

The Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America is in session at Petersburg, Va.

An oil store and several small buildings were destroyed by fire at Parkersburg, W. Va., yesterday.

Gen. Grant says he will visit New Orleans on the 31st inst.

Mary Anderson played last week in Brooklyn to immense houses.

A Louisiana politician tells L. Q. W. that his State is certain to send a Grant delegation.

Mr. Tilden captured the Allegheny county (Pa.) delegation. Did not say he would not stay "slewed."

Some of the papers, referring to the Dasktown branch, say "it has to be built."

Hayes has tendered the Chinese Mission to President Angell, of Michigan University.

A drunken fellow named Hunter Wing, at Norfolk, Va., attempted to beat his sweetheart to death.

The set who are endeavoring to get the property bequeathed Mr. Jefferson Davis by Mrs. Dorsey, are building hopes on the fact that Mr. D. has never had his disabilities removed.

Clark, of New York, and Spear, of Georgia, Democrats, will vote against unseating Washburn, of Michigan.

It is very doubtful whether Kellogg will be ousted or not. The Richmond State's correspondent says:

"This Spoford-Kellogg case will open up an unenviable debate, and is very likely to result in Kellogg's retaining his seat, not because he was rightfully elected, but because the Senate has solemnly declared that he was, and by a quasi agreement between the leaders of the two parties, Butler, of South Carolina, was thereupon admitted without questioning his credentials."

The Lumberton Robesonian appears to be under the impression that when we undertake to write we should have the utterance of that paper before us.

"We did not write the article," said the writer, "but we did not write the article in our mind, &c." That was the exact truth.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. W. CROVELY, Auctioneer. BY CROVELY & MORRIS. Horses and Mules at Auction.

FAIRBANKS SCALES. The following advertisement appeared in Hunt's Merchant's Magazine February, 1880.

World's Standard. The Messrs. Fairbanks have received Medals, Diplomas, etc., almost literally without number, and their Scales are used in all parts of the civilized world.

7000 Sacks Salt. LIVERPOOL SALT. FINE TABLE SALT. FERTILIZING SALT. COARSE ALUM SALT.

Bacon and Salt. 100 do Smoked do 25 Sacks LIVERPOOL SALT. 5000 For sale by KROEMER & CALDER BRO.

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New Stock, Fresh Goods. CONSTANTLY RECEIVING FRESH DRUGS. Call and examine prices. BURNBANK'S Pharmacy, Corner Front and Princess Sts.

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Opera House. Tuesday Evening, March 30th. AN ENTERTAINMENT, CONSISTING OF A. B. BARKER, Acting Forester, Readings, etc., will be given at the Opera House, Tuesday Evening, 30th inst., at 8 o'clock.

No April Fool. A PRIZE LIST OUR CELEBRATED 'KING OF WAHNETS' will be \$125 each. Manufacturer's advances make this necessary. Till then stock on hand will be sold at \$125.

HATS. LEADING STYLES! AT LOW PRICES. HARRISON & ALLEN, 30 South Second Street, Hats.

Wood! Wood! Wood! THE PRICES OF WOOD HAVE BEEN REDUCED. I am now selling a 1st. Flat Block at 2c per load; Dry Stack 25c, and Strip 10c.

Fire in Brunswick. A dwelling house belonging to Mr. Wm. Hankins, on Brunswick river, about five miles from this city, was entirely consumed by fire yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

Thermometer Record. The following will show the state of the thermometer, at the stations mentioned, at 4:31 yesterday evening, Washington mean time, as ascertained from the daily bulletins issued from the Signal Office in this city:

Atlanta, 58; Jacksonville, 57; Augusta, 58; Key West, 59; Charleston, 59; Mobile, 59; Charlotte, 59; Montgomery, 59; Corsicana, 78; New Orleans, 72; Galveston, 69; Punta Rasa, 75; Havana, 80; Savannah, 69; Tallahassee, 69; Wilmington, 59.

A New Enterprise. We are glad to learn that Messrs. Pembroke Jones & Co. have in contemplation the erection of a pier on the vacant lot on the north side of Chesnut, between Front and Water streets, to be in readiness for the new crop, and that the necessary plans are now being drawn by Mr. J. F. Post.

To Take Charge of a Construction Train. Captain J. H. Allen left last evening for Norcross, Ga., a short distance this side of Atlanta, to take charge of the Construction Train of the Western Union Telegraph Company, on the Atlanta & Charlotte Air Line, a new line being now under construction on the above road between Atlanta and Charlotte.

Mayor's Court. Dennis Moore and Peggy Falcon were arraigned on the charge of disorderly conduct. It seemed that a little difficulty occurred between them, and it proved that Moore was the aggressor, whereupon he was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 or go to jail for ten days, and Peggy—amiable creature—was discharged.

Temperance Prayer Meeting. We are requested to state that there will be a temperance prayer meeting at Brookline Hall to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock. The ministers of the various religious denominations in the city and the public generally are cordially invited to be present.

German barque Emigelt, for this port, sailed from New York on the 23d inst. Brig Der Wanderer, hence, arrived off Scilly on the 23d inst.

Schooner Bella Russell, Wilson, for this port, cleared at Philadelphia on the 23d inst. Barque Amanda, Schulz, from Rotterdam for this port, was off Deal on the 10th inst.

Brig O. L. Packard, Jones, hence, for Boston, arrived at Vineyard Haven on the 21st inst. Barque James E. Ward, from this port for Pepsaco, which was taken to Nassau March 10th, had been surveyed on the 16th, cordoned, and was being dismantled.

Captain Garrison, of the steamer D. Marchant, reports the water in the upper Cape Fear as falling very fast, while about twenty-seven miles up the river there has been an overflow of about a foot and a half. However, there is an abundance of water for boating purposes as yet.

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Mr. McCorkle spoke in favor of the adoption of the substitute and had read a letter pertinent to the matter.

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Spirits Turpentine. —E. R. Aiken, of Granville, recently sold a lot of tobacco for \$200 per hundred pounds.

Oxford Torchlight: Person county can boast of a female boot and shoe and saddle and harness maker.

Raleigh News: The series of meetings at the Swain Street Baptist Church continues with not only unabated but increasing interest.

Col. Wharton J. Green has been invited by many members of the Legislature to deliver his lectures on "Revolution and Rebellion" before them.

Warrenton Gazette: Our late court case upholding old woman, Josephine Green—who was sentenced for one year for perjury, to the penitentiary.

North Carolina Presbyterian: Rev. Dr. Charles Phillips is now at Lebanon, N. J., on a visit to relatives. His health, we are pleased to hear, is greatly improved.

Raleigh Observer: Dr. John H. Jones, one of the most eminent physicians of this county, died on Sunday, at his home twelve miles south of the city. He was 85 years of age at the time of his death.

A negro named Willis Joyner was run over and killed on the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad on Monday afternoon. Both legs were cut off. Joyner tried to jump on a freight train, and slipped and fell on the track, and several cars passed over him.

Monroe Express: A meeting of considerable interest in the Wadesboro Baptist Church closed on Sunday last. There were eight or nine conversions and three accessions to the church. We hear but one opinion about the wheat and oat crops—they are looking remarkably well.

Lumberton Robesonian: According to previous notes, Col. McKee delivered his two most admirable lectures in this county last Friday evening. The attendance on the lectures was very large, and the audience were not as large as they would otherwise have been, but were composed of the very best people in town.

We find the following reference to William Stedman, formerly of Chatham county, in the Raleigh Herald: "For twenty years Mr. Stedman has ranked among the most eminent lawyers of the State, and has enjoyed an enviable personal popularity wherever he is known. He was admirably fitted for the bench and worthy of his high position."

One Mr. Hiss, of Baltimore, has been awarded the contract for carrying the mails on the routes between Asheville and Warm Springs and Asheville and Hendersonville. His bid was at least 50 per cent. lower than the present pay. There is some dispute among the Asheville Journal, about the kind of bidding. There is an error in the bid, or the man is a fool.

Raleigh Recorder: Raleigh must have a Baptist Female College, and the Raleigh Female Institute will not be suspended. A President or Principal for the Raleigh school is now in order.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate contains a column editorial warning readers against political excitement. This advice is timely and wise. We honestly believe that the morally upright prosperity of Virginia was seriously damaged last year by the bitter and excited campaign in that State.

Charlotte Press: The Raleigh Dispatch, gotten up by a company of printers at the job office of the Raleigh News, for which they had paid regularly for some time, was this morning found in the press, and they were obliged to stop it. The paper was published a letter from Josiah Turner, about the ring, which of course, was heavily upon the noses of the News concern, and they were obliged to stop it. The escape from destruction was miraculous.

Winston-Leads: We learn from good authority that a young gentleman of Winston has become the heir of \$25,000 by the death of a relative. We withhold his name for the present. Information has reached Winston that a white woman by the name of Rachel Hampton was drowned Monday, in Duckham Creek, near Mt. Hill, in Davidson county, under the following circumstances. Mr. Bob Orrell and quite a number of other were on their way to Mockville to attend Court. Increasing the crew, which was very small, the team ran off the bridge, plunging the entire party into the water. The others escaped in ascending.