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Table with 2 columns: Description of advertising rates and corresponding prices.

OUTLINES.

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THE ELECTION.

The result of the election is now narrowed down to a very fine point. Our estimate now hinges on the county of Polk, which though somewhat in doubt, is generally thought to have gone Radical.

It may be proper to add that we classify as Republicans the so-called "Independent Democrats" elected in Tyrrell and Ashe counties, because we have reason to believe that they are indebted to the anti-Convention sentiment of their respective counties.

P. S.—A telegram received late last night from Charlotte, informs us that Polk has been carried by the Republicans, and that Jackson elects an Independent Democrat who is a Convention man.

DEATH OF HON. WM. A. GRAHAM.

Ex-Gov. William A. Graham, of North Carolina, died yesterday morning at Saratoga, of organic disease of the heart with which he had been afflicted for several years.

William Alexander Graham was born in Lincoln county, in this State, September 6th, 1804, and was the son of Gen. Joseph Graham.

He was elected to the House of Commons in 1833, and was many times re-elected and for several years filled the position of Speaker.

He was elected to the United States Senate in 1841, and remained until 1843. He was the Whig candidate for Governor in 1845, and was elected.

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A CHARLOTTE DISPATCH. CHARLOTTE, Aug. 11. Polk and Mitchell have gone Republican. Caldwell and Watuga are Democratic. Jackson elects an Independent Convention Democrat.

A RALEIGH FOOTING UP. RALEIGH, Aug. 11. The result looks up as follows: Democrats 60, Radicals 59, Independent Democrat 1. Ashe and Polk are yet in doubt, but are conceded to the Radicals on this count.

The remains of Gov. Graham will reach the city Friday, at 2 o'clock, by special train. A meeting of the citizens and bar respectively will be held to-morrow to appoint guards of honor to meet the remains at Weldon and escort them to the city, where they will lie in state in the capitol for several hours.

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TRANSYLVANIA. G. W. Wilson, Conservative, 185; J. H. Paxton, Conservative, 170; A. F. English, Radical, 94; scattering Conservative, 100. Wilson's majority over Paxton, 15.

BURKE. A. C. Avery, Conservative, 719; J. G. Bynum, Independent, 599; Avery's majority, 120.

CLEAVELAND. Plato Durham, Conservative, 888; L. Eaves, Radical, 111. Durham's majority, 777.

FORSYTH. Dr. W. H. Wheeler, Radical, 1,297; Col. J. Masten, Conservative, 1,043. Wheeler's majority, 254.

STOKES. W. W. McCasless, Radical, 923; Hill, Conservative, 608. McCasless' majority, 315.

BUNCOMBE. Gen. T. L. Clingman, Conservative, 1,219; Col. David Coleman, Conservative, 1,233; E. R. Hampton, Radical, 1,031; Johnson Ashworth, Radical, 1,143; H. C. Hunt, Radical, 73.

The Regatta. The regatta at Wrightsville Sound came off last evening as announced. The rain of the morning had given place to sunny skies, but there was a lowering darkness down by the horizon that just served to keep in mind the weather prophecy of "local rains and storms" for the day, when the start was made.

There were eight entries for the race, all of which started, and the prize a silver pitcher and the championship flag of the fleet. We repeat our list of yesterday:

Bessie Lee, O. A. Wiggins, master. Spray, E. S. Lattimer, master. Fannie, John Farrer, master. Rosa, J. M. Cazaux, master. Empire and Marion, Sam'l Green, master. Qui Vive, W. A. Wright, Jr., master. Carolina, J. J. Flowers, master. Ripple, Norwood Giles, master.

The breeze was light but fair at the start, and the little crafts bowled off before it at the signal in fine style. But the speck of blackness mounted fast into the sky, and ere the fleet had made much over a mile of the course the squall burst suddenly upon it, whistling down over the high shore and striking the tops of the waves into foam.

Over went the Bessie Lee, bottom up, almost at the first puff, and her consort were running off hither-aketer before the wind and striking sail in great confusion. The squall lasted only a few moments and then there fell almost a calm.

After the squall but four of the yachts were in condition to resume the course quickly, and the remainder hauling off, these came in on a very light breeze in the following order:

1. Ripple, taking prize and colors. 2. Carolina. 3. Fannie. 4. Spray.

The crew of the Bessie Lee, we believe, got nothing worse from their adventure than a warm bath and a little chaff.

Excursion Ahead. The Wilmington Light Infantry go on the steamship Raleigh, Wednesday next, the 18th instant, for a day's pleasure, to Smithville, Blackish Grounds and Frying Pan Shoals.

The name of the company under whose auspices the excursion is to be given, the name of the officers of the Raleigh for polite attentions to passengers on the rare occasions when passengers have been admitted on board, the unusual extent of the trip proposed, the assurance that no spirituous liquors will be allowed and that refreshments will be held at reasonable prices, form a galaxy of attractions, we are sure, which will glitter and scintillate before many an eager eye from now on to the day set forth.

County Commissioners. The Board met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment; present, the chairman, James Wilson, and Commissioners A. H. Morris, S. VanAmringe and Delaware Nixon.

Delinquent tax was abated on the property of Anthony Campbell, Daniel Haynes and Eveline Willis, and it was ordered that the sheriff be notified of the same.

On motion it was ordered that all stock given in by individual stockholders in the Real Estate and Loan Association, and also the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company, be abated, and that the clerk notify the tax collector of the same.

In accordance with a report of the Auditing Committee eighty-two bonds in the sum of \$15 in gold each, and five coupons in the sum of \$3 in gold each, were destroyed in the presence of the members of the Board present, including the chairman, with the understanding that they certify to the fact of said coupons having been destroyed.

The Board then took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The following was passed: WHEREAS, in accordance with chapter 130, section 15, of an act of Assembly of 1874 and 1875, ratified the 8th day of March, 1875, it is incumbent on this Board to appoint a Commission to confer with the Commissioners appointed by said act, to adjust and ascertain the part of the public debt of New Hanover county to be assumed by the county of Pender.

Ordered, That James Wilson, Silas N. Martin, Alfred Howe, John G. Wagner and Aug. H. Morris be and are hereby appointed as such Commission on the part of New Hanover county, and that the Clerk notify the Board of Commissioners of Pender county of the appointment.

It was ordered that the delinquent tax of Frankie House be abated and that the Tax Collector be notified of the same.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. The Board of County Commissioners met yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, and resolved themselves into a Board of Education; present, James Wilson, Chairman, and Commissioners J. G. Wagner, Delaware Nixon, A. H. Morris and S. VanAmringe.

The report of the school fund was referred to a committee consisting of J. G. Wagner and Stacy VanAmringe, to report at a future meeting.

The Board adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

New Township Officers. The following comprise the township officers chosen at the election in New Hanover county on the 6th inst.:

WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP. Justices of the Peace—J. J. Cassidy, Joseph C. Hill (col.), Henry Brewington, col., Stacy VanAmringe, W. H. Moore, col., Alex. Sampson, col., Anthony Howe, col. Clerk—S. T. Potts. Constable—S. W. Nash, colored. School Committee—Alfred Howe, col., A. H. Morris, Jos. E. Sampson, col.

SUNSET HILL WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

They've sung the Harp that hung on Tara's walls, They've blessed the bard whose music filled the halls.

Of Scottish chiefs. And sad Leucate's wave Forever chaunts the dirge of her who gave Her life, her lyre for love! Wicked Nero Fiddled and doubtless sang while Rome was burned.

Old Virgil sang of arms and a hero, Who many a noble quality spurred; Many have sung, and of many a thing, Who oft have struck the lyre's discordant string;

But what's that to me, if 'tis only my will To sing of the Cornet Band and Sunset Hill— A task which ne'er was attempted before, And a task which I may attempt no more, Unless the MORNING STAR's roosters can crow.

Full louder than the band itself can blow; For what muse would dare to inspire a song, When Carolina submits to a wrong?

The twilight dies on Sunset Hill, The busy city's hum is still, Like guardian forms of love and light, Illume the sky. A silver sheen Sent from the crescent moon is seen On earth, on sky and on the wave, Where far-off shadows seem to lave Their phantom forms beneath the clear And crystal stream of broad Cape Fear.

A mystic zone of pearly hue Arches the vault of ether blue, Marking the distant "milky way" Where Cloudland sprites are wont to stray. The other shore is lone and dark, Save when the fire-fly's elfin spark Glimmers among the tall pine trees, Or when upon the rising breeze The bugle note of huntsman's horn Flows over the water is borne.

Ships in the quiet harbor rest, Row-boats glide on the river's crest, Swift as if 'twere needed no more To drive them with strokes of the oar. The evening hour grows yet more calm And still. E'en Nature's vesper psalm Now seems to lull and fainter grow, The rapid river's ceaseless flow Is gentle as the pulse when sleep O'er-tired man its vigils keep.

Now, over the scene there seems to brood The sad'ning spirit of solitude Till—hark! a loud, beautiful and strong A blast of music sweeps along Over the hill, over the loe, Over the waves that joyfully Bear the sweet cadence on to the sea. Sadness and solitude quickly flee And soon the green knolls on Sunset Hill Are thronged with people whose senses thrill.

With strange delight, and music's power Gladdens the heart and rules the hour. Mrs. C. W. H.

An Old Mystery Recalled. It will be remembered (for we made several allusions to the fact at the time) that on or about August the 9th, 1873, Mr. James O'Reilly, an old man something near 70 years of age, left this city by rail for New York, at which place he intended to take a steamer for Ireland, where, among his relatives and the friends of his earlier years he expected to spend the remainder of his days.

A considerable sum of money, together with his trunk containing wearing apparel, etc., had been sent to New York in advance, so that he should be unencumbered in his journey. Every arrangement being effected, Mr. O'Reilly himself took the train for the place alluded to; but, from that time to the present moment, not a word has been heard from the missing man either here, in New York, or at the point of his final destination in Ireland, and his friends have long since given him up as dead.

The only plausible theory that has been advanced to account for the mysterious disappearance of the old man is that, as he was known to have come into possession of quite a large sum of money previous to his departure from Wilmington, he was shadowed by some designing villain acquainted with the fact, who seized upon a convenient occasion to entice him to some lonely spot, near one of the numerous stopping places on the route, where he was murdered for the money, which he did not have on his person.

Mr. O'Reilly was well known here, where for some time previous to leaving he had been employed as a watchman.

Week of Prayer. The week of prayer of the Methodist Church is being quite generally observed in this city. Services are held every afternoon at 5 and every evening at 7:45 in the Front street church, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Mann, and on Friday, the day set apart as a day of fasting, a morning prayer meeting is also appointed. At the Fifth Street Church, evening services are held, and considerable interest is being manifested in the services of both churches.

The Infused Hat. Several thousand spectators assembled on Front street the other day to witness the last appearance of our neighbor-in-law Gee Zee in the inflated hat; but Gee Zee came not, and great was the disappointment thereat. Anticipating a rasping at our hands for his failure to meet his engagement, Gee Zee attempted to stay an expression of our indignation by sending us 2 pounds of "Ex-celsior" grapes. But we can't be suppressed in that way. It will take "goobers" (and lots of 'em, too) to subside this "palladium of our liberties," Gee Zee!

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