

BY WM. H. BERNARD. PUBLISHED DAILY EXCEPT MONDAYS.

MORNING EDITION. OUTLINES.

Alarming explosions occurred in London yesterday; two at the Parliament House and one at the Tower of London; great damage was done, but fortunately few persons were injured; only one or two fatally; the ancient armory at the Tower of London was destroyed; nitro-glycerine and dynamite are supposed to have been used; several arrests have been made; the city is in a frenzied state of excitement; the whole police force is on duty and troops are under arms.

Edison says the telephone is just in its infancy.

Mr. Cleveland goes to New York city on the 15th of February, and after remaining a week will then go to Washington.

Kelley—"Pig-Iron"—is actually talking Free Trade on a large scale, and Minister Lowell on rather a large scale. Whither, oh, whither, is the country drifting?

Mr. William T. Walters, of Baltimore, has been adding some fine statuary to his gallery of paintings; said to be the finest in the South and possibly in the country.

The following is too good to be omitted. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, one of the best humorists and most admirably endowed of American authors, is very happy in the following delicious bit of description. He describes three "hymns more or less lugubrious" being "rendered by a village choir, got into voice by many preliminary snuffles and other expiratory efforts, and accompanied by the snort of a huge bass viol, which wallowed through the tune like a hippopotamus."

McClure writes to his paper, Philadelphia Times, from New Orleans, that the success of the Exposition is no longer doubtful. He says the grounds are beautiful. He writes: "To see over thirty acres in one enclosure, with galleries and floor studded with every variety of exhibits from every land and clime, is what has never been possible at any exposition of the past, and around this colossal structure are the Government Buildings in which the government and the State exhibits are displayed in the magnificent Building, the special building necessitated by the finest display of horses and cattle ever exhibited on the continent, and others of like note."

Nay, verily. The young man who has the honor to preside over the destinies of this journal is not a candidate for Collector of Customs of the Port of Wilmington, as reported by the Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer. He neither expected, hoped for, nor yearned after that lucrative position; but is content to "sit at the receipt of custom" in the office of THE MORNING STAR. Excuse us, dear friends. There is no position loftier, more profitable or more dangerous than that of staff-officer of the North Carolina State Guard that we could be prevailed on to accept.

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State Gleanings. — Wilson Advances: D. W. Thorp, of Rocky Mount, received \$984 for his crop of tobacco on five acres. He has enough on hand to carry the amount to \$700. And in the face of \$140 per acre some people say raising tobacco won't pay.

North Carolina Presbyterians. We are indebted to the Southern Presbyterian for the information that Rev. A. D. Heston, President of Davidson College, had been elected Professor of Greek and the English language and literature in the same college some time just after the close of the war in 1865.

Elizabeth City Falcon. Mr. Stedman has simply done his duty and deserves only the special credit of having done it in disregard of customs prevailing among North Carolina officials. His action is a stinging rebuke to men in public places who are unwaveringly thankful to railroads for small favors and larger ones in proportion.

Laurinburg Exchange. For some reason or other the Wilmington mail was not delivered here last Monday night. The next morning a messenger arrived in the city in this section. Petitions for signers are being sent in every direction, and if the Legislature will just smile on them, Scotland will just be one of the daisiest counties in the State.

Tarboro Southerner. Adjutant General Jones has ordered an encampment of the State Guards, and Col. Cotton is to select the time and place for the first regiment. We understand that Neg's Head has been chosen. The Edgecombe Guards expect to go to Washington at Cleveland's inauguration. In some sections of the country there has been a slight increase in wages this year. It is contended to those localities where there is a scarcity of labor. The increase is about one dollar per month.

Waynesville News. Clay county's first crop of tobacco was raised last year by Mr. Thomas Leshour, and sold at the Planters' Warehouse, at this place, on last Monday. Mr. Leshour arrived here Sunday evening with his tobacco in two wagons, all the way from within three miles of Hayesville, a distance of 55 miles. It is learned that on last Saturday Mr. LaFayette Moody, father of our young townsmen and counselor at law, Mr. Jas. M. Moody, was thrown by a mine he was riding near his home on Jonathan's Creek, and seriously but not dangerously hurt.

Monroe Enquirer-Express. The Wednesday Enquirer says: "On Monday of last week a dashing Frenchman, calling himself A. Summerfield, drove into their best with a wagon load of dry goods and opened the eyes of the natives by offering to sell the finest French calicoes at one cent a yard, and all other classes of ladies' and gentlemen's dress goods at correspondingly low figures. He announced as his reason for thus sacrificing his goods that his brother, who had just died and was then lying a corpse in Monroe, had to be taken back to France, and that he was compelled to dispose of \$200,000 worth of goods before he could start—hence the never-before-heard-of sacrifice. The natives opened their eyes, ears and mouths in wonder and admiration. They thanked the Lord for sending him, and they blessed the polite Frenchman for coming to Guilford township—for giving them a chance to buy some of his \$200,000 stock of goods for at least 100 per cent less than it cost to manufacture them!" The sleek-tongued rascal succeeded in selling goods to the amount of \$110 each to Mr. Daniel Short, Capt. Cook Guldridge, Mr. Wm. Guldridge and Mr. Elijah Hunter. The actual cash value of the goods was about one-third the price paid for them. The farmers are fearful about the wheat and oat crops. — Mr. Wm. Mangum, white, and Charles Allen, colored, of Chesterfield county, S. C., had a difficulty on Monday evening, which resulted in the shooting of the negro three times—twice with a gun and once with a pistol. After being shot the negro killed Mangum down and would have killed him if he had not been taken off. Mangum scolded in self-defense. It was thought the negro will die.

The Legislature of Arkansas took only one ballot yesterday for U. S. Senator showing no change in the vote.

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A Good Night for Burglars and Chicken Thieves. Friday night, being rendered hideous by the falling of rain, the whistling of wind and the rattling of shutters, was a good time for the thieves to operate, and they made the best use possible of the opportunity. In the neighborhood of Seventh and Mulberry street several premises were raided upon. At one place the thief (who left a bare-footed track) was discovered and driven away. At the residence of W. K. Price, colored, he partially demolished the hen house, but got nothing, as the chickens were in another place. At Mr. A. W. Watson's he was more successful, getting all there was to be had.

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Christian Association. The Christian Association of the Front Street Methodist Church is represented to be in a prosperous and flourishing condition, and is said to have accomplished much good during the past year. At the annual election of officers, held the past week, the following selections were made. Col. G. Griffin, President. W. F. Ellis, Vice President. Thos. E. Davis, Secretary. Mrs. Wm. M. Parker, Treasurer. Visiting Committee—Mrs. J. F. Garrell, Mrs. T. B. Yopp, Miss Eliza Williams.

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The Fire Yesterday Morning. About 4 o'clock yesterday morning, in the midst of the rain and heavy wind which was prevailing, the alarm of fire was again heard, and our firemen were once more aroused from their comfortable sleep to go out and face the disagreeable weather. The fire was at the southwest corner of Seventh and Ann streets, in the store of Mr. B. Bellows, which, with his entire stock of groceries, liquors, etc., was destroyed. His brother, who only arrived here from Germany a few weeks ago, was sleeping in the store, and was so nearly suffocated by the smoke that filled the building that it was with difficulty that he was enabled to escape, and when he did get out he was so exhausted that he fell prostrate upon the ground and remained there for some little time. He saved none of his clothing except what he was wearing.

During the progress of the first two separate explosions took place; the last one lifting the roof of the building. Mr. Bellows says they must have been caused by kerosene oil or whiskey, as he had no powder in the store.

The night being dark and rainy at that hour the reflection from the burning building lit up the entire heavens with a glow equal to that ordinarily made by a large conflagration. In other words, it literally "painted the town red."

The Fire Department was promptly on hand, but could do little more than save the surrounding property—which was, in reality, doing a good deal. The building was insured for \$700 and the stock for \$700, both in the German-American Insurance Company, represented by Messrs. Atkinson & Manning, which, Mr. Bellows says, will not cover his loss. The store was a new one, and he had been adding improvements since it was built. He was also making arrangements to erect a dwelling on the property.

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Weather Indications. The following are the indications for today: For the South Atlantic States, local rain, with warm weather and southerly winds.

Personal. Rev. Prof. T. W. Dosh, D. D., one of the most prominent Lutheran divines of the Southern States, arrived in our city yesterday. Dr. Dosh has occupied some of the leading pulpits in the Southern Lutheran Church as pastor, notably Salisbury, N. C., Charleston, S. C., and Winchester, Va. For years Dr. Dosh was one of the Professors of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Salem, Va. He is editor of The Lutheran Home, a magazine, published under his auspices at Salem, Va. Dr. Dosh will preach in English to-night, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, services beginning at 7.30 p. m.

Our much esteemed fellow-citizen, Deacon Geo. R. French, celebrated his eighty-third birthday anniversary yesterday. May his health and strength, live to enjoy many more.

SILVER AND MARINE. The following is in reply to a brief item in this column a few days ago: Mr. Editor:—My attention has been called to an article in your paper of the 21st inst., under the heading of "River and Marine," in reference to the building of the new pilot boat recently built at the shipyard of Blossom & Evans, in this city. The writer of said article has been misinformed, as I made her model, without the aid of any one, and drafted her and superintended the entire building of said boat, excepting the putting on of what is called a rail and bulwarks, and the pulling her off the ways with steamboats. I certainly do not envy the superintendent of those jobs.

DIED. SCHENCK—At 105 Second Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 21st ultimo, was suddenly called home, ELIZA A. SCHENCK, widow of William Schenck, in the 86th year of her age.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Prof. R. A. Proctor, THE DISTINGUISHED ENGLISH ASTRONOMER, will give two illustrated Lectures on ASTRONOMY, in the OPERA HOUSE, as follows: Thursday Evening, Jan. 29—"The Life of a World." Friday Evening, Jan. 30—"The Sun."

Dr. A. Holton's Ointment. JAMES A. HOLTON, OF HIGH POINT, HAS located in Wilmington, and is manufacturing HOLTON'S OINTMENT, valuable for its efficacy in healing Bone Pains, Rashes, Cuts and Inflammations of all sorts, and recommended by many Physicians and reliable men in the State. For further information see circulars.

DISSOLUTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FIRM of SENSORS & BERRY, doing business in Marlboro' county, has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the late firm will be closed up by Kelly Seemore, who will settle all claims against the firm, and to whom all accounts must be paid.

PUTE-POMADE IS USEFUL IN THE HOUSEHOLD. In the Store, in the Workshop, in every Place where Metal Work is to be kept bright. Try It for Show Cases, Andrews, Silverware, Hardware, Trimmings, scales, Musical Instruments, Stove Trimmings, Door Handles, and any kind of Metal Work.

Hats! Umbrellas! LOW PRICES! HARRISON & ALLEN, Hatters.

GOODYEAR'S RUBBER COATS. UMBRELLAS—Silk, Zanella, Gingham. BEST GOODS FOR LITTLE MONEY.

Spring Trade. WE ARE PREPARED TO FILL PROMPTLY orders from the country for Plows, Hoops, Traces, Chains, Backbands, &c., at very low prices.

Special Bargains. IN TABLE LINENS, NAPKINS, DOYLIES AND TOWELS. A new supply of HANDKERCHIEFS, good quality, Misses' GOSAMERS at one dollar each.

Don't You Forget TO SEND DOWN AND GET A TRIAL LOT OF THESE ALL-PORK SAUSAGE and you will buy only of MRS. E. WARREN.

Plumbing and Gas Fitting. WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO EXECUTE all jobs in Plumbing and Gas Fitting with dispatch and guarantee satisfaction. Also a few more FIVE GALLON Cooking and Heating kettles at figures to suit all.

Blank Books. I EDGERS, JOURNALS, CASE BOOKS, DAY Books, Invoice Books, Bill Books, Trial Balances, Time Books, Note, Draft and Receipt Books, new styles; Checks Bank of New Hanover, Checks First National Bank; Paper, Legal Cap, Cap, Letter, Note and Bulletin; Pens, Inks of all kinds Steel Pens, Pencils, and many other articles, just received and for sale cheap at HENNINGER'S Live Book and Music Store.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. For This Week! BROWN & RODDICK, 8 North Front St. We will offer on MONDAY, JANUARY 27th, the following: Lots of Linen Towels, THEY ARE MARKED AWAY DOWN TO CLOSE.

LOT 1. 20 Doz. Linen Damask & Huck Towels 20 Cents.

LOT 2. 25 Doz. Linen Damask & Huck Towels 25 Cents.

LOT 3. 22 Doz. Linen Damask & Huck Towels 30 Cents.

HAMBURG EDGINGS & INSERTIONS. Over 2000 Yards. DECIDEDLY THE CHEAPEST LOT WE HAVE EVER SHOWN.

BROWN & RODDICK, SOLE AGENTS FOR BUTTRICK'S CUT-PAPER PATTERNS.

OTTERBOURG & CO., KING CLOTHIERS. Grand Closing Out Sale of Overcoats, Overcoats, Overcoats.

Grand Closing Out Sale of Suits, Suits, Suits, Suits.

Grand Closing Out Sale of Flan! Underwear, Flan! Underwear.

PATRONS OF OTHER HOUSES SPECIALLY INVITED TO EXAMINE OUR STOCK AND PRICES.

GOOD SUGGESTIONS. THE CREAMERY BUTTERED-FLOUR IS MEETING WITH SUCH MARKED SUCCESS that we find it will pay us to sell it for 25 CENTS PER PACKAGE.

Library Lamps. HAND AND STAND LAMP, LAMP BY BURNERS, Chimneys and Shades. We have just received of the oldest and most reliable makers in America, David Lathrop & Sons and Peter Henderson & Co. Our prices are low and I guarantee satisfaction.

Comfortable and Stylish. OUR COMMON SENSE SHOES FOR LADIES. Our SHOES for Gents wear fit easily and wear comfortably, Misses and Children's SHOES in great variety and shapes to fit without hurting. Come and try a pair. Sold low at Geo. R. French & Sons.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. A. G. McGUIRE, Corner of Exchange and Second Streets, WILMINGTON, N. C. AT EXCHANGE CORNER, WE WILL SELL JAN. 25th, at 11 o'clock, we will sell THREE No. 100, southwest corner of Chestnut and Sixth streets; five rooms, with passage and back and front porches; also a lot of ground, 100 feet No. 113, south side of Church, next to corner of Chestnut and Sixth streets; three rooms, front piazza; lot about 100 feet wide.

We Feel Thankful. THAT OUR EFFORTS TO PLACE BEFORE our patrons THE BEST GOODS FOR THE LEAST MONEY claim the attention of our customers.

WE ARE SELLING! ALL KINDS OF DRY GOODS, CARPETS, CURTAINS, CORNICE, MATTINGS, &c., &c.

Insurance Rates Reduced. THE PREMIUM RATES OF THE MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO. OF NEW YORK (assets one hundred and one million dollars), were reduced a few years ago about 15 per cent. lower than any other Co. Policies will be issued on which the premiums may be paid in monthly instalments.

Powdered Sage, POWDERED CAYENNE PEPPER, POWDERED THYME. A Fresh Lot just received. WILLIAM H. GREEN, Druggist.

For Sale. FOR A DIVISION OF THE PAYETTEVILLE SUN, AND JOB OFFICE ATTACHED, will be sold at Public Auction, on February 1st, 1885, at 10 o'clock, the premises of R. K. BRYAN, Jr., surviving Partner of Evans & Bryan.

Rock Lime. FOR BUILDING PURPOSES. PRICE REDUCED TO \$1.15 PER CASK. LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR LARGE LOTS AND CASH.

Just Received. A FRESH ASSORTMENT OF THE NEWEST-BROCKER SHOULDER BRACES, for both Ladies and Gentlemen.

For Sale, Lots OF HORSE BLANKETS, LAP ROBES, SADDLES, Harness, Trunks, Satchels, &c. A full line of Carriages, Buggies, Phaetons, Carts, Drays, &c., at factory of McDUGALL & BOWDEN, Opposite Giles & Murchison's Store.

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