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METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.
Feb. 17, 1872.

Time.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Weather
7 A. M.	29.63	47	SW Light	Cloudy
2 P. M.	29.64	48	NW Fresh	Cloudy
9 P. M.	29.89	39	NW Brisk	Cloudy

Mean Temp. of day, 43 deg.
NOTE.—All barometric readings are reduced to the sea-level and to 32 degrees Fahrenheit.
ROBERT SETZOTH,
Serg't Signal Service U. S. A.

Weather Report.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Office of Chief Signal Officer,
Washington, Feb. 17—4:35 P. M.

Probabilities.

The low barometer over Cape Hatteras will probably move northeastward with the Gulf Stream, and northeast winds and cloudy weather con inue over the Middle Atlantic States; clear weather will probably continue in the Gulf States, with light winds; cloudy weather prevail in the Ohio valley, clearing away Sunday P. M.; clear, cold weather continue with northerly winds in New England.

Dangerous winds are noe anticipated for the Atlantic and Gulf coasts Saturday night.

THE CITY.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

SUNDAY, February 18.

St. James' (Episcopal),
CORNER THIRD AND MARKET STREETS.
First Sunday in Lent.
Morning Prayer at 11 A. M.
Evening Prayer at 5 P. M.
Sunday School at 3½ P. M.

St. John's Church (Episcopal),
CORNER RED CROSS AND THIRD STREETS.
First Sunday in Lent.
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7½ o'clock, A. M.
Sunday School at 9½ A. M.
Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock.
Evening Prayer at 7½ o'clock.

First Presbyterian Church,
CORNER THIRD AND ORANGE STREETS.
Rev. A. F. Dickson.
Services at 11 A. M., and at 7½ P. M.
Sunday School exercises commence at 3½ P. M.
Lecture Thursday evening at 7½o'clock.
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services at Brooklyn Hall, every Sunday at 10½ A. M.

First Baptist Church,
CORNER MARKET AND FIFTH STREETS.
Rev. J. C. Hiden, Pastor.
Sunday School at 9½ A. M.
Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Young Men's Prayer Meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in room above Pastor's study.
Weekly Prayer Meeting Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Second Baptist Church,
CORNER OF SIXTH AND CHURCH STREETS.
Rev. J. E. King, Pastor.
Sunday School at 9 A. M.
Services at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M.
Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 7½ o'clock.

St. Thomas' (Catholic) Church,
ON DOCK BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD STS
Sunday.
Morning: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered up at 7 o'clock and at 10½, at which there will be delivered a discourse.
Catechism for the children at 9½ o'clock.
Evening: A Catechetical instruction will be given to the colored people at 4 o'clock in the basement of the Church.
Vespers chanted at 7 o'clock, during which Lenten Devotions will be held.
Daily Services.
Morning: Mass at 6½ and 7 o'clock at St. Thomas' Church; at 6½ at the Chapel of the Sisters of Mercy on 4th street.
Evening: During Lent at 7½ o'clock at St. Thomas' Church—"Stations of the Cross." "Stabat Mater" by the Children.
At all services the Pews of St. Thomas' Church are cordially open to visitors.
Officiating Clergymen: Rt. Rev. James Gibbons, D. D.; Rev. Mark S. Gross; Rev. James B White.

Front Street M. E. Church, South,
CORNER WALNUT AND FRONT STREETS.
Rev. Dr. Moran, Pastor.
Services at 10½ A. M., and 7½ P. M.
Sunday School 3 P. M.
Regular weekly Prayer Meeting Wednesday night at 7½ o'clock. All are invited to attend.
The pews in this church are all free. Gentlemanly ushers will be in waiting to conduct strangers to seats.

Fifth Street M. E. Church South,
FIFTH BETWEEN CHURCH AND NUN STREETS.
Rev. A. A. Boshammer, Pastor.
Services at 11 A. M. and at 7½ P. M.
Sunday School at 9 A. M.
Class Meeting at 3 P. M.
Prayer Meeting on Thu sday night at 7½ o'clock.

St. Paul's Evan. Lutheran Church,
MARKET STREET, CORNER OF SIXTH.
Rev. G. D. Bernheim, Pastor.
German service at 10½ A. M.
English service at 7½ P. M.
Sunday School at 3 P. M.
Catechetical Lectures on Friday at 3½ P M

Seamen's Bethel,
DOCK BETWEEN FRONT AND WATER STREETS,
Services at 7½ P. M., by Rev. H. B. Burr.

Christian Chapel (Colored Methodist),
CORNER CHURCH AND SEVENTH STREETS.
Sabbath School at 9 A. M.
Services at 11 A. M., 3½ P. M. and 8 P. M., by the Pastor, Rev. Ellis Lavender.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
CORNER ORANGE AND FOURTH STREETS.
Morning Prayer at 11 oclock, A. M.
Evening Prayer at 7½ oclock, P. M.

St. Mark's (Colored Episcopal) Church
CORNER SIXTH AND MULBERRY STS.
Rev. C. O. Brady, (colored.)
This church will be open for divine service to day (Sunday, 4th inst.)
Services at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7½ P. M.
Wednesday, 7½ P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HEINSBERGER'S Live Book Store, 39 Market street—New lot of Piano Fortes.

DUDLEY & ELLIS, Sign of the Big Boot—A good Workman wanted.

Read the new advertisement under head of "Four Millions of Invalids."

C. W. OLDHAM—Regular meeting Concord Chapter No. 1.

MUNSON & Co. Overcoats, Garricks and Capes.

"G. & H."—Mocking Bird wanted.

GEORGE MYERS—Empire Flour, Younger's Ale, Coffees, Family Groceries, etc.

G. A. NEWELL—The kind of Sewing Machine to buy.

HENRY EHRBECK—Howard Relief Fire Engine Company No. 1.

F. W. KERCHNER—Whiskey, Brandy and Tobacco, Potatoes, Molasses and Flour, Oysters and Brandy Peaches.

A POPE, Gen'l Ticket Agent—Wilmington & Weldon Railroad.

O. G. PARSLEY & Co.—Six Oaks Prolific Cotton.

WEST & HARRIS—Invoice Imported Segars just received.

E. S. GAUSE—Notice.

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RATES OF ADVERTISING:

One Square one day,		$1 00
" " two days,		1 50
" " three days,		2 00
" " four days,		2 50
" " five days,		3 00
" " one week,		3 50

Contract Advertisements taken at proportionately low rates.
Marriages, Deaths, Religious, Funeral and Obituary notices will be inserted at half rates when paid for in advance; otherwise full rates will be charged.
TERMS—Cash on demand.

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

The Committee Report in Favor of Ransom.

[Special Dispatch to the Morning Star.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.

The Committee on Elections and Privileges have agreed to a report in favor of Ransom as against Abbott, Vance not considered in the case.

Local Nots.

— The valentine traded windles year by year.

— No convicts sent to the Work House last week.

— No session of the City Court yesterday morning.

— Bran bread is a sure cure for dysp psia, and such.

— There were only 7 police arrests during the past week.

— Regular meeting of Concord Chapter No. 1, to morrow evening, at 7 o'clock.

— The Clerk of the Market reports the arrival of 204 market carts during the past week.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held to-morrow evening.

— There will be a game of base ball at the corner of Sixth and Orange streets on Tuesday, at 3 P. M.

— George Myers advertises to-day a large stock of Flour, Oranges, Lemons, Ale, Coffee, Canned Fruits, &c.

— The "Old Reliable" goes hence to Atlanta, Ga., where we bespeak for the Company a successful season.

— We learn that two new locomotives have been ordered for the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad.

— During the week ending yesterday the various butchers of this city slaughtered 38 beeves, 114 hogs and 4 sheep.

— The celebration of the anniversary of the Howard Relief Fire Engine Company will take place on Tuesday. See advertisement.

— An oyster, it is said, contains as much nourishment as a slice of roast beef, and this is the reason they are recommended for invalids.

— Delegates to the agricultural meeting in this city on Wednesday will be passed over the railroads for one fare. See advertisements in this issue.

— A number of new advertisements, more or less important, will be found on our 4th page, to which we call the especial attention of our readers.

— Miss Laura Alexander, a native of this State, and well known in this city among play-goers, is winning golden opinions on the New Orleans stage.

— Thanks to Mr. R. L. Harris for copies of the New York *Ledger* and *Chimney Corner*. His stand on Front street is always well supplied with choice reading.

— The Hook and Ladder Company have the credit of putting the first stream on the fire yesterday morning, which was accomplished by the aid of buckets.

— The man Berry, who was here some time since in the capacity of a Revenue detective, and got several of our business men in trouble, is said to be in jail in Fayetteville.

— We are regret to learn of the death of Mr. Alex. R. Smith, formerly of this city, where he was well known as a member of the firm of Edwards & Smith. Mr. Smith died at Wacco, Texas.

An Exciting Runaway.

One of the most exciting runaways of the season took place yesterday morning. A horse belonging to Mr. Samuel Blossom, a very spirited nag, attached to a light wagon, became frightened at something near St. James' Church and dashed down Market street to Huggins' corner, where the wagon came in contact with the wheel of a country cart, tearing two of the wheels and one of the shafts from the wagon and throwing the driver, Mr. Joseph Barnes, to the ground. The horse then became detached from the wagon, which was pretty badly demolished, and continued in his mad career down the sidewalk to the vicinity of Mr. Range's grocery, where he took the middle of the street and was soon after stopped. The reins, which Mr. Barnes held firmly in his hands, parted just as the collision took place. His escape from serious injury, under the circumstances, is considered almost miraculous.

Fashion Dots.

Black silk and muslin aprons have come in fashion again.

The impromptu gathering of friends known as "surprise" parties is very much the style this season.

It is said the more clumsy, awkward, and ungraceful a man is, the warmer his heart and more sensitive his feelings.

A new style of locket is of pure crystal, set with gold, with the name of the wearer in small gold letters on the outside.

—The "French Curve" has taken the place of the "Grecian Bend," and is not considered much of an improvement on the old style.

The latest French style is for ladies to part their hair very much on one side, while the gentlemen still part theirs in the middle.

It is the fashion for ladies during Lent to wear a large chain of jet around the waist, which hangs at one side, and to which is attached a large jet cross.

Hon. S. F. Cary.

Theo. N. Ramsay, Esq., Editor of the *Banner of Temperance*, announces to the Friends of Temperance, and the public generally, that he has made arrangements with Hon. S. F. Cary to visit our State, and spend about one month in delivering lectures on the vital subject of Temperance.

He will lecture at the following places: Raleigh, April 16; Fayetteville, April 18 and 19; Raleigh again, April 20; Goldsboro,' April 22; Newbern, April 23; Goldsboro' again, April 24; Greensboro,' April 26; Salisbury, April 29; Charlotte, April 30; Greensboro', May 1.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Heavy Robbery in Lumberton.

Some time between midnight and day, yesterday morning, certain parties, supposed to be Lowrey and his gang, procured a horse and dray, and proceeded to the store of Messrs. Pope & McLeod,—of Lumberton, broke open their store, took out their safe and placed it on the dray. They then repaired to the office of Sheriff McMillan, broke it open and took possession of his safe, and placed it also on the dray and made off with them. The next morning the robbery was discovered, when a *posse* started in pursuit of the robbers. They tracked the dray, and about one hundred and fifty yards from where the last stoppage was made Sheriff McMillan's safe was found, with contents undisturbed, it being suposed that the robbers found that they had more than they could conveniently manage and so dropped one of the safes and proceeded with the other. About four miles from Lumberton the party came upon the other safe, which had been broken open and all the money it contained—about $22,000, mostly in silver and gold, belonging to Messrs. Pope & McLeod, and various other persons who had deposited with them—having been taken out. The books and papers were undisturbed. The robbers also took about $1,000 worth of goods from the store of Messrs. Pope & McLeod.

The accounts of the robbery are very conflicting, both as to the amount stolen and the party guilty of the theft, some reports being positive as to the connection of Lowrey and his gang with the robbery and others asserting that nothing sufficiently definite was known to establish the guilt of any particular party or parties. At all events it was a bold and daring robbery, characteristic of the desperadoes who invest our sister county.

THE OPERA HOUSE.

Dramatic.

The "Old Reliable" dramatic troupe concluded a very successful ten days' engagement in Wilmington, last evening. The play produced was a dramatization of the old *Ledger* romance of the *Hidden Hand*. A very good house was present and the parting performance was attended by pleasing evidences of the kind relations established between the audience and the company.

During the presence of this company in the city, we have not felt warranted to bestow very emphatic praise upon all its members. Unmerited eulogy is always hurtful in such cases. Yet we have seen much to commend in Miss D'Este, whom we regard as an actress whose opportunities are by no means equal to her merits. For Miss L'Este, and for Mr. and Mrs. Tannehill we bespeak the favorable consideration of the press in cities South of us, which their decided merits invite. There is no company travelling in the South which undertakes so successfully so high an order of entertainments.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A Gentleman Halted on the Road by Highwaymen and Robbed of His Money, &c.

Yesterday morning, about 5 o'clock, Mr. John H. Harper, who resides near Scott's Hill, in this county, was suddenly halted on the road, while on his way to this city, by four men, either colored or white men disguised. One of the robbers seized the bridle of the horse, when Harper jumped out of his cart and approached him, seeing which the villain drew a pistol. Mr. Harper, having no arms, was immediately overpowered by his assailants, by whom he was robbed of $195 in money and some articles of value, hat, pocket knife, &c. The parties then entered the cart and drove in the direction of the city. The robbery occurred on the Newbern road, about four miles from Wilmington. Take altogether, this is one of the most bold and daring robberies that has ever occurred in this vicinity, and it is to be hoped for the good name of our county, if for nothing more, the guilty parties may be speedily brought to justice.

The Work House.

We stated in our last that Mayor Martin, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, in company with Dr. J. E. Winants, had paid a visit of inspection to the County Work House. We learn that the improvements suggested by the Grand Jury on their late visit, such as repairing, painting, providing suitable stoves, cooking arrangements, etc., are being carried out, and the institution will soon be in a proper condition. The bad weather has delayed operations on the stockade.

Superior Court.

This tribunal adjourned yesterday morning. When the civil docket was taken up there were 390 cases for trial. Of this number 94 have been disposed of, leaving 296 for consideration at the next term of the Court. The session was a very laborious one, the Judge and Bar having worked hard to clear the docket of as many cases as possible.

The next term of the Court will convene on Monday, the 22nd of April. The civil docket, we are informed, will not be taken up until the second week of the term.

The Street Railway.

We are glad to be able to announce that the street railway has been completed to the shed at Union Depot, so that now passengers can step from the street car to the railroad cars or under the shed without the least exposure to the weather. The cars will be at the depot on all occasions, night or day, upon the arrival or departure of trains.

New Pilot Boat.

A new pilot boat, registering about 25 tons, built by the Messrs Beery and furnished with all the modern improvements, was launched yesterday, at Smithville, and christened *Robert H. Cowan*. We learn that she will be brought to this city in a few days to receive the finishing touches.

—At No. 15, Market street, the stock of Dry Goods will be sold at auction, commencing Saturday evening, at 7½ o'clock, and will be continued daily until the entire stock is disposed of. 8t.

Fire Yesterday Morning.

Alarms of fire are becoming frequent. Yesterday morning, about 5 o'clock, late risers were startled from their slumbers by the dread summons, but fortunately the fire was not a serious one. It originated in the closet of a dwelling in the brick block on Second street, between Market and Dock, the property of Messrs. Hart & Bailey and occupied by Mr. Spertner. The closet contained a lot of bedding, mosquito netting, old clothing, etc., and as a rat hole was found leading into the closet it is believed that some of those mischievous animals had carried matches through the aperture and ignited them. The presence of fire in the room can be accounted for in no other manner. The engines and Hook and Ladder truck were as usual promptly on hand, but the fire was extinguished without their assistance.

Our Chip Basket.

— Sleight of hand—Refusing an offer.

— A pledge of real love—popping the question.

— Happiness consists in the ability to appreciate.

— What fish is most valued by a loving wife Her-ring.

—Some papers, like some people, are spoiled by new dresses.

—Most men give advice by the bucket, but take it by the grain.

— Why are sweethearts usually called "honey?" Because they are be(e)loved.

— When is a young lady not a young lady? When she is a sweet tart (sweetheart.)

— A Danbury poet named Button, has written a poem. The first line reads: "I am sitting alone on an islet." Pretty good for Button.

— A young lady at Fond du Lac was married without shoes or stockings on, the other day, in accordance with an old whim that such an act would bring good luck.

— A most determined act of self inflicted torture has recently caused a considerable sensation in a fashionable quarter of town. A lady, young, lovely, and accomplished, with troops of friends, and all that makes life enjoyable at her command, was detected deliberately "screwing up" her face.

The Address of Prof. Noble Young.

We are indebted to Dr. H. S. Norcom for a pamphlet copy of the "Address of Noble Young, M. D., Professor of Principles and Practice of Medicine, General Pathology and Medical Ethics, in the Georgetown Medical College of Washington, D. C., delivered on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the building for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 27th, 1871."

Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad—Return Tickets.

Persons attending the Agricultural Meeting at Wilmington on Wednesday, the 21st inst., will be passed and return for one fare. Agents will observe, and sell return tickets accordingly, to be endorsed by the Secretary of the meeting, and to be good from the 20th to the 22d.

S. L. FREMONT,
2t Engineer and Superintendent.

Municipal Affairs.

We have been placed in possession of a pamphlet containing the Annual Reports of the municipal officers of the City of Wilmington for the fiscal year ending January 9th, 1872. From the Report of Mayor Martin we take the following:

By a recent Act of General Assembly, the City is authorized to issue new Bonds to the amount of $200,000, for the purpose of paying off the present floating debt, and also to exchange a similar six per cent. gold interest bearing bond for those issued in 1869 and 1870. It is expected that by the sale of about $100,000 of Bonds the whole of the present annoying unfunded debt may be cared for, and the present high rate of interest thereon avoided.

It is of utmost importance to the City credit, that the law be complied with, and a tax levied to provide by sinking fund for the prompt payment of the debt as it becomes due. In the tax levy of 1872 it should be commenced and continued from year to year until every dollar of the City debt is extinguished.

In July last I concluded a settlement of the matter at issue with the Wilmington Library Association, regarding the possession of the two North rooms in the City Hall, which they had held for several years. In the settlement of this matter I paid to the Library Association, Fifteen Hundred Dollars in six per cent. gold interest bearing bonds of the City. The rooms are now in possession of the City; the front North room is occupied by the City Marshal, and the rear room is used by the Library Association, without rent. While I think the possession could have been obtained after a long and expensive law suit, I deemed it for the interest of the City to end the matter without recourse to law.

It becomes necessary during the months of January and February to provide, by adequate taxation, for the support of the City Government. In order that this may be done understandingly I submit the following estimate of the amount required, viz:

Ordinary Expenses,	$ 84,000
Extraordinary Expenses,	16,000
Interest,	45,000
Expense,	$145,000
Sinking Fund	10,000
Total required,	$155,000

This amount may be realized by a tax of 1½ cents upon the dollar of valuation of real and personal property, and an increase of from 50 to 100 per centum on the License tax. By a new valuation of City real estate, we may expect considerable addition to the present amount which reaches about $3,510,000. I am quite sure the total value of real and personal property will not fall much short of $5,000,000.

All the improvements show that our City is progressing—that prosperity has again begun to flow towards us. Our merchants and traders have been peculiarly benefitted by the increased demand, and large prices paid for our special product, naval stores. We have the well deserved name of the great naval store market, a specialty which gives us at all times a large trade with the whole world. That, with the increasing demand, our trade will still more increase, there can be no doubt.

I beg to call the particular attention of all our citizens to the great importance of the improvement of the mouth of the Cape Fear River, and the river itself, now being worked upon by the Government of the United States, and for which two appropriations have been made. So far the work has been eminently successful. I feel that much, if not everything, connected with the future prosperity of our city depends upon the successful completion of the work. I have lost no opportunity to speak and write, and by every other means urge forward and cheer on the able officers in charge. I cannot forbear in this place to accord great credit to the Chamber of Commerce of our city for their efforts, and most particularly do I desire to express the thanks of the city officials to Henry Nutt, Esq., the able Chairman of the Special Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, for his valuable services, and the earnest and unflagging zeal with which he has worked in behalf of the welfare of the city in this matter.

I recommend that every effort be used to bring the matter before Congress during their present session, with the hope that ample appropriation will be made to complete the work at once.

At the close of my report I desire to make such recommendations as seem to me desirable, after an experience of two years in the position of Chief Magistrate of the city, or which will decrease the expenditures, or add to the comfort of our people, viz:

1st. That the Ordinance regarding sidewalks be enforced until every street in the city has at least one good walk upon it. That in all the principal streets the crossings be laid with substantial stone. That South and North Water streets from Dock street to Red Cross, and Nutt street from Red Cross street to the Wilmington and Weldon Rail Road be paved, with substantial stone or wooden pavement, and that the property be assessed for the cost of the work. It is a reflection upon our city that these principal thoroughfares are in such dilapidated condition.

2d. That the police force be fixed at the number not exceeding thirty, including officers and men.

3d. That means be taken to lessen the cost of maintenance of the indigent sick and paupers.

4th. That an Auditor be appointed to perform the duties usually appertaining to an office of that kind. I find it is indispensable that some person shall be appointed to take charge of and properly audit and file all bills and claims against the city.

5th. That the amount allowed the different fire companies be fixed at the actual expense incurred by them and no more.

6th. That the City Hall building be thoroughly repaired, internally and externally. The cost will not exceed $3,500. The exterior coating is rapidly falling, while some of the interior cornices and plastering are dangerously loose. It is wrong that so important a building should be allowed to remain in bad repair. It is also of great importance that there should be a change in the guard room. At present the office of the Treasurer, also occupied by the Mayor, is rendered untenable by the disagreeable odor arising from the Guard House below. It is disagreeable, unhealthy and unendurable. Some place should be purchased for a guard house and police headquarters at some central part of the city, or a suitable building erected upon the City Hall lot for the purpose.

Under the changed circumstances of our people the City Hall is visited upon business by all classes of people, and the public buildings should be made as agreeable as possible, particularly they should be kept free from disagreable smells, and the cries and curses of drunken and insane persons, which so frequently now interrupt public business. I ask your serious and immediate consideration to this.

7th. That at least six cisterns of the capacity of 400 bbls each be built at points where no better means of obtaining water exist. Several important parts of our city are without means of obtaining water in times of fire. Should any responsible company undertake to supply the city with water I should prefer greatly that aid be extended them, to building the cisterns. It is to be hoped that our city will soon have the benifit of an ample supply of water, the want of which is badly felt.

8th. That the City Assessors meet immediately, and proceed to value all property which has been improved or depreciated since the valuation of 1869.

9th. That a book be prepared, by the City Surveyor, of every block and lot, with all subdivisions, similar to that made in 1857. The amount of cost can easily be saved in the labor of assessments, and constitute a most valuable book for reference.

It would be well to provide by Ordinance, if it can be legally done, to ascertain all sales and changes of ownership of real estate which take place within the corporate limits of the city. Great difficulty is experienced by every new administration in obtaining information regarding city affairs. Every change of office is marked by mistakes and inexperience; it is well, therefore, that all the information possible be recorded in the most substantial manner.

10th. That the amendments to the charter of the city, together with all Laws, Acts of General Assembly, and Ordinances, be compiled and bound in proper manner. No action in this important matter has been taken since 1866.

SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE.

— Judge Cloud will be sixty-eight years old on the 1st of April next.

— Greensboro has formed a Tobacco Association—Col. Sam Hobson President.

— Judge Tourgee is spoken of as U. S. District Attorney for the New Federal District proposed for this State.

— The infant son of John Smith, residing four miles from Raleigh, was burned to death on Thursday evening last.

— Rev. Samuel Pearce, of Charlotte, has been selected as State Lecturer for North Carolina in behalf of the Friends of Temperance and the cause which they are endeavoring to advance.