

Booth and Barrett are playing in Boston. Nym Crinkle, one of the brightest and best of theatrical critics in our country, writes to the World:

Booth appeared to be stimulated to his best endeavors by the brilliancy and enthusiasm of the audience, and in several of the scenes exhibited all of his old fire, while he retained all of his old grace and incisiveness of utterance.

Mrs. Oliphant, the eminent novelist, tells of the death of the famous author of "John Halifax." She died very suddenly while lying on a sofa.

McGowan's, S. C. brigade has been celebrating the anniversary of Gen. Gregg's death. They also propose to aid in the erection of the monument to be erected at Richmond, Va., in honor of A. P. Hill's memory.

Local Notes. The change of schedule on the Carolina Central goes into effect today. Jupiter is morning star, and is remarkably brilliant. It rises about 3 a. m., a little south of east.

Receipts of cotton yesterday 1,243 bales; same day last year 1,208. Increase so far this season, 35,017 bales. The "Little Gleaners," of the First Presbyterian Church, will have their "Christmas Harvest" next Tuesday evening at the City Hall.

Mr. Rose Osborne will appear at the Opera House to-night as Coralie Loriot in "Fortune's Fool." Miss Osborne is represented to be a cultivated actress of classic school, and as original and creative. Her support is said to be very good.

THE CITY. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. COLLIER & CO.—Auction sale. C. C. R.—Change of schedule. OPERA HOUSE—Miss Rose Osborne. MUNSUN—Boys and children's suits. E. WARREN & SON—Fancy candies. ADRIAN & VOLLERS—Christmas goods.

Preparing for Florida Travel. The finest railway trains in the world, as they are described, will begin running on the Atlantic Coast Line between New York and Florida, about the 1st of January.

Weather Intimations. The following are the indications for to-day, received at 1 a. m.: For Virginia, slightly warmer and threatening weather, with rain, light to fresh easterly winds.

CHRISTMAS GOODS. WE HAVE IN STOCK A FULL LINE OF THE following, which we are offering at low figures: ORANGES, RAISINS, CURRANTS, LEMONS, Citron, Nuts, Apples, Prunes, SUGARS, ALL GRADES, FLOUR, BUCKWHEAT, CHEESE.

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Hon. Alfred Rowland. We are deeply pained to learn that the health of Hon. Alfred Rowland has so far failed him that he is compelled to return home. He will reach here to-night on his way to his home in Lumberton. His condition is very feeble.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Huske. The funeral of the late Mrs. Huske, wife of Mr. Norwood Huske, will take place at eleven o'clock this morning from St. John's Church.

A Grand Trunk Line to the West. The Fayetteville News, speaking of the travel and business on the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway says: "Already great, the possibilities of its near future develop rapidly day after day—until its completion shall give us a grand trunk line, setting forth from the fairest city and finest sea-port of North Carolina, to place us, with a few hours of rapid riding, in communication with Cincinnati, Cleveland, St. Louis, Chicago and other flourishing cities of the West."

Presbyterians North and South. Conference in Louisville, Ky., of Committees. Editor Star: The committee of the Southern Presbyterian Church, which, according to yesterday's telegram met a similar committee of the Northern Church, in Louisville, Ky., on the 14th instant, is as follows: Mr. D. Hoge, D. D., Richmond, Va.; Mr. T. Wilson, D. D., Clarksville, Tenn.; Mr. W. F. Jenkins, D. D., Charleston, S. C.; Mr. H. McPheeters, M. D., St. Louis, Mo.; P. H. Carter, Abilene, Texas; R. T. Simpson, Florence, Ala.; W. S. Primrose, Raleigh, N. C.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. RACKET STORE! CHEAPEST LINE OF TOYS. WAGONS, CARRIAGES, DRUMS, TIN-TOYS, &c.

Opera House. Three Nights and Saturday Matinee, commencing Thursday, Dec. 15th. 20 PEOPLE. 20 MISS ROSE OSBORNE, the Justly Popular California Actress, in her Powerful Creation of Coralie Loriot, in Fortune's Fool.

WESTBOUND TRAINS. Dec. 15, 1887. Leave Wilmington 7:00 p. m. Arrive Laurinburg 12:10 a. m. Leave Laurinburg 1:06 a. m. Leave Hamlet 2:02 a. m. Arrive Charlotte 7:39 a. m. Leave Charlotte 8:45 a. m. Leave Johnston 11:49 a. m. Leave Shelby 12:24 p. m. Arrive Shelby 3:30 p. m.

CALE OF UNITED STATES PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C. By virtue of Section 3765, Revised Statutes of the United States, the undersigned will offer at public auction on Friday, December 30, 1887, at 10 o'clock A. M., in front of the south door of the Court House, in the city of Wilmington, New Hanover county, North Carolina, all the right, title and interest of the United States in and to the following described pieces or parcels of land, to-wit: Lots numbered one, two, three, four and five, in block numbered fifty, lots numbered one and two, in block numbered seventy-seven and lot numbered eight, in block numbered ninety, in the city of Wilmington, New Hanover county, North Carolina, the said described lands having been levied, sold and sold to the United States as the property of Joseph H. Bell, pursuant to a certain judgment issued out of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina in satisfaction of a judgment recovered by the United States against L. G. Bates, George Z. French and Joseph H. Bell, and conveyed to the United States by deeds duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for said county in book Q, p. 634 and 635, and book W. W. of pp. 191, 192 and 193.

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