

MORNING STAR

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METEOROLOGICAL RECORD

Table with columns: Time, Barometer, Thermometer, Wind, Weather. Data for Feb. 12, 1872.

Weather Report. WAR DEPARTMENT, Office of Chief Signal Officer, Washington, Feb. 12-4:35 P. M.

THE CITY

The Reading Room of 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:

PROFITABLE ADVERTISING. We call the attention of the business men of Wilmington to the superior advantages offered by

THE WEEKLY STAR as an advertising medium. It has, without exception, the largest circulation of any publication in Wilmington; and we can satisfy any one that it has no equal as a medium of communication with the people of the rural districts now trading with Wilmington.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. HEINBERGER'S Live Book Store, 39 Market St.—Galaxy of Art.

Opera House—Fifth night of the Old Reliable—Cynthia.

A. D. CAZAUX—New Steamship Line for New York.

E. P. GEORGE—Annual Meeting of the Wilmington Seamen Friend Society.

Unavailable Letters. The following is the list of unavailable letters remaining in the city postoffice, February 12: Messrs. George H. Vandike, Philadelphia, Pa.; Great American Tea Company, New York; Charles A. Grady, Washington, D. C.

Coincidence. A certain gentleman of this vicinity, boasting the cabalistic initials of K. K. K., but who is nevertheless no Ku Klux, celebrated, on the 31st day of January, the birthday of himself and his two sons, all of whom were born on that day of the month. A rather remarkable coincidence.

The Wilmington Life. We inadvertently neglected in our last to mention the fact that, at a meeting of the Directors of the Wilmington North Carolina Life Insurance Company, held on Friday evening, Col. John W. Atkinson declined a reelection to the position of President, and Col. R. H. Cowan was elected to fill the vacancy.

Another Attempt at Burglary. We learn that another attempt was made on Sunday night to break into the store of the Messrs. Heide Bros. Fortunately for them, however, and very much to the disgust of the thieves, those gentlemen foiled their little game by changing the lock on the door. While engaged in the attempt to effect an entrance, they were discovered by the police, and made a precipitate retreat. We learn that two of the men were supposed to be white, and one colored, from the hasty glance which the police had of their features.

Improvements. Col. S. L. Fremont has recently had a very fine residence erected at the corner of Third and Red Cross streets, and fronting on both of those streets. It contains eight rooms, besides all necessary stores, closets and kitchen, all being under one roof, and is provided with all the necessary modern conveniences, such as pipes for conveying hot and cold water to the different rooms, etc. In economy of space, elegance of workmanship and general convenience there are very few houses in Wilmington that will excel it. It was erected by the Cape Fear Building Company.

Painful Accident. We regret to learn that one of our old citizens, Mr. Alfred Alderman, met with a serious accident on Saturday evening last, by which his collar bone was broken and other bruises received. It appears that in attempting to jump over or avoid a puddle of water on the wharf near Messrs. Harris & Howell's office, Mr. Alderman accidentally struck against a vessel's gangway, which fell over on him. Mr. Alderman's wife, who heard by a colored man, who went to his relief, but being unable to lift the gangway, he was compelled to leave him in that position while he could procure other help. After being extricated from his uncomfortable position, Mr. Alderman was taken to his residence, and at last accounts was doing as well as could be expected.

Printing and Book Paper. We can furnish printing paper in small quantities, say from two to ten reams, at reasonable prices for all strictly cash orders. We have on hand the following sizes of news, viz: 22x31, 24x36 and 24x38. Also, fine Book Paper 24x38 and 24x39; and a good assortment of other papers and cards.

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SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE.

—"Vasinate," is the cry in Warrenton. —The Peak Family of Swiss Bell Bingers is in Warrenton.

—Coon hunting is the favorite sport of the boys in Rutherfordton. —Snow fell in Statesville last week to the depth of about six inches.

—About 30 students at Davidson College have recently been converted. —The Farmers' and Mechanics' Association of Wayne meets for permanent organization on Thursday next.

—It is rumored that the railroad agent at Kinston is a defaulter to the amount of \$1,500; so says the Goldsboro' Messenger.

—A man was poisoned in Newbern on Saturday by eating stale oysters. His life was only saved through prompt medical attendance.

—The Asheville Pioneer says: At Leicester, a few days since a child, five or six years old, son of Rev. David Wells, colored, was burned to death.

—The tournament at Fremont, in Wayne county, is to take place on Thursday, the 29th instant; the address and charge to the Knights is to be delivered by J. A. Bonitz, Esq., of the Messenger.

—The Rutherfordton Vindicator says: Stumptown furnishes another local do, the whipping of a colored female 15th amendment by soldiers, on Thursday last—the particulars not worth mentioning.

—The Goldsboro' Messenger says: The train for the West which left here on Thursday evening, met with an accident during the night about two miles beyond Mebaneville. A tree had fallen across the track, and before the engineer, Mr. Murphey, had time to reverse, the engine struck the obstructions. Mr. Murphey had a rib broken. The locomotive is still in the ditch. No other damage.

—The Warrenton Gazette says: On Monday last, while the children were playing in the yard of D. B. Kimball, Esq., of Manson, his little daughter, aged about 9 years, came from the house with her father's pistol, which she had taken from the drawer in which it was kept. In playing with the weapon as a toy it fired off and the ball took effect in the head of a small negro boy. At latest accounts the little sufferer was still living, but without hope of recovery.

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

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

[Condensed from the Raleigh Sentinel.] HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. EVENING SESSION. FRIDAY, Feb. 9.

House met at 3 1/2 o'clock, Speaker Jarvis in the chair. Bill to empower the Judge of Probate to appoint a commission in certain cases, passed its several readings.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Bill for the better protection of the penitentiary, and for other purposes. Mr. Johnson, of Buncombe, introduced an amendment, repealing the clause which creates the office of Directors of the Penitentiary. Duties now imposed on the Board of Directors are imposed on the Board of Managers, and all powers conferred on said Board of Directors are also conferred on the Board of Managers, who shall go into office on the first Wednesday in March, 1872, and hold office till 1st day of January, 1873; and that said Board of Directors shall turn over all moneys, books, papers, and everything it may have of a public nature belonging to the affairs of the penitentiary, on said first Wednesday in March, 1872.

Upon this amendment a long discussion ensued. Mr. Ashe called the previous question; sustained. Mr. Welsh called for the yeas and nays. The question recurring upon the passage of the amendment resulted—yeas 48, nays 38.

The bill then passed its second reading. Under a suspension of the rules, the Penitentiary bill was put upon its third reading. Pending the discussion of the various amendments, the House adjourned.

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On motion of Mr. Guyther, the name of J. A. Latham, of Washington, was substituted for that of John M. Rose. Mr. Waring's amendment to strike out the amendments to the bill proposed by Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, and adopted this afternoon, was discussed at considerable length as to the character and competency of the gentlemen composing the Board of Directors. Nothing was suggested affecting the integrity of the gentlemen but a general idea of negligence

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wilmington Opera House.

"Old Reliable" Theatre! ESTABLISHED 1868.

"The Oldest, the Largest and the Greatest!"

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Triumphant Success of the Great Classic Actress, HELEN D'ESTE.

T O N I G H T SHE WILL APPEAR IN HER RENDITION OF

CYNTHIA! Queen of the Gypsies.

Doors open at 6 1/2 o'clock; Performance at 8. PRICE OF ADMISSION: Parquette, 75 cts; Family Circle, 50 cts; Dress Circle, 25 cts; Gallery, 15 cts.

Reserved seats for sale at P. Heinsberger's Book and Music Store without extra charge. Must be secured during the day, sale commencing Monday, Feb. 5th, 1872.

New Line for New York

THE A. NO. 1 STEAMSHIP METROPOLIS

WILL sail from New York, pier 14, E. R., for this port on Friday, February 16th, and leave Wilmington on Thursday, February 22d.

For Freight engagements apply to A. D. CAZAUX.

LUNT BROS., 28 South St., Agts in New York. Feb 12-17

Notice.

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Saddlery.

ALL KINDS OF SADDLES, HARNESS, TRUNKS, TRAVELING BAGS, And everything in the line of Saddlery Goods cheap for cash at J. S. TOPHAM & CO., No. 8 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. Feb 6-13-1872

A Galaxy of Art.

ART seems to have sprung into new life this season, judging from the number of Fine Chromos offered for distribution among the public. The people of Wilmington are not behind hand in their appreciation and love of Fine Art. The collection of Chromos now on exhibition at the

LIVE BOOK STORE should be seen by every one, in or out of the city. It embraces excellent works from most of the prominent American Artists, and may fairly be termed GALAXY OF FINE ART. THE SUPERB PICTURES are of every style, and for sale at HEINBERGER'S Live Book Store. Feb 11-17

Valuable Plantation For Sale by

BUNTING & McQUIGG, Auctioneers and Real Estate Agents, Wilmington, N. C.

WE offer for sale the undivided half interest in that valuable Tract of Land situated on New River, in Onslow county, five miles from Jacksonville, known as the "Huggins Farm," containing 7,500 acres—3,400 acres under a high state of culture, well adapted to the culture of peanuts, corn and cotton, balance well timbered with oak, hickory, pine, cypress and juniper. Two good dwellings, with other buildings on the place; also a landing for yessels. The other half interest is also for sale. Terms very low. Feb 6-22-1872

Axes! Axes!

25 DOZEN TURPENTINE AXES, 25 CLUB AXES, For sale by F. W. KERCHNER, Feb 11-17 27, 28 and 29 North Water St.

Hay and Glue.

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Whiskey and Brandy.

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Molasses! Molasses!

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FOR SALE OR RENT.

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