

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION IN ADVANCE: One year, \$1.00; Six months, \$0.75; Three months, \$0.50; One month, \$0.25.

OUTLINES. New York markets: Cotton, 16 1/4 @ 16 1/2; spirits turpentine, 34 1/2; rosin, \$1.90 @ \$1.95.

THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION. A New Jersey Journal Maintains Its Genuine.

[From the Camden West Jersey Press, May 12.]

Quite a controversy is waging, whether the alleged Declaration of Independence was made or not on the 20th of May, 1776, at Mecklenburg, North Carolina.

Second. Neither is the negative testimony of Messrs. Jefferson and Adams in 1819, that they were ignorant of any such declaration having been made, entitled to any weight in the settlement of the controversy.

Third. There was another meeting at Mecklenburg, May 31st, 1776, at which resolutions were adopted, of a milder type than those of the 20th of May.

Fourth. We have the positive statement of Mr. Alexander, who was chairman of that meeting of the 20th, as to its having been held, and what its action.

Fifth. The fact of the meeting of the 20th of May, being thus demonstrated, there is the same testimony in favor of that meeting having proclaimed a Declaration of Independence.

It is not at all impossible that Mr. Alexander in drawing up from memory the resolutions of the meeting, may have used some of the phraseology of the declaration of independence of 1776.

Mr. Alexander's report or version of the proceedings of the Mecklenburg meeting of May 20th, 1776, is unquestionably a genuine record.

THE MORNING STAR.

VOL. XVI.---NO. 47. WILMINGTON, N. C., SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1875. WHOLE NO. 2,374.

(Raleigh News.) Friends of Temperance. The State Council of the Friends of Temperance met in Goldsboro on Tuesday the 11th inst.

The President's report represented the order as being in a very flourishing condition in North Carolina, and containing many important recommendations looking to a still greater degree of success.

The order has made an actual increase of ten Councils in the State since the fall session, and the harmony and zeal manifested during the recent session by delegates and visitors are the sure harbingers of continued prosperity.

This order was instituted in Petersburg, Va., in 1865, and is consequently ten years old. It has organized nine State Councils, and its subordinate Councils reach from the Potomac to the Rio Grande.

THE CITY.

The Mails. The mails will close at the City Post-Office until further notice as follows:

Northern (night) mails daily, 6:15 P. M. through and way (day) mails daily, 5:30 A. M.

Our Rail Road managers are competent and liberal, and they assure us that they will offer every facility in their power to make it to the interest of our people to patronize this market.

Our first regatta of the season of the Carolina Yacht Club will take place in the river opposite the city on the 27th inst.

Before T. M. Gardner, J. P.: Jane Outlaw, colored, was arraigned for using improper language on a public highway.

Before S. VanArman, J. P.: State vs. Dolly Brown, colored. Assault and battery on Jane Outlaw.

State vs. the same, on a peace warrant sued out by Jane Outlaw. Case dismissed at prosecutor's costs.

State vs. Geo. Poisson, colored, two cases, one for a misdemeanor and one for a peace warrant.

Coroner's Inquest. Coroner Hewlett yesterday held an inquest over the remains of the colored woman who on Thursday fell to the ground and expired at Rocky Run.

Unavailable Letters. The following is a list of unavailable letters remaining in the city post-office at Wilmington, May 14:

The Press Association and the Produce Exchange. In accordance with an invitation from Capt. D. R. Murchison, President of the Produce Exchange, the North Carolina Press Association on Thursday, at 12 o'clock, visited the rooms of the Produce Exchange.

It is my pleasing duty, in behalf of the Wilmington Produce Exchange, to extend to you the privileges of this institution as well as a cordial welcome to our city.

"During the progress of the cause both Penry, the plaintiff, and Brink, one of the defendants, were placed upon the witness stand, and proved themselves gentlemen of unexceptionable character. Besides the matter of dollars and cents involved in the controversy, the character of the defendants was at issue, as one of the allegations of the plaintiff was that the defendants, being inspired to a large amount, had maliciously set fire to the store house in the hope of gain.

Our last report of the Press ball having necessarily been somewhat hurried on account of pressure of news matter, we felt that we could not but speak further of an assemblage so brilliant and so enchanting.

We are informed that Col. Charles R. Jones, of the Charlotte Observer, carried to Charlotte this morning, three large brass buttons, which were gathered upon the battlefield at Guilford Court House many years ago.

At the close of Mr. Furman's remarks Maj. J. A. Engelhard, the retiring President, was called upon and responded in a fitting manner.

Several other speeches were made and the pleasant interchange of conversation was kept up until the "Press Gang" took their departure.

Personal. We had a visit yesterday from Mr. Wm. E. Cramer, editor of the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin, who has been on an extended Southern tour.

Although we had to talk to Mr. Cramer through a section of small India rubber hose with a funnel on one end, we really enjoyed his visit.

Men of Mark. The Philadelphia Presbyterian says: The Southern Presbyteries are sending their picked men to the Assembly at St. Louis, Mo.

Centennial Contributions. Col. C. R. Jones, of the Charlotte Observer, together with Messrs. William A. Wright, A. M. Waddell and Robert Strange, succeeded in securing contributions to the Centennial fund to the amount of \$300.

Centennial. The secretary of the organization has requested us to state that the Centennial Club of Charlotte will be in attendance in Miller's Hall on the occasion of the Centennial, to receive and entertain Scotchmen and their sons who may be in Charlotte that day.

Alarm of Fire. The alarm of fire yesterday, about 1 o'clock, was occasioned by the burning of a quantity of straw in an out-house on the premises of Mrs. Holmes, on Second street, between Market and Princess.

Loth to Leave Us. The majority of the Press Association have departed for home. There yet remains in our midst Messrs. Jones of the Charlotte Observer, Furman of the Asheville Citizen, Harlee of the Wadesboro Argus, Gale of the Polkton Argonian, and Harris of the Concord Sun.

CITY ITEMS. BOOK BINDING.—THE MORNING STAR BOOK BINDERY does all kinds of binding and ruling in a workmanlike manner, and at reasonable prices.

TRANSFER PRINTING.—Invaluable to railroad companies, steamship companies, banks, merchants, manufacturers and others.

COPIES OF TESTIMONIAL.—HANBRIEL, Mo., May 30, 1874.—Messrs. J. & W. Tolley, 20 Maiden Lane, New York.—Genl. The 18 Gun which you built for me, No. 9093, has arrived safely to hand.

Spirits Turpentine. —The old and respected colored sexton of the Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, Moses Vaughn, is dead.

Wilson Advance: Miss Avey Broadstreet, of this county, near Black Creek, died on Monday last, aged 90 years.

Wilson Plain Dealer: We believe the feeling in our party is generally hopeful, perhaps confident of a successful result, but it will be well to avoid being over-confident, as that might cause spathy and indifference.

Richmond Enquirer: We are glad to hear that our First Regiment may go to Charlotte after all to aid our North Carolina friends in celebrating the Mecklenburg Centennial.

For Sale. ONE HUNDRED BALS BEST NORTH RIVER Hay at \$1.00 each from day.

Lost. A PROMISSORY NOTE SIGNED BY FRANCIS A. GIBBENS, and made payable to the undersigned for the sum of \$1,000, with interest at 10 per cent.

Wanted. 20 GOOD SEWING MACHINE HANDS. To make shirts and drawers.

Albums! Albums! ANOTHER CASE OF THOSE BEAUTIFUL Albums has just opened at HEINSBERGER'S.

Family Bibles. JUST RECEIVED, A CASE OF FAMILY Bibles.

Notice. OUR BILLS ARE MADE UP TO THE 1st May. Beneficially and liberally for cash exclusively.

MISCELLANEOUS. In Store, In Store. 5000 Bushels Corn. 1000 Bbls Flour.

1000 Bbls Cube Molasses, 50 Bbls S. H. Molasses, 50 Bbls N. H. Molasses, 50 Bbls Sugar.

1000 Cases Oysters, 50 Boxes Candy, 50 Tub Land.

1000 Bbls New Crop Cuba Molasses, 100 Bbls New Crop Cuba Molasses, 100 Bbls Hoop Iron.

250 Second Hand Spirit Casks, 250 Barrels Whole Rice, 12,000 Bushels Prime White Corn.

1000 Cases Matches, 100 Boxes Soap. For sale by WILLIAMS & MURCHISON.

Fancy Groceries. WE HAVE IN STORE A LARGE AND SELECTED STOCK OF ALL VARIETIES OF "Delicacies."

Novels are Sweets. ALL PERSONS WITH HEALTHY LITERARY appetites love them—almost all women; a vast number of clever hand-headed men.

Lace Sacques. WE HAVE NOW ON CONSIGNMENT A LARGE LOT OF LACE SACQUES.

LACE POINTS. SACQUES. Which we offer at IMPORTERS' prices.

Strawberries. Compressed Beef. READY FOR TABLE USE, CONTAINING DOUBLE THE QUANTITY OF MEAT.

BAKER WHISKEY. AND OLD POT. H. W. SHURE, 31 North Front St.

White Duck Coats \$3. WHITE DUCK SUITS \$7.50. BROWN LINEN COATS \$1.00.

WHITE DUCK VESTS \$1.00. NOTICE THE PRICES. MUNSON & CO., City Clothiers.

McMurray's. A HAZARD'S PEACHES AND Pine Apple. The Finest canned Goods Packed.

Fine Beef. EXTRA STALL-FED BEEF AT Citizens' Market for Saturday 15th.

Du Pont's. RIFLE, SPORTING AND MUSKET, MINING AND BLASTING POWDER.

French Milan Hats. MACKINAW STRAW HATS, STYLISH SILK Hats.

RATES OF ADVERTISING. One Square one day, \$1.00. Two squares one day, \$2.00. One square three days, \$3.00.

MISCELLANEOUS. Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R. WILMINGTON, N. C., May 12th, 1875.

Special Notice. THE CITIZENS OF WILMINGTON AND vicinity are hereby informed that the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad.

Centennial Celebration. to be held at Charlotte, May 20th, 1875. Leaving Wilmington at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday May 19th.

ROUND TRIP TICKETS. \$5.00. A sufficient number of Pullman's Palace Sleeping Cars, a Restaurant Car, etc., will be attached to the above train.

The Centennial. Newspaper of the City of Charlotte. THE OBSERVER.

They Have Come! THOSE BLUE FLANNEL SUITS THAT YOU have been waiting for.

Children's Linen Duck Suits. Boy's Black and Striped Alpaca Coats. The Celebrated American Dress Shirt for Men and Boys.

Keep Cool. A COMPLETE STOCK OF Alpaca and Linen Goods.

PIECE GOODS. Which I am making up at extremely low prices.

Friday May the 14th. Bock Bier, The First of the Season.

Wanted. EVERY ONE TO KNOW THAT I WILL MOVE my stock of Watches, Jewelry, &c.

Watches, Jewelry, &c. A NEW AND FINE ASSORTMENT OF Watches, Clocks, Silverware.

Butter and Hams. A LARGE LOT OF FINE Goeben and Cooking Butter.

Office, Treasurer & Collector. CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C. February 10th, 1874.

Binford, Crow & Co. OFFER TO THE TRADE AT LOW FIGURES 1000 Bbls Flour, all grades.

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