vellum, embossed with back and the gold has been specially designed for "Petersons' Dollar Series of Good Novels," and their low prices and attractiveness will command for them a very large sale. The first volume of the series is "Country Quarters," and it'will be found for sale by all booksellers, or present. Rev. Mr. Patterson, the Rector, copies of it will be sent to any one, free of postage, to any place, on remitting One Dollar in a letter, to the publishers, T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa.

Cut this Out-It May Save Your Life There is no person living but what suffers more or less with Lung Disease, Steam-Sliced Smoked Beef Coughs, Colds or Consumption, yet some would die rather than pay 75 ceuts for a bottle of medicine that would cure them. Dr. A. Boschee's German Syrup has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wondrous cures astonish every one that tries it, If you doubt what we say in print, cut this out and take it to your Druggist,and get a sample bottle for 10 cents and try it, or a regular size for 75 cents.

MORE BREAD AND LESS LEAVEN as the rule made by Dooler's Yeast POWDER. Full weight, purity of composition, and excellence of result put it. beyond competition. All the grocers keep it and say that the knowing purchasers local rates over the can'd when construc- ceeded to name some of the evil results at the Bank of New Hanover when the new universally call for this in preference to all its rivals.

New Advertisements. Wilmington Hook & Ladder Co., No 1

A TTENTION ! The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Company has been postponed until this MONDAY EVENING, 9th inst., at 8 o'clock. By order of the Foreman. W. J. GORDON.

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Third St., opposite City Hall.

A Card.

BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT THE UN DERSIGNED has this day assumed control of the Insurance Business of NORTHROP CUMMING, and has associated himself with Mr. T. C. DEROSSET, for the purpose of the transaction of a GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS, and respectfully solicits the patronage of the public.

SAMUEL NORTHROP. **OPERA** HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th, 1877.

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and

MR. HAYWOOD

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PLEASE NOTICE.

We will be glad to receive communications from our friends on any and all subjects of general interest but : A . West.

The name of the writer must always be furnished to the Editor."

Communications must be swritten only on one side of the paper. l'ersonalities must be avoided.

And it is especially and particularly understood that the editor does not always endorse the views of correspondents, unless so stated n the editorial columns.

New Advertisements.

WILMINGTON COMPRESS AND WARE-HOUSE COMPANY.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 2, 1877. THE ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Bank of New

The new Charter will be submitted for approval.

WM. L. DEROSSET, Sect'y & Treas.

NOTICE.

name of

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY entered into a Partnership under the firm

DeROSSET & NORTHROP, As General Insurance Agents.

They are determined to represent only SOUND, SOLVENT Companies, and offer Insurance now in the following ;

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London Assurance Corporation, Commercial Union Assurance Company.

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The Niagara Fire Insurance Co., of N. Y. The Underwriters' Agency of N. Y. The Atlantic Insurance Company of N. Y. The Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Co. The St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co. Petersburg Insurance and Savings Co.

Marine.

Orient Mutual Insurance Company of N. Y. Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Co. St. Paul's Fire and Marine. REPRESENTING OVER

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A FACT! A FACT! A FACT!

A. SHRIER. Market street.

Notice. HE ANNUAL MEETING of the mem-bers (policy holders) of the Wilmington Mutual Insurance Company, will be held at

Lippitt's Hail on Monday, April 2, 1877, at half past 7 o'clock. SAM'L N. CANNON.

For the Ladies.

MRS. E. A. LUMSDEN HAS JUST RE-turned from New York with all the French Pattern Hats, Bon-

nets, French Flowers, &c. Ladies are respectfully invited to call and

CHOICE GOSHEN BUTTER. SMALL LOT IN ROLLS. Just rec'd

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ON MONDAY, APRIL 2d, I will com-

rence a new feature in the Clothing Line.

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FRESH AND CHOICE Candies!

Marsh Mallow Drops,

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Cocoanut Cream, Cream Walnuts, Cream Dates, Dried Figs, Cream Taffy, Oranges,

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