

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

Feb. 9, 1872.

Time.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Weather.
7 A. M.	30.73	44	N Fresh	Halo
9 P. M.	30.73	40	N Fresh	Halo

Mean Temp. of day, 41 deg.
NOTE.—All barometric readings are reduced to the sea-level and to 32 degrees Fahrenheit.
Romey's Service U. S. A.
Surg't Signal Service U. S. A.

Weather Report.

The barometer will probably continue to fall on Saturday, with southerly winds throughout the Mississippi valley; threatening weather from Texas into Louisiana; partially cloudy and clearing weather, prevailing from Florida to Virginia; the 18th barometer from Cape Hatteras continuing moving slowly northeast with the Gulf Stream; northeast winds continue until Saturday A. M. on the Middle Atlantic coast, backing to the northwest with clearing weather by Saturday night; increasing but not dangerous northeast winds continuing in eastern New England, the severest winds prevailing some distance off the coast.
Cautionary signals continue for the rest of Friday evening at Norfolk, Cape May, Boston, New York and New London.

THE CITY.

The Reading Room.
The Wilmington Library Association is open daily during the week from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., from 4 to 6 P. M., and from 7 1/2 to 10 P. M.

Low Rates.
The rates of freight from this city to New York, on the Lorillard Line of Steamers will, hereafter, until further notice, be as follows: Cotton, 75 cents per bale; spirits of turpentine, 30 cents per barrel; crude turpentine, 10 cents per barrel; rosin, 10 cents per barrel; and pitch, 40 cents per barrel; peanuts, 3 cents per bushel.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HEINENBERGER'S Live Book Store, 39 Market St.—New Goods just received.
Opera House.—Third night of the Old Reliability.
DUDLEY & ELLIS, Sign of the Big Boot.—Buy Women's Shoes Cheap.

A. H. VAN BOKKELLEN—Turpentine Stills for sale.
Read new advertisements under the head of "Lost and Found."

Notice.
The "Old Reliable" Company advertise a grand Matinee this afternoon for the benefit of ladies and children. Price of admission to any part of the house only 25 cents. Go and see them.

The Fair.
We learn that there was a good crowd in attendance upon the fair at Society Hall, given last evening by the Children's Memorial Association, and that a very respectable amount was realized for the noble object to which it is to be appropriated.

Enlarged and Improved.
The Friend of Temperance, the organ of the temperance society of the same name, comes to us greatly enlarged and improved in appearance. It is an excellent family paper, and we wish it abundant success. It is published at Raleigh, and furnished to subscribers at \$2 per annum.

Chicken and Oyster Croquettes.
Chop some chickens very fine, and add to it a large quantity of oysters chopped fine, with half a cup of bread crumbs and a piece of butter, season with salt, pepper, and if liked, a little sauce; moisten with one or two well-beaten eggs; form into long, slender rolls, and fry in good lard to a light brown. Serve on napkin, and garnish with celery tops or parsley, and slices of lemon.

Indestructible Tag.
The Indestructible Tag is a great convenience to merchants. It answers the combined purpose of a direction label and business card. Call at the Stark Printing and Publishing House and supply yourselves.

Stolen Articles Recovered.
The watch recently stolen from Mr. E. Shull was found yesterday on the person of T. P. Willis, colored, who was arrested and committed to jail. He will undergo an examination before Justice Woodford to-day, at 11 o'clock. Another colored man, name not remembered, who was discovered with some of the jewelry on his person, which was stolen at the same time, is now in jail awaiting an examination. Mr. R. L. Sellers, we learn, had the working up of the case.

Another Robbery.
Last night, about half past 9 o'clock, as Policeman Robert Weston was going his rounds on South Water street, between Market and Dock, he met a colored man with a large bundle under his arm. It was so early in the evening that his suspicions were not aroused, but on going a little farther and placing his hand against the front door of Messrs. Heide Bros., where he discovered that it was open. When it occurred to him in a moment that the individual he had just encountered had something to do with the matter. He thereupon directed his steps in search of the man, but the "bird had flown." He then returned and secured the services of two or three gentlemen in a saloon in the vicinity to watch the door while he secured the assistance of other members of the force and dispatched a messenger to Mr. E. Heide, the senior member of the firm. Upon the arrival of these gentlemen it was found that quite a number of articles of value had been spirited away. But for the opportune discovery by officer Weston, however, he would no doubt have lost much more. It was supposed that the robber must have been secreted in the store, when it was closed for the night.

An Aquatic paper claims for that town a fishy who weighs 815 pounds.

Local News.

See advertisement of diamond breastpin lost.

—Col. O. H. Dockery was in the city yesterday.

—With poor people, when coal is high, the fire is low.

—There was no session of the City Court yesterday morning.

—Stop mouse holes with plugs of common hard soap, and you will do it effectually.

—The bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Smithville, Brunswick county, passed its third reading in the Senate on Thursday.

—The street crossing at the corner of Third and Chestnut streets, East side going up Third, needs attention. Mud is about a foot deep there after every heavy rain.

—Capt. Boatwright, of the "Rankin," and Mr. J. G. O'Brien, of the Hook and Ladder Company, took the red balls upon the alarm of fire yesterday morning. We did not learn who were the successful men in the other companies.

—Speaking of the Carolina Farmer, the Salisbury New North States says: "The February number of this valuable guide to the farmer is upon our table. The energy displayed by the proprietor in this compilation of useful knowledge, is worthy of praise. It has a large circulation, and is growing in favor daily."

Fire Yesterday Morning—A Narrow Escape from a Destructive Conflagration.

Yesterday morning, about 4 o'clock, fire was discovered in the store on the corner of Market and South Water streets, occupied by Mr. B. Lehman as a clothing establishment.

The fire was on the inside among the counters, shelving, &c., and extending up to the ceiling overhead. Some persons on board of a vessel first discovered the flames and commenced throwing water on the fire with buckets, while the policemen gave the alarm by ringing the market house bell. The engines and hook and ladder truck were soon at the scene and the building inside and out was speedily deluged with water and the fire extinguished.

The window frame, shelving, and counter on the side next to Water street were badly burned, while the ceiling overhead for the width of about four or five feet was burned to a shell and the joists badly damaged. In fact the entire building was damaged to a more or less extent by the fire and water together.

The stock of goods, together with the fixtures, valued by Mr. Lehman, at \$8,500, were all more or less damaged by the two elements, but were insured in the London and Liverpool and Globe, the Atlas and the Imperial Insurance Companies for \$2,000 each. But for the timely discovery of the fire and the exertions of the firemen and others a destructive conflagration would no doubt have resulted.

The loss on the building, which is the property of Mr. H. B. Eilers, through the effect of the fire and water combined, is estimated at about \$400, besides which the books, papers, &c., belonging to that gentleman, were badly damaged.

The office of the Signal Officer, in the third story, was also somewhat damaged by the water.

Indecorous Demonstrations.
Much annoyance is experienced by the audiences at the Opera House, during the progress of a performance, by noisy demonstrations on the part of boys and others, who seem to think it a proper occasion to make all the fuss possible. It is exceedingly provoking to a person who really enjoys a fine passage in a good play and is listening intently to catch every word as it falls from the lips of the speaker, to hear some one burst out in a loud halloo! Worse still when this act is accompanied by the terrific sound of twenty five or thirty tin snare drums on the floor and seats. Some are always at a loss to know where "the laugh comes in" and the applause should begin, and if this state of things continues we shall petition Manager Spaulding to have some sort of signal prepared to give notice when it is proper time to applaud and when to keep quiet. Applause in the proper place, of course, is all very well, and is daily appreciated by the performers, but due discretion should be exercised in this matter as in every thing else.

Cape Fear Agricultural Association.
The following names from Colonel Fremont, President of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association, explains itself:

The following names were accidentally omitted in the list of the Executive Committee, announced a few days since:

There are also two names from the county of Edgecombe that have not appeared; the gentlemen not having yet signified their acceptance.

The other names omitted are as follows:

Col. John D. Taylor, Brunswick.
Mr. J. C. Winder, Wilmington.
Others are to be included among the associate and advisory members.

Papers which published the former list, will please publish these names.

S. L. FARMON, President C. F. A.

The Lecture.
Considering the miserable condition of the weather last night, the attendance upon the lecture of Rev. J. C. Hiden, at the Seamen's Bethel, on the subject of temperance, was very flattering to that gentleman and evinced an interest in the cause he advocated which was very gratifying. The two organizations known as Friendship Temple of Honor and Temperance, and the Olive Branch No. 2, Friends of Temperance, were out in force and marched to the Bethel in full regalia.

Of the lecture we hear but one sentiment expressed; that of hearty commendation. It was not only interesting, being applied with a fund of rich anecdotes, but instructive, as Mr. Hiden related many facts in substantiation of the positions he assumed.

A Pennsylvania paper, in speaking of a songstress, says: "She beats cats on high notes. There was no music or cheat tone in her voice, but it was about six feet above the serech of a lost Indian."

THE OPERA HOUSE.

Dramatic.
A very marked improvement was observable in last night's performance by the "Old Reliable" company, as compared with that given on Thursday evening. As *Leah, The Forsaken* is a drama of far greater literary and artistic merit than *East Lynne*, and of a tone incomparably more elevated, so it offered a far more favorable field for the display of the abilities of the company.

It would be fair to praise to affirm of the "Old Reliable" company that it excels all similar professional organizations which have visited us during the current season. Whatever of merit was evinced by the leading members of the troupe upon their first appearance, was displayed to much better advantage under the more auspicious surroundings of the second performance, and it is safe to predict a yet further advance in their exhibition of claims to public favor.

Leah, The Forsaken, constituted the attraction of last night's performance. It is a beautiful drama, most neatly and ably adapted to the stage from a famous German legend. Much of its celebrity, in connection with the stage of the period, is due to the marvellous genius which Miss Bateman evinces in its rendition. It is a severe test of the abilities of an actress, and it has proved a fatal ordeal to ambitious pretensions upon more than one occasion. We are pleased to record to Miss D'Este the meed of praise which is justly due her careful and appreciative assumption of a part so arduous and exacting. Mr. Stutz, as *Rudolph*, evinced study and appreciation, and both he and Mr. Tannabill, as *Nathan*, the apostate Jew, gave a well-sustained and, at times, spirited performance. The minor characters were given in a manner generally satisfactory, and the audience, throughout the performance, was generous in the bestowal of its approbation.

To-night *Flancon The Oricket*, an admirable play, will be presented, with the best distribution of characters of which the company is capable.

Our Chip Basket.
—A Padusah wedding reports a "billyow ocean of foaming skirts."

—Out of the eleven hundred lady authors who have achieved distinction in America, 181 are of Southern birth.

—A Pittsburgh girl deeply laments the death of her dear aunt, occurring as it has in the midst of the party season.

—The woman-women claim that no instance of defecation by the women in the Treasury Department can be pointed out.

—George Elliott says: "A woman dictates before marriage in order that she may have an appetite for submission afterward."

—Schoolmistress: "Johnny, I am ashamed of you. When I was your age I could read as well as I do now." Johnny: "Aw! but you'd a different teacher to wot we've got!"

—At a leap year sale of old bachelors in Southville, Ala., recently, quotations were low, except for widowers, who brought \$1,000 each. Lawyers were knocked down at \$5 a head.

INSPECTION OF TIMBER AND LUMBER.

An Act to Amend Chapter 6, Private Laws, Session of 1870-71.

SECTION 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, That Chapter 6, of the Private Laws, ratified December 31st, 1870, be amended as follows: Strike out section five of said act and insert instead the following: All timber and lumber coming to the port of Wilmington for sale or shipment shall be inspected by inspectors duly qualified and licensed according to law, who shall be entitled to collect of the vendor, purchaser or shipper thirty cents per thousand feet on all timber and forty cents per thousand feet on all lumber by them inspected. Any person selling or shipping such timber or lumber without inspection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, pay one hundred dollars for each and every offence, one half to the use of the informer and the other half to the State. No inspector of timber or lumber, while acting as such, shall act as salesman of those commodities under a penalty of fifty dollars for every offence, to be collected and applied the same as for violation of the prohibition against selling or shipping without inspection.

SEC. 2. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE.

—Too eight inches thick in Stokes county.

—Greensboro had a sleighing frolic on last Saturday.

—The ice in the ponds near Salem is five inches thick. The same is the case near Winston!

—Edgecombe county produces one two hundredth part of all the cotton raised in the United States.

Prof. W. J. Palmer, formerly Principal of the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind, at Raleigh, is soon to visit this State.

—Wm. G. Proctor, Esq., residing near Rocky Mount, Edgecombe county, killed recently, at one shot, four wild turkeys, whose aggregate weight was seventy-two pounds. This gunnery is hard to beat and we say boldly for "Gray" the shootist.

The Winston Sentinel says: We are informed through a reliable source that a Canadian gentleman has instructed an agent to purchase five thousand acres of land near Winston as soon as he is assured of the early completion of the railroad. It is his intention to settle a colony of Canadians and erect machinery.

—The Greensboro Patriot says: We hear of the burning of a house a few miles from town last week, in which there was a child burned to death. It seems a negro woman, who either lived in the house or had charge of it, went somewhere and in her absence the house caught fire and, burned to the ground with the child in it.

—The Greensboro Patriot says:

We are more than gratified to be able to contradict the report in the last Patriot of Sammy Swan's death. The report was current here, and generally believed. We had it from those who assured us it was so. We are glad to learn that it is not.

—We understand that a resolution has been adopted by the greater number of our merchants, says the Greensboro Patriot, to discontinue the practice of giving indiscriminate credit. It is intended as a sort of mutual protection arrangement against persons who are in the habit of contracting accounts at one store and when the bill is presented transferring their custom to another and doing likewise. Fortunately for the merchants such customers are not numerous.

—The Salisbury New North States of Thursday says: A small fire near the Mansion House in Charlotte broke out yesterday, which was promptly extinguished. Two fire companies attended, one of them colored with a hand engine and the other with a steamer. For some reason a riot occurred, during which several men were knocked down and pistols freely drawn. No shot was fired. Judge Henry, who is holding a Special Term, promptly sent out the Sheriff, who suppressed the riot. We have not learned the cause of the disturbance.

—Speaking of Cape Hatteras Light the Newbern Times says: The following description of the first order light on the highest tower in the United States, viz: 160 feet, is of interest, and gives a good idea of what a light house lantern really is. It is reached by 269 steps up an iron spiral staircase within a brick tower, supported by nine landings or platforms of marble and iron. The lantern is 12 feet in diameter, has 16 windrows with three panes of the best French glass in each window of the sizes of 31x27, 39x27 and 45x27 inches. The lens is shaped exactly like a Canary bird cage and is composed of 1,008 pieces of glass set in frames of brass and revolves around a fixed light inside the lantern by means of clock work machinery. The interior diameter of the lens is 73 inches, and the height is about 9 feet. The lamp or burner is the French mechanical overflow lamp, having four concentric wicks, and burns nearly 9 gallons of lard oil every ten hours. This light has been seen at a distance of 45 miles sufficiently distinct to be recognized.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

[Condensed from the Raleigh Sentinel.]

SENATE.

THURSDAY, Feb. 8.
The Senate met at 3 1/2 P. M., Mr. Latham in the chair.

Mr. Gilmer moved a reconsideration of the vote by which was passed on its third reading yesterday, the bill to divide the State into eight Congressional districts. It was desired to offer an amendment generally acceptable to the members of the Assembly from the East. The vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Latham (Mr. Gilmer in the chair) offered the following amendment, which was adopted, and the bill passed its third reading—24 to 9:

"Strike Warren, Halifax, and Northampton from the first district, and insert Beaufort, Hyde, Pitt and Pamlico; and from the second district strike Beaufort, Hyde, Pitt and Pamlico, and insert Warren, Halifax and Northampton."

The amendment leaves the 1st and 2d districts as follows—the other districts remaining as reported yesterday.

First District—Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Chowan, Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Beaufort, Pamlico, Hyde and Pitt.

Second District—Edgecombe, Wilson, Greene, Wayne, Lenoir, Jones, Craven, Warren, Halifax and Northampton.

The bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors near Swamp Baptist Church, Robeson county, was rejected on its second reading.

The special committee on the Penitentiary contract of the Coleman Brothers presented a report which was referred to the committee on Penal Institutions, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

The report of the conference committee on the Senatorial Districts was received.

Mr. Worth moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to agree to the report of the conference committee—agreed to.

Mr. Graham, of Orange, now moved to lay on the table the motion to concur in the report of the conference committee. Adopted.

Mr. Brogden moved, that Wayne and Duplin shall be allowed each one Senator. Not agreed to.

Mr. Morehead moved as follows: 13th district—Sampson one Senator; 14th Bladen and Brunswick one Senator; 17th Wake one Senator; 20th Orange, Person and Caswell shall elect two Senators; Rockingham one Senator; Franklin, Nash and Wilson two Senators. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Graham, a message was sent to the House announcing the concurrence in the report of the conference committee with the foregoing amendments. Adopted.

Mr. Troy introduced a bill to prevent fraud in the sale of commercial manures. Calendar.

Mr. Murphy's bill to authorize a special election in Franklin township, Sampson county. Pending the consideration of the bill, the special order.

THE ELECTION BILL, as amended, was considered.

The bill was amended, by filling the several blanks, as to places of comparing the polls in the Senatorial and Congressional districts, &c., and then the bill passed its final reading.

Mr. Murphy introduced a substitute for the bill to provide for a special election for Franklin township, Sampson county, which passed its several readings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, Feb. 8, 1872.
The House was called to order at the usual hour.

The unfinished business being the bill

—The Senate in relation to apportionment in the Senate was taken up, but gave way to the Senate bill in relation to marriages, marriage contracts, &c.

Mr. Ashe moved to strike out the proviso.

The bill passed its second reading, and was then made the special order for 8 45 P. M. to-night.

Bill in reference to the proportionment of the State Senate.

Mr. Jordan moved to lay the bill on the table. Not adopted.

Pending the discussion the

SPECIAL ORDER.

Report of the conference committee.

Mr. Tucker, of Iredell, moved to postpone until the apportionment bill be disposed of.

Mr. Wilcox called the previous question. Not sustained.

The motion to postpone did not prevail. The House then concurred in the report of Conference Committee—yeas 45, nays 39.

Mr. Loftin from the Committee on Education reported on the following bills:

Bill creating the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Bill to allow school committees pay for their services.

Bill to repeal sub. 3, sec. 36 of school laws of 1869.

Bill to protect property and revenues of the University.

Bill in relation to the apportionment of the State Senate was again taken up.

On motion the bill was laid on the table.

A message was received from the Senate transmitting the following bills and resolutions:

Resolution to invite immigration to North Carolina.

Bill creating trusts and estates.

Bill to protect oysters and terrapins in the waters of North Carolina.

Bill in favor of certain sheriffs.

Bill to promote the planting of oysters and clams in the waters of North Carolina.

Bill to divide the State into eight congressional districts.

On motion of Mr. Robinson the bill to divide North Carolina into eight congressional districts was put upon its second reading and passed—yeas 53, nays 32.

Under a suspension of the rules the bill passed its third reading—yeas 56, nays 20.

On motion of Mr. Loftin the bill to protect the property and revenues of the University was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Robinson the bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, the rules were suspended and the bill in relation to the stock of the State in the Western Division of the W. N. C. R. R. was taken up.

Pending the discussion of the bill the House adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock.

Transforming the Complexion.—The transformations produced by HARRIS'S MAGNETIC BALM are quite as astonishing as any scene on the stage of a theatre. That famous beautifier transmutes a sallow, peevish looking complexion into one in which the life and the rose give for admiration, and imparts to a dry, harsh skin, the softness of perfect loveliness. Tan and freckles, which countenance and wrinkles are pretty sure to produce, in spite of parasols and sun-drawers, are completely obliterated by it, while it is a perfectly magical effect in banishing mud and redness, blotches and pimples from the skin. When the lady who has used it to remedy her complexional defects looks in the mirror, she is equally as astonished and gratified in the improvements in her appearance. Every blemish has disappeared; her neck, arms and bosom now reveal whiteness the snow-cell which encircles her throat, her cheek mantles with a peach-like bloom, and she is ready to invoke a blessing on the inventor of the article which has wrought such a delightful transformation.

If you desire rosy cheeks and a complexion fair and free from pimples, blotches and eruptions, purify your blood by taking Dr. HARRIS'S Golden Medical Discovery.

THERE IS NO EXCUSE for those who find their weary and disordered bodies in to our complete cure. A few doses of ATHER'S MAGNETIC BALM would cleanse their murky blood and restore their health and vigor. Trembling victims of bilious diseases, have some regard for your neighbors, if not for yourself, and use it.

We should not suffer from a Corn which a few doses of ATHER'S CHERREY PECTORAL will cure. Time, comfort, health, are all saved by it.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wilmington Opera House.

"Old Reliable" Theatre!
ESTABLISHED 1865.

The Oldest, the Largest and the Greatest!

Saturday Afternoon, Feb. 10th.
A GRAND MATINEE.

TEN NIGHTS IN A BAR ROOM!
Doors open at 7 o'clock; Performance 7 30.

Admission, to all parts of the house, 50 cents.

T-O-N-I-G-H-T
HELEN DESTES
AS
FANCHON!

THE CELEBRATED MAY POLE DANCE.
Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock; Performance at 8.

PRICE OF ADMISSION:
Parquette Circle.....75 cents
Dress Circle.....50
Family Circle.....25
Gallery.....10
Reserved seats for sale at P. Heinberger's Book and Music Store without extra charge. Must be secured during the day, sale commencing Monday, Feb. 20th. 1872.

Buy Women's Shoes Cheap!
WARRANTED TO BE GOOD!
Feb 10-11
DUDLEY & ELLIS,
Sign of the Big Boot.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

11	four days	2 50
12	five days	3 00
13	six days	3 50
14	seven days	4 00
15	eight days	4 50

Contract Advertisements taken at proportionately low rates.

Marriages, Deaths, Religious, Funeral and many notices will be inserted at half rates paid for in advance; other wise full rates be charged.