

NOON REPORTS.

From Pennsylvania. PHILADELPHIA, March 9. One hundred and fourteen medical students have graduated at Jefferson College.

From Georgia. AUGUSTA, March 9. The stonecutters' strike on the U. S. works at Columbus, S. C., still continues.

From New York. NEW YORK, March 9. A Matamoros special of the 7th sash armed bands, as used to be Cortez, crossed at Santa Maria river, thirty miles from here.

From Kentucky. LOUISVILLE, March 9. The sheriff of Clark county, Ind., has been used for \$25,000 in the Federal Court.

From Missouri. ST. LOUIS, March 9. The action of the lower house of the Legislature indicates the defeat of the \$18,000,000 railroad scheme.

From Washington. WASHINGTON, March 9. There was no session of Congress to-day.

From New York. NEW YORK, March 9. The following is the bank statement: Loans decrease, nearly \$1,000,000; specie increase, over \$750,000; legal tenders increase, \$750,000; deposits decrease, only a trifle.

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Story of an Inkstand.

"That inkstand? Yes, it has a story. I may as well tell it to you now as any other time. I suppose you ought to be called the Great American History Extractor, or Romance Extractor, for it is a particle of romance in anything or anybody in a place where you happen to be, you are sure to scent it out."

"The inkstand that Mag Hastings referred to was a pretty affair in Swiss carving. It represented two little peasants carrying water, the bucket suspended from a pole resting in a hand of each. Of course the water pails were the ink receptacles, and the pole was the pen rack. It was poetic and realistic at the same time, and as pretty a trifle for a library table as one would wish to see."

"The story is a sad one, Mag," said I. "It will give you the blues for the rest of the day."

"So much the better," she answered, with a true dramatic love of the horrible—"so much the better. I'd like to be stirred up a little. I fear I'm too comfortable. A little dash of imaginative sorrow is needed to relieve this perfect enjoyment. A little shade throws out the good points of any thing, you know. Isn't it so, pet?"

"When I was in Venice—" I commenced.

"In Venice!" exclaimed Mag, sitting bolt upright, and giving the little dumping of a poodle a pinch that brought out a most spiteful yelp. "When were you ever in Venice?"

MISCELLANEOUS.

MONUMENT. To the Confederate Dead of Georgia. And to those Soldiers from Other Confederate States who were Killed or Died in this State.

THE CORNER STONE, it is proposed, shall be laid as soon as the receipts will permit. \$2,000 Prizes, valued at (25,000) Five Hundred Thousand Dollars. That amount, only, in Tickets, to be sold.

From the First-class Real Estate offered by well-known patriotic citizens, to the Confederate Monumental Association, the following property has been selected, and added to the foregoing shares:

1st.—BERZELIA. This well-known Resort, with the Large Residence, 8 One, etc., and Four Hundred Acres of Land, immediately on the Georgia Railroad, twenty miles from Augusta.

2d.—THE SOLITUDE PLANTATION, in Russell county, Alabama, on the Chattahoochee river, with elegant and commodious improvements. The average rental, since 1874, has been over seven (\$7,000) Thousand Dollars.

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RAIL ROAD LINES.

WILMINGTON, CHAR., and R. R. CO. WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23d, 1871.

SCHEDULE. Passenger Trains leave Wilmington daily (Sundays excepted) at 7 A. M. and arrive at Head of Road at 4:30 P. M.

GENERAL SUPPTS OFFICE. Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R. Company. WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 20th, 1871.

Change of Schedule. AFTER THIS DATE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE will be run by Trains on this road:

DAY EXPRESS TRAIN, (Daily.) Leave Wilmington (Union Depot) at 8:15 A. M. Arrive at Florence at 12:30 P. M.

Change of Schedule. ON AND AFTER THE 21st INSTANT, PASSENGER TRAINS will leave Wilmington at 8:15 A. M. and 6:45 P. M., and arrive at 8:40 A. M. and 1:40 P. M.

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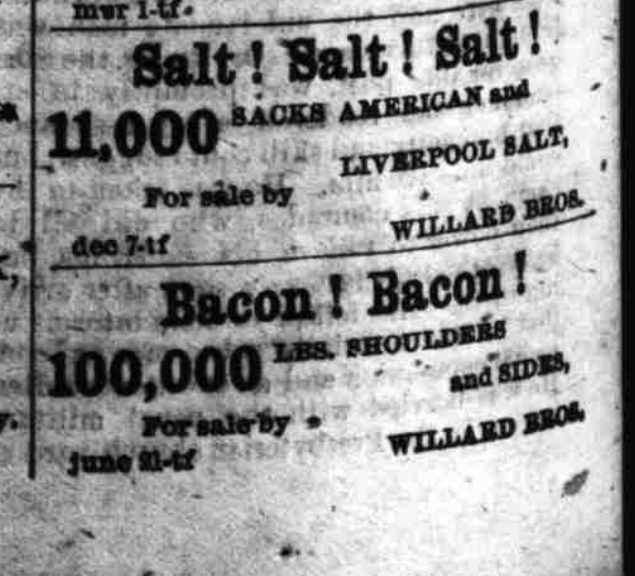
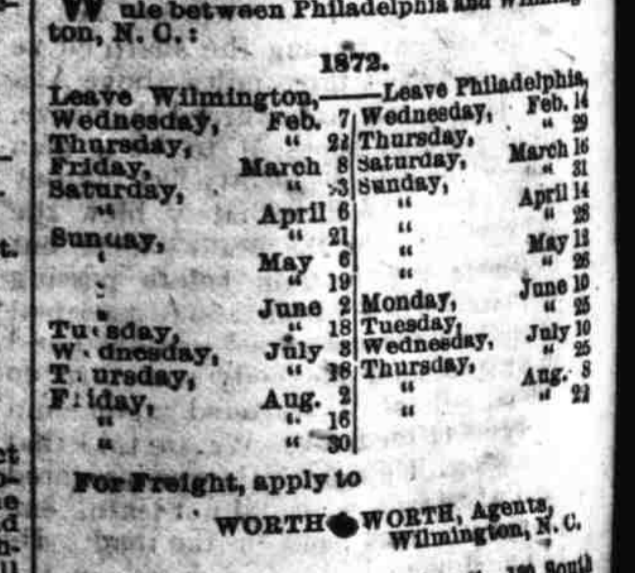
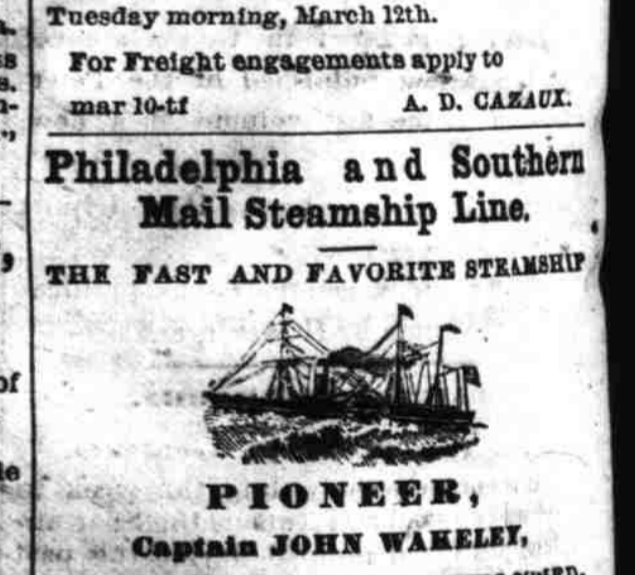
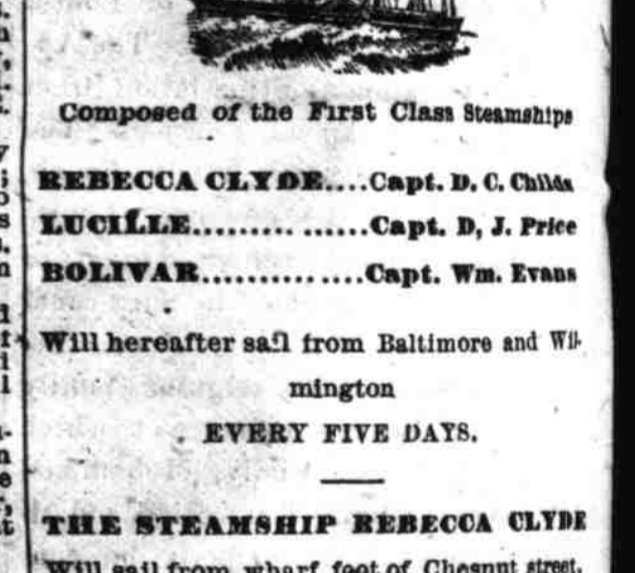
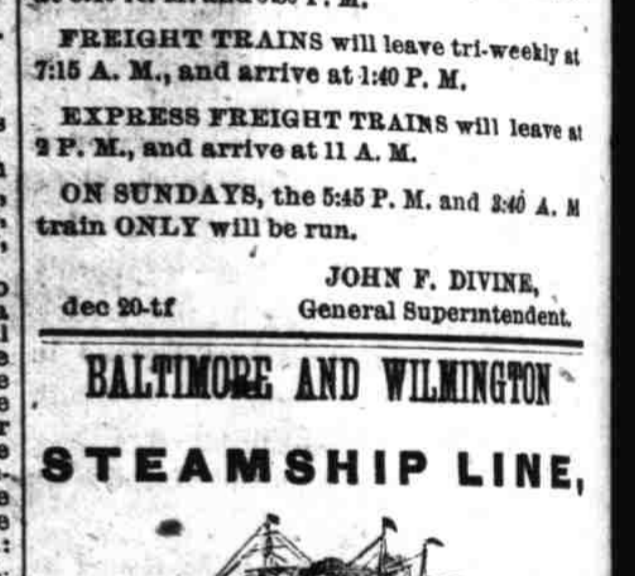
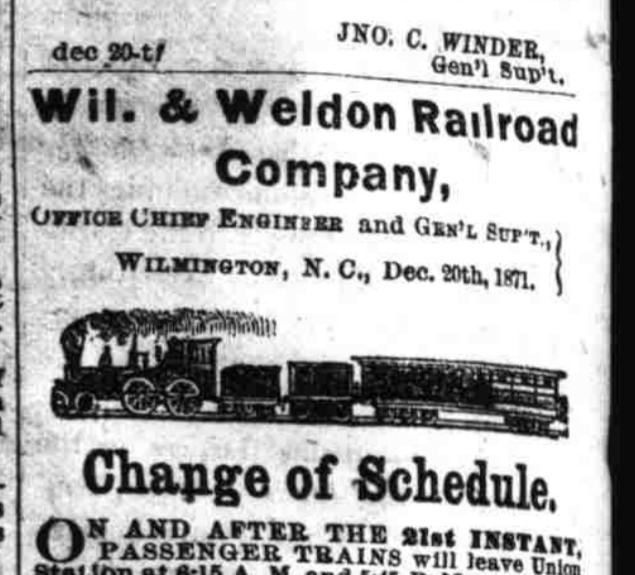
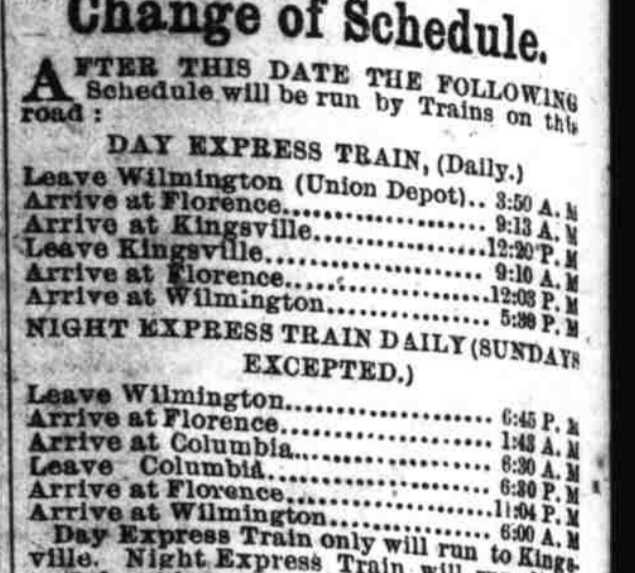
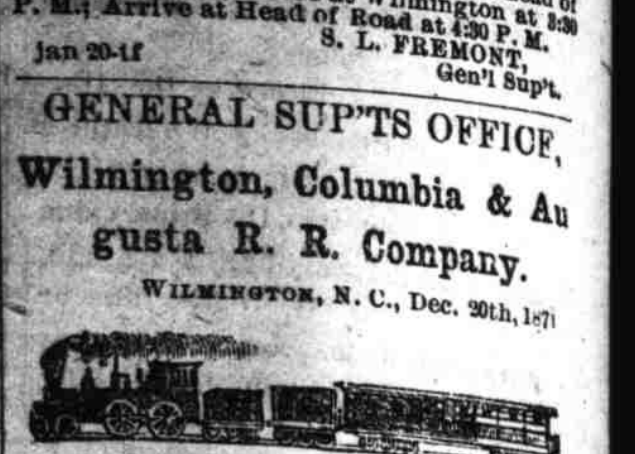
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cold as death. Don't get up though—and please go on."

"Yes," I resumed, "you are quite right about Mr. Benedict's character. I believe there is some thing in names. But for all that the fellow was dying for love."

"A very interesting case," said Mag, turning deathly pale. "Do you know the circumstances?" and then with the slightest perceptible sneer added, "Mag must be very strong to admit such a thing about himself."

"Oh," I answered, "it was a long time before we got at the facts in the case; but one day when I thought he couldn't last many hours he told me the whole story."

"When you sat by him and thought he couldn't last many hours he told you the whole story!" repeated Mag in a strange sort of a way. "Did he die?"

"No; he rallied again." I answered almost out of breath at Mag's strange behavior. "It seems that he loved with his whole heart and soul a very beautiful and much sought after young lady. She pretended to love him. Her parents were opposed to the match she proposed to defly her parents."

"And now the proud head of Margaret Hastings was buried in his lap."

"I took care of him when he was ill," I replied.

"And he loved the woman he believed to be false to the last?"

"He loved woman—"

"Oh, Nell! Nell! what shall I do? How can I ever live, now that I know he died with that cruel impression of me?" interrupted poor Mag, giving me no opportunity to explain myself.

"What in the world is all this?" said Charles, who had entered softly with his latch key.

"Where is Austin?" I asked in a whisper, for Mag was so still I didn't know but that she was dead.

"Here!" said the dear fellow, bounding forward. He stopped suddenly at the sight of the figure at my feet. "In the name of the angels, Nell, what is this, and whom have you got there?"

"One faint cry from Mag, and she was a dead weight in Austin Benedict's arms. That was answer enough."

"Such a day as that was! Between swoons, explanations and embraces my mind got to running upon lunatic sayings; but the sun set clear and my reason remained unobscured. There was a wedding that same evening in that same library, and in all the happiness I ever witnessed Charles' and mine thrown in—I knew I never saw such perfect unalloyed joy as existed between Mr. and Mrs. Austin Benedict. Mag didn't give me time to get to the inkstand, so you must imagine the history of that."

"Spirits of Turpentine. Newbern is about to organize a board of trade."

"Tarboro' claims to have the youngest preacher in the State."

"The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Raleigh May the 9th."

"A steamer has commenced running between Newbern and Kinston."

"The new organ in the M. E. Church at Newbern is ready for service."

"A Masonic Lodge was organized in Elizabeth City on Monday night."

"The snow storm of Friday and Saturday of last week was exceedingly severe."

"The name of Hon. George Howard has been suggested for Lieutenant Governor."

"A correspondent of the Goldsboro' Messenger, writing from Onslow county, recommends Hon. T. L. Clingman, as the democratic nominee for governor."

"The store of Noah Hicks, of Weldon, was entered on Thursday night, by a negro man, and several hundred pounds of bacon, &c., taken. The thief has been arrested."

"Col. John L. Bridgers, of Edgecombe, has been invited to address the National Agricultural Convention to assemble at St. Louis on the fourth Monday in May next."

"A series of Concerts will be given by the M. E. Sabbath School in Washington, on the 12th, 13th, and 15th insts., for the purpose of raising funds to assist in rebuilding their church."

"The Raleigh Sentinel says: Mr. Bonitz, editor of the Goldsboro' Messenger, recently had occasion to send a 'pistol and coffee' invitation to one John D. Grimesley, a prominent radical of Greene county, to meet him in Virginia. Grimesley accepted the invitation, and at the time set for the meeting Mr. B. made his appearance at the specified place, but to behold! the valiant Grimesley was absent in absentia, and so continued to the end of the chapter."

MISCELLANEOUS. Wood! Wood! PRICES REDUCED!

Oak and Blackjack, \$1.20 to \$1.25 per Load; \$4.60 per Cord. Ash, \$1.10 to \$1.15 per Load; \$4.40 per Cord.

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