

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION. One year, in advance (by mail) \$7 00. Six months, in advance (by mail) 4 00. Three months, in advance (by mail) 2 00. One month, in advance (by mail) 75. To City Subscribers, delivered in day part, 15 Cents per week. Our City Agents are not authorized to collect for more than 3 months in advance.

THE MORNING STAR.

VOL. XIII.--NO. 79.

WILMINGTON, N. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1873.

WHOLE NO. 1,950.

STATE OF ADVERTISING. One Square per day, 10 Cents. Two days, 18 Cents. Three days, 25 Cents. Five days, 35 Cents. One week, 50 Cents. Two weeks, 80 Cents. Three weeks, 100 Cents. One month, 150 Cents. Two months, 250 Cents. Three months, 350 Cents. Six months, 600 Cents. One year, 1000 Cents. Classified Advertising taken at proportionately low rates. Five Squares estimated as a quarter-column, and ten squares as a half-column.

OUTLINES.

Two more suspensions reported in New York. — John S. Hopkins is dead. — \$60,000 lost by burning of a white lead and oil works in St. Louis.

WASHINGTON.

Prosecutions by the Government.—Minister Sikes' Resignation.—Revenue and Customs Receipts.—The Public Debt.—No Increase of Taxation.

[Special Telegram to the Petersburg News.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

It seems to be settled that the persons who fitted out the Virginias at New York, are to be prosecuted for a violation of the neutrality laws; and that the acceptance of Sikes' resignation has been determined upon.

It is stated that he demands his passports in advance of his instructions, and has pursued a bullying tone.

The receipts for internal revenue for the current month are estimated at seven and a half millions of dollars, and Commissioner Douglass says that they will be up to the old standard in about thirty days more.

The customs receipts are, so far, only seven millions. The Secretary of the Treasury thinks the increase of the public debt will be only eight millions for the current month and that for January there will be no increase at all. He thinks that his letter asking for increased taxation was necessary to curtail the appropriations of Congress.

Well-informed Representatives say that Williams has no chance of being confirmed as Chief Justice, and express a doubt whether he will remain as Attorney General, or even get a foreign mission.

The Oregon charges are sustained, and have an ugly look. Judge Edmunds appears to be holding the opposition in the Senate.

[Special dispatch to Richmond Enquirer.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1873.

The decision of the Attorney-General in the Virginia case is severely criticised by the independent press. The New York Herald hints that it was rendered under the "pressure of Spanish" influence, as it is but an *ad hoc* case, no opportunity having been given to refute the testimony prepared by the Spaniards.

[Fredericksburg Herald.]

Miss Mary J. Graves, daughter of Henry Graves, Esq., from Layton, Essex county, Va., passed through our town yesterday, accompanied by her brother, to take the boat for her home in Essex, having just returned from Richmond, Va., where she sought relief from pain, having been bitten by a mad-dog on the 6th inst. She found a mad-stone in the possession of a Mrs. Hix, on First street, No. 410, Richmond, Va., and had the stone applied to her thumb five times at a cost of \$15 for each application. The stone has to remain 12 hours each time and on the first application afforded her great relief, and she is now in good spirits and feeling no pain or inconvenience whatever from the bite.

The stone is about the size of a hickory nut, and was formerly owned by Mr. Humphrey Sale, of Caroline county. After his death at a sale it was bought by a Mrs. Harrison, of Richmond city, who still owns it, having paid \$1,600 for it. Miss Graves was informed that this stone had been applied to over 300 persons, proving entirely successful in every case, no person ever experiencing any trouble afterwards from the bite.

Reign of Reckless Extravagance and Corruption.

The investigation of the charges against Attorney General Williams promises to bring to light practices in nearly if not quite all the Executive Departments which are certainly not consistent with a strict economy, if indeed they are with honest administration. The payment of \$1,800 for a carriage for the Attorney General's family is but an ordinary affair. In the Treasury Department some of the expenditures are of the most extravagant character. Our Washington correspondence estimates \$40,000 for temporary clerks, \$50,000 for stationery, \$40,000 for furniture and carpets, \$50,000 for coal, wood, gas, tumblers, hatchets, pitchers, towels, &c., \$65,000 for newspapers, repair of wagons, cure of horses, brooms, brushes, matches, &c., and it is stated that the names of private servants are borne on the payrolls of the government. There seems to be a complete system of picking and stealing, high and low.

Judgment of the Court of Claims.

The amount of judgments rendered by the Court of Claims for the past twelve months foots up an aggregate of over \$3,500,000, exclusive of the amounts awarded to some fifteen hundred government employees in this city, who claimed a share in the twenty per cent. additional compensation authorized by the act of February 28, 1867. The awards to claimants for cotton captured by the military forces of the United States was \$3,180,441 '09. Appeals have been

entered to the amount of \$1,347,883 72 in these cases, including the award of \$579,343 51 to G. B. Lamar, and the awards of \$487,242 to the executors of J. S. Metcalf.

Responsibility for the Ocean Disaster.

Either the officers of the Loch Earn are extremely fortunate in getting their side of the case before the public, or they are in fact proving their own want of blame in the disaster of the Ville du Havre, and throwing heavy responsibility upon the officers and crew of the latter vessel. From this statement Capt. Surmont is universally excepted. He appears to have done his duty admirably through the three days preceding the catastrophe, and when he went to snatch a few moments of repose, to have left strict orders that he must be waked if anything happened. But he was not called upon upon the appearance of the Loch Earn, and only his sailorly instinct caused him to rush from cabin at the fatal moment. He ascended the bridge for the few moments that remained, and sank with his ship, being rescued, like the rest, in the water.

But from all that is stated by those on board the Loch Earn, as well as by those intelligent and clear-headed observers, Messrs. Withans, Waite, and Bishop, it appears that the Captain's behavior was not generally imitated by his subordinates. The story told by the people on the Loch Earn has a disagreeable look. The first boat which reached her from the Ville du Havre contained five men only of the officers and crew of the French vessel, who had secured their own safety without the slightest regard for the passengers. The officer who seems to have been primarily responsible for the collision can never be heard in his own justification, but as the evidence stands at present it seems difficult to resist the conclusion that a lack of presence of mind on the Ville du Havre brought the vessels together, and a lack of discipline terribly aggravated the resulting loss of life.

Well-informed Representatives say that Williams has no chance of being confirmed as Chief Justice, and express a doubt whether he will remain as Attorney General, or even get a foreign mission.

The Oregon charges are sustained, and have an ugly look.

Judge Edmunds appears to be holding the opposition in the Senate.

[Special dispatch to Richmond Enquirer.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1873.

The decision of the Attorney-General in the Virginia case is severely criticised by the independent press. The New York Herald hints that it was rendered under the "pressure of Spanish" influence, as it is but an *ad hoc* case, no opportunity having been given to refute the testimony prepared by the Spaniards.

THE CITY.

The mails will close from this date as follows: Northern through (night) mails, 8 P. M. through and way (day) mails, 5 A. M. Southern mail, 8 P. M. Carolina Central mails, 5 A. M. Smithville, Saturdays and Tuesdays, 6 A. M. Fayetteville, river, Mondays and Fridays, 1 P. M. Fayetteville by C. C. R. W., daily 5 A. M. Onslow C. H., (horse mail) every Friday, 6 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

E. R. BRINK.—Close of Post Office. A. K. WALKER.—First National Bank. W. M. POISSON.—Masonic. CHAS. & MURCHISON.—For Sale. LUDWIG SCHULTZ.—Consignees. HEINZBERGER.—A Merry Christmas.

A Chicken Raid.

On Tuesday night, about 11 o'clock, a gentleman was passing in the vicinity of the corner of Fifth and Dock streets he encountered a colored man with a bag on his shoulder. His suspicions were aroused by the actions of the fellow, but still he was not sure he had been stealing and he let the man pass on. He had gone but a few steps, however, when a policeman made his appearance and hailed the man with the bag, who was making for an alley way between Market and Dock streets. Frightened at the near approach of the officer the man dropped the bag and ran. The officer discharged his pistol at the fugitive, but without effect, and he succeeded in making his escape by jumping a fence. The policeman secured the bag, which was found to contain about a dozen fine fowls, the heads of which had been wrung off. The poultry were identified yesterday as the property of Mr. Jacob Leob, from whom they had been stolen, and they were consequently turned over to him.

The Cape Fear Agricultural Association.

I have to-day learned that in a full meeting of this Association in the Court house in Wilmington on Thursday night of the Fair, a prominent Commission Merchant of that place proposed the name of Rhody Lowry, relict of the notorious Henry Berry Lowry, the outlaw, who caused so many of our citizens to fill bloody graves, as a suitable Vice President for the county of Robeson. Feeling in common with every citizen of my county with whom I have conversed on the subject that the nomination was calculated to me by that association. Such reckless and blunt attempts at witicism, will in my humble opinion, not help that enterprise much.

Resigned.

Capt. W. J. Potter, who has been in command of the steamer Waccamaw for the past two or three years, has resigned his position and will take his departure for Baltimore in a few days to assume command of the Emma Dunn, the steam dredging boat recently purchased for service on the Cape Fear and River Improvements. As soon as the boat receives the necessary repairs Capt. Potter will bring her to this port.

Our Foreign Trade.

The large number of foreign vessels in port, representing many nationalities, are an indication of the great future of our growing city. These vessels are all loading with cotton and naval stores for European ports; and we believe the day is not far distant when, instead of thirty-five or forty foreign vessels at our wharves at one time, we shall see one hundred here.

The Masquerade Ball.

Extensive preparations are being made for the Grand Masquerade ball on the evening of the 30th inst. The lists have been closed, and those who are to participate in the ball, and have not secured their tickets, are requested to call and get them, the ladies at Mr. A. D. Brown's store and the gentlemen at Mr. J. W. Lippitt's store. It is expected to be a delightful affair.

Local Dots.

No paper to-morrow. — Cloudy weather predicted for this latitude to-day.

The Speed, Natvig, entered out from Liverpool for this port on the 8th.

The Schr. Idabella, Fischer, cleared from New York for this port on the 23d.

The Wilhelm Hoker, Burmeister, entered out from Liverpool for this port on the 8th.

Rev. J. B. Barlow will preach to the prisoners in the county jail to-day at 10 o'clock.

The streets were crowded with people last night, purchasing their Christmas "fixings."

The Barque Marie Hays, Beck, arrived at Brouwershaven from this port on the 6th.

The postoffice will be closed to-day from 9:30 A. M. until 5 P. M. Mails close as usual.

Hon. A. M. Waddell was on our streets yesterday, having returned home to spend the holidays.

The Norwegian Barque Normand, Murlsen, arrived at Falmouth from this port on the 23d inst.

The Sloop John Rommel, Jr., put in at Smithville yesterday. She is from Florida and bound to Norfolk, Va.

Peep your crackers, boys; send up your rockets, beat your drums and blow your horns! The law has no objection.

The body of the seaman belonging on the German Barque Dorothea, who was drowned a few nights since, has not yet been recovered.

The colored men who were injured by the explosion of the steam saw mill at Argyle a few days since are improving and very little doubt is now entertained of their recovery.

A colored man by the name of Scott, who was drunk and acting in a very disorderly manner on the streets and in houses which he visited, was arrested yesterday and lodged in the Guard House.

Arrest of Supposed Burglars—Their Escape and Recapture.

Yesterday morning, about 8 o'clock, Capt. Fitzgerald, of the police force, was making his way to the City Hall, he was accosted by a gentleman at the corner of Fourth and Chesnut streets, who informed him that two suspicious characters had been on his premises. They pretended that they wanted food, but instead of going to the front door and applying for assistance they had entered through the gate into the back yard, where they were discovered by the gentleman and ordered off. They were at that time proceeding up Fourth street in the direction of Mulberry and Capt. Fitzgerald followed them. He came up with them at Mr. D. A. Smith's residence, in whose front piazza they were standing when the officer called to them to come to him. They did so, when he started to take them to the Guard House. On the way one of the party, who gave his name as Joseph Dickson, and said he was an Englishman, remarked that he didn't want to be locked up, and just as they reached the corner of Third and Chesnut streets he broke and ran up Chesnut in the direction of Fourth. As it happened Deputy Sheriff Morris was coming down the street in the vicinity of Fourth and at a signal from Capt. Fitzgerald he seized the fugitive and took him back. In the meantime, while the officer had his eye on Dickson, his companion, who answered to the name of John Gordon and says he is an Irishman, also fled, going down Third in the direction of Princess, up which street he turned. When he had reached the front of the jail the officer was near enough to hail a colored man who was passing in close proximity to the prisoner at the time and at a word from the captain he was also secured. The two were thereupon lodged in the Guard House. Upon being searched a lot of tools, supposed to be such as are used by burglars, were found on the person of one of the prisoners.

Magistrates' Courts.

Before Justice Gardner yesterday: Charles Guier, charged with assault and battery on the person of John Freeman several days since. The parties finally compromised the matter, the defendant paying the costs.

Almost a Fire.

A fire broke out in a closet in the residence of Alderman Fishbale, on Tuesday night, about 11 o'clock, which but for its prompt discovery would have resulted in serious consequences. As it was, the flames were soon extinguished.

His Injuries.

We regret to learn that the injury to Mr. Jos. Meir by being run over by the hook and ladder truck, on Tuesday night, was more serious than was at first supposed. We now understand that his left leg was fractured and his right ankle broken by the accident.

Christmas Tree.

A beautiful Christmas Tree, well loaded with presents, was erected at Mr. Hinton's school house, on Fifth, between Ann and Sun streets, last night, for the benefit of the Sunday School children of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The effect was magnificent and the large number of little girls and boys present were greatly delighted.

For Sale.

TWO FIRST-CLASS CARRIAGES, BUT LITTLE used. Apply to CHONLY & MORRIS, South Water street.

OUR STORE

WILL BE CLOSED TO-DAY.

Consignees

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, THAT THE GERMAN BARQUE "Ludwig" will be ready to receive cargo Friday, December 26th, 1873.

Christmas Presents.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

Pretty Colored Boots,

BUTTONED AND LACED.

Beautiful Infant's Slippers,

BOYS' BOOTS.

Ladies' Belts,

SHAWL STRAPS, BELT-SATCHELS, &c., at the Saddle and Harness Factory of J. S. TOPHAM & CO., No. 8 South Front St., WILMINGTON, N. C.

Christmas.

PALE SHERRY AND BRANDY, FOR TABLE use or cooking purposes. CHAS. D. MYERS & CO., 5 and 7 North Front St.

Christmas.

Christmas, with all its tender associations, its pleasant memories, its holy inspirations and its festive enjoyments is upon us. We are now in the midst of that season when, for the nonce, all the cares and toils and useless repetitions incident to every day life are made subservient to the natural impulses of our hearts, which lead us to enjoy without stint what we may have, let it be much or little, of the pleasures and comforts which surround us, giving thanks to the Great Giver of all good that he has spared us to see another Christmas day, while our thoughts revert to that glorious event, of which this day is the anniversary, when, in Bethlehem of Judea, there was born unto us a Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

Let our hearts, then, go forth in glad rejoicings to-day; and while we gather around the festive board and partake of the bounties which God has permitted us to enjoy, let us not forget the many in our midst who from misfortune, poverty and sickness are denied the pleasures which so abundantly surround us in our own happy homes and around our own cheerful firesides. Let them feel the blessed influences of this joyful season. Let their hearts be made glad for one day at least, and made to rejoice in the thought that, after all, this is not such a bad world and that there are a great many good people in it.

To the children Christmas is a season big with importance. Christmas trees, loaded with presents of toys and trinkets and good things of every description have been erected for their benefit, while the inevitable stocking, the receptacle for the favors that "Santa Claus" rarely fails to shower upon them, will ere these lines are read have been sought for with feverish eagerness, in its accustomed place in the chimney corner, and the contents displayed with pride and pleasure by the "little folks."

Hoping that nothing may happen to prevent a full fruition of our brightest hopes and anticipations on this joyous occasion, and that we may all feel the cheering influences that will permeate the social atmosphere on this anniversary of the great event in the world's history, we close by tendering the compliments of the season to our friends far and near, wishing them a "Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!"

MARRIED.

WARD-BRITT.—In this city, at the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday, at 8 o'clock P. M., by Rev. J. B. Barlow, Mr. Jonah Ward to Miss Mary E. Britt.

JACOBS-HICKS.—In this city, at the residence of Mr. James Hicks, on Wednesday, at 7 P. M., by Rev. J. B. Barlow, Mr. James T. Jacobs to Miss Mary E. Britt.

MONTFORD-MONTGOMERY.—In Masonboro Township, on Wednesday, at 3 P. M., by Rev. J. B. Barlow, Mr. Baron S. Montford to Miss Sarah Montgomery.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

PARENTS, REMEMBER YOUR YOUTH; your wishes for the pleasure of your own and your full happiness when you reached the fruition of your desires.

RELATIVES do likewise, and by making others happy you fulfill the law of life.

ALL OTHERS: Your happiness for the future is before you; and unless you seize the advantage of the present you may be miserable for life (or we may be happy yet).

Nothing like the present (or presents), especially a gift from Heinzberger's, which by its elegance and appropriateness will be appreciated.

Gifts for the New Year in profusion for every one's selection. At HEINZBERGER'S, Live Book and Music Store.

Post Office,

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 24th, 1873.

First National Bank

OF WILMINGTON, DEC. 23, 1873.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE DECLARED a semi-annual dividend of four per cent, payable January 10th. A. K. WALKER, Cashier.

St. John's Lodge,

No. 1, F. & A. M.

IT IS DESIRABLE THAT EVERY MEMBER should attend the regular monthly communication runs (Thursday) evening, at seven o'clock, as business of importance will be transacted.

W. M. POISSON, Secretary, St. John's Hall, Dec. 23, 1873.

For Sale,

TWO FIRST-CLASS CARRIAGES, BUT LITTLE used. Apply to CHONLY & MORRIS, South Water street.

OUR STORE

WILL BE CLOSED TO-DAY.

Consignees

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, THAT THE GERMAN BARQUE "Ludwig" will be ready to receive cargo Friday, December 26th, 1873.

Christmas Presents.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

Pretty Colored Boots,

BUTTONED AND LACED.

Beautiful Infant's Slippers,

BOYS' BOOTS.

Ladies' Belts,

SHAWL STRAPS, BELT-SATCHELS, &c., at the Saddle and Harness Factory of J. S. TOPHAM & CO., No. 8 South Front St., WILMINGTON, N. C.

Christmas.

PALE SHERRY AND BRANDY, FOR TABLE use or cooking purposes. CHAS. D. MYERS & CO., 5 and 7 North Front St.

PRINTING PAPER.

We now have in stock over 200 reams of news paper, size 34x26, weight 30 lbs per room. It is good, rag paper, and will be sold, in lots to suit, for cash, or sent by express C. O. D.

The consolidation of the Carolina Farmer and the Weekly Star having largely increased the circulation of the latter, advertisers will find it an admirable medium of communication with the farmers and planters of the two Carolinas.

BOOK BINDERY.—The Morning Star Book Bindery does all kinds of binding and ruling in a workmanlike manner, and at reasonable prices. Merchants and other needing Receipt Books, or other work, may rely on promptness in the execution of their orders.

JOHN PANTHER.—We call the attention of merchants, clerks of courts, sheriffs, lawyers, railroad and steamship officers and agents, and all others having orders for printing, to the facilities offered at the MONROE STRAUS PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT for the prompt and faithful execution of all kinds of JOB PRINTING. We can furnish at short notice Cards, Bill-Heads, Letter-Heads, Programmes, Ball Tickets, Blanks, Pamphlets, Tags, Hand-Bills, Catalogues, Bills of Fare, Show-Bills, Checks, Drafts, &c., &c. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Spirits Turpentine.

—Ringwood section jailed several negroes last week for stealing.

—The Peace Institute Concert Monday was a recherche affair, says the Raleigh News.

—Joseph Baker, who murdered Wilfong in Mecklenburg, has been respited until Jan. 12th.

—One Austin Cooper, colored, of Charlotte, did violence to a colored clerical stranger, and got before the Mayor for it.

—The Charlotte Observer has heard the rumor that Col. Pat. Donnan, the noted editor of the Lexington (Mo.) Constitution, will soon start a daily paper in Columbia, S. C.

MARRIED.

WARD-BRITT.—In this city, at the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday, at 8 o'clock P. M., by Rev. J. B. Barlow, Mr. Jonah Ward to Miss Mary E. Britt.

JACOBS-HICKS.—In this city, at the residence of Mr. James Hicks, on Wednesday, at 7 P. M., by Rev. J. B. Barlow, Mr. James T. Jacobs to Miss Mary E. Britt.

MONTFORD-MONTGOMERY.—In Masonboro Township, on Wednesday, at 3 P. M., by Rev. J. B. Barlow, Mr. Baron S. Montford to Miss Sarah Montgomery.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

PARENTS, REMEMBER YOUR YOUTH; your wishes for the pleasure of your own and your full happiness when you reached the fruition of your desires.

RELATIVES do likewise, and by making others happy you fulfill the law of life.

ALL OTHERS: Your happiness for the future is before you; and unless you seize the advantage of the present you may be miserable for life (or we may be happy yet).

Nothing like the present (or presents), especially a gift from Heinzberger's, which by its elegance and appropriateness will be appreciated.

Gifts for the New Year in profusion for every one's selection. At HEINZBERGER'S, Live Book and Music Store.

Post Office,

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 24th, 1873.

First National Bank

OF WILMINGTON, DEC. 23, 1873.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE DECLARED a semi-annual dividend of four per cent, payable January 10th. A. K. WALKER, Cashier.

St. John's Lodge,

No. 1, F. & A. M.

IT IS DESIRABLE THAT EVERY MEMBER should attend the regular monthly communication runs (Thursday) evening, at seven o'clock, as business of importance will be transacted.

W. M. POISSON, Secretary, St. John's Hall, Dec. 23, 1873.

For Sale,

TWO FIRST-CLASS CARRIAGES, BUT LITTLE used. Apply to CHONLY & MORRIS, South Water street.

OUR STORE

WILL BE CLOSED TO-DAY.

Consignees

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, THAT THE GERMAN BARQUE "Ludwig" will be ready to receive cargo Friday, December 26th, 1873.

Christmas Presents.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

Pretty Colored Boots,

BUTTONED AND LACED.

Beautiful Infant's Slippers,

BOYS' BOOTS.

Ladies' Belts,

SHAWL STRAPS, BELT-SATCHELS, &c., at the Saddle and Harness Factory of J. S. TOPHAM & CO., No. 8 South Front St., WILMINGTON, N. C.

Christmas.

PALE SHERRY AND BRANDY, FOR TABLE use or cooking purposes. CHAS. D. MYERS & CO., 5 and 7 North Front St.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Just Received