

THE CITY

—To-day is Ash-Wednesday, the commencement of the Lenten season. —The Rebecca Clyde, Capt. Price, sailed for New York yesterday.

—We are indebted to the Representative from this District in Congress, for a number of public Dockeryments.

DEAD.—Mr. Henry McLin, formerly of Newbern, but for several years past a prominent Druggist of this city, died here yesterday.

MERCHANTS' BUILDING ASSOCIATION.—The regular monthly meeting of this Association, for the redemption of stock, will take place at the Commercial Exchange this evening.

THE CAROLINA FARMER.—A friend, writing from a post office where the Carolina Farmer has forty subscribers, says: "The Farmer is gaining favor with the people. All look anxiously for its weekly visits. Major Barrett, one of our best farmers, told me he received one copy that was worth fifty dollars to him."

Dr. S. S. Satchwell, having been appointed Special Coroner for the purpose, held an inquest on Saturday last over the body of Job Satchwell, killed at Lillington a few days since. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental homicide."

IN BAD HEALTH.—Commodore Higgins, late in command of the sloop-of-war Cuba, is in Norfolk, and, we regret to learn, in very bad health. He had a very delicate and painful operation performed on his eye a few days since and is said to be suffering very much from the effects of it.

The Steam Fire Engine Company, with their beautiful engine, the "John T. Rankin," was out yesterday for parade and practice. The capacity of the engine was fairly tested. She was placed at the foot of Dock Street, from whence water was forced through about twelve hundred feet of hose to the corner of Third Street, steadily up hill, where it was discharged in two very fine streams through different pipes.

CUBAN MATTERS.—The Savannah Republican, in alluding to the presence of Gen. Quesada and staff in that city on Saturday, says the General is on business connected with the cause in which he is engaged. He represents the Cubans as 20,000 strong, but needing arms which he will doubtless obtain and forward to them. General Quesada is in excellent health, and spoke hopefully of the issue of the struggle in Cuba. He says the late engagements have all resulted advantageously to the patriots, who will conquer their independence whether aided or not.

The distinguished Cuban left Savannah on Saturday evening and passed through this city on Sunday evening.

WYMAN.—This celebrated Wizard and Ventriloquist will commence a four nights engagement in this city this evening. Wyman is too well known to require any extended notice at our hands. For the last twenty years he has been paying occasional visits to our State, and as he has grown gray in the business, and seems to have a passion for it, what he does not know of the mysteries and illusions peculiar to a magician it would be useless for any one to attempt to learn. He advertises new and startling deceptions, and, as on the occasion of his last visit to our city, will distribute valuable presents to his audience at the close of each performance.

AN IMPORTANT ENTERPRISE.—We learn that a number of farmers in the section known as Kaintuck, in Caswell Township, in this county, have combined together and have been engaged for some time past in digging an extensive canal, for the purpose of draining what is known as Lyon's Swamp, which embodies a large area of the most fertile land to be found in Eastern North Carolina. This enterprise is really more important than would at first appear, and is destined eventually to work a great advantage to the agricultural interests of New Hanover county.

EXCURSION.—As before announced an excursion will take place to-day on the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad, for the benefit of white residents on the line between Cheraw, S. C., and this city. A large number will doubtless avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting our city, and it is hoped that they will meet with that hospitality and attention at the hands of our people as shall encourage them to repeat the visit and to desire the cultivation of an acquaintance with our business men.

GOING TO TRY IT ON TAR.—We learn from the Tarboro Carolinian that Capt. A. P. Hunt, the "old Admiral" of the Cape Fear, is now in Washington, making arrangements for placing a boat on Tar river. The Captain has a small steamer peculiarly adapted to the trade, and hopes to make his first trip within the next ten days.

CONFIDENCE GAME.—A colored man, with a raft of wood, at the foot of Mulberry street, yesterday morning, attracted the attention of one of the numerous "sharpers" who infest our wharves, who straightway set his wits to work to devise some scheme to swindle him out of a portion of the money which he knew he was to receive for his wood. It took him but a few minutes to invent his plan, and not much longer to put it into execution. He called on the owner of the raft and poured into his too credulous ears a wonderful story about a chest of money which he had discovered buried, and all that was wanted to bring it to light was some necessary implements which could be procured from some of the hardware stores; but, alas! he had no money with which to purchase them, and there was a chance of losing untold wealth all for the want of a few dollars. In this manner he finally succeeded in imposing upon the credulity of the country darkey to such an extent that, on consideration of being allowed to share in the riches which were to be unearthed, he borrowed five dollars from the partner to whom he had engaged his wood and the two started together to purchase the implements. Arrived at a hardware store, the "sharper" told "greeny" to wait at the door a few minutes while he went in and bought the articles. It is unnecessary to add that just here there was a "mysterious disappearance," and, up to this time, the victim has failed to catch so much as a glimpse of his friend, the money hunter, or his five dollars. He will probably know better next time. If he don't, he will deserve to lose the whole amount which he may realize from his next raft of wood.

Harness, Saddles, Trunks, Valises, Bags, Satchels, Collars, Hames, Chains, Saddlery hardware, &c. Prices to suit the times. J. S. Topham & Co., No. 8 South Front St., Wilmington, N. C.

PEANUT CULTURE.—Senator Abbott has recently written a letter to a gentleman of this county in reference to the increase of taxation on foreign peanuts and rice, in which he states that the tax on the former will no doubt be increased during the present session of Congress four cents on the pound, and that on foreign rice two cents per pound. This protection is deemed to be ample, and is encouraging to those who propose to engage in the culture of peanuts and rice during the present year. The existing low price of these articles has had much to do with the depression of business in the Cape Fear section, and any promise of an increase of price will be hailed with delight by our peanut and rice farmers. It is believed that the introduction of the African peanut in our Northern markets has had no little to do with the prevailing low prices which has existed for that article of production in our market during the past winter.

CITY COURT.—Before this Court, yesterday morning, the following cases were arraigned and disposed of "as the law directs":

S. W. Reed, for disorderly conduct.—Judgment for the penalty and costs, to be paid in money or by hard labor in the Work House.

Samuel Kelly, disorderly. Judgment for the penalty and costs, to be paid as in the first case.

Nathan Noble, for fast driving. Fined \$10 and costs, with a recommendation that it be remitted on the payment of two thirds and costs.

EXCITEMENT.—Our streets presented quite an animated appearance yesterday afternoon. The Steam Fire Engine Company, the Cadets of the Cape Fear Academy and the procession of colored Masons, all on the streets at the same time, with the large number of grown people on the sidewalks and innumerable children of all sizes and complexions, scattered promiscuously around, made it look as if "things were waking up."

THE GRAND LODGE OF COLORED MASONRY.—The ceremony of constituting the Grand Lodge of colored Masons, together with the installation of officers, &c., came off yesterday with much eclat. Quite an extended procession of the fraternity marched through the streets during the afternoon, after which they met at the Theatre, when, after prayer by Rev. G. W. Brodie, Most Worshipful Grand Master R. H. Gleaves, of Philadelphia, delivered an address relative to the rise and progress of Masonry. During the afternoon a handsome collation was served to the delegates in the basement of the City Hall. The tables were richly furnished and were capable of seating one hundred and thirty persons. The installation ceremonies took place in the Theatre, immediately after the address. J. B. Hood was elected Worshipful Grand Master for North Carolina. The colored people of the city manifested much interest in the proceedings, and the vicinity of the City Hall, during the afternoon, was crowded by all sexes, ages and conditions. At night there was a ball or festival in the City Hall.

Blank Warrantee Deeds printed and ruled in the best style at the STAR Publishing House.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN MARION, S. C.—THIRTEEN BUILDINGS CONSUMED—ONE MAN PERISHES IN THE FLAMES—LOSS ABOUT \$40,000. [Special Telegram to the Star.]

MARION, S. C., March 1, 1870. On Monday night, about 12 o'clock, a destructive fire broke out in Marion, S. C., by which all that portion of the public square west of the court-house, excepting the hotel and Mr. M. Iseman's store, was burned to the ground. The fire originated in the rear of the store occupied by Mr. H. Clark. In a short time after it was discovered, some powder exploded, tearing away the roof and thus giving vent to the pent up element, when soon the entire building was enveloped in one mass of flames, which rapidly communicated with the adjoining store, occupied by Mr. E. Baugh. Thence, despite the exertions of the citizens, the flames communicated with Gen. Graham's office, the Crescent printing office and the drug store.

Now one side of the square was in one grand conflagration, and it was only through the most strenuous efforts of the citizens that the flames were checked in their further progress. The saddest feature connected with this most destructive conflagration is the fact that a man by the name of Isaac Iseman, in nobly attempting to save the life of his niece, who was in one of the burning buildings, himself perished in the flames. The charred remains of the unfortunate man were taken from the ruins this morning.

The court-house barely escaped the devouring element. Thirteen buildings in all were consumed. All the material in the Crescent office was consumed, and very little property was saved from the other buildings. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. Most of the property was partially insured in Northern offices.

THE PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.—It would not be *mal apropos* to speak of our city as of Venice, and call it a "City of song."

For most truly does there exist in our midst more real musical ability than in any other of our acquaintance, and the "Cantata of Esther," held at Thalian Hall, on Monday evening last, but increased our admiration of the talent of our amateur vocalists.

The STAR of yesterday morning contained only a slight resume of the concert, owing to the lateness of the hour before we could obtain the data, and it is now our intention to try and speak of it as it deserved.

The Philharmonic Musical Club was established by Professor Grabau, who, upon coming to our city to live and entering upon his duties as an instructor of music, was not long in discovering the real musical ability of many of our citizens, and how little their talent had been developed. In the establishment of a musical club, amateur musicians would have an opportunity of cultivating their voices, and of studying music. After a few months practice, therefore, under the direction of Prof. Grabau, the Philharmonics gave their first concert, which, though a success, was far from reaching the capabilities of the performers, and wherein they labored at a great disadvantage in having selected the heavy cantata of "Daniel."

The entertainment on Monday night was a decided improvement upon the former, and the different solos and duets in "Esther" were sung with far more feeling than were those in "Daniel." The choruses Monday night were fuller and more perfect in their execution, being free from that hesitancy noticeable in "Daniel."

To particularize, to a slight extent, we could not but admit that there are few sweeter voices than those of Mrs. Lippitt and the Misses Wilson, among the ladies, and of Messrs. Lippitt, Mann and Northrop, among the gentlemen. The superb and yielding tenor of Mr. Lippitt, as it rises and falls through the theatre, thrills the audience with admiration and pleasure, and convinces them that they are listening to a voice far, far above the average of amateur performances. Mr. Lippitt's voice is clear and rounded, her lowest and highest notes are accomplished with ease and grace, filling the house with no apparent exertion and striking no discordant tone noticeable to the most sensitive ear.

The duets between Mr. and Mrs. Lippitt, brought to our mind the fact that it was a great oversight not to have had them singing together in the first part of the performance. "Drit My Bark," as sung by the Misses Wilson, was received with the greatest enthusiasm by the audience, and properly so, for there are few vocalists who have the power to charm more than those two young ladies.

A Major Mann executed with ease and in a full rich-toned voice the different parts assigned him, and in listening to him sing you cannot but feel convinced of his perfect knowledge of music. Major Northrop has a voice "loud and deep," and he makes one feel its power in true artistic style. How much we would have enjoyed a quartette composed of the Misses Wilson, Mr. Lippitt and Major Northrop, or a trio of Mr. and Mrs. Lippitt and Major Mann.

The present Marshal has received salary at the rate of \$1,500 per annum from 1st January, 1869. He entered on the duties of the office 31st January, 1869, up to

performance. There were others among the performers who possess voices above the average, and who aided much in the success of the entertainment, but our space will not allow us to dwell more largely upon the capabilities of the amateur club, so we have selected from it those members whose fine voices most won our admiration.

Sincerely do we wish the Philharmonics success, and feel assured that, with so able and thorough a teacher as Professor Grabau, their motto will be "Excelsior."

Attention is called to the ordinance of the City, published in another column, relative to the providing of steamers plying on the river with spark-arresters. It is published for the information and guidance of parties interested.

DEEDS AND MORTGAGES.—The aggregate value of deeds and mortgages admitted to probate during the month of February foots up \$66,158.24.

CHIPS FOR THE LADIES AND OTHERS.—Gau's German Opera Company, with Frederic, as prima donna, began an engagement in Savannah on Thursday night, drawing a full house.

The Hibernicon, a panorama of the Ever Green Isle, will open at the Hibernian Hall in Charleston in a few days.

The Courier says: LaRue's Minstrels closed an unsuccessful engagement at the Academy Saturday evening.

Manager Ford has made an engagement with Laura Keane and her troupe, who will open in Charleston on the 14th.

Niel Warner and Miss Eldridge opened in Augusta, Ga., Monday night.

Carolina Patti sister of the famous Adaline Patte, is to visit Charleston soon.

Laura Keane was to commence an engagement in Norfolk Monday night.

If you "cut" an acquaintance, are you liable for assault?

Never ask a woman who is over twenty-five her age. It is impertinence treading on the garments of indelicacy.

Jenkins is not going to do anything more in comedrama. He recently asked his wife the difference between his head and a hoghead, and she said there was none.

A pretty little girl of thirteen years, while endeavoring to master a difficult lesson in Philadelphia, a few evenings ago, was seized with brain fever and died next day.

"I always sing to please myself," said a gentleman who was humming a tune in company. "Then you are not at all difficult to please," said the lady who sat next to him.

Woman's rights are looking up in Wyoming Territory. By a telegram in another column it will be seen that among the jurors drawn for the March term of Albany County Court, were *eleen ladies*, some of them wives of the most prominent citizens.

Bishop Atkinson's Appointment. March 10. 13. Kinston, " 15. 17. Richmond, Duplin Co., "

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. HEINBERGER'S Live Book Store, 38 Market street—The Innocent Abroad; or, The New Pilgrim's Progress.

BENJ. DUFFEE—Important notice to steamboat owners.

NOTICE—To those having lumber to saw—Address Post Master at Wilmington.

FALCONER & SON, Agents, Dry, Hides and Wool wanted—Green, Salted and Furs Hides for sale.

C. S. ELLIS, Secretary—Regular monthly meeting of the Mechanics' B. & L. Association.

D. ANDERSON, Agent—Florence Sewing Machines and Willamantic Thread.

TRAYLOR—Wyman, the Wizard and Ventriloquist.

ANDERSON—The latest Styles of Hats for Spring.

E. J. KREBS & Co., Managers—Official awards of the N. C. Real and Personal Estate Agency.

O. G. PARSLEY & Co.—Mountain Butter.

MARRIED. RUSSELL—HAVENS.—In Washington, N. C., Wednesday evening, Feb. 23d, by Rev. Thos. Owen, Mr. Thomas B. Russell to Miss Fannie, daughter of B. F. Havens, Esq., of Washington.

DIED. At the residence of her husband, N. V. Peel, near Nahant, Wayne Co., on the 27th ultimo, Mrs. Nancy Ann Peel, aged 72 years.

Beloved by all who knew her, a devoted wife and an affectionate mother, her loss is deeply mourned. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for the subject of this notice was ready to die and is now in the arms of her blessed Saviour.

At his residence, in this city, on the 1st instant, at 5 o'clock, of Tabes Mesenterica, Henry McLin, aged 34 years and 8 months.

His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at 11 o'clock P. M. to-day, from St. John's Church to Oakdale Cemetery.

In this city, at 8 o'clock last evening, Samuel M. Adams, aged 24 years, died of cholera.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the residence of his mother, on Fourth street.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, WILMINGTON, N. C., March 1, 1870.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. The following general ordinance is published for the information and guidance of parties interested: SECTION TWENTY-THIRD.

STREET CARS. All steamboats plying on the river, within the corporate limits of the City, shall be provided with spark arresters, or some other appliance for preventing the escape of sparks or cinders; and the exhaust shall not be discharged into the smoke stack. And the owners or operators of any boat moved by steam, within the limits of the City, without having such safety appliances as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars for each and every time such boat, may so move.

By order of the Mayor. BENJ. DUFFEE, City Clerk.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THE RESORT. SEWING MACHINES, from \$10 to \$50.

Willamantic Thread, Soft Finish. Every box recommended by FLORENCE and WHEELER & WILSON.

Pure Oil and Sharp Needles. Barnum's Self-Sewers, Truckmakers.

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RATES OF ADVERTISING.

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Contract Advertisements taken at proportionately low rates.

Marriages, Deaths, Religious, Funeral and Ordinary notices will be inserted at half rates when paid for in advance; otherwise full rates will be charged. Cases—Cash on demand.

AUCTION SALES. M. CRONLY, Auctioneer.

By CRONLY & MORRIS. Executor's Sale.

By virtue of the authority vested in me, as Executor of Henry N. Jones, deceased, I will expose for sale at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, on THURSDAY, March 13, 1870, at Exchange Alley, at 11 o'clock A. M., one LOT OF LAND.

In this city, on the West side of Seventh, between Church and Castle streets. Terms made known at the office of the Auctioneer.

PRINCE LAMINGTON, Exr. H. N. Jones, Deceased.

M. CRONLY, Auctioneer.

By CRONLY & MORRIS. Schr. Samuel C. Eborn AT AUCTION.

ON TUESDAY, March 8th, 1870, at 11 o'clock A. M., we will sell at Lort's wharf, foot of Ann street,

THE SCHR. SAM'L C. EBORN, 164 bushels parthen, 1,100 bushels capacity. Well fitted in every respect.

Math. Sigging, Auctioneer, Chains, &c. Feb 23-24ths Wed Fri Sun

J. T. JAMES, Auctioneer.

BY JAMES & MEARES. Commissioners Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

On Wednesday, March 3, 1870, at 11 o'clock A. M., I will sell at the Court House door in this city, to the highest bidder, that valuable real estate called the JACOBY ESTATE, known in the City of Wilmington, N. C., as lot No. 19, beginning at the corner of Walnut and Seventh streets, from thence running South sixty-six feet, thence West one hundred and twenty feet, thence North sixty-six feet to Walnut street, thence with said street one hundred and twenty feet to the beginning—it being a part of a lot conveyed by Benjamin Greider to Nathaniel Jacoby, deceased.

Terms of Sale—Cash. GEO. D. FLACK, Jr., Commissioner.

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