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Fire Insurance.

WE refer our readers to the annual statement of the Etna Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., which will be found in another column. This successful institution was incorporated by the Legislature of Connecticut in 1819, with a perpetual charter. Its capital is \$500,000, and its accumulations exceed \$800,000 more, making its entire assets over \$1,300,000, invested as the statement referred to.

These results indicate that during the period of nearly forty years since its organization, (without a single change of its chief officer,) its business has been conducted with judgment and prudence. It has been thus far successful in an eminent degree, discharging, as we are informed, all its obligations by the payment of about ten million dollars for losses, without asking a day's delay in any instance. It has had but little litigation, notwithstanding the immense number of transactions made. In order to attain as much certainty as possible in such a business as insurance, it has been the practice of the Company, for several years, at great labor, carefully to classify and arrange their risks into about fifty distinct classes, so as to ascertain the amount insured on each class, the amount of premiums received thereon, and the amount of losses upon each. This classification, extending over a long period, and covering property to a very large amount, furnishes reliable data, and presents a sound, substantial basis of actual experience, upon which to conduct its business. Insurance is not a matter of luck or chance, as many suppose; its hazards are ascertainable, and its principles are capable of being reduced to a system, the practical working and results of which are as certain as that of any other business. The Etna Company, by adhering rigidly to its system, and placing its business upon a healthy basis, has obtained the confidence of the community to an extent surpassed by no other Company in the U. States, and has increased its business and its income from year to year with a steady growth. One great source of its security is the wise distribution of its risks—a policy which it pursues with great strictness—limiting the amount to be covered in each locality. By this course it has passed, with comparative impunity, through some of the most sweeping and destructive fires, which have swallowed up other companies less cautious in their business. It is a system like this, based upon experience, which gives stability and soundness to a company, and to the assured confidence and security.—Baltimore Patriot.

ETNA INSURANCE COMPANY,

HARTFORD, CONN.

INCORPORATED 1819. CHARTER PERPETUAL.

Capital \$500,000. Assets 1,307,903 42.

T. K. BRACE, President. E. G. RIPLEY, Vice President. T. A. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

DIRECTORS: T. K. BRACE, S. TUDOR, J. CHURCH, R. BUELL, M. A. TAYLOR, E. FLOWER, E. A. BUCKLEY, W. MATHER, E. G. RIPLEY, S. S. WARD, H. Z. PRATT, G. F. DAVIS, A. DUNHAM, D. HILLYER, T. A. ALEXANDER, W. KENNY.

ASSETS, JANUARY 1, 1857.

Cash on hand and in Phoenix Bank, \$63,733 80

Cash on special deposits in Hartford Bks, 228,125 00

Cash in Agents' hands, balances, E. A. Buckley, 12,860 00

Money due, secured by mortgage, 6,751 08

Real estate, unencumbered, 47,835 01

Bills receivable, 20,109 98

72 Mortgage Bonds, 6 and 7 per cent., 72,000 00

9 Income Bonds, do, do, do, 4,300 00

10 Jersey City Water Bonds, 6 per cent., 10,200 00

10 Hartford City Bonds, do, do, do, 10,000 00

5 Milwaukee City Bonds, do, do, do, 5,000 00

539 shares Hartford & N. Haven R. R. stk., 60,000 00

105 Hartford Providence ditto, 6,250 00

107 Boston & Worcester ditto, 9,630 00

25 Connecticut River ditto, 11,250 00

50 Stafford Bank Stock, 5,150 00

50 Citizens' " Waterbury, 5,150 00

50 Eagle " E. Flower, 5,150 00

300 Phoenix " Hartford, 32,400 00

200 Farm & Mech. " " 27,000 00

308 Exchange " " 18,018 00

240 State " " 31,200 00

100 City " " 12,300 00

140 Bk Hartford Co. " " 10,600 00

150 Conn. River " " 10,050 00

296 Hartford " " 39,368 00

100 Charter Oak " " 12,000 00

15 Mech. & Trad. " Jersey City, 1,500 00

209 Merchants' Ex. " New York, 10,800 00

200 North River " " 10,500 00

800 Mechanics' " " 23,400 00

150 Bk N. America " " 15,200 00

200 Bank America " " 23,000 00

200 " Republic " " 24,400 00

100 " Commonwealth Stk " " 10,200 00

180 " of New York, " " 21,600 00

480 Broadway Bank Stock, " " 15,000 00

400 People's " " 11,000 00

400 Union " " 12,000 00

190 M. & S. " " 12,300 00

243 Ocean " " 11,907 00

200 Metropolitan " " 22,000 00

418 Butchers & Drovers " " 13,022 50

290 Importers & Traders " " 21,000 00

200 Amer. Ex. Bk Stock, " " 22,800 00

133 " " scrip, " " 3,331 47

410 Merchants' " " 27,265 00

150 Market " " 16,500 00

28 City " " 3,255 00

138 Nassau " " 3,262 00

250 Manhattan Co. " " 5,700 00

125 " rights, " " 200 00

100 U. S. Trust & Co. Stock, " " 10,800 00

One House and Lot corner of Frink's Alley and Orange Street, " " 24,000 00

10 Shares Cape Fear Bank Stock, " " 19,200 00

12 Shares Plank Road Stock, " " 1,900 00

M. N. LEAHY, 61tf

PINE LAND FOR SALE.

320 ACRES, heavily timbered Pine Land, in Harnett County, in the vicinity of Johnsonville, and contiguous to the Western Plank Road. A bargain may be had if applied for soon.

COOK & JOHNSON, 76-8t

TRUST SALE.

The subscriber, as Trustee of Duncan M. Buie, will offer for sale, on Saturday the 21st of February, the following property, viz:

Three Tracts of Land on the Fayetteville and Southern Plank Road, including the tract on which said Buie now lives, about 13 miles from Fayetteville.

One Horse and Buggy and Harness; together with all the Household and Kitchen Furniture and Farming utensils of said Buie.

All the creditors of said Buie will find it to their interest to attend the sale.

W. McL. MCKAY, Trustee, Fayetteville, Jan'y 26, 1857. 76ts

Town papers copy.

Fire Insurance.

WE are requested to announce S. A. PHILLIPS as a candidate for Constable in the Fayetteville District.

Jan'y 26, 1857. 76tE

A CARD.

The undersigned would respectfully inform his old friends and customers that he can be found at the Store of C. E. Leete, where he will be glad to see them.

K. McDONALD, Fayetteville, N. C., Jan'y 8, 1857. 72-tf

NEW YORK ADVERTISEMENT.

STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS.

EDWARD LAMBERT & CO., 55 Chambers Street and 33 Reade Street, OPPOSITE THE PARK.

WILL be prepared on and after Jan'y 1st to open their SPRING IMPORTATION, comprising an extensive and varied assortment of choice, novel and desirable

Silk and Fancy Goods. Adapted especially to the wants of first class North Carolina Merchants, and which will be offered at the very lowest market prices.

Jan'y 1, 1857. 71-3m

HARPER'S WEEKLY JOURNAL.

SPECIMEN copies of this new work may be seen at the Book Store, where subscriptions will be received. We will deliver it in Fayetteville, free of postage, at \$2 50, cash in advance, (which will be a saving of 20 cents to subscribers.)

Give us a call. G. W. L. GOLDSTON, Jan'y 10. 61-3

F. DAVISON, M. D.,

Surgeon Dentist.

INTENDING to locate permanently in Fayetteville, I hope to make it the interest of all who need the services of a Dentist to give him the care of their Teeth. Having had eight years' experience, and being acquainted with the work of the best Dentists North or South, he pledges himself to give all operations entrusted to his hands that careful thorough work and complete finish, that it cannot be bettered by any Dentist in the United States.

Persons having teeth that are considered hopeless, and past redemption, will do well to give him a call before having them extracted, as thousands of teeth are sacrificed that the requisite knowledge and skill would save and make useful.

Please give him a trial, and if he does not redeem his office will forfeit his word.

Office at Fayetteville Hotel. 68tf

He will wait on Ladies at their residences if desired.

NEGROES WANTED.

THE undersigned will pay the highest cash price for YOUNG NEGROES. Letters addressed to either of us at Laurinburg, Richmond county, will be promptly attended.

D. C. MCINTYRE, DANIEL M. McLAURIN, Laurinburg, Dec. 26, 1856. 69tf

CONSTABLE'S ELECTION.

THE undersigned offers himself as a candidate for the office of Constable for the Fayetteville District, for the ensuing year. Election in Feb'y next.

JNO T. N'LLINS, 68-1st Dec. 29. 68-1st

JUST RECEIVED,

20 QUARTER BOXES RAISINS.

20 Half " " "

20 Boxes Soda Biscuit. " "

20 " " Cheese. " "

For sale by C. E. LEETE, Laurinburg, Dec'r 15. 65tf

WE call the attention of WHOLESALE DEALERS

TO our present Stock, and we have recently received—

300 bags Rio, Laguira, Maricao and Java Coffee,

20 hhds Sugar, assorted grades,

75 hhds do, Refined, Crushed and Powdered,

95 boxes Sperm, Adamantine and Tallow Candles,

65 do Fancy and assorted Candles,

100 coils Kentucky, Jute and Manila Rope,

7 bales Bagging, Gunny, Dundee and Burlaps,

30 tons Hoop Iron,

120 boxes Cheese,

20 half-hbls Super Carb. Soda,

40,000 Cigars, various brands,

—ALSO—

Pepper, Spice, Ginger, Cloves, Nutmegs, Borax,

Madder, Indigo, Spanish Brown, Brimstone, Fancy

and Best Swags, Starch, Powder, Shot, Bar Lead, White

Lard, Putty and Lined Oil, Window Glass, Snuff in

Boxes, Eagle Mills do., in Half Hbls; Green and Black

Tees, Hollow-Ware, Swedes Iron, English, German,

and Cast Steel; Plows, Straw Cutters, Corn Shellers,

Sausage Cutters and Stuffers, Trace Chains, Sole

Leather, &c., &c.

The above Goods we offer on the most favorable terms to prompt time or cash purchasers.

Nov. 6, 1856. D. & W. McLAURIN, 64tf

758 BAGS PERUVIAN;

327 do. COLUMBIAN.

Not only has the cost of using these Guanoes in connection been very much diminished, but experience have proved that the phosphate, so much wanted in the Peruvian, not only increases the yield, but combined with the Columbian makes the crop much more certain.

For sale by D. & W. McLAURIN, Nov. 6, 1856. 64tf

J. C. Thomson

is now receiving a large and complete STOCK OF GOODS in his line, viz:

HATS, CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES,

all varieties, which he offers for sale at low prices for CASH, or to prompt paying customers.

He returns his thanks to his customers for their liberal patronage, and solicits a continuance of the same.

J. C. THOMSON, Market Square, Fayetteville, Dec'r 1, 1856. 61tf

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

OFFER for sale, my LANDS in the Town of Fayetteville, about 130 Acres, known as the MUMFORD SWAMP.

About 80 Acres of it is fine Meadow Land, as the Crop now on it will show. Also, the Valuable Brick Store and Lot near the Market Square, occupied by Mr. John A. Pemberton.

A Large and Valuable Lot, fronting on Donaldson, Maxwell and Mumford Streets, known as the Hotel Garden Lot,—could be divided into several Building Lots—very near the new Female High School Buildings. Also, the Stable Lot adjoining, fronting on Mumford Street.

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Oct. 10, 1855. THO. J. CURTIS, 43-1tf

FREIGHTING ON THE CAPE FEAR RIVER.

At a meeting of the Boat owners interested in navigating the Cape Fear River between Fayetteville and Wilmington.

On motion, D. McLaurin was called to the Chair, and R. M. Orrell was appointed Secretary.

On motion of James F. Marsh, Resolved, That from and after the 1st day of January, 1856, Cash will be required upon the delivery of all Freight at Wilmington and Fayetteville respectively.

On motion of J. D. Williams, Resolved, That each of the Steamboat Companies on the Cape Fear River, from and after the 1st of January, 1856, will carry Guano from Wilmington to Fayetteville at 10 cents per bag, Lime at 25 cents per cask, and ground Plaster at 30 cents per cask, and that a REDUCTION OF 20 PER CENT.

from the printed and established rates on all other articles will be made from and after that date, all Cartage and Drayage being paid by the shippers.

On motion of James Banks, Resolved, That the foregoing be published in the town papers.

D. McLaurin, Chairman. R. M. Orrell, Sec'y. Dec. 24, 1855. 65-1tf

GROCERIES AND HARDWARE.

THE subscriber has in Store a good assortment of Goods in the GROCERY and HARDWARE LINE; all of which will be sold wholesale or retail, or bartered for country produce, on terms the most reasonable. A small lot of SADDLERY for sale cheap.

Give us a call. G. W. L. GOLDSTON, N. B. Any of my friends in the country having business to transact in this place, such as renewals, &c., can have it done on the usual terms, by sending same to my care.

G. W. L. G. Fayetteville, Sept. 27, 1855. 39-1tf

North Carolina Readers.

THE undersigned are prepared to furnish, wholesale and retail, upon very favorable terms, to Teachers, Bookkeepers, Merchants, Book Dealers, and others, the SERIES OF NORTH CAROLINA READERS, Nos. 1 and 2, by PROFESSOR HUBBARD, of the University of North Carolina, and No. 3 by CALVIN H. WILEY, Esq., now Superintendent of Common Schools.

J. J. HALE & SON, Fayetteville, Sept. 27, 1855. 39-1tf

Cape Fear Land for Sale.

THE subscriber offers for sale THREE HUNDRED and EIGHTY-FIVE Acres of Land on Cape Fear River below Smith's Ferry, in Cumberland county, running with the river to the lands of Mrs. Lyle.

A portion of the land is cleared and fenced. It is well adapted to the cultivation of corn, oats and the usual crops of the river lands. The part unenclosed has on it some good swamp, which may be easily prepared for use.

It is sold on a credit of twelve months. Persons wishing to buy can call on the owner at this place.

J. G. SHEPHERD, April 8. 94-1tf

BEDSTEADS! BEDSTEADS!

JUST received from the Manufacturer, Ira Hersey, a supply of

BEDSTEADS

of various patterns, and made of good seasoned timber. These Bedsteads are manufactured in this place, and can be sold to dealers as low as they can be got from the North. Call and examine.

April 9. A. M. CAMPBELL, 94-3

SPRING SUPPLY.

Dr. JAS. F. FOULKES,

Corner of Hay and Donaldson Streets, opposite the Fayetteville Hotel,

WOULD respectfully call the attention of his friends and customers to his complete stock of

DRUGS, MEDICINES,

Oils, Paints and Dye-Stuffs,

Which he is now receiving, and will offer at prices as low as they can be bought at in this market. His object is to sell Medicine that can be depended upon, as he buys none but the genuine article.

Constantly on hand

Burning Fluid, Camphene, Spirits Turpentine,

Alcohol, Brandy and Wines, (for Medical purposes), Congress Water, Citrate

Magnesia, East India Castor Oil.

March 15, 1856. 87-1tf

VALUABLE NEGROES FOR SALE.

A NEGRO Woman aged about thirty or thirty-five