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Bargains in SHAWLS. We offer for this week a

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#### Of Stripe Silk and Wool Shawls that cost \$5.50 for \$2.00.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1878.

## LOCAL NEWS.

#### New Advertisements.

A. SHRIER-Back Again. Munson & Co .- Handsome Diagonals, &c. DEROSSET & Co-Roe Herring. W. J. GORDON, Sec'y-Wil. Hook & Lad-

der Co. No. 1. S. JEWETT-Look.

We were pleased to receive a call to-day from Mr. Hobgood, of the Raleigh News.

Hon, Edward Cantwell has received an invitation to deliver the address on Me-

The ladies of the Second Presbyterian Church will hold an ice cream and strawberry festival at the Little Giant Engine Hall on Thursday evening, the 18th inst.

versary of one of the biggest snows ever seen in these parts. It fell in 1849, just 29 years ago yesterday.

Col. John L. Cantwell, the present efficient Secretary and Treasurer of the Produce Exchange, was this morning unanimously re-elected by the new Board of Managers to that position, for the ensuing year. A compliment not unworthily bestowed.

#### Commencement Address.

Mr. John D. Bellamy has accepted an nvitation to deliver the commend address before the cadets of the Cape

#### Two Souls.

Miss Gracie A. Brink, daughter of Col. E. R. Brink and Mr. Jos. B. Worth, formerly of this city, but now of New York, were united in mafriage this morning at Col. Brink's residence by the Rev Mr. Yates of the Methodist church. The Black Silk for Trimmings and Linings, 65c happy couple left for their new home soon after the ceremony.

#### The Dead Horse.

We are told by the gentleman of whom we spoke yesterday as having killed his horse on Saturday with a dray iron that our informant was mistaken. He states that the horse was affected with the blind staggers, and had been bled that morning and subsequently died from the effects of the staggers.

#### Caught One of Them.

One of those miserable little vagabonds who afflict this community now, colored girl about 12 years of age, was caught to-day and lodged in the Guard House. She is one of the gang who go around begging and when food is not given them they rock the houses, and when they find a white child with a cake or a cracker in its hands they take it from them per force. This is what one of them did to-day. She threw down a little white Hosiery. Underwear and child, snatched the cake and departed. But the father of the child was not far off. He saw the girl, pursued her, overtook her and carried her to the Guard House, when she was' recognized as having but just been discharged from thence a few days previously on the same complaint.

In fact, she is a veritable little devil and has been detected in several offenses of a similar nature within the past few months. Mayor Fishblate will have her before him to-morrow morning, and will probably take steps to rid the community of her. ing more nor less than highway robbery, one of the most serious on the calendar.

#### City Court.

Lavinia Williams, colored, arraigned for disorderly conduct, was dismissed on payment of costs.

Thos. Brown, a foolish sort of a darkey form Fair Bluff, on the W. C. & A. R. R. who came down here "to go a fishing," was arrested, on suspicion, by Officer Goodman, last night, owing to his suspicious movements on the officer's beat. The Mayor told him he must "git" before must still be said the "full width has not closing work to high water mark appears sundown. The defendant agreed and the yet been given it." case was dismissed.

#### Indignant.

The members of the Produce, Exchange Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade are talking seriously of cailing a meeting at an early day to express their indignation at the conduct of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in raising their charges twenty-five cents on each and every message received and sent from this place. There was much indig- particularly on the second section of the tation expressed on Change this morning which may culminate in some determined action in a day or two.

#### Our River and Bar.

We are indebted to Mr. Nutt, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee on the River and Bar Improvement Works, for the following interesting document. As will be seen it is a copy of a communication from Capt. C. B. Phillips relative to the condition of the works at the mouth of the river as they stood on the 28th of last month, less than three weeks ago. We publish also the correspondence which accompanies Capt. Phillips' report:

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington City, April 3, 1878.

The Secretary of War has the honor to transmit to the United States Senate a letter of the Chief of Engineers, and a copy of a report from Capt. Charles B. Yesterday, April 15th, was the anniin North Carolina, since the last report thereupon, in compliance with Senate resolution of March 22, 1878, calling for the information.

> GEO. W. McCRARY, Secretary of War, The President of the U. S. Senate.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS. Washington, D. C., April 1, 1878. SIR: I beg leave to return herewith the resolution of the Senate of the United States of the 22d March, directing the Secretary of War "to transmit to the Senate any information he may have in his especially if the theory be correct that the department in relation to the improvement limit of scour, due to the overfall of of the Cape Fear Harbor, in North Carc- water, has been attained. It will be lina, since the last report upon that im- seen at a glance from the above that the provement," and in compliance with its re- settling (unexpected in extent) has caused quirement to submit the inclosed report the original estimates for the quantity of Fear Military Academy in this city some from Capt. Charles B. Phillips, Corps of Engineers, which will afford full informatally fall below the amount absolutely required.

> Very respectfully, your ob't. serv't., A. A. HUMPHREYS, Brig.-Gen'l. and Chief of Eng'rs. Hon. Geo. W. McCrary, Secretary of War.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE MOUTH OF THE CAPE FEAR BIVER, NORTH CAROLINA UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE.

Baltimore, March 27, 1878 GENERAL :- I have the honor to acknowledgethe receipt of your communication not have been so large had it been possible of the 26th instant (addressed to Major to have prosecuted the work continu-Craighill), transmitting, for information ously. and for report thereon, a copy of a resolution of the United States Senate, dated 22d instant, calling upon the Secretary of

Any information he may have in his department in relation to the improvement of the Cape Fear Harbor in North Carolina, since the last report upon that improvement.

As Major Craighill's successor (temporarily), it devolves upon me to report as fol

At the date of the last annual report of the Chief of Engineers, operations were being principally confined to filling in with stone upon the structure for closing the space between Federal Point and Zeke's Island, and known as the "New Inlet."

About 20,000 cubic yards of stone had then been delivered upon the work under the then existing contract. The contract time for this delivery expired on the 31st of December, 1877. The contractors at that time had, by pushing their work vigorously, delivered very nearly 50,000 cubic yards of stone in all, which amount placed on the top and sea-side surface of was somewhat more than was required of the dam.

At this time (December 31 last) a balance of about \$20,000 remained on hand to the limit of the scouring in depth. available for the continued delivery of

Previous to this time it had become manifested that it was particularly desirable that there should be no suspension in the delivery of stone, as will be explained hereafter in this report, and bids were invited for continuing the work to the extent of available funds.

These bids were opened November 15, 1877, and a contract was executed for the delivery of 12,000 yards of stone for The offense she committed to-day is noth- the sum specified above, or at the rate of at certain times probably amount to 3 \$1.661 per yard.

Work under this contract was commencbeen delivered. It is expected that the water mark at 80,000 cubic yards. contract will be entirely fulfilled on the "The good effect of the partial closure Barker. 10th proximo, when all further work for of the New Inlet is already apparent at Cotton Quotations Committee-D. R the closure of the New Inlet must necessarily be suspended for the want of funds.

In the last annual report it is stated: "The closing work is as high as low water for about two-fifths its length, . . but the full width has not yet been given priety and necessity of granting the Jno. D. Woody, Chairman, A. L. De

The 10,000 cubic yards of stone which have since been put on the work, have brought the structure up to low-water have quoted above. His estimate of mark over nearly its entire length, but it

The structure at low-water mark is not over about six feet in width, with ridges at points projecting above this level. The filling which had been done just before the date of the last annual report, and which varying from 10 to 18 feet in depth. The exposed shore. ulling in this deep water was standing well; but very little, if any, settling has been observed, which was very encouraging at the time (1st of July last); and it may be remarked here that this deep filling has con-

tinued to stand with but little settling. But when the shoaler water was reached first step for the closure of the inlet con" sisted in putting an apron, composed of mattresses of round timber and brush, loaded with stone, entirely across the space in question. This apron varied in width from 45 to 70 feet, according to the depth of water at any particular point. The width of the apron on the second section was uniformly 45 feet, and its line of direction was on what was known as the "six-feet shoal."

As the filling has continued over the entire work generally, but more noticeably over the shoaler portions, of which the second section is an example, the water has cut out a deep trench on each side of the work, and this seems to have been caused more by the pouring of the water over the structure than by any current along the side. As a result of this, the entire work is left resting upon a ridge and at the shoaler places the work has gradually settled as the water has found its way between the timbers forming the base of the structure.

The limit of scour seems to have been attained at the present time, and the depth to which it has reached is about eighteen or twenty feet below ordinary low water. This depth, however, found only at quite a distance from the mattresses, and no settling has been observed at points where the mattresses were placed at a depth of 14 feet or more below ordinary low water. As the entire base of the structure is, at the shoalest point, about 12 feet below low water at the present time, there is reason to suppose that the settling has nearly ceased, tion respecting the improvement in ques- On the completion of the apron, it was estimated that 75,000 cubic yards of stone would be required to bring the closing work to high-water mark. This was in June, 1876. Since that date about 62,000 yards have been put in. leaving a balance of 23,000 yards yet due to fill the estimate. It is now estimated that nearly 80,000 cubic yards of stone will yet be required to complete the

> work to high water. It is no more than just and proper to add, however, that this discrepancy would

I quote from a report made on the 11th of the present month, by Mr. Henry Bacon, the assistant in immediate charge of this work. He says:

"As the work of stone-filling at the New Inlet dam has proceeded, the scouring on each side and adjacent to it has increased, and all those portions of the work which were placed in shoal water, embracing nearly all the second section first and third sections, have been gradbetween and under the logs of the mattresses, so that the base of the work is nearly everywhere at least 12 feet below

mean low water. "This subsidence and scouring are undoubtedly favorable for security and permanence, but necessarily involve a larger expenditure of riprap than was expected. Experience has shown the necessity of erally approved by the Board. giving a liberal top-width to the dam at high-water, and of large stone carefully

mark, the slopes must be filled with stone | Cantwell. This already seems to have reached its limit. No increase has occurred for several months.

closure of the New Inlet are well illustra- C. H. King. ted by the fact that in the present imperfect state of the dam the water on the river-side, toward the last of the ebb tide, is sometimes two feet higher that on the

"When the water shall be completely shut off by the dam, the difference wi

In the light of all our experience, I ed early in January last, and at the pres. | would now estimate the amount of stone ent date nearly 10,000 yards have already required to complete the dam to high-

> the mount of the river by the general increase of depth both at the "Rip" and the Bald-Head channels.

"No words are needed to show the procomparatively small amounts needed for the completion of this important work." I concur with Mr. Bacon in all that I

amount of stone required to complete the high, and I trust that it may prove higher | decided improvements in our streats than necessary; but he is daily at the hereabouts point of operations, and has been during the past two years and more, and he has learned that due allowance should be constituted the two-fifths of length referred | made for the treacherous movements of | to to in the report, was mostly in deep water, the tides and sand on this particularly Brock informs us there are only tour, and

Three important steps for the improvment of the Lower Cape Fear River, at proper management can haul enough and below New Inlet, have constantly ballast in the short time that they have been kept in mind by the officer who has been in charge of the work for the past seven years (and who is now but temporarily relieved from the charge of same), enough to complete a good many sidework (1,588 feet in length), a very serious viz, the closing of New Inlet, the deepen-settling was almost immediately detected ing of water on the bar at the old mouth of as the filling advanced. It has been quite the river, and the restoration of the old There is a general that is alway fully explained in previous reports that the channel behind the "Horseshoe," opposite duty, and that is general nuisance.

the inlet, and known as the Snow's Ma sh channel.

Of these operations, the first and the third are mainly merely subsidiary to the accomplishment of the improvement of

From time to time, work to a limited extent has been attempted, both at the bar to assist nature in restoring the old depth of water, aud at the "Horseshoe" to restore the old location of the channel. The restricted means at the disposal of the officer in charge of the work have caused those attempts to be but comparatively feeble; but the results have demonstrated beyond a doubt the correctness of the theory which prompted them. For the past two years the small amount of funds available, and the particulary exposed position of New Inlet, have imperatively dictated the necessity of devoting every available dollar to the work at the inlet, in order to secure that which had already been attained at so great an expense.

While I am called upon merely to give information in relation to the improvement of the Cape Fear River, and am not specially invited to express any "opinion" on the subject, I will venture to say the following, and trust that I will not be considerd presmuptuous in sodoing: The officer in charge of the work, in his annual report in July last, stated: 'Amount that can be profitably expended in fiscal year ending June 30, 1879. \$160,000."

This amount at that time was considered absolutely necessary to make complete the work at the inlet, with the probability that a sufficient balance would remain to enable some steps to be taken for the accomplishment of the subsidiary oprations referred to above.

Circumstances which have arisen since the date of said report have certainly

On the contrary, the unlooked-for increase in the amount of stone required at be used to advantage; and I greatly fear that the amount in question, if appropriated, will do no more than close the main neglected-operations which should go on at once, in order to secure promptly to navigation the full fruits resulting

of New Inlet. I am, General, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

CHARLES B. PHILLIPS, Captain of Engineers. Brig. Gen. A. A. HUMPHREYS, Chief of Engineers, U.S. A.

Produce Exchange. At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Wilmington Produce Exchange, (1,588 feet in length) and portions of the | held at noon to-day, the following named gentlemen were appointed and elected to the sweeping reduction of its rates than ually settled by the water finding its way the different positions and committees

named below for the ensuing year: Arbitration Committee-Donald Mac-Rae, Chairman, G. J. Boney, B. G.

Worth, Alfred Martin, B. F. Mitchell. C. H. Robinson, President, made the following appointments which were sev-

Jno. L. Cantwell, Secretary and Treas-

Finance Committee-Geo. W. Wil-"In completing the work to high-water liams, Chairman, John T. Rankin, J. L.

> Law Committe-D. G. Worth, Chairman, Jas. Sprunt.

Information and Statistics Committee-"The forces to be contented with in the E. Peschau, Chairman, A. L. DeRosset,

> Marine Committee-D. R. Murchison, Chairman, R. E. Heide, A. J. Howell. Inspection, Weighing and Gauging Committee--B. F. Hall, Chairman, Jas A.

Willard, Roger Moore. 2 Classification of Cotton Committee-E Lilly, Chairman, Wm. Calder, C.

Cotton Statistics Committee-Wm. L. DeRosset, Chairman, A. Pope, E. G.

Murchison, Chairman, D. G. Worth, S. R. Birdsey.

Naval Stores Quotations Committee-Rosset, B. F. Hall.

#### Street Improvements.

Chief of Police Brock and his corps of assistants are certainly making some very

former administrations sometimes hired as high as fifteen cart do the hauling, now Capt yet we see that these four carts under the been at work to improve the most promi nent thoroughfares, besides hauling gravel

There is a general that is always on

#### PLEASE NOTICE.

We will be glad to receive communication from our friends on ony and all subjects of general interest but :

The name of the writer nast always be furnished to the Editor.

Communications must be written on only one side of the paper.

Personalities must be avoided.

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

#### Serious Affray Near Burgaw.

We have just learned of a serious cutting affray which occurred near Burgaw one day last week between Messrs. George Walker and Thomas Hodges, who had married sisters. The difficulty occurred at Mr. Hodges' house, about three miles from Burgaw, and is said to have begun at the dinner table. From word they passed to blows, when Walker drew a knife and made several passes at Hodges cutting him badly. He received two deep gashes in the right side and a terrible cut in the right arm. Walker made his escape from the house but a warrant was issued for his arrest and he was taken in charge by Officer Bowden, who started with him for Burgaw. When near that place, however, the Officer stopped at a branch for water for himself and his horse and Walker took advantage of the opportunity and made a dash for the woods .. He was fired at but escaped.

Hodges, the wounded man, is still in a very precarious condition although he was reported as somewhat better on Sunday last. He is attended by Drs. Ennett and

#### A Waif.

This morning, between 4 and 5 o'clock, a newly born colored infant was placed on the piazza to the dwelling of Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins on Dock, between Sixth and Seventh streets. The attention of the inmates of the house was drawu not diminished the amount which can be to the fact that something unusual was used to advantage during the year in going on by the presistent barking of the yard dog. Some minutes after the child was placed on the porch, Mrs. Hopkins the closing work at the inlet has propor- opened the door to see what was the cause tionally increased the amount which can of the disturbance when she heard the cry of a baby and saw that the child was laying at her feet. It was taken up and inlet, and secure properly the beach in its carried in the house, and the police sent vicinity, while the minor operations re- for in order that the city authorities could make some disposition of it A colored woman in the heighborhood, who has a from the main operation, viz, the closure young baby, consented to take it until it could be turned over to the authorities. The infant was wrapped in a coffee bag and when found could not have been more than two hours o'd.

> Full moon to-night a little before 1 o'clock and who cares?

By the exercise of the most judicious management, the Grant Central Hotel, New York, has very cleverly turned the tide of trade in its direction, not less by through its excellent management.

#### MARRIED

In this city, at the residence of the bride's father, on Tuesday morning, the 16th inst., by Rev. E. A. Yates, Mr. JOS. G. WORTH, son of B. G. Worth, Esq., and Miss GRACIE, daughter of Col. E. R. Brink.

### New Advertisemets.

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Wilmington Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1. MEMBERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to attend called meeting at their Hall this (Tuesday) evening, at 8 o'clock.

#### bration. By order of the Foreman. apl 16 W. J. GORDON, Sect'y. ROE HERRINGS.

A FEW KEGS.

They are requested to come prepared to pay their subscriptions to Anniversary Cele-

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Come gentlemen, come boys, come every body, and examine stock, style and prices.

> A. SHRIER, Market st. Clothier;