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THE MORNING STAR.

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The Democrats of the Fifth Ward will meet Tuesday evening for the purpose of nominating candidates for Aldermen.

Northwest, veering to north-east winds, rising barometer, cooler and clear weather, are the indications for this section to-day.

As soon as the First and Fifth Wards have made their nominations for Aldermen, we will publish a full list of the candidates for the various wards.

We learn that Judge Seymour stated at Brunswick Court that he would not open Columbus Court, which convenes at Whiteville next week, until Tuesday morning, the 13th inst.

The Republicans of the First Ward will meet at Brooklyn Hall Monday to nominate candidates for Aldermen from that ward. They propose to ballot for candidates, and the polls will remain open from 5 A. M. to 8 P. M.

The Mail from Lumberton to Fayetteville. Complaint is made by our Fayetteville subscribers to the effect that, whereas they formerly received the STAR by 8 or 9 o'clock on the evening of its publication, and could take it home with them from their places of business, they are now deprived of that pleasure, the mail reaching there so late at night—say from 10 to 10:30 o'clock—that they are compelled to go home without their paper.

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THE STORM.

Its Ravages in and Around Wilmington.—No Material Damages Reported.

Yesterday morning, between 4 and 5 o'clock, this city and vicinity was visited by a terrific storm of wind, rain, lightning and thunder. It had been quite stormy and threatening during the preceding day and night, but no one—not even the signal men—had looked for such an early and fearful culmination on the part of "Old Boreas."

As we have intimated, the wind had been quite severe all night, accompanied by showers of rain, but shortly after 4 o'clock the storm burst upon us in all its wild fury. The wind was terrific, the rain poured in torrents, while the thunder rolled and the lightning flashed almost incessantly, there being one or two heavy crashes. Houses in many instances were shaken apparently almost from their foundations, and numbers of our citizens, residing in the more exposed localities, where they had the full scope of the wind, hustled themselves out of their warm beds in the full belief that the roofs that covered them were in imminent danger of being tumbled about their heads.

Fortunately the storm in its intense severity was not of long duration, lasting only about twenty or twenty-five minutes, or the damage must have been heavy. The wind was apparently quite as heavy as in the great equinoctial gale of September last; but according to a report from the signal office the velocity of the wind was not so great as on that occasion, but verged very closely to it.

A large number of fences were blown down and trees uprooted in various sections of the city, and we hear there was a like result in the surrounding country. Even as far up as the region of the "Coharie" and the "Six Runs," tributaries of the Black River, in Sampson county, we understand, the gale was very severe, and many trees and fences were prostrated.

A small dwelling house in the extreme eastern section of the city was blown down, and the roof of another, located on Eighth, between Queen and Wooster, together with the tin covering, was taken off and carried a distance of about one hundred yards. A shed loaded with hay, at the foot of Princess street, was swamped and the hay floated off. A portion of the tin roof of the new freight depot of the Carolina Central Railway was blown loose, damaging it to the extent of about \$50. The tin roof of the Purcell House was blown off and fell in the yard with a great crash.

The walls, carpets, furniture, &c., in a portion of the building, were badly damaged, the loss altogether being estimated by the proprietor at about \$1,500. The water beat into several stores on Front and Market streets, causing considerable damage. Four small boats in the dock at Mr. J. H. Nett's wharf, including one belonging to Capt. B. G. Bates and one to Dr. J. E. Winaans, were crushed and damaged beyond repair. The Norwegian barque Lloyd, which was lying at Robinson's wharf, on the west side of the river, broke loose from her moorings and was blown upon the Railroad shoals, where she was grounded hard and fast. She was loaded, and it was thought probable that she would have to be lightened in order to get her off, though the steamer Waccamaw was to give her a "pull" at high water to see what could be done. The stern fastenings of the German brig Nioclaus also broke loose, but by prompt action the crew managed to secure her. A small schooner at the foot of Chesnut street parted her hauser, but was stopped and made fast at the railroad wharf. The awning and smoke stack of the steamer Wase were swept away. The tin on the roofs of several houses, including the City Hall, was started, but the damage can be easily repaired. Among other accidents caused by the storm, we notice that the top of the street lamp at the corner of Fourth and Campbell streets was blown off, while the glass was blown out of the one on the corner of Fourth and Red Cross streets. Doubtless many others suffered like injury. Carpels and furniture in many private residences were more or less damaged by the rain being driven under the doors, windows, &c. Several bill boards were also blown down.

The storm of Friday morning will long be remembered for its severity, and for its startling accompaniments. The wind was from the southwest.

A correspondent writing us from Bargaw says: "I write to let you know what a storm of rain, wind, thunder and lightning visited this section of country last night. At midnight the wind was south and southeast and increasing, and during the night the storm came on, which almost demolished everything in its way. I never saw or heard of anything to equal it in my life; trees were uprooted, some broken off half way up, and I saw two pines blown off ten feet above the ground that were twenty feet high through. The woods are filled with uprooted trees, while many fences and houses were blown down. Mr. R. W. Moore's blacksmith shop, workshop, stables and fodder-house were all blown down and torn to pieces, and it was with great exertion on his part that he saved his stock from being killed. He had to cut them from the debris badly mangled up. His loss is quite heavy."

On Thursday an advertisement was sent to the STAR office to be inserted for one month, but yesterday the advertiser sent to have it discontinued, their excuse being that they had sold the entire lot of goods on the first day the advertisement appeared. This firm is now convinced that judicious advertising pays.

Change of Schedule. By a change of schedule on the W. & C. & A. R. R., which will go into effect on and after to-morrow, the night express train will leave Wilmington at 7:30 P. M., and arrive at Wilmington at 8:45 A. M., and the daily through freight train will leave Wilmington at 2:30 P. M. and arrive at 9:30 A. M. On and after Sunday the day mail and express train on the W. & W. Railroad will leave Front street depot, Wilmington, at 9:00 A. M. and arrive at 7 P. M. The night mail and express train will leave Front street depot, Wilmington, at 5:40 P. M. and arrive at 12:00 M.

THE FIRE THIS MORNING.

The alarm of fire about 1 o'clock this morning was caused by the burning of a small grocery store and two dwelling houses on Fifth, between Queen and Wooster streets. The fire originated in the store on the corner, the property of Col. Roger Moore, and occupied by Mr. George Huck. Store and goods a total loss. The two dwellings were owned and occupied by Messrs. B. R. King and Joseph King, and were not insured. They saved the most of their furniture. The first named was valued at \$700 and the last at \$1,000.

Supper & Entertainment. This fine dinner and supper will give an entertainment at the Opera House, in this city, on Saturday evening, March 10th. It will not be their first visit to Wilmington, but the company, always good, is said to be in better trim now than ever before. One feature of their performance is that they are perfectly chaste and free from inelegant allusions. The Baltimore Gazette says of a recent performance in that city: "There were but few vacant seats in the Academy of Music last night when the outside roses on Duprez and Bepiedict's minstrel troupe, and for two hours the audience gave themselves up to unrestrained enjoyment and delight. The troupe is essentially the strongest that has visited this city for some time. The voices are evenly balanced, and in the choruses appear to unusually fine advantage, while the soloists, both basso and tenors, sing the melodies peculiar to minstrelsy with an artistic talent and expression not always met with in travelling companies."

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TRANSFER PRINCIPLES.—Invaluable to railroad companies, steamship companies, banks, merchants, manufacturers and others. They are enduring and changeless, and will copy sharp and clear for an indefinite period of time. Having just received a fresh supply of these ink, we are prepared to execute orders promptly and at moderate prices.

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In ability and intellectual force the accessions to the Democratic ranks of late are very great. Harris, Hill, Whyte, Wallace, Lamar, and Beck are a powerful reinforcement to the old set, and the preponderance of ability is now with the Democrats.

Mr. Conkling came into action to-day splendidly. His speech, without naming Blaine, was a severe rebuke to that gentleman, and to the scheme of foisting Kellogg in his place on the Senate. It indicated very plainly his opposition to any attempt to pre-empt the Louisiana question by admitting Kellogg, and closes the door on his ambitious hopes. Kellogg was probably stronger yesterday than he will be again.

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From an intimate friend of the President it is learned that he will remain firm in his purposes avowed in the inaugural, and if his nominations now before the Senate should be rejected he will send in the names of men equally in accord with his conservative views.

Grant was in the lobbies and cloak rooms of the Senate both yesterday and to-day, and it is generally understood that he is trying to defeat Schurz's confirmation.

Mr. Blaine, who has been very brisk for a new Senator, did not attempt a reply to Mr. Conkling, who was severe, contemptuous and defiant. But the two men are certain to lock horns sooner or later, and Blaine will be apt to suffer.

The next interest of the day centered in the action of the Senate on the Cabinet nominations. Mr. Sherman was confirmed by a close vote. Had the Democrats been anxious to beat him, they could have done so easily, but probably it was thought that inasmuch as the Cabinet, taken as a whole, was a triumph over the extreme Republicans, it was better to confirm all of them rather than to help Blaine to smash the state, and thus run the chance of a worse set. The other cases come up to-morrow, and the impression is that all will go through. Key and Schurz will get a good Democratic support—enough to save each of them.

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