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OUTLINES.

The London-Hamburg steamer *Elbe* lost with 32 persons. —— Berlin has a panic. —— A Boston guano schooner was lost below Cape Henry, and four of crew were drowned. —— Rumors of a general railroad strike at Chicago. —— Castelar and Salmeron are "out," but former is considered strongest. —— Galignani is dead. —— New York markets: Gold advanced to 110¾; cotton, 16¼@16¾; spirits turpentine, 41; rosin, $2 50@$2 55.

Spirits Turpentine.

— A large number of competitors have entered for the State Agricultural Society's field crop prizes.

— The *Monitor* thinks Magnolia did a third more trade last week than in any week since the war.

— Damage to goods and store of Joseph McLaughlin & Son, Charlotte, by fire Saturday morning, $450.

— An application will be made to the present General Assembly for an act to incorporate the "Bank of Wilson."

— Thief entered the trunk of Mr. J. O. Hepstall, of Halifax county, and stole some suits of clothes and other valuables.

— A *News* correspondent says the loss of Mr. Barrow by the burning of his turpentine still at Mitchener's Depot was $2,000.

— Mr. John Spelman, formerly Associate Editor of the *Daily Sentinel*, is now said to be private secretary to Hon. W. A. Smith.

— A negro's store, in Halifax, was robbed of money, eggs, &c., on Saturday night last. The burglars were caught, some bailed and some jailed.

— The drawer of Messrs. Brown & Carraway, at Halifax, was robbed of $90, last week. Nearly all the money was recovered and the thief lodged in jail.

— A negro man, name unknown, was found dead, near Littleton, on Tuesday morning, the 23d inst. It is supposed his horse threw him, says the Weldon *News*.

— In the case of Bob Smith, murdered a few days since, the Raleigh *News* says the weight of evidence before the coroner was that he was killed by Badger Lerrell, another negro.

— The Charlotte *Observer* gives it as *on dit* that Rev. J. Rumple, of Salisbury, will be called to fill the chair of Professor at Davidson College *vice* Prefessor Anderson or Prefessor Richardson, resigned.

— The report that the notorious Middleton S. Littlefield, the great bond thief, is penniless and friendless in the State of Florida, is confirmed by letters to private parties from his section. So states the *News*.

— The *Sentinel* says a man named Pyles has been missing in Wake county since Christmas. He was drinking with three others, when one of them slapped him in the face, since which he has not been seen, and the neighbors suspect he was drowned in a mill-pond.

— The Raleigh *News* hears from parties who have facilities for knowing, and who have the utmost confidence in the fact, that in the event that Williams is rejected by the Senate as Chief Justice, the President will appoint in his stead a member of the Court, and Hon. S. F. Phillips will be nominated as Associate Justice.

— Weldon *News*: Christmas getting the better of Pummer Johnson and George Bobbitt, at Littleton on last Wednesday, they fell out and went together to settle a little differance of opinion springing up between them. In the rencontre Bobbitt cut the throat of Johnson very seriously, and the latter threw up the sponge.

— Since the adjournment of the Legislature, the correspondence at the Treasurer's office with bondholders and other interested parties within and without the State, in regard to the adjustment of the State debt, has been voluminous. The *News* is assured that the proposition of Senator Worth, of Randolph, as contained in his bill, meets with almost universal favor with foreign bondholders.

— Supreme Court next Monday: Judged Bynum will take his seat. There are 50 new appeals and 101 old cases. Appeals from the several Judicial Districts will be called as follows: 1st week, 1st and 2d Districts; 2d week, 4th and 5th Districts; 3d week, 3d and 7th Districts; 4th week, 8th and 9th Districts; 5th week, 10th and 11th Districts; 6th week, 12th and 6th Districts. Monday and Tuesday of the first week will be devoted to the examination of applicants for license to practice law.

— *Observer:* About 11 o'clock on Sunday night, five negro men, Bill Smith, Geo. Springs, Albert Johnston, Elias Johnston and Green Smith, were brought to Charlotte and lodged in jail. The charge against them was that of murdering a colored man, whose name has not yet transpired, near Davidson College, on Sunday afternoon. It was in a general row. The abdomen of the murdered man was cut open and his entrails ripped out. The unfortunate victim had not died up to the time the men were arrested and brought to town, but it was reported by passengers on the Statesville train yesterday morning that he died about midnight.

THE CITY.

The Mails.

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.

WM. H. THURBER.—Notice.
G. R. FRENCH & SON'S.—Boots, & Shoes.
CHAS. D. MYERS & CO.—Closed to-day.
T. C. SERVOSS.—Postponement.
A. K. WALKER.—First National Bank.
T. D. MEARES.—W. S. F. E. Co. No. 1.

Musical.

We see by the Raleigh *News* that Dr. L. Von Meyerhoff and Prof. Grotz, which our cotemporary terms the two great musical luminaries of North Carolina, contemplate giving a concert in this city at an early day.

MASQUERADE BALL.

The Great Festive Entertainment of the Season—Beautiful Women and Brave Men vie with Each Other in Gay Costume and the Merry Dance—The Maskers in Their Glory—A Description of the Affair.

"There was a sound of revelry by night
And the *City Hall* had gather'd then
Its beauty and its chivalry, and bright
The gas shone o'er fair women and brave men;
A hundred hearts beat happily; and when
Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
Soft eyes look'd love to eyes which spoke again,
And all went merry as a marriage-bell."

The *Maestro* of our quaint old city,

"Whose sports are fair, his joyance innocent,
Sweet without sour and honey without gall,
And he himself being made for merriment,
Merrily masking, both in bower and hall,"

issued an imperial pronunciamento to the lovers of fun announcing a jolly reunion on the 30th inst, when in masked characters a terpsichorean farewell greeting would be awarded to hoary '73, whose full armed Minervan birth of twelve month syne was the occasion of intense enjoyment, and a frolicsome entertainment, at which masks and faces were performed with *eclat*, that demanded, but failed to receive, an encore. On this occasion no *Brown* study was required to incite the necessary inspiration; it effervesced and bubbled up spontaneously, banishing gloomy *Panic* to the Hades of the counting-room and frosty exchange. At 9 P. M. the City Hall is brilliantly illuminated. Paganinis in the orchestra titivate the intestines of immolated pussy and manifested characteristic impatience to indulge in dulcet strains,

"Whose golden touch could soften steel and stone;
Make tigers tame and huge leviathans
Forsake unsounded deeps to dance on sand."

Guests and masqueraders commenced to assemble. The different characters were handsomely announced by the courteous and admirably caparisoned *Maestro*. Sir John Falstaff, to the life, was announced, his rotund figure giving evidence that his diet, as a custom, was "but one half-penny worth of bread to an intolerable deal of sack!" *Folly*, in perfect costume, followed in the heavy footsteps of Sir John, and then came *Cinderella, Tabitha Todd, Nobody's Darling* and the peaceful prismatic *Rainbow*.

Blue Beard, with his portentius key, that secured the entrance to his bloody room, escorted a *Swiss Milk Maid* and a pretty *Haymaker* as if still intent on adding new victims to his sanguinary appetite. With lancet in hand and a jug of hot water at command Dr. Sangrado bustled into the hall—"How are you, Brown; announce me, my boy; you are busy and so am I; professional call, sir from old '73." "Bad for '73," replied the polished *Maestro*, "under your treatment I guarantee the poor unfortunate but twenty-four hours existence." Sangrado applied the fore-finger of his dexter to his professional nose and bustled on.

A jolly *Jack Tar*, neatly dressed for "general muster," tripped in with hornpipe steps conveying a charming *Peasant Lass*, who glided graceful over the floor as if the "harvest was ripe and the full moon inviting."

The appearance of *Night*—

"Fair eldest child of love, thou spotless Night!
Empress of silence, and the queen of sleep;
Who, with thy bright cheek's pure complexion,
Makest lover's eyes enamored of thy beauty"—

excited much admiration. The *Flower Girl* of the evening dispensed her mystic buds and blossoms with a graceful generosity that won admiration from all recipients of her favors.

"Paddy McGuire!" exclaimed the *Maestro*, and "Dandy Jim!" "Get out of me path, ye dusky individual," exclaimed Paddy.—"Tank you, sar, I'se Dandy Jim and am ebery inch a gentleman." "Go and git biled and ye'll come out like a lobster—next door to a white man." And the pair passed on still wrangling. Successively there entered the ball room in perfect costume *The Maid of the Mist, Nan, the Good for Nothing, Mother Hubbard, Daughter of the Regiment, Indian Girl, Spring, Cuban Ladies*, beautiful *Snow, Little Bo Peep*, who had no idea of going fast to sleep, the *Lamplighter*, whose admirable costume and liberal supply of lighters produced the general impression that Wilmington was too circumscribed a city for the exercise of her ability—London being her legitimate sphere for action.

The *Bohemian Girl*, whose magnificent costume was much admired, looked in every particular as if she resided in "Marble Halls."

With the *Knight of Ivanhoe* gracefully floated into the presence imperial *Hope*—

"With Ivanhoe went Hope, a beauteous maid,
Of cheerful look, and lovely to behold;
In silken samite she was light arrayed,
And her fair locks were woven up in gold."

Chivalric in bearing, the stately *Cavalier* looked with pleasing dignity upon the fair assemblage, and smiled complacently when *Mephistopheles* endeavored to charm unsuccessfully the dainty *Cinderella*.

The banner was again unfurled. The stars and bars produced quite a sensation, and many knelt to the sweet personification of other days now faded and gone like a weird dream of the past.

Diana and the pretty *Lass* from *Madrid* came in for their fair share of admiration, as also the *Paper Girl, Morning* and *Lady Highbirth*.

Our *Country Cousin* was capital; also *Humpty Dumpty*, who was decidedly Foxy. *Snider's* countenance caused much laughter, also the *King's Jester, Dan Rice, Garth* and *Wamba*. *Capt. Dal Given* carried his dignity with military preciseness and *Don Cæsar de Bazan* was simply grand. *Robin Hood*, well gotten up, mistook the *Black Prince* for the *Sluggard Knight*, and made a good thing of it. *Old Pantaloon* produced a sensation as well as laughter. By this time the hall had become thronged with fancy characters, Dominos and spectators. The scene was peculiar, kaleidoscopic in beauty, in variety, richness and profusion. Well might the originator of the present merry gathering congratulate himself, and kind friends flatter the genius of the *Grand Maestro*, who falsifies the old adage, as he is a jack of all trades and good in each and every one.

The music, though not conducted by a Strauss or Maretzek, nevertheless, for the times and latitude, possessed much electricity, which it infused into the poetry of motion that animated the dancers. A select masquerade ball, like unto the present, is a harmless amusement of fancy and taste, requiring intelligence, and when entered into with zest—historical information. The dispension of the mask ere the termination of the merry meeting acts as a check upon objectionable representations and characteristics appertaining thereto.

Even the most fastidious recognize the Christmas holidays as a period for relaxation and the full enjoyment of rational hilarity. It was only necessary to listen to the jocund laughter and hearty commendations that emenated from the grave and reverend Patriarchs who were amused spectators, to feel convinced that the *Maestro* had made a lucky hit, and deserved well of his country. In our peregrinations through the festive (not *banquit* by the by) hall we were startled by the fierce appearance of *Gasparoni*, that terrible bandit of the Campania. Instinctively clutching our empty purse to preserve intact its hoarded treasure we gazed in tribulation upon this renowned Roman Robber.

His conical hat, bedecked with trinkets and charms (for he was a terrible chap to fight and pray) covered massive curling locks of raven hair, which with bearded face and fierce black eyes caused one to anticipate the dread command of "your money or your life." But *Gasparoni* was on the love, not war path. A beautiful lady from Madrid had brought him by the heels.

A grand musical entertainment is announced and the maskers circle around the hall to receive the renowned band of Captain Johnnie Smoker. The appearance was unique—the performance superb and as hearty as their well conditioned bodies could surgest.

Midnight approaches—The *Maestro* marshals his company—the clock strikes—and at twelve he gives the order to unmask.

There is a brief silence of astonishment, then peals of laughter and clapping of hands announced mutual recognition. Some sud denly slide from their partners, abashed with the knowledge of indulging in words of endearment to their own sex. *Paddy McGuire* throughout the evening had developed the usual milesian proclivities for love making, and was brought to task by numerous fair ones, when the unmasking occurred. *Paddy* however was not abashed, but impudently proposed that all interested should migrate to Constantinople where, as a Grand Turk—"Be japers I'll marry every mother's son of you."

The dancing continued until the small hours of the morning approached; and thus ended a most delightful Masquerade Ball, which, if the general desire is consulted, will soon be repeated.

The Raffle.

At the raffle of the quilt for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum, which came off at Heinsberger's bookstore last night, Col. H. B. Short, of Flemington, was the lucky man. Dr. W. H. Green, having thrown the lowest number, was awarded the cushions. The net amount realized was $68 50. The raffle came off under the auspices of Messrs. Jas. M. Brown, Donald MacRae, P. Heinsberger and W. B. Binford, the Committee.

Magestrates' Courts.

Before Justice T. M. Gardner yesterday: Thos. King, charged with malicious mischief. Case dismissed at the cost of the paosecutor.

Henry Robinson, arraigned on the same charge as above. Case dismissed at the prosecutor's costs.

Before Justice VanAmringe, yesterday: Martha Hill, charged with assault and battery on the person of Mary E. Aldfriend, both colored. Case dismissed at the cost of the prosecutor.

Extensive Robbery at Rosindale.

On Monday night last, the 29th inst., two colored men named Isaiah Jenkins and Darey Davis broke open and entered the store of Mr. J. A. Edwards, Agent, at Rosindale, Robeson county, and carried off articles to the amount of $100, together with a satchel filled with wearing apparel, the property of Mr. A. C. Mitchell. The party were pursued on Tuesday morning by Mr. J. A. Edwards, A. S. Clark and Jesse Newkirk to White Hall, at which place they were overtaken and arrested by the party named, who carried them before Justice Rufus Register, who committed them to jail at Elizabethtown for safe-keeping. The goods were nearly all recovered, with the exception of some $8 in cash and Mr. Mitchell's clothing. The thieves had in their possession, when arrested, some thirty different sized keys, from one suited to a carpet-sack up to the size of a large crib key.

Cotton Shipments.

We learn that over 4,000 bales of cotton were shipped from Wilmington to European ports during the past year, being more than was ever shipped for the same period before.

Postponement.

The sale of property for city taxes, which was to have taken place yesterday, has been postponed until the 22nd of the present month. This action, we understand, is taken by Mr. Servoss, the City Treasurer and Collector, at the special request of many citizens.

Sudden Death.

A colored woman by the name of Susan Malone got on the train at Lumberton on last Monday and got off at Bladenboro. She was in feeble health, apparently suffering from consumption, and died in two minutes after leaving the train.

Organization of a Colored Church.

The First Colored Free Will (or Washfeet) Baptist Church of Wilmington, N. C., was organized by Elder I. W. King and Rev. Samuel B. Foy on Sixth, between Church and Castle streets, on Monday evening last. The following are the officers:—Samuel B. Foy, Pastor; Henry Cherry, First Deacon; Henderson Davis, Secretary; Henry Davis, First Ruling Elder; G. A. Cammol, Second Ruling Elder. Funds of the Church to be deposited in the Freedmen's Savings Bank.

Improved Order of Red Men.

The following list of officers of Wyoming Tribe Improved Order of Red Men, recently elected for the ensuing term, should have appeared in our last issue, having been omitted by an inadvertance:

John L. Dudley, S.
J. A. Milna, S. S.
W. P. McMahon, J. S.
T. J. Herring, C. of R.
R. D. Polk, K. of W.

The Tribe will remove to their new "Wigwam," in Evans' Block, on Monday.

I. O. O. F.

At the regular meeting of Orion Lodge N. 67, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

J. L. Dudley, N. G.
James M. McGowan, V. G.
G. M. Altaffer, R. S.
C. M. Harris, P. S.
R. L. Harris, T.

The appointive officers will be made on Wednesday evening, when the installation will take place.

Superior Court.

The following cases were disposed of in the Superior Court yesterday:

State *vs.* Charles Bannerman, charged with the larceny of carpenter's tools, the property of Dr. J. F. Simpson. Guilty.

The same, charged with stealing an ox, the property of the same. Guilty.

State *vs.* Albert Lamb, charged with forcible trespass, in the "taking and carrying away," but not stealing, a pair of shoes, the property of L. Vollers. Not guilty.

State *vs.* Jane McNeill, charged with assault and battery. Appeal from Justice Cassidey. Judgment of the Magistrate affirmed.

State *vs.* W. H. Moore, J. P., assault and battery, &c., in arresting seamen, in three cases. Judgment suspended on the payment of costs.

State *vs.* Julius Faarborg, charged with acting as an officer in the above cases, three cases. Judgment suspended on the payment of costs.

In the case of the State *vs.* Geo. Waddell, for assault and battery on John E. Dennis with intent to kill, we were unable to ascertain whether judgment had yet been pronouced.

On yesterday evening the first call of the docket of the Superior Court at this term, which began on Monday morning, was concluded. We are glad to learn that many of the cases were disposed of. The parties and the result in each case have already appeared in our daily reports. We understand that at the unanimous request of the Bar His Honor, Judge Cloud, has adjourned the Court over until to-morrow, when the case of the State against Elizabeth Carter, charged as accessory before the fact to the murder of Willie Carter in August last, was set for trial. A special *venire* of one hundred and fifty persons has been ordered. Should this case be postponed for any cause the remainder of the week will be devoted to the other cases on the State docket, and the second call will be commenced. The cases will be called in the order in which they stand on the callendar, and this time peremptorily; that is to say, every case must be tried or continued or dismissed. We are informed that the civid docket will be called on Monday. When the civil callendar is disposed of the consideration of the State docket will be resumed; and it is probable that in this way the State docket will be again reached by Friday or Saturday.

The attention of our readers interested is particularly called to the above information, for the reason that we understand His Honor has intimated an intention to use strong measures, if necessary, to compel the attendance of parties duly summoned, who are negligent.

Accident to a Printer.

Mr. J. W. Marshall, a printer who worked in this city some two months ago, was so badly injured on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad a few days since that his left leg had to be amputated. Mr. Marshall worked at the case in this office for a short time.

— There are ten prisoners in the Guard House, eight of whom are seamen.

Local Dots.

— No Superior Court to-day.

— Plenty of ice yesterday morning.

— A happy New Year to our readers, one and all!

— By order of the Mayor, all the city offices will be closed to-day.

— The *Maria Heyn*, Beck, arrived at Helvoet from this port on the 12th ult.

— There were 66 arrivals at this port during the past month, mostly from foreign ports.

— The Post-office closes to-day at 9:30 and opens again at 5 o'clock. Mails close as usual.

— A colored man, in a beastly state of intoxication, was taken to the Guard House yesterday on a dray.

— We learn that several very pleasant parties and balls took place at Lillington during the past week.

— All ye that wish to participate in the fox hunt to-day, be on hand at the Toll House at 8 o'clock, sharp.

— There will be target shooting for turkeys, &c., at the Johnson Place, just beyond Green's Mill Pond, to-day.

— The Produce Exchange will be closed to-day, and it is likely that very little business will be transacted on the wharves.

— There were 359 marriage licenses issued by the Register of Deeds during the past year, of which 128 were for white and 231 for colored couples.

— A meeting to take into consideration the subject of a division of the county of New Hanover will be held at Lillington on Saturday, the 10th inst.

— The only case before the Mayor's Court yesterday was that of Enoch Jackson, charged with disorderly conduct on the streets, who was required to pay a fine of $10.

— The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Wilmington, for the election of officers, will take place at their Banking House on Tuesday, the 13th inst.

— A colored woman by the name of Abbie Dry died in this city on Tuesday at the advanced age of 123 years. She leaves a son who is past the age of 80 and who is very active for his age and looks. Deceased was born in Brunswick county.

The Indigent Poor.

Messrs. Morris and Rice, the Committee on Poor of the Board of County Commissioners, request the ladies of the different Benevolent Societies of the city to furnish them with a list of the persons receiving assistance from them.

Thievery at Lillington.

An attempt was made to break into Mr. F. C. Burnett's store, at Lillington, on the night of the 23rd inst. Failing in this, the thieves repeated the experiment on the night of the 25th, and succeeded in getting in and stealing several articles. They were doubtless after money, but Mr. Burnett had only left one penny in the drawer, which was taken. On Tuesday night an attempt was made to effect an entrance into the store of Mr. S. H. Bell, at the same place, by breaking the lock, but the thieves were frightened off before accomplishing their object. Mr. Burnett was in the city yesterday in search of a good detective to work up the case.

Oakdale Cemetery—Mortuary Statistics for the Year.

The interments in Oakdale Cemetery during the year 1873 foot up 102, of which 49 were males, 41 females and sex not stated, 12. The ages were as follows: Still born, 8; under one year, 12; over one and under five, 17; over five and under ten, 5; over ten and under twenty, 6; over twenty and under thirty, 7; over thirty and under forty, 10; over ferty and under fifty, 7; over fifty and under sixty, 6; over sixty and under seventy, 3; over seventy and under eighty, 6; over eighty and under ninety, 4; age not stated, 11. Diseases: Asthma, 1; bilious fever, 3; typhoid fever, 3; bowel disease, 1; croup, 1; cholera infantum, 6; cancer, 1; consumption, 9; congestion of brain, 3; congestion, 4; child-bed, 1; drowned, 1; dysentery, 3; dropsy, 3; died at birth, 2; erysipelas, 1; hemorrhage, 1; heart disease, 2; inflammation of bowels, 1; inflammatory rheumatism, 1; meningetis, 2; neuralgia, 1; old age and other infirmities, 8; pneumonia, 5; teething, 2; supposed suicide, 1; still-born, 8; whooping cough, 3; diseases not stated, 24. Of the above, nine died away from the city and were brought to Oakdale for interment.

A comparative statement of the number of interments since 1867 gives the following result: 1867, 120; 1868, 116; 1869, 149; 1870, 118; 1871, 102; 1872, 134; 1873, 102. The number in 1871 and 1873 is the same. We get the above facts from the records in the office of R. J. Jones, Esq., Secretary and Treasury of Oakdale Cemetery.

PINE FOREST CEMETERY.

From Jos. E. Sampson, Secretary and Treasurer of Pine Forest (colored) Cemetery, we have the following statement of the number of interments in that Cemetery for the year just closed: Adults, 86; children, 177. Total, 263. Of this number 26 died of consumption, 22 were still born, 6 died from unnatural causes and some 18 or 20 from old age and the remainder from other infirmities common to the human race. Eleven of the foregoing died at the ages here given: 5 at the age of 80, 1 at 88; 1 at 95; 1 at 98; 1 at 102; 1 at 110, and 1 at 123.

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.

The Cisterns.

We learn that the different fire cisterns are to be supplied with pipes leading from the wells, with funnels properly attached, through which water will be pumped into the cisterns, in place of using troughs, as heretofore. This will be a decided improvement, as they will always be available and water can be supplied to the cisterns while a fire is in progress and the engines at work. Heretofore when the cisterns have been supplied with water during a fire the troughs used for the purpose have had to be taken to the scene of the conflagration on a dray or cart.

Arrival of the Metropolis.

The steamship *Metropolis*, reported in our last as being overdue, arrived after we had left the wharf Tuesday evening. Captain Nickerson reports having experienced heavy weather during the entire passage, blowing the packing out of the steam pipe, splitting the sails, etc. The steamer was twice driven out into the Gulf, remaining out on one occasion a day and a half, and had to rig what is know in nautical parlance as a "drag" to keep the ship's head to the sea. She also shifted her cargo, which was slightly damaged in consequence. In other respects the *Metropolis* looked when she came up the river as if she was just off the ways.

Arrest of a Supposed Swindler.

Recently a telegram was received from W. W. Carnes, Chief of Police of Macon, Ga., addressed to Capt. Fitzgerald, of the police force of this city, requesting the arrest of one James McCray, charged with swindling. Officers were put on the alert and on Tuesday night, at a store on Market street, Messrs. Sellars and Faarborg saw a man answering to the description of the alleged swindler, when he was arrested and lodged in the Guard House. He stoutly denied that he had ever been in Georgia; said he walked and rode together from Baltimore to this city and asserted that he had been employed at the former place as an oysterman. The description given of McCray tallies perfectly with the appearance of the man in custody, and his contradictory statements are also against him. He will be held to await further developments. We learn that there is a liberal reward offered for McCray.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the city post-office Dec. 31, 1873:

A—Jart Allor, Philo Allcott.
B—Amos Brown, Florra Blackman, C F Banham, David Baldin, Fred Been, H A Bason, James Bryan, John Berry, Wm E Baudinott, W L Berry, Maria Barrow, Morriss Brown, Selve Bernett, Thomas Beck, Robert Blodworth, Rachel Brown.
C—B W Curtis, Ella Chapman, Sarah Clark.
D—T E Duke, P Dooley, Chinton Dunston.
E—Cumdus Emenflo.
F—James A Fore, Joeth Fowle, R H Forlow, Richard Fitzgerald.
G—Betty Groves, Ira Gore, Geo D Gamaway, Jos, Green, Laura J Gill, Nannie Gimes, Richard Green, Rachael Green, R B Green, Rose Green, Sarah Granger, S A Graves, S H Guffin, Warren Gilbert.
H—Hally Hall, Wm M Hansley, S Hankins, Tenah Hallie, Sereanier House, Richard Herring, Robert R Hill, J G Hessenger, Mrs James Howe, J W Hopkins.
J—Joknanson, Chas Jones, Clara A Johnson, Martha Jones, Nedd Johnson.
K—B R King, John J Keigun, Benjamin S Kirk.
L—Tobie Leggen, Jessie Lide, Alfred Loyd, Ella Lord.
D—B F McDougall.
M—Candy McNeal, D M Millan, Elizabeth Moore, D T Montross, George McRae, J R Melton, John Merick, John S Maurn, Mary Marshall, Thomas Murray, Syman Marsh, Salley Meadows, Sallie Morris, William Macray.
N—Sterny Nash, John O Nixon, J M Nelson, Peter Nouthrup.
P—Ben Pridgen, Daniel Price, Dorsey Peyton, Ellan Pronts, G W Peacok, Laura Peter, W F Parker.
R—James Rieege, Molly Rodgers.
S—Athalia Scott, Charles Shaw, F Smith, E A Shiel, Gaston Sanders, John M Speights, Julia Sellers, Ira Skipper, J D Spang, Kit Spicer, Keros H Snell, Maggie Skipper, P H Smith, Thos Smith, Sam Sullvon, Sarah Standly, W H Sliter.
T—Iseral Thomas, Melissa Taylor, T B Turner.
W—Joseph Williams, Andrew J Walker, An Walker, H E Whitfield, Henry W Wilson, Jane Walker, Louisa Watson, Tabetha Web.

Persons calling for letters in the above list will please say "advertised." If not called for within 30 days they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

ED. R. BRINK, P. M.
Wilmington, Dec. 31, 1873.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

At a meeting of Pacific Grange No. 99, held in their Hall at Lake Comfort on the 26th day of December, 1873, for the purpose of adopting resolutions of respect in memory of our worthy Brother, Reuben Benson, who departed this life on the 15th inst., aged — years.

Officers present: E. H. Jones, Worthy Master; J. C. Sadler, W. O., *protem.*; M. M. Murray, W. L.; W. W. Boomer, W. A. S.; H. B. Stoteberry, W. C.; T. D. Bridgman, W. F.; T. M. Jones, W. S.; Wm. D. Rose, W. G. K.

Bros. T. D. Bridgman, M. M. Murray and T. M. Jones were appointed a Committee on Resolutions, and submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Allwise Providence, in the wisdom and dispensation of His will, to remove from our midst our loved and highly-esteemed friend and brother Reuben Benson;

WHEREAS, He had deeply engrafted himself in our hearts an affections, and gained by his upright walk, our confidence, love and respect; therefore, be it

Resolved 1st, That while we bow in submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we do most sincerely lament the early loss of our beloved brother, who was a good man and a model Granger, and in prospect of a brilliant and happy future.

Resolved 2nd, That we tender our sympathy to his heart-stricken and bereaved companion and children.

Resolved 3rd, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of the deceased, and to the Wilmington MORNING STAR for publication.

DIED.

FARRAR.—At his residence, on Second street, in this city, yesterday, Dr. Wm. H. Farrar, aged about 51.

His funeral will take place at 3 o'clock P. M. today, from St. Thomas' Church.

First National Bank of Wilmington,

JANUARY 1, 1874.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Bank for the Election of Directors will be held at their Banking House on TUESDAY, THE THIRTEENTH INST., at eleven o'clock A. M.

A. K. WALKER, Cashier.
jan 1-9t & 12 & 13

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POSTPONEMENT.

Office, Treasurer and Collector,
CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C., December 31, 1873.

THE CITY TAX SALE WHICH WAS TO take place this day, is further POSTPONED until THURSDAY, JANUARY 22D, 1874, in front of City Hall, at 12 o'clock M.

T. C. SERVOSS,
jan 1-tf Treasurer & Collector.

COUPONS.

Office, Treasurer and Collector,
CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C., December 31st, 1873.

THE JANUARY COUPONS OF CITY OF WILmington BONDS payable in this City, will be paid at the Bank of New Hanover and the JANUARY (Gold) COUPONS on BONDS of this City (issue of 1872) and payable in New York, will be paid at the National Bank of the Republic in City of New York.

THOS. C. SERVOSS,
jan 1-1w Treasurer.

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Card of Thanks.

WILMINGTON, N. C. DEC. 31, 1873.

BISHOP ATKINSON BEGS TO RETURN HIS very hearty thanks to his friends who assisted in extinguishing the fire on his lot, last night, and especially to the Fire Companies, the Hook and Ladder, the Adrian, the Rankin, and the Cape Fear, who worked with such energy and skill for that object, and thereby averted what might otherwise have proved a wide-spread and ruinous conflagration. While all did well in the positions in which they were placed, the Cape Fear Company had it in their power to render, and actually did render most important service, for which he feels greatly indebted to them.
jan 1-1t

Notice.

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