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THE CITY. THE MORNING STAR is delivered to City Subscribers at FIFTEEN CENTS per week.

TO PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS. We have just received a general assortment of Black Printing Inks, manufactured at C. E. Robinson's Gray's Ferry Printing Works.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE MORNING STAR IS LARGER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN NORTH CAROLINA.

CONTRACTORS will not be allowed, under their contract, to advertise any other than their legitimate business unless by paying speciality for such advertisement.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY. Messrs. Cronly & Morris, Auctioneers, will sell this day, or the first fair day after, the desirable assortment of Household and Kitchen Furniture, the property of Rev. E. E. Terry.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Yesterday before the City Court, Melvina Hawes (col.) was arraigned for assault and battery on the person of another colored damsel by the name of Mary Davis.

OUR FAIR.—Pike, of the Standard, never showed himself so sharp as when he penned the following lines: "We want to see you all down to our Fair in November."

A COLD WINTER.—Scientific men, observant winter, old hunters and other weather-wise individuals predict that the coming winter will be one of unusual rigor.

THE MORNING STAR. Vol. V—No. 28. WILMINGTON, N. C. WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27, 1869. Whole No. 656.

THE CASE OF THE CUBA.—Mr. Davis proposed to introduce some of the officers of the Cuba as witnesses for the defence.

Mr. Phelps objected. Mr. Davis: In 1863 Congress passed an act as to the competency of witnesses, making State laws the test of competency.

Mr. Phelps: There is nothing in the statute which includes criminal cases.—This point was raised in the Southern District Court of New York, and it was decided that such evidence cannot be introduced in criminal cases.

After some further discussion between counsel, the Commissioner ruled that the witnesses were competent.

Mr. Gibson sworn. Examined by Mr. Davis. Witness stated that he was of Liverpool, England. Heard of the Hornet in Halifax, N. S. Was in the Masonic Lodge at Halifax.

Cross-examined by Mr. Phelps. Arrived in New York and remained 13 days. Went to Boston; staid about a fortnight. Went to Halifax. Mr. Shields suggested to me that the Hornet wanted a man; called on Capt. Esling; he wanted a mate for a voyage to Queenstown; she left Halifax in four days.

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ONE OF THEM.—Yesterday was one of those cold, damp, drizzly, uncomfortable, sloppy days, when the acme of human happiness consists in being able to gather around a pleasant fire-side, or by a comfortable stove, with no urgent outdoor business to call us into the murky streets or to dodge pedestrians on the crowded wharves.

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THURSDAY next, 28th Inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., we will sell at Exchange Corner, with the consent of the City Council, a portion of the land...

HOUSE AND LOT. Situated on the South side of Mulberry between Front and Second streets, lately occupied by Mrs. Herring.

MISCELLANEOUS. GENUINE WEST POINT CADET GREY, BY THE YARD. CLOTHING OF ALL THE POPULAR STYLES.

A Large and Superb STOCK OF BOOTS, SHOES, and Leather, AT LOW PRICES. FOR CASH.

BACON—PORK. 15 HHDs. Smoked Western Shoulders, 15 hhd. Smoked Western C. R. Sides.

FLOUR—BAGGING. 1,500 BEBS. FLOUR—fresh and all grades, 30 rolls extra heavy Bagging.

SALT—SALT. 2,000 SACKS American Salt, in Liverpool Sacks.

"IDA LEWIS" AND "SINBAD," A NEW SUPPLY. Fashionable Silk Hats FOR \$5 & UPWARDS.

Notice! ROOMS CHAMBER COMMERCE. THERE WILL BE A CALLED MEETING of the Chamber of Commerce...

Mulletts! Mulletts!!! 100 BARRELS FOR SALE LOW. MITCHELL & HUGGINS.

LOST. A LARGE BOLL OF MONEY, contained between the Post Office and Watson Hall on South Front street, or between the Post Office and the City of Wilmington and FORTY DOLLARS.

New Buckwheat RECEIVED TO-DAY. 87 MARKET STREET. COWAN & METTS.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. Superior Court. James Dawson, Plaintiff vs. Abraham Wells, Defendant.