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Table with 2 columns: Rate of Advertising, and corresponding prices for various durations.

OUTLINES.

Salt has been brought in New York against Superintendent Rolit, by Union Consolidated Mining Co. of Tennessee...

The Virginia Conservative Convention will be held on the 31st of May.

Spirits Turpentine

The Fayetteville Good Templars are in a flourishing condition, says the Gazette.

A writer in the Raleigh News brings out Judge Fowler for Attorney-General, and Col. Walter Steele for Secretary of State.

Raleigh Sentinel: Last Sunday night the store of S. P. Gill, at Wakefield, Little River Township, was destroyed by fire.

Raleigh Sentinel: Late last night the case of the State vs. Frank Ferrell, Isaac Holderfeld, Benjamin Matthews and Weston Rogers, charged with cruelly beating Jacob Davis...

Raleigh Sentinel: Several important cases came before Judge Lawrence today in the Superior Court in a bond of \$200 in each case.

Fayetteville Gazette: We learn that the United States mail was robbed last Tuesday night at Sanford.

How in Raleigh--Dr. Howerton Reports the Charges--Suits and Counter Suits. [Special to Petersburg Index-Appel.]

WASHINGTON, March 16. Great excitement prevails here about the recent publication charging Dr. W. M. Howerton with irregularities in office.

The Desperate Fight of the Administration. [Special dispatch to Baltimore Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, March 16. It is now pretty definitely ascertained that the Administration has urged its friends in the Senate to resist by every possible means the passage of the act passed by the House for the protection of witnesses who testify before congressional committees.

Norfolk Virginian: The young man J. E. Parker, alias Harper, arrested Wednesday night by Constable Evans, for obtaining money under false pretences in various sections of North Carolina...

Morganton Blade: Last Friday night Aden Wiseman, sheriff of Mitchell county, acting as U. S. Deputy Marshal, and accompanied by two men, undertook to arrest Jim Barrer, Isaac Barrer, and John Barrer, charged with illicit distilling.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Public Honors to the Occasion--Parade of the Hibernian Benevolent Society--Orations and High Mass at the Catholic Church--Election of Society Officers--Social at Night, &c.

Scattered by the fortunes of time--by religious persecutions and political misgovernment--into almost every land under Heaven, the Irish people have carried with them everywhere a love of the old land that seems only intensified by the lapse of years and the stretch of distance.

Deceased was apparently a man of about middle age, dressed in common working clothes, and had on a coat, but no vest. The only articles found in his pockets were a piece of rope, or cord, and a pipe. There were no marks of violence about the body, which bore the appearance of having been in the water some ten or twelve days.

THE CITY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

See new advertisements on 4th page. P. CUMMING & Co.--Notice to Shippers. MUNSON & Co.--Spring Clothing. JOHN DAWSON--Hardware. S. G. NORTHROP--Soda Water.

The Counterfeiting Case From Goldsboro--The Case Dismissed.

The case of Patrick Edwards, charged with passing counterfeit money, came up for a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Cassidy yesterday morning. It will be remembered that Mr. Edwards was arrested Monday night on the arrival of the train, in response to a telegram from the party in Goldsboro upon whom the counterfeit was alleged to have been passed, and lodged in jail to await the necessary witnesses.

The New Signal Service Telegraph--An Official Visit.

Lieut. Buchanan, of the U. S. Signal Service, was in the city yesterday. He is in charge of the new line just completed, and is on an inspecting tour, having just returned from an inspection of the line between this city and Hatteras.

A Daring and Successful Theft.

Thursday night, about a quarter to nine o'clock, a colored man went into the little grocery, kept by Master Jas. E. Fitzgerald, on Bladen, between Seventh and Eighth streets, and called for some tobacco.

Robbery, Murder and Arson.

We learn from a gentleman who arrived in this city yesterday that the store of a gentleman by the name of Murphy, at Lynchburg, S. C., on the line of the W. C. & A. R. R., was discovered to be on fire about 2 A. M., on Thursday last, which was entirely consumed, with its contents, consisting of a variety of goods, groceries, provisions, &c.

The Body of a Drowned Man Discovered Floating in the River--The Inquest.

The body of a colored man was found floating on the west side of the river, opposite Market dock, yesterday morning, about 9 o'clock, first by the ferryman and subsequently by Henry Neill, colored, an employe on the steamer Wm. Nye, by whom it was hauled into the dock and secured.

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At the public meeting, held at the request of the Society, on the 13th inst., the Rev. J. J. Reilly, a young clergyman now supplying the Raleigh and Fayetteville Missions, was invited to deliver an oration eulogistic of the Saint.

The Board then ordered its Clerk to have proper notices printed regarding the listing of taxes for 1876, as required by law, for the township of Wilmington, the same to be properly posted throughout its limits.

The Wilmington Garden.

Mr. W. H. Gerken, the proprietor of the Wilmington Garden, is putting his place through a course of thorough repair, and making a number of new and important additions. He has had four new ten-pin alleys built, is making preparations to put down a new, neat and substantial platform for dancing, &c., and, with the aid of whitewash and paint, will renovate, rejuvenate and beautify the entire premises, in time for the summer campaign.

The Solemn High Mass.

The solemn high mass was intoned by Father White with great distinctness and feeling, and the responses were well given by the choir under the leadership of Miss Mary Reilly.

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Proceedings Before Commissioner Cassidy Yesterday--Case Continued Until This Morning.

The examination in the case of the United States vs. Gen. W. R. Cox, Chairman of the Democratic-Conservative State Executive Committee, and D. S. Morrison, J. T. Pope, H. F. Pittman, and Alexander Humphrey, County Commissioners of Robeson; charged on the affidavits of Dr. R. M. Norment with conspiring to defeat the will of the people as expressed in the election for delegates to the late Constitutional Convention, was appointed to take place at noon, yesterday, before U. S. Commissioner Cassidy. At the appointed hour, however, District Attorney Badger being absent from the city, the Commissioner determined, with the consent of counsel, to postpone the hearing until 3 o'clock, P. M., and not to go into the examination of witnesses until Mr. Badger's return.

Dr. R. M. Norment, Stephen E. Ward, W. Foster French, E. W. Stark and J. J. Young were called and sworn as witnesses. F. M. Sorrell was called and failed to respond, and Jas. H. Barnes was called and excused, having been subpoenaed under a misapprehension.

LIST OF TOASTS AND RESPONSES.

1st. The Day we Celebrate--Ireland's Glory--Mr. John Dawson. 2d. The Land of Our Adoption--Mr. T. Dolan. 3d. Erin, Sweet Erin, the Land of Our Birth--Mr. Perse.

The gale which commenced Thursday morning continued all Thursday night and all day yesterday, increasing in violence as the day progressed, until, during the afternoon, it became really terrific in force and velocity, making it difficult for pedestrians on the streets to preserve their equilibrium, besides causing them to fear each moment, as they forced their way through the clouds of dust, clinging desperately to their hats and caps, that some tree or limb would topple down upon their defenceless heads and crush them into a dismembered, broken and quivering mass of defunct humanity.

YESTERDAY'S GALE--SOME OF THE DAMAGE RESULTING THEREFROM, &c.

At five o'clock the entire tin roofing of the shed at Messrs. Preston Cumming & Co.'s grain mill, foot of Dock street, was blown from its fastenings, and a large portion of it borne by the wind across Water street, clearing the telegraph wires and landing on the roof of the building opposite, the noise made by the tin in its flight causing considerable consternation in the immediate neighborhood.

Several glasses were blown from the window of the bell-house in the steeple of the First Presbyterian Church. A number of trees and fences were prostrated in other portions of the city.

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It was read, however, in such a way as to include a charge of violating Sec. 5,519, but on a question by Judge Meares, he admitted that Sec. 5,519 was not mentioned in the warrant.

Judge Meares thought his client had cause for complaint. He had been brought here to be tried upon one charge and now that it was found the law mentioned did not apply to the case, it was proposed to try him on another charge.

The Court proposed to consider the sections to which the affidavit applied as inserted in the warrant.

Judge Meares would waive his rights so far as to permit the warrant to be amended, but insisted that the change be made in the instrument itself--so as to be in conformity with the law.

The Commissioner stated that he would insert the substance of the affidavit in the body of the warrant.

Judge Meares protested that this would be charging the prisoners with violation of a statute without naming the statute, which was unconstitutional on its face. The prosecution in this case had sworn to the law as well as to the facts, and as these proceedings might possibly lead to others of a graver character, it was desired that what was done here be put in documentary form.

Judge Cantwell considered the language used as threatening to himself. He would not alter the warrant under the influence of a threat. The affidavit was the groundwork of the proceeding--the warrant merely the act of the magistrate. It was now competent for the magistrate to make a new warrant.

Judge Meares disclaimed any intention to threaten, and hoped the amendments would be written into the warrant. He wished to waive all mere technical advantages.

Judge Cantwell desired that the case now go on and proposed to examine witnesses. A long discussion ensued as to the understanding had in the morning and the responsibility for delay, which the Commissioner finally terminated by saying he would hear so witnesses until to-morrow.

It is already generally known that the jury found a verdict of "guilty" upon the charge of staying the election. The Court yesterday passed sentence upon the defendant of \$100 fine and three months' imprisonment, as provided by the statute.