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The recent fires on shipboard in Savannah leaves half a million dollars worth of damaged cotton on hand. The theory is that these fires were incendiary and detectives are engaged in hunting down the fire-bugs.

Here is a curious fact in the construction of language: "No it is opposition." Now spell the sentence backwards and you will get the same thing. It is what is called a palindrome. Now, who of our young readers can furnish us with a palindrome of his, or her, own construction?

A unique and interesting feature of the Virginia State Fair in Richmond is to be the marriage of a couple on a platform at the grounds. The young lady is the daughter of a gallant Confederate soldier, a member of Governor Fitz Lee's command who was killed during the war, and the Governor has consented to give the bride away.

The Charleston News and Courier makes a unique and startling suggestion to the New York Star. It suggests that it abandon its attempt to raise \$125,000 for a Grant monument fund and that instead it go in for money to raise a "Grant Home for the Orphans of Confederate Soldiers." It thinks this would be a better idea than to waste time and money in trying to build a monument to the distinguished deceased.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor said this at a welcome which was extended to him in Jersey City on Sunday night: "If there are any English spies present at this meeting I want them to note what I say. The Irish are ready to fight for Ireland if they get a chance. Any power or nation that England may try to strike can have 100,000 such men to fight against the British crown on three days' notice. [Applause.] They will be willing to serve for the love of the thing, and won't ask for pay. Many Irishmen would only be too glad to begin a more active service in a cause so dear to them."

The New York Herald recently declared in favor of the Government assuming control of all the telegraphic lines in the country. This is a matter that will admit of much discussion on both sides. The Herald supports its position by two arguments which are very powerful. One is that much cheaper rates will be afforded the people and the other is that it is the only way to break up the monopoly now held by Jay Gould. There is not one word, however, as to the centralizing dangers of the scheme and the immense power, as likely for evil as for good, which will be placed in the hands of the administration.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(Sp. Corr. Daily Review.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 17, 1887. Of the three Divisions of the Government only the Judicial is at present fully equipped and in operation here. The executive is with the President somewhere in the South, while the Legislative has no organized existence, though its several parts are susceptible of being brought speedily together and consolidated for business purposes. On Monday last the Supreme Court of the United States, that is to say, the Chief and Associate Justices thereof, as the hour of noon was sounded by the city clock, entered the Supreme Court room, duly robed and preceded by the Marshal, who announced their entrance, and brought to their feet the bar and the spectators who had assembled to greet them. All present rise when the Court enters and remain standing until it makes its bow and is seated.

The vacant seat of the late Justice Woods revives the speculations as to his probable successor. Quite a number are gazing at it longingly, but it is now thought that it will be filled by Mr. Lamar. No one has taken more interest in the matter than the Justices themselves. They looked with manifest disfavor upon the appointment of Judge Garland, not for any lack of legal ability, for that is beyond question, but he is the sworn enemy of the clawhammer coat, and despises the little courtesies that brighten social intercourse, and it is doubtful whether he could be made to don the black silk robe that has been the uniform of the court from Jay to Waite.

A number of cases of public importance are down for a hearing at this term. The greater part of them, of course, were entered three or four years ago, though some were docketed last week, as the Maxwell murder case from St. Louis. By the way, he was in forma pauperis, and the expenses, about \$1,200, will be borne by the government. There will probably be a final hearing in the Gaines case, which has survived the famous litigant

and bade fair to outlive the court. The crowded condition of the docket and the large increase in cases, which postpones consideration for so long a time, is a matter of growing importance, as it almost amounts to a denial of justice, and will probably command the attention of Congress at its approaching session. Just how to do it is the puzzling question.

As illustrating the "law's delay," I will mention that a term or two back, a case came up from the Supreme Court of Indiana which had ceased to be of interest to any of the original parties. The plaintiff and defendant were both dead. The attorneys who represented them were all dead, and the suit had descended to their heirs. When last heard, before the Supreme Court of the State, it was argued on one side by a lawyer who was not born when the suit was commenced.

That was a very nice distinction that was made by the North Carolina lawyer, who, I may say, in passing, was an ornament both to the bar and the bench. He said, that as a lawyer, he had studied the law to see what could be made out of it; but, as a judge, he studied it to see what it was. Perhaps this is true of all judges, and yet it does puzzle one to find them disagreeing so radically in the construction of statutes and the application of legal principles. An old Wilmingtonian used to say that "if there was anything that the Almighty didn't know, it was the probable decision of a county court jury." There are cases that seem to warrant the extension of his remark to higher tribunals than the county court. At the term before the last of the august body of which I have written above, a case was decided by a divided court, 5 to 4, which I think any nine farmers in New Hanover county, unlearned in the law, would have settled in one hour, and precisely as the court decided it.

In 1832 a man died leaving a will that disposed of his entire property, and all passed under it except one bequest. "I give and bequeath to my brother Henry forever, lot 6 in square 403." Now it turned out that he didn't own lot "6 in square 403," but he did own lot 3 in square 406. To the unprofessional mind it would appear very plainly that he meant to bequeath the lot he did own, and not one he had no claim to. The will was made on his death bed and jokes are not usually perpetrated there. That was the view taken in the court below, but an appeal was taken and it has been in the court in one shape or another from that date till March, '86—fifty odd years, and was twice argued in the U. S. Supreme Court before a final decision was reached. The justices on the two sides had diametrically opposite views in regard to the legal principles involved, those of the majority holding that "the testator, evidently by mistake, put '3' for '6' and '6' for '3,' a sort of mis-speech to which the human mind is pervasively addicted," while those of the minority held that to so decide was "not construing the will of the testator, but was making a will for him."

The habeas corpus cases from Virginia were up to-day and will be again to-morrow, when a time will be set for a hearing, the petitioners meanwhile being admitted to bail. It is understood that Mr. Conklin will also appear in their behalf.

Miss Florence Tucker, of Raleigh, who was so much admired at Saratoga last Summer, is visiting the family of Dr. Nash, of the Navy, at their home a few miles from this city. The Doctor's wife was Miss Ryan, of Charleston, S. C., and is as popular as a matron as she was as a maiden. JACOBUS.

LOCAL NEWS.

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The receipts of cotton at this port to-day foot up 1,787 bales.

The receipts of naval stores of all kinds have been unusually light to-day.

None of the Cape Fear or Black River steamers put in an appearance here to-day, which probably accounts for the light receipts of naval stores.

Work on the extension of the Orton House is progressing favorably and it is being done in the most thorough and substantial manner. When completed it will be as solid as brick and mortar can make it.

The Opera is the title of the programme sheet issued this year for distribution at theatrical entertainments. It made its first appearance last night. It is neatly gotten up and is published by Mr. H. P. Hevener, of the Lutheran Publication Co.

School Books and School Stationery you can buy cheapest at Heinsberger's.

Enlarged. We are glad to note the increased size of the News and Observer, for such increase is a sure evidence of prosperity. It is now a beautiful 32-page paper and an excellent newspaper in every respect. Long may it flourish and do battle for the right. The Democratic party in North Carolina owes it a heavy debt of gratitude, a debt, by the way, that it should endeavor to pay in some other way than by diverting its patronage from the hands of its publishers. We rejoice heartily at the signs of substantial prosperity evinced by our worthy cotemporary.

Recovered. We are glad to see that John G. Norwood, the well known carpenter and contractor, has recovered sufficiently to be at work again. He has had a long and painful illness.—Some three months ago while driving up to the city from his place on the Sound his horse ran away and threw him from the buggy, breaking his right thigh. For a time amputation was feared but skillful attendance and good nursing saved the limb and he is now a sound man again.

In Rough Water. Br. steamship Daytesford, Capt. Sinclair, which arrived here yesterday from Montreal, Canada, via Sydney, Nova Scotia, finds quite a different climate from that from which she started. In making the passage she made nearly the entire length of the St. Lawrence river and gulf, and after leaving the latter she was on one of the roughest coasts to be found along the entire length of the Atlantic seaboard, until she got to the Southward of Nantucket shoals.

A Good Suggestion. It has been suggested that theatre goes should have some assurance from managers of companies working South, that plays shall not be cut in order to make train connections. Southern bound train leaves here at a few minutes after 10 o'clock at night, and for companies to go through a performance in season to catch that train would necessitate a ruinous cutting of the play. Our people have been occasionally subjected to this imposition and they have become tired of paying for goods—theatrically speaking—which are not delivered. We hope that there may be no occasion for such complaints this season.

City Court. There was a small docket for the Mayor's consideration this morning. It was as follows: Delia Bryant, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, submitted, and the judgment of the court was, that she pay a fine of \$20.

Ed. Artis, a colored boy, charged with disorderly conduct at the Opera House last night, was discharged at the request of the prosecutor, as the offense was trivial, and difficult of proof. Josephine Lewis, colored, was proven guilty of very disorderly conduct, and was fined \$20 for the offense, with the alternative of working 30 days in the chain gang.

Death of Col. J. D. Powers. Col. John D. Powers, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Pender county, died at his residence near Willard, in that county, last night, of consumption, aged about 65 years. Col. Powers died near where he was born and had always lived, and where he had been a useful and esteemed member of the community. He had occupied several important official positions in the county, in all of which he had been true to every trust reposed in him. His death will prove a loss to the county. Col. Powers had never been a robust man, and for several months had been in failing health from the disease which eventuated in his death.

Lippincott's Magazine. The November number of Lippincott's Magazine opens with a complete novel, by Virginia W. Johnson, entitled "The Terra-Cotta Bust,"—an art romance, a picture of Italian life, delicately and gracefully painted, and full of poetry and pathos. The series of undergraduate sketches of life in the principal colleges of the United States is brought to a close by R. S. Rounds's "Social Life at Amherst College." "A modern Spartacus," detailing the adventures and exploits of a bandit, who for several years back has defied the Mexican authorities and encountered many thrilling adventures, is a biographical sketch of the utmost interest. Another valuable article is "The School-Boy as a Microcosm."

"The Story of a Stanza" is one of the bits of literary autobiography for which this Magazine is famous. "A Sketch in Umler" is a story of unusual power and insight. The most important of the poems is contributed by Walt Whitman, and is entitled "November Boughs." Excellent verses are also contributed by Mary Bradley and Willis Boyd Allen. The departments are interesting as usual.

Personal. Hon. R. R. Bridgers was in Raleigh on Monday. Mr. George R. French is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Hon. A. M. Waddell is attending Bladen County Superior Court. Hon. George Davis and Mrs. Davis returned to the city last night.

Rev. Dr. Pritchard has gone to Raleigh to attend the State Fair. Mr. J. Hal Boatwright has gone to Raleigh to attend the State Fair.

Lieut. Gov. Stedman has gone to Raleigh for attendance on the Supreme Court. Mr. C. P. Gaylor, of Magnolia, Duplin county, is in the city to-day on business with the merchants.

Mr. Matt. J. Heyer, who has been sick and confined to the house for a week past, was out again yesterday. Drs. Love and McDonald have been called to Elizabethtown to testify professionally in a case before Bladen Superior Court.

Mr. Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from this district, has gone to Raleigh to attend a meeting of that committee.

Largest assortment of pocket knives in the city at Jacobi's Hdw. Depot.

The Review Job Office is the place to get good work at moderate prices.

Indications. For North Carolina, rain, cooler weather and fresh to brisk North-westerly winds.

Baptism. Rev. G. M. Tolson, of Brooklyn Baptist Church, will baptize three persons at the Baptist Church, at the conclusion of the regular services next Thursday (to-morrow) night.

An Interesting Sermon. Rev. M. Rothrock preached last night at Luther Memorial Building to a deeply interested congregation. His subject was "Life and times in North Carolina fifty years ago," a subject with which the venerable preacher was entirely familiar and which he discussed in an entertaining and instructive manner.

Our Sidewalks. Some of the sidewalks of the city are lower than the streets which they border, in consequence of which they are flooded with water whenever there is a heavy rain. It is an evil which has existed several years and which should be remedied. It would require but little engineering skill to overcome the difficulty.

Military. The regular inspection of the Wilmington Light Infantry will take place at the Armory of the Company to-morrow night. The Company will appear in uniform, and we are informed that the inspection will be very thorough—as it should be. It is expected that the Company will turn out with full ranks, as it is desirable to have as large an attendance as possible.

The Rainfall. The rain has been quite general in this section, extending the entire length of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, and even beyond the Roanoke, into Virginia. It also extended well South of us and along the line of the Carolina Central Railroad to Charlotte. It has fallen in a tract of territory where it will prove a decided blessing.

It would be of interest to the Careful Buyer to Visit A. Shrier's new store at 114 Market street, before purchasing Fall clothing, and see his vast assortment in the latest styles and extraordinary low prices. The public well knows that Mr. Shrier is not a green hand in the business, but an old and thorough clothier, and one that understands the buying of substantial goods, such as cannot fail to give perfect satisfaction. Give him a trial and you will see he does as he represents.

Rock Crystal Spectacles and Eyeglasses. Advice to old and young: In selecting spectacles you should be cautious not to take more magnifying power than has been lost to the eye as in the same proportion that you pass that point of increase, will cause you further injury to the eye. Using glasses of stronger power than is necessary is the daily cause of premature old age to the sight. You can get the best at Heinsberger's.

Polo Caps for 12c Worth 50c. I. Shrier, next door to McIntire's dry goods store, on Front street, will sell Polo Caps for 12 cents worth 50 cents. Remember for one day only, October 20th. Please bring the right change along. Other goods will be sold proportionately. I. Shrier, the Old Reliable Clothier, sign of the Golden Arm.

See the Othello Range at Jacobi's Hdw. Depot. It is unequalled as a baker; it is finely finished; has a reversible grate for either coal or wood. Can be changed in a second by the most inexperienced. Just the stove for Winter use.

50 good experienced hands wanted for making shirts and pants. Good wages and steady work guaranteed. Enquire at the Wilmington Shirt Factory, No 27 Market street, J. Elsbach, Prop.

Best \$2.50 ladies' kid button boot at French & Sons.

Best \$3 shoe for gents in the city at French & Sons.

Orders for Insurance CAN BE GIVEN TO THE UNDERSIGNED by Telephone at any hour of the day or night.

Telephone No. 5 at office. Telephone No. 81 at residence. M. S. WILLARD, 214 North Water St.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. I. O. O. F. THE MEMBERS OF CAPE FEAR LODGE No. 2, and ORION LODGE No. 67, are requested to meet promptly at their Hall on Friday Evening, 21st inst., at 7:30 o'clock, to attend "Memorial Exercises" as per instructions from the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The Rev. Mr. Peschau will deliver an address to the members of the Order in "Luther Memorial Building" at 8 o'clock on above evening. The public are invited. E. J. MOORE, Chm'n Com Oct 19 11 Star and Messenger copy.

OPERA HOUSE. WAIT FOR THE BIG SHOW—ONE NIGHT ONLY. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH. Engagement of the Bright and Charming Little Soubrette, CORA VAN TASSEL, And her Superb Double Company, in the Great Sensational Drama, HIDDEN HAND.

Grand Military Band and Operatic Orchestra. A Car Load of Special Scenery, and the greatest street Parade ever attempted by a travelling Company. BE ON HAND TO SEE IT. Admission 25, 50 and 75 cents. Owing to the extreme length of the Hidden Hand and the great amount of scenery to be used, the performance will begin at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Oct 18 31

Just Open'd. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY NOTIFY MY friends and the public generally that I have opened a NEW CANNY STORE, a branch of my Second street store, at No. 211 North Front street, where I will keep continually on hand the freshest of Candles, Fruit, &c., and to which I invite their attention. Oct 6 31 A. S. WINSTEAD.

Something New. I TAKE PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING TO my friends and the public that I have opened a first class Bar at the southeast corner of Second and Princess streets, and in a few days will have a fine Restaurant and Oyster Counter where I can serve OYSTERS in any style, Give me a call. Oct 15 11 GUS. DUMELANDT.

Coal and Wood. NOW IS THE TIME TO GET COAL AND WOOD before another advance in prices due by next cold wave or for other good reasons. Oct 13 11 J. A. SPRINGER.

Stoves. IN GREAT VARIETY, COOK AND HEATERS. Can give you anything you are likely to want. We don't make them, but we have access to the best sources of supply. Call and see us. ALDERMAN, FLANNER & CO., Dealers in Hardware, Tinware, &c., Oct 15 11 d&w Wilmington, N. C.

Come and Help Us! FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING MEANS to aid in building Grace M. E. Church, the Ladies will have an entertainment on Friday evening, October 21st, at the residence of Col. Roger Moore, No. 113 Chestnut street. special pains will be taken to prepare an elegant supper of Oysters, stewed and fried, Chicken Salad, Ice Cream, and other tempting dishes. Music will be furnished by some of the best talent in the city. The good citizens of Wilmington are cordially invited and earnestly requested to come and help us in our efforts to complete this Church. Oct 15 11

MRS. S. T. BRICE. Dress and Cloak Making. I HAVE COMMENCED MY FALL WORK Dress and Cloak Making, and would be pleased to have the ladies call and

Examine my Work & Prices. I have employed ladies who understand their work thoroughly, and can assure perfect satisfaction in all work done at my establishment. The lady who cuts and fits for me has had several years experience in cutting and fitting, therefore I am prepared to guarantee all work done by her. Special rates for Bridal Trousseau. Rooms over Kasprovicz's Cigar Store, on North Front street, Wilmington, N. C. Oct 13 11 w

SCHOOL BOOKS. SCHOOL BOOKS, AS THE SCHOOLS ARE BEGINNING TO open this week we would inform our friends that we have just received the largest lot of SCHOOL BOOKS brought here, which will be sold cheaper than ever before.

Please call and buy your SCHOOL BOOKS at HEINSBERGER'S.

INKS. OF ALL KINDS, STEEL PENS OF every description. PAPER AND ENVELOPES to suit the most astidious, all of which we can sell you cheap at HEINSBERGER'S. Oct 5

HEINSBERGER'S. Oct 5 Cash Book and Music Store.