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METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.
March 16, 1871.

Time.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Weather.
7:30 A. M.	30.34	65	S Light.	Fair.
9:30 P. M.	30.14	74	S Brisk.	Fair.
11:30 P. M.	30.17	77	S Brisk.	Clear.

Thermometer at 2:30 P. M., 77 deg.
Mean Temp. of day, 70 deg.
Barometer corrected for Temperature and Elevation.

REMARKS.
Sergeant's Service U. S. A.

WAR DEPARTMENT.
Office of Chief Signal Officer.
Washington, March 16—4:35 P. M.

The following is a synopsis of the weather reports for the past 24 hours:

The area of the lower barometer, which was on Wednesday evening in Iowa, and Illinois, now covers Lake Huron. The barometer has fallen during the day along the Atlantic coast, with fair weather on the south Atlantic, and clouds and rain on the middle and east Atlantic. Fresh winds have prevailed along the Atlantic coast, while the winds on the lake have been fresh and from the southeast and southwest. The temperature has increased very rapidly on lakes Erie and Ontario, but is decreasing in the West and South. A falling barometer and rising temperature are reported from the Rocky Mountains. Southerly winds have prevailed on the Gulf, but these are now replaced by fresh northerly winds.

Probabilities.
Fresh winds and clearing up weather are indicated for Friday on the Gulf, the south and the middle Atlantic coast; cloudy weather and fresh winds on the east Atlantic and lower lakes, and fresh winds on the upper lakes.

THE CITY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HEINERBERG'S Live Book Store, 39 Market street—Laws of Business.

MUNSON & Co., City Clothiers—Spring Clothing, Silk Hats, &c.

J. E. LIPPITT & Co.—Wilmington Ice House.

Unavailable Letters.

The following unavailable letters remain in the postoffice of this city: G. W. Cunningham, N. Y.; J. R. Hinds, Forestville, S. C.; Miss E. D. Kaine, Cedar Creek, N. C.

Skating—Award Night.

This evening the second weekly distribution of "Awards" under the management of Prof. Brown comes off at the City Hall. It should be remembered that, in addition to the regular awards, there will be an elegant gold pencil competed for by the gentlemen. Many ladies are expected to be present, and the occasion, altogether, will doubtless be a very pleasant one. The music on the harp and violin, by the Italian boys, will not be the least among the attractions.

Cotton Receipts.

A careful estimate of the cotton receipts at this port for the past and present year shows a decided improvement. For instance, the receipts for the year ending September 1st, 1870, amounted to about 53,000 bales, while from that period up to the present time, which is but a little more than six months, there have been footed up 53,181 bales, or only about 5,000 less than for the entire previous year. This is not only attributable to the increased production of the staple in this section of the State, but to the largely increased demand incident to the improvement of business at this point.

A Pretty Ornament.

A pretty ornament may be obtained by suspending an acorn by a piece of thread tied around it, within an inch from the surface of some water contained in a vase, tumbler or saucer, and allowing it to remain for several weeks. It will soon burst open and small roots will seek the water; a straight and tapering stem, with beautiful glossy green leaves will shoot upward and present a pleasing appearance. Chestnut trees may be grown in this manner, but their leaves are not so beautiful as those of the oak. The water should be changed once a month, taking care to supply water of the same warmth. Bits of charcoal added to it will prevent the water from souring. If the leaves turn yellow, put a grain of nitrate ammonia in the vessel which holds the water and it will renew their luxuriance.

The Marion Star.

The last issue of the Marion (S. C.) Star contains the following: "From this date Mr. N. A. Stedman, Jr., is our editorial associate in the conduct of the Star. Mr. Stedman brings to our aid, his talent and that peculiar energy and newspaper enterprise which, doubtless, will make our paper popular. He comes here not without journalistic reputation, having been engaged editorially on one of our most successful daily journals—the Morning Star, Wilmington, N. C.—in that State. With his experience in journalism, we were determined to make the Star one of the most popular papers in the South. Further comment is unnecessary; time will prove our determination, which we hope will be acceptable to all. We ask our friends to aid us in our enterprise."

Branch of the Peace.

Mary Johnson, colored, was arraigned before Justice W. H. Merrick, yesterday, on the charge of a breach of the peace. The case was one of an exceedingly trifling character, being merely a war of words between two colored women, a fence being between them; and the counsel for the defendant, one of our most prominent lawyers, remarked that he could not see how the difficulty could be construed into a breach of the peace. Justice Merrick replied: "Suppose you was going along on one side of the street and I on the other, and you was to call me a d-d liar, wouldn't that be an assault and battery?" "Not according to my understanding of the law," remarked the counsel. "Then," said the Chief Justice, "with all the pomposity which could be brought to bear, 'I've forced to disagree with you, sir.' Of course the counsel for the defense submitted instantly, and the Justice returned Mary Johnson to give security in the sum of \$50 for her appearance at Court.

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REMARKS.

Gardening operations are going on extensively.

Gen. Allan Rutherford has been heard from again.

The Board of County Commissioners meet this evening.

The Chapman Sisters and Bishop opened in Augusta Wednesday night.

Capt. E. J. Pennypacker wants to be Postmaster. So does "Col." Arnold.

The "Japs" are in Savannah. "Little All-right" is still the centre of attraction.

Bladen Superior Court is in session this week, His Honor, Judge Russell, presiding.

North Market, between Front and Water, is getting to be a fancy block through the aid of the painters brush.

Henderson Oxendine, the notorious Robeson county outlaw, robber and murderer, will be executed at Lumberton to-day.

The only case before the City Court yesterday morning was that of Robert Maxwell, charged with disorderly conduct, who was found not guilty and discharged.

Deposits made in the National Savings Bank, Dock Street, before March 31st, draw interest from March 1st, at the rate of six per cent, free of all taxes.

We are requested to remind our readers that there will be a cock fight at Hilton to-day. We learn that quite a number expect to be present and that much sport is anticipated. The lucky sportsman will get a prize of \$300.

We learn that one of our prominent Republican Aldermen has recently arrived from New York, bringing with him a white cook, housemaid and chambermaid, having dispensed with all his colored "help." How will his colored friends and supporters relish that?

We are indebted to Messrs. Northrop & Cumming for a package of their genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco, manufactured by W. T. Blackwell, successor to J. R. Green & Co., Durham, N. C., and put up with great care especially for their trade. No better smoking tobacco can be had.

Wilmington Life.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Wilmington N. O. Life Insurance Company was held at the Commercial Exchange last evening.

Dr. T. B. Carr was called to the chair and S. D. Wallace, Esq., requested to act as Secretary.

The first business in order was the acceptance of the charter as lately amended by the General Assembly, after which the following additional Directors were elected: R. H. Cowan, C. M. Stedman, W. A. Cumming, A. A. Willard, Alex. Sprunt and J. Murray, of Wilmington; W. C. Troy and J. D. Williams, of Cumberland; J. T. Pope, of Robeson; L. A. Powell, of Sampson, and W. A. Allen, of Duplin.

The meeting then adjourned.

Ice at Last.

It will no doubt be a source of much gratification to many of our city readers, who have been anticipating the luxury to long, to learn that a vessel arrived at this port last evening with a cargo of ice for Messrs. J. E. Lippitt & Co., of the Wilmington Ice House. By reference to an advertisement from these gentlemen, in another column, it will be seen that the price has, in accordance with a previous announcement, been reduced to one cent per pound.

"Growing Over the Edge."

"Col." Arnold left for Washington yesterday morning. It is said that he is promised an interview with the President Saturday morning, when he proposes to dilate at length upon the manner in which official government patronage is distributed in this State. He estimates that of the two hundred and odd thousand dollars of Federal pay in North Carolina, the colored people only get about five thousand. And yet—the colored troops fight nobly.

St. Patrick's Day.

This day, dear to all Irishmen, will, as we have already stated, be appropriately celebrated by the Hibernian Society of this city in their handsome regalia, by a parade through the principal streets to be preceded by a procession at St. Thomas' (Catholic) Church, by Rev. Father Gross. The procession will move from the Hall precisely at 10 o'clock.

Personals.

We were pleased to meet our friend, Mr. N. A. Stedman, Jr., formerly Local Editor of the Star, in our sanctum yesterday. He appears in excellent health and spirits, and informs us that he will leave on Saturday to assume his position as associate editor of the Marion Star. Success attend him.

Our Chip Basket.

A Brooklyn girl of sixteen wants a divorce.

—Dah-washing impelled a Brooklyn wife to suicide.

—An insurance company against elopements is mooted.

—A Missouri girl hasn't spoken to her parents for five years.

—Most of the fashionable colors are named after bloody events.

—A large livery stable in Findlay, Ohio, is conducted by a fair young damsel.

—Ten young lady compositors enjoy good situations in an Oswego newspaper office.

—Fashionable belles are accused of "pencilled eyebrows, painted cheeks, court-plastered lips and rude manners."

—A Chicago woman earns her livelihood by fainting in front of large stores and hotels, into which she is carried. A purse is at once made up for her and she is sent home in a hack.

—Buss, a kiss; rebuss, kiss again; pluribus, a kiss irrespective of sex; silybius, to kiss the hand instead of the lip; blunderbus, to kiss the wrong person; ambibus, to kiss all promiscuously; erebus, to kiss in the dark.

HARBOR AND RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

Excursion to the Cape of Annapolis.

Laid-off Georgia—What has been accomplished—Somebody on the Rip and Center Roads—A Stillborn Son—The Boston, Trip, &c.

By invitation of Maj. W. Griswold, in charge of the Government works at the inlet, a party of gentlemen assembled yesterday morning on board the U. S. Revenue Cutter Seward, to visit the scene of operations.

Among the invited guests were Messrs. Henry Nutt, Edward Kidder, James H. Chadbourne, D. Murchison and B. G. Worth, of the Chamber of Commerce; Bishop Atkinson, Judge D. L. Russell, Jr., M. London, C. M. Stedman, Hon. H. Waddell, Judge B. E. French, Wm. A. Wright, Judge Edward Cautwell, of the Wilmington Bar, Jacob Loeb, French Vice Consul, Alexander Sprunt, English Vice Consul, Col. E. D. Hall, D. Rumley, Collector of the port, E. H. Barry, E. T. Hancock, G. I. Grady, of the Wilmington press; A. Adrian, Dr. J. F. Moore, Dr. Joshua Walker, E. A. Hart, W. P. Canaday, City Marshal; Maj. J. C. Mann, Atty. Straus, Colonel E. K. Brick, G. C. Myers, Capt. C. D. Myers, Jos. T. James, of the Wilmington press, and others. Col. Reese, Paymaster U. S. Army, Mr. J. D. Haven and Dr. J. H. Kinsman, also accompanied the party.

The steamer soon got under way and proceeded near the works, where she came to anchor and the party departed in the boats and landed on Seke's Island, where the good already accomplished was manifest to the most inexperienced. The work has already been completed a distance of 600 feet. As our readers are aware, this species of pier is built by sinking immense cribs filled with rocks and held by piles driven as deep as possible into the bottom. Part of this labor has been accomplished under the greatest difficulties, in water 87 feet deep and a current of nearly 10 miles an hour. The Major has been nearly all winter laboring to cross that "channel," which has been accomplished with the most gratifying results. The sand has formed on the sea side of the works, making a solid beach of 135 feet wide, where the water was from 30 to 37 feet deep six months ago. The most difficult part of the work has been accomplished; as the rocks of the old work and foundation can be used most of the balance of the way. When completed, the pier or obstruction will be 440 feet long.

After a pleasant stroll along the shore, the party returned to the steamer and proceeded to Smithville, where Col. Reese went ashore to make the hearts of the soldiers glad with ye greenbacks, while the party went outside to make soundings on the rip or Caswell bar. Here the greatest benefit of the work was shown by 15 feet of water at ordinary high tide, where but 8 feet has been known for a long time. Soundings were also made on the outer bar and 18 feet of water found where but 15 feet has been known for several years.

After these gratifying evidences of the wisdom of the present work, the party partook of an elegant collation furnished by Messrs. C. D. Myers & Co., who certainly have the where-with to enable man to keep a hotel. Returning to Smithville, many of the gentlemen strolled along its classic streets, enjoying its sand and sea breezes until 4 o'clock, when the signal to return called all aboard, the Seward steamed toward home with a jovial crowd.

The thanks of the party are due to Major Griswold, Capt. Usher, and, in fact, his officers and entire crew, who all seemed to vie with each other in making it the pleasantest trip of the season.

SITUATION WANTED.

If you want a situation, advertise in our new department, under head of "Wants," at half our regular rates, for advertisements not exceeding five lines.

SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE.

—Charlotte is to have a Commercial College.

The Baptists of Raleigh are to have a festival next week.

The Biblical Recorder says Gen. Dargan, of Anson, is the handsomest man in the Senate.

The Presbyterian Church in Lumberton has been without a pastor for more than twelve months.

The Telegram says it is asserted that Gen. Vance will decline the position of Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institution.

The Robesonian says the trial of Tom Lowrey has been postponed until the next term of the court. It is thought there is evidence sufficient to convict him of the murder of Sanders as well as of Davis.

The Raleigh Telegram says that advice represent the farmers of the State as very much behind with their work, and it fears that the farming operations of the present year will suffer material curtailment from this cause.

In the case of the Western Railroad v. A. J. Jones, the Telegram says: Chief Justice Pearson, before and after adjournment of the Court of Impeachment yesterday, was engaged in the preliminary examination of the above case, continued from Tuesday. The evidence was concluded at 4:30 P. M. The argument will be heard to-day, and the decision of His Honor will no doubt be delivered during the day.

"Religious Club Houses."

charge as it appeared anonymously in the Christian Observer, we could not believe that Bishop A. had so far forgotten his dignity and character as a Christian gentleman as to use such an expression. It was not at all in accord with the idea we had always entertained of him. And it was, therefore, a real pleasure to us to receive and publish the authoritative contradiction of the statement from the hands of Col. Atkinson.

In our columns to-day will be found a brief communication from a friend of Bishop Atkinson in Baltimore, copied from the Philadelphia Presbyterian, in reference to this same charge. And we hope to see the card of Col. Atkinson, published by us two weeks ago, copied into the Christian Observer. Presbyterians have no need of any such means of warfare as misrepresentation and falsehood, and if any one should be unwittingly drawn into false statements, as in charity we are bound to suppose the correspondent of the Observer was, he should at once make the amende honorable when informed of the fact.—N. C. Presbyterian.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

We make up the following summary of the proceedings of the Legislature from the report in the Sentinel:

SENATE.

EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, March 14, 1871.

CALENDAR.

Bill to amend an act to incorporate the Hook and Ladder Company of Fayetteville. Passed second reading. Failed to pass third reading.

Mr. Troy moved reconsideration of the vote by which the bill failed to pass its third reading, and moved to postpone the further consideration of the motion until Thursday night. Prevailed.

Bill to authorize the commissioners of Brunswick to issue bonds, on second reading. On motion of Mr. McClammy, bill was laid on the table.

Bill to appoint commissioners of wrecks for the county of Hyde, on second reading. Passed. Put on third reading, and passed.

Bill to amend sections 9 and 10, of an act of 1868-69, in relation to the Western Turnpike road. Passed second and third readings.

Bill to incorporate Christ's Church Relief Society, of Newbern. Passed second and third readings.

Bill to authorize the Sheriff of Wayne to collect arrears of taxes for 1869-'70. Tabled.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, March 15.

Mr. Latham a bill to amend the charter of the Williamston and Tarboro Railroad company: referred.

Mr. Speed asked to be allowed to take up bill to encourage immigration. Failed, for want of sufficient number voting to suspend.

Mr. Dargan moved to suspend rules and take up bill abolishing special court of Wilmington. Failed; for want of a sufficient number voting to suspend rules.

Mr. Murphy, a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Medical Society of North Carolina: referred.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Gilmer presented a minority report from the Committee on the Judiciary on the bill to repeal the Code of Civil Procedure.

Bill to authorize the exchange of certain bonds issued by the State during the war for internal improvements, for new bonds. Questions on the motion of Mr. Linney to reconsider, and to lay the motion on the table.

The President announced the arrival of the hour for the sitting of the Court of Impeachment.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 1871.

Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, arose to a question of privilege, denouncing an editorial in to-day's Sentinel, headed "Send for the Papers."

Mr. Ashe, also arose to a question of privilege in regard to the same matter. He had seen a number of articles in that paper, heaping wholesale abuse upon this Legislature. He wished to know if there was not some way in which the Legislature could protect itself.

By Mr. Jordan: A bill in regard to Superior Court Judges: referred.

Mr. Justice, Rep., arose to privilege question in regard to the privilege questions of Messrs. Jones, of Caldwell and Ashe: He said he did not think the article referred to, more objectionable than many others that had appeared in that paper for the last two years. He thought it too late to complain. He did not think Conservative members should wince so much at little wholesome lashing when Republicans had received such a large share.

The Chair announced Messrs. Jordan, Phillips, McAfee, Hargrove, and Stanford, as the Special Committee to investigate the charges against Judge Watts.

On motion of Mr. Ashe, the bill to provide for the collection of taxes (machinery bill) was taken up.

On motion it was agreed to consider the bill by sections.

After the reading and adoption of several sections, Mr. Gregory moved that when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock this evening; adopted.

By Mr. Nicholson (by consent) a bill to incorporate the Statesville Air-Line Railroad: referred.

A bill for the collection of taxes, being the unfinished business of the morning, the same was taken up and considered.

After the adoption of various amendments, the bill passed its second reading.

HIGH COURT OF IMPEACHMENT.

Chief Justice Pearson appeared and took the chair of presiding officer at 11 o'clock A. M.

Forty-four Senators present. Ex-Gov. Wm. A. Graham opened the argument in behalf of the managers, of which this reporter does not even attempt a synopsis, as it was reported, verbatim, stenographically, and will be printed in full. It is due to state that Gov. Graham traversed the whole case, minutely reviewing the evidence in all its bearings from beginning to end, in his strong and lucid manner, closing with a powerful appeal for the conviction of the respondent, occupying in its delivery three hours and a half, and listened to throughout attentively by the court and a large crowd of persons in the lobbies and galleries; in two of the latter, many of the ladies of our city graced the occasion with their fair presence.

It is understood that Mr. Boyden will follow for the defence to-morrow. Mr. W. N. H. Smith continuing for the defence the following day, and ex-Gov. Bragg closing the argument on Saturday in behalf of the managers.—Telegraph.

HEALTH, the poor man's riches, the rich man's bliss, is found in ALEX'S MEDICINE, after a fruitless search among other remedies. A word to the wise is sufficient.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

NATIONAL HOTEL—REUBEN JONES, Prop'r.

R. J. Nixon, Topsail Sound; Mrs. S. A. McMillan and daughter; N. C. L. Malair, Washington, D. C.; B. Z. Temple, Alabama; W. Spence, Rockingham, N. C.; H. Crawford, J. A. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.; Col. M. M. McRae, A. McRae, Jr., Shoe Heel; N. A. Stedman, Jr., Robeson County; H. C. Cowles and lady, Statesville, N. C.; Thos. D. Dawson, Petersburg, Va.; L. T. Gray, Syracuse, N. Y.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wilmington Ice House.

FROM THIS DATE THE PRICE OF ICE is reduced to ONE CENT PER POUND.

Tickets can be had at our office.

mar 17-16 J. E. LIPPITT & CO.

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Wilmington Skating Association.

THE WILMINGTON SKATING ASSOCIATION will hold Assemblies in the CITY HALL on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening of each week, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Afternoon Assemblies will be given at LANSING HALL on Monday and Wednesday of each week from 3 to 5 o'clock for LADIES EXCLUSIVELY.

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" " four days, \$2.50
" " five days, \$3.00
" " one week, \$5.00
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