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## Fall Stock.

**BROWN & RODDICK**  
45 Market Street.

DESIRE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC  
Generally and Wholesale Cash buyers in particu-  
lar, that we are full up with the

**Cheapest Line!**

## Dry Goods

that has ever been offered in this market.  
NO BUYER visiting this city will do him-  
self justice by passing our door, as we are  
underselling the market in many of the reg-  
ular staple lines.

We have marked down all goods that be-  
long to Summer wear and are offering

**Many Special Inducements**  
to our patrons.

We would call particular attention to the  
following

**GENTS' DOGSKIN DRIVING GLOVES**  
Slightly spotted, 75c. Worth \$1.50.

## Calicoes!

New Fall Calicoes at all prices in beautiful  
designs.

## Bleached and Unbleached Cottons!

We have laid in a very heavy stock of the  
above and are offering them at lower figures  
than ever. We have all the popular brands.  
Our 4-4 Bleaching at 10 cents per yard is  
without any exception the best value ever  
offered.

**Linen Handkerchiefs,**  
A Job at 10 cents. These goods  
require no comment.

**Give us a Call!**

**BROWN & RODDICK,**  
45 Market St.  
an 28

## A Large Party,

FORMERLY RENT PAYERS, tired of  
landlord rule aronow on my monthly in-  
stalment list. Every dollar heretofore paid  
by them for rent now goes to purchase a  
home and not where the woodbine twineth.  
Under the instalment plan no rent is paid,  
thereby avoiding a steady drain on family  
resources and enabling parties to secure  
comfortable homes and to become their own  
landlords. JAMES WILSON  
sept 20-1w

## School Books.

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A VERY  
large and full supply of School Books and  
School Stationery

Parents and teachers will find it to their  
advantage by first calling at

HEINBERGER'S,  
sept 23 Live Book and Music Store

## School for Young Ladies.

**MISS HART, Principal.**  
Assisted by Miss M. B. BROWN.  
Instrumental Music taught by MRS. M. P.  
TAYLOR.  
Instruction in Drawing and Painting by  
MRS. E. H. PARLEY.

THE NEXT SESSION WILL OPEN  
TUESDAY, the 5th of October. Punctual  
attendance at the beginning of the session is  
highly important. For terms and particu-  
lars, apply, after September 28th, to the  
sept 20-m-w-fri-7t PRINCIPAL.

LOW RATES—For all kinds of Printing,  
Persons residing out of the city can have  
their printing carefully executed and mailed  
to them free of postage.  
E. S. WARBOOK, Job Printer,  
(In Review Building) sept 9

## LOCAL NEWS.

New Advertisements.  
BUTCHERS' COMPANY—Old Market  
P. HEINBERGER—School Books  
YATES—Complete Stock School Books.

Window Glass—all sizes at Maifer &  
Sons.

Several foreign vessels reported in be-  
low.

Save your money and buy your Build-  
ing supplies from Altaper & Co.

The steamers *Wave* and *A. P. Hart*,  
due here last night from Fayetteville,  
have not arrived at this writing at 4 p.  
m. today.

Full Metal and Walnut Show Cases, all  
styles and sizes, at ALTAPEER, PRICER  
& CO'S.

The Butchers' Company have made  
ample preparations for supplying a great  
many with the material for a Sunday  
dinner. They will be found at the cor-  
ner of Market and Second.

Try Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair  
Renewer if you would have a luxuriant  
growth of hair.

Col. Jno. D. Taylor has received the  
appointment of Deputy Grand Dictator  
of the Order of Knights of Honor in  
North Carolina.

It is asserted that Misses Kellogg,  
Abbott, Oates, and our other famous  
songstresses manage to keep their voices  
clear by the use of Dr. Bull's Cough  
Syrup. Price, 25 cents a bottle.

### Personal.

Mr. Alex. Sprunt, of this city, arrived  
in New York, on Wednesday last, from  
Europe. Mr. Sprunt will make a visit  
to Canada before he returns home and  
will probably get here about October 5th.

Window Glass of all sizes, Doors, Sash  
and Blinds, Builders' Hardware, &c. Low  
est prices at JACOBI'S.

### No North Carolina Troops for King's Mountain.

Adjutant General Jones writes to Gen.  
M. P. Taylor, of this city, that the plan  
for an encampment of North Carolina  
troops at King's Mountain has been aban-  
doned, and that there will consequently  
be no sham fight on that occasion, as has  
been announced. Gen. Jones says that  
this reversal of the programme is because  
he has failed to secure free transportation  
for the troops over the railroads in this  
State.

It is still expected that there will be  
some five or six companies on the ground  
but these will probably be from South  
Carolina.

This is to be regretted very much as  
it will give a great set-back to the pros-  
pects of a large attendance, and the pres-  
ence of the military and a sham battle,  
under the management of Joseph E.  
Johnston, would probably have drawn to-  
gether twice the crowd that would other-  
wise attend.

After the foregoing was in type we re-  
ceived the following from Gen. Jones,  
with a request to publish:

NORTH CAROLINA,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPT.,  
MORGANTON, Sept. 23, 1880.

To the North Carolina State Guard:

The railway lines in North and South  
Carolina have in connection agreed to  
transport the military companies that  
attend the celebration at King's Moun-  
tain, at two (2) cents per mile, round  
trip.

At this rate, in this season of  
the year, it is impracticable to assem-  
ble the State Guard in force at King's  
Mountain. The proposed encampment  
must, therefore, be abandoned, and tents  
cannot be furnished by the State.

Companies that attend must go upon  
their own responsibility, as individual  
organizations.

It is out of the power of the State  
authorities, under existing circumstances,  
to afford them assistance.

The undersigned will do anything in  
his power beforehand to provide for the  
shelter and comfort of such companies as  
may attend the celebration, provided he  
is notified in time.

JOHNSTON JONES,  
Adjutant-General N. C.

### Is It Possible

that a remedy made of common,  
simple plants as Hops, Buchu, Mandrake,  
Dandelion, &c. make so many and such  
marvelous and wonderful cures as Hop  
Bitters do? It must be, for when old and  
young, rich and poor, Pastor and Doctor,  
Lawyer and Editor, all testify to having  
been cured by them, we must believe and  
doubt no longer. See other column.—  
Feat.

New remedies and old ones under new  
names are being constantly introduced  
to the public, but Dr. Bull's Cough  
Syrup still takes the lead for the cure of  
Coughs, Colds etc. Price, 25 cents.

## LIFE FOR LIFE.

Execution of Peter Leach at Lumber-  
ton—Dropped While Seated in a  
Chair—The Second of the Family to  
Go Off in That Way—Strangled to  
Death—A History of the Crime.

LUMBERTON, ROBESON CO., N. C.,  
Sept. 24th, 1880.

To-day Peter Leach, colored, paid the  
extreme penalty of the law in the jail  
yard in this town, for the murder of Sam  
Townsend, also colored, in this county  
on the evening of the 6th day of January,  
1879. At the time of the homicide Leach  
and Townsend, with their respective fam-  
ilies, occupied the same house, and for a  
considerable time previous each had been  
suspectious with his wife. This jealousy  
had not culminated in any act of hostility  
until the evening of the murder and they  
had lived and maintained apparently  
amicable relations with each other. On  
the evening in question there was quite a  
gathering of the colored people of the  
neighborhood at the house and the time  
was passed pleasantly, in singing the re-  
ligious hymns for which the race have so  
much fondness, until quite late when  
suddenly an angry altercation sprung up  
between Leach and Townsend. After a  
few words had passed between them the  
latter went out of doors, where he was  
soon followed by the former, who took a  
gun with him. Here the altercation was  
renewed, and Townsend made some re-  
mark to which Leach retorted, "Do you  
mean it?" and immediately raised his gun,  
which was loaded with buckshot, and  
shot Townsend, the charge entering the  
left thigh near the groin and breaking the  
thigh bone. Leach then walked delib-  
erately away. Those who were present  
went to the assistance of Townsend, who  
had fallen, and carried him into the house,  
and summoned a physician, who was  
promptly in attendance, but his efforts  
were of no avail, for after lingering three  
days the victim died. From some cause  
Leach was not arrested until about four  
weeks after the homicide, although he  
took no special pains to avoid arrest.

At the spring term of 1879 of Robeson  
Superior Court, a true bill was found  
against Leach, for the murder of Town-  
send, but at the request of counsel the  
case was continued until the next term  
of Court. At the fall term of the Court,  
Judge A. S. Seymour presiding, Leach  
was tried, convicted and sentenced to be  
hung on the 9th of January, 1880. The  
case was carried to the Supreme Court of  
the State on an appeal, but this tribunal  
affirmed the judgment of the Court be-  
low. Soon after this a desperate at-  
tempt was made by the prisoners to  
break jail, but in this they were frustra-  
ted by the vigilance and energy of the  
Sheriff and Jailor. To prevent any fur-  
ther attempts the prisoners were shackled  
together to couples in such a manner  
that, while they had the liberty required  
by necessity, they could accomplish noth-  
ing by any effort to escape.

About this time, but after the attempt-  
ed escape, Leach received a visit from  
his wife, a good-looking, bright mulatto,  
who brought him some articles of com-  
fort in his confinement, and a large "ging-  
er cake." After his wife's departure he  
gave some cake to his fellow prisoners, of  
which they partook, but he reserved and  
ate the larger portion himself. Soon after  
eating the cake all who had partaken of  
it were taken suddenly and alarmingly  
ill, Leach suffering more intensely than  
any of the others. The Sheriff was soon  
in attendance and found Leach perfect-  
ly nude, frothing at the mouth, and  
walking around his cell in a circle, while  
the prisoner to whom he was shackled  
was compelled to keep him company. A  
physician was at once summoned,  
who pronounced it a case of poisoning  
and administered the necessary antidotes,  
which afforded relief to all the sufferers,  
save Leach, who remained in a sort of  
fury for some time and then became en-  
tirely helpless, in which condition he  
remained ever since. About eight weeks  
ago he suddenly lost the power of speak-  
ing louder than a whisper, but regained  
the full use of his vocal powers on Sun-  
day last.

As none of the prisoners suffered in  
those who partook of the cake, and as  
there were reasons for supposing that  
Leach's wife was desirous of getting effec-  
tually rid of him, and was fearful he  
might eventually escape the penalty of the  
law, suspicion at once pointed to her as the

self-appointed executioner. In the absence  
of any positive proof against her, however,  
no action was taken in the matter.

At the spring term of 1880, Judge Ems-  
presiding, Leach was re-sentenced to be  
hung on the 25th of June last, but owing  
to his condition, the members of Robeson  
bar interceded with the court and obtained  
a postponement of the execution until to-  
day. This action on the part of the mem-  
bers of the bar was prompted by the hu-  
mane desire that he be condemned, man  
might either die before the day appointed  
or that he might recover so that the execu-  
tion of a helpless invalid should not be  
commonly painful duty.

On Saturday last he told the Sheriff, in  
his usual whispers, that he should pray  
fervently to the Lord for the restoration of  
his voice, and that he had entire confi-  
dence that his prayer would be heard and  
his petition granted. Sure enough, on  
Sunday morning his voice was at his  
command, and he talked, sung and prayed  
with his fellow-prisoners during the day  
with muchunction. During Sunday his  
wife called upon him, bearing in her arms  
an infant which had been born to her  
since his incarceration, but which, by  
some law of nature that we can only ac-  
count for inferentially, was a white child.  
Leach pleaded with his wife to remain with  
him over night, but she could not be per-  
suaded to do so, fearing that it was not  
safe to trust her life in his hands. It is  
the opinion of those who have taken an  
interest in the case that her fears were  
well founded, and that had she remained  
there would have been the stains of an-  
other murder on Leach's soul.

In appearance Leach was a full-blooded  
black, spare built, about 5 feet 9 inches  
high, and not far from 30 years of age.  
His face indicated not so much of brutal  
ferocity as it did low and devilish cunning.  
The latter instinct was plainly impressed  
in every lineament of his countenance.  
As a distinguishing mark he had lost the  
rim of one of his ears, which was cut off  
by the notorious Henry Berry Lowery, at  
a time when the latter and his gang were  
the terror of Robeson county. Leach  
had revealed some of the secrets of the  
gang, which exasperated Lowery, and at  
the first opportunity the latter robbed the  
former of a portion of his ear and finished  
the punishment by putting a bee gun over  
Leach's head. In speaking of the affair  
subsequently, Lowery said "the bee gun  
didn't do any good, for Leach smelt so  
bad the bees wouldn't sting him."

Peter Leach was a notoriously bad  
man, and belonged to a very bad family.  
One of his brothers was executed at Fay-  
etteville a few years ago for murder, and,  
singularly enough, he was in a paralyzed  
and helpless condition, having to be car-  
ried to the scaffold and executed while  
sitting in a chair. Another brother com-  
mitted a most foul and dastardly murder  
upon an officer of the law, who had a  
warrant for his arrest, during the very  
session of the court at which Peter was  
first arraigned for the crime for which he  
has just paid the penalty. This last mur-  
derer in the family escaped and is now  
supposed to be in South Carolina.

It is now the opinion of those who  
have taken an interest in the case that  
Peter has been 'poesumin' both as to the  
use of his voice and limbs during all these  
long weeks, and that had a pardon or a  
good opportunity been offered he would  
have found both entirely efficient. This  
has been the opinion of his fellow pris-  
oners for a long time. To delay, if he  
could not prevent, the execution has evi-  
dently been a purpose for which he has  
schemed and planned to the best of his  
ability. In illustration of his desire to  
postpone the fatal hour, we will state  
that a few days since he indicated to  
Sheriff Thompson that he knew who were  
the parties who caused the destruction by  
fire of a large portion of this town a few  
years ago. Acting upon information  
which he gave, four colored men, all of  
whom he distinctly implicated, were ar-  
rested, but at an examination before a  
magistrate on Monday last, it was conclu-  
sively proven that, at the time of the fire,  
two of the parties were in South Caro-  
lina, and could not by any possibility  
have been guilty, and his testimony re-  
garding the two others was so conflicting  
and contradictory and so different from  
the statement upon which they were ar-  
rested, that the magistrate discharged  
them. His object was to get at least one  
of them bound over to Court, in which  
case he would be necessary as a witness,  
and thus have his life prolonged for a  
season.

The execution took place in public.  
There was no disturbance and none seems  
to have been apprehended. At an early  
hour the town began to fill with people  
and at 9 o'clock there was a tremendous  
crowd, some of them having come as far

as thirty miles to witness the execution.  
The number of persons present, old and  
young, white and colored, has been vas-  
tously estimated at from two to three  
thousand. There was no expectation of a  
reprieve and the poor wretch was not  
deceived. He knew that nothing could  
save him. Leach passed the night quiet-  
ly, much of the time having been spent  
with his spiritual guides.

At 8 minutes to 10 o'clock the jail  
doors were thrown open and the sad pro-  
cession issued forth and proceeded, to the  
gallows, erected in the jail yard. The  
doomed man was accompanied by the offi-  
cials and the various ministers who had  
attended him.

He addressed the crowd from the scaff-  
old in the usual stereotyped phrases, told  
them that he had truly repented of his  
sins and that he should die happy, trust-  
ing in the mercy of God. As he was  
physically unable to stand he was placed  
in a chair on the trap; at 5 minutes to 1  
o'clock the cap was adjusted, the trap was  
sprung and Peter Leach was hurled into  
eternity.

The poor wretch's woes were not over  
yet, however. There was a clear fall of  
some five feet but his neck was not broken.  
He writhed and struggled in a  
manner fearful to be seen and it was  
not until he had been hanging eleven  
minutes that these struggles ceased.

Mr. Nath'l Jacobi having been appoint-  
ed agent for the Atlas Plow, parties in  
want of this celebrated Plow can now  
have their orders filled at JACOBI'S HAR-  
WARE DEPOT, No. 10 S. Front st.

### At Whiteville this Week.

A correspondent at Whiteville sends us  
the following interesting report of the  
doings at Whiteville this week, Court week:

His Honor, Judge Avery, appeared on  
time on Monday, and from his sociability,  
high-toned bearing and ability as a judge  
has inspired respect for the Court and  
has endeared himself to these people.  
What a happy thought and fact it is, and  
our people are so thinking, that North  
Carolina has on the bench judges of old-  
time purity, conscience and ability; it is  
the best indication of a happy return to  
old-times and prosperity.

At 12 o'clock on Monday the Court  
allowed the Court House to Col. McKee  
of your city for a speech on political  
matters. We shall not attempt a report  
of his speech; we can but say that it was  
one of the most masterly efforts and ar-  
rangements of the Republican party we  
ever listened to. He is the first speaker  
we have heard lately that has proved so  
interesting as to arouse enthusiasm and  
rivet silent attention to facts and figures.  
His text was, "Shall the people be allow-  
ed to inaugurate those officers whom they  
elect?" His speech caused alarm, review-  
ing as he did the late returning boards  
and showing the very dangerous tenden-  
cies of defeating the electoral will of the  
people. From beginning to end and  
throughout his speech was emphatically  
enthusiastic, plain and searching.

Court is dragging along as usual. Much  
business has been disposed of, not of  
much importance, the two most important  
cases being that of Chester Floyd, colored,  
charged with burglary; he was represent-  
ed by Mr. A. T. London and acquitted.  
The next case was that of Silas McNeil,  
charged with the horrible and detestable  
crime of rape upon a little girl about nine  
years old. Messrs. Norment and Bruce  
Williams represented the defendant, and  
after a lengthy trial, a verdict of not guilty  
was entered. The bar is well represented.  
Messrs. Norment, London, Devane,  
Strange and Col. McKee, from Wilming-  
ton, Messrs. Lyon and Stehman, from  
Bladen, Col. French from Robeson, Bruce  
Williams, from Pender, and the local bar,  
Messrs. Ellis, McDaniel, Allen, Pittman  
and Hon. Ed. Cantwell.

You can buy No. 1 Cooking and Heat-  
ing Stoves at almost any price at JACOBI'S  
Hardware Depot.

### The Question of Water Works.

The committee of citizens and officials  
to consider the propriety and practicabil-  
ity of establishing water works in this  
city adjourned yesterday afternoon to  
meet again with Mr. A. Wilkins, at the  
Mayor's Office, at 5 o'clock this afternoon.  
The proposition laid down by Mr. Wil-  
kins, who is willing to undertake the  
contract, is substantially as follows: First  
the city must agree to take as a mini-  
mum number, seventy-five hydrants for  
which they will have to pay an annual  
rental of \$30 a piece, or \$5,000 a year.  
Then Mr. Wilkins agrees on his part to  
begin the undertaking and will guaran-  
tee to have the water works in full oper-  
ation in this city by the 1st of April,

PLEASE NOTICE.  
We will be glad to receive communications  
from our friends on any and all subjects of  
general interest but:  
The name of the writer must always be fur-  
nished to the Editor.  
Communications must be written on one  
side of the paper.  
Personalities must be avoided.  
And it is especially and particularly under-  
stood that the Editor does not always endorse  
the views of correspondents whose names  
appear in the editorial columns.

1881, or at the farthest, one month  
later. Mr. Wilkins also agrees to give  
such a force of water that with a hose  
attached to a hydrant a stream can be  
thrown over any house in the city.

The establishment of these works, it  
has been suggested, will save the city the  
expense of keeping one steam fire engine,  
and it is further argued by those in favor  
of the works that the rates of insurance  
will be reduced to a rate sufficient to jus-  
tify property owners and tax payers in  
agreeing to the annual outlay by the city.  
After the works are built the contractors  
propose as a part of the contract which  
the contractors are willing to make, that  
they will give the city the option of pur-  
chasing them at the end of every fifteen  
years; the valuation of the property to be  
determined by a committee of three  
persons, one to be selected each by the  
city and Water Works Company, and the  
third party to be agreed upon by the two  
persons already selected. But it is to be  
especially understood, so the contracting  
party urges or proposes to urge, that one  
of the committee for determining the  
valuation of the property shall be a hy-  
draulic engineer.

The foregoing is the proposition, as we  
understand it, which has been made to the  
city. Now as to the practicability of it  
and the propriety of establishing these  
works, we think the gentlemen who are  
investigating the matter and listening to  
Mr. Wilkins' proposition fully able to de-  
termine. But we must say that we always  
hail with delight any new enterprise that  
starts in our midst, and for this reason  
—and the fact that this work will give em-  
ployment to many who are in need, beside  
putting money in circulation, which neces-  
sarily must come at first from abroad—  
we would be glad to see the enterprise  
started. It is such things as these that  
induce capital and settlers to come among  
us.

The newest, latest, best and cheapest  
at ROSENTHAL'S.

A large stock of children's school shoes  
to select from at ROSENTHAL'S.

Where is that crowd going? To ROSEN-  
THAL'S, to buy boots and shoes.

Ladies, the best fits and the easiest  
shoes for the little ones are at ROSEN-  
THAL'S.

The finest stock of Ladies' Kid, Fox  
Balmoral and Button Boots at ROSEN-  
THAL'S.

Dancing lessons given free at ROSEN-  
THAL'S; Pump sole boots and shoes for  
the ball room.

Rice birds are about played out. Not  
so with those Scotch soles at ROSENTHAL'S,  
They last for ever.

Water street merchants will keep their  
feet dry in Winter by wearing ROSEN-  
THAL'S boots and shoes.

Everybody can get suited with a Pocket  
Knife, also Table Cutlery, at JACOBI'S  
Hardware Depot.

### New Advertisements.

## Old Market House!

WE CAN'T SELL BEEF IN THE OLD

Market, but we can furnish the best Beef,  
Lamb, Mutton, Pork, Sausages, Liver, etc.,

in the city, at our market corner of Market  
and Second streets. We never advertise any  
but what we have. Don't forget it.

sept 24-1t BUTCHERS' COMPANY.

## Ship Notice.

ALL PERSONS are hereby  
forwarned against trust-  
ing or harboring any of the crew  
of the British Brig SIGNAL,  
Capt. Williams, as no debts of  
their contracting will be paid by the Captain  
or Owners.  
sept 23-3t ALEX. SPRUNT & SON.

## Carpets!

Carpets!

Carpets!

A LARGE STOCK FROM WHICH  
you can select many choice and pretty  
things.

Some of the latest novelties in English  
and American Tapestry and Body Brus-  
sels.

Damask, Cretones, Lace and Muslin  
Curtains, Hugs, Oil Cloths, &c.

Respectfully,  
sept 21- R. M. MCINTIRE.