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### RUSSELL AND KITCHEN.

Sometime ago, our member from this District, in a pointed speech in the Record avowed that two Democrats sat in the House, one from Florida and one from North Carolina, who were there by fraud of returning boards. Russell came home soon after, and "Capt. Kitchen, who claims to be the legal member from the Second District, took occasion in Russell's absence to reply to his remark, and use some insulting language.

After a while Russell returned to his seat and on the 14th of this month took Kitchen in hand, rising to a personal explanation. He gave him a very severe castigation. After Russell closed, Kitchen crazy mad jumped up, ran down into the area fronting the Speaker, and deadly pale, commenced to "saw the air," scream, and almost curs. As near as we can find out from the Record, Kitchen made as great an ass of himself as his limited capacity would permit. He transgressed the rules of the House, and the rules of decency, and finally Russell turned the tables on him by a witticism, which sent him, amid the jeers of his Democratic friends, up that spout "where the woodbine twineeth." This is probably the final quietus of Kitchen, as well as of the fraud which he represents.

This disreputable fellow, who is undertaking to pass himself off as a decent Democrat, took occasion during his disgraceful ranting to say that "few respectable white men in the south belonged to the Republican party." There are many nigger scamps among the Democrats, but not one meaner than Kitchen.

### THE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR HARBOR.

To THE EDITOR OF THE POST:—Since the first stone was dropped in what has become a great embankment against the Ocean, a mile and a half in length, tending to restore our old ship channel to its former depth and capacity, I have watched the progress of the great work with an interest almost personal. I was aware that it was considered by the Engineer Department in the nature of a problem to be solved and that there were grave doubts as to its success among the ablest of the Engineers. But it has now gone on for these ten years, and discouragements not a little appalling, to the very eye of completion, so that by October next the long and anxious anticipations of the commercial interests of our city will be changed to an absolute and positive reality.

During last week, in company with Mr. George Z. French, the present contractor, I spent nearly a day at the scene where the greater part of the labor has been performed—New Inlet. We walked from Zeke's Island down a high beach from 1,500 to 2,000 feet in width, to Smith's Island, and when I remembered the day when I accompanied the officer then having charge of the works in a boat on an open sea over this same space, it seemed more like a dream than the reality. The great waves of the Atlantic, driven by an east wind ten days old, were lashing this artificial shore created by the hands of man, as if a modern Cato had resisted the sea which mocked at the commands of the ancient one. The most remarkable part was the dam across New Inlet itself. It is a wall of stone which at low tide is above the water, extending from Zeke's Island to Federal Point. This embankment will be completed during the present summer, when the old channel will be substantially restored and more than 120,000 cubic yards of stone have already been dumped in this wall.

The present effect of these obstructions is various. Even at present the depth of water in Snow's Channel is increasing, in consequence of the water diverted from the New Inlet channel. Far outside is seen a white line of breakers, known as the Carolina reefs, which are constantly shallowing from the effects of closing New Inlet. At low tide these shallow can be walked upon and it is estimated that the ultimate beach will extend from a point near the old Confederate mound battery in a southeasterly direction to Smith's Island. But the immediate shallowing promises to be nearer inside, starting from a little above battery Buchanan, and running across to Smith's Island, leaving a small body of water between it and the works which will ultimately be filled up by the drifting sand. So we may begin to look for a time near at hand when a drive way or a railroad will be open from Wilmington to Bald Head, where in its natural features will be open one of the most magnificent beaches and summer resorts on the Atlantic coast.

In the meantime a great ship channel from Wilmington to Bald Head will be open, admitting vessels drawing at least twenty feet of water, coming straight

along the old ship channel. Then there will be no more lightering of Ocean-going vessels outside the bar, but vessels of the heavier draft will load at our wharves and proceed unobstructed to the Ocean. What a cost will be lifted from the commerce of this ancient port, which has struggled so long with its unequal advantages. What prosperity may come to this old mart of trade, which has been dreaming for all these dreary years of the time when she would welcome the commerce of the great ports of the Atlantic.

It ought to be mentioned that the old ship channel now known as the "Seward Channel" will have to be dredged for some years, as will also Snow's channel opposite New Inlet, and the remainder of the "logs" will have to be taken out further up the river. It may be several years before the whole volume of the Cape Fear will roll to the Ocean, and the channels kept in condition without the paternal attention of the government. It has been a fortunate circumstance that in all these years the mercantile element of this city has been a unit in favor of this improvement. They have almost as one man, stood by the appropriations, often appearing before the committees of Congress by their legal representatives, and the other members from the state.

But it must be said that the city and the Cape Fear region is more indebted to Senator Ransom for the appropriations since the year 1872 than to any other man. Always alert, always industriously attentive, he has never failed to wield his high influence in the Senate in favor of this portion of his constituency. Several times the appropriations have come from the House to the Senate at an insignificant figure, to be rescued by the adroitness and indefatigable and personal influence of Senator Ransom. It was especially so in this late appropriation where it came from the House at the small sum of \$25,000, but came out of the conference committee of which Gen. Ransom was chairman, with the sum of \$100,000,—enough to complete the work.

It may not be considered out of place to add that the first appropriation of \$100,000, was made on the motion of the writer of this, as an amendment to the River and Harbor bill, after a severe struggle and a close vote in the Senate, as well as the second appropriations of \$75,000, the next year. Though less influential thereafter, there have been few years since when he has not aided to some extent this important work. He therefore participates in common with others in the general gratification at its approaching completion, and the benefit which this port will derive from it.

### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15, 1879.

DEAR POST.—I have waited as long as time will permit for this weeks issue of your paper (if I don't write to day you will not receive the letter in time to go in Saturday.) to see what would come out of the Russell, Kitchen controversy. But sufficient time has elapsed to show that no blood will be spilled; one went quiet and the other is glad.

Our Greenback member of Congress from the Third North Carolina District returned to Washington and to his seat after a two weeks absence, on Monday last. And on Tuesday he made what he called a personal explanation, &c. (Just before he left Washington, two weeks ago, he published a speech in the Congressional Record that was never made in Congress, in which he reflected very properly on Mr. Kitchen and then went home. While he (Russell) was away Capt. Kitchen who it is well known holds his seat by the grossest frauds ever committed on any people or practiced by them, and it is also believed that corrupt means were used to perpetrate this outrage, attacked Mr. Russell, as I stated in my last week's letter, very severely, accused him of slander and falsehood. Mr. Russell in this personal explanation went for Capt. Kitchen with gloves off, he fairly scalped him to the very great amusement of the members of Congress and the lobby. Capt. Kitchen undertook to answer the speech of Mr. Russell, but the wounds inflicted by Russell were so severe that Kitchen could not keep his legs under him, and his own party (Democrats) had to choke him off, very much to his mortification and disgrace. Kitchen, as you are aware, is a very bad man; his character, at home, is such as gentlemen do not admire. It is very well known, that if the Democrats of this District had thought there was a possible chance to have carried the District they would never have nominated him for the place. It is impossible for him to tell the truth, and his last effort has disgusted his brother

Democrats in Congress, which will result in his being unseated.

You, of course, have heard about the last veto of President Hayes. Well, it has just killed the Democrats; they are like a ship at sea in a storm without a rudder, they do not know which way to turn for safety. The Republicans here are in better spirits than they have been for years. It is now certain that whoever the next nominee for President is, he will be elected by a very large majority.

The House tried to pass the army bill over the President's veto but failed, all the Greenbackers who voted with the Democrats; Mr. Russell did not vote at all, which surprised us very much, as we thought he was a Republican on all questions other than the financial question, but his reticence on this matter has cast a very great doubt over his Republicanism.

Commissioner Kaun's report on Tuesday, concerning illicit distilling and other violations of the internal revenue laws in the southern states, was read by members of Congress from the south with mortification. The report shows more violations of the Revenue laws in five of the southern states than the balance of the United States combined.

It will be interesting to the colored people to know that Senator Bruce, chairman of the committee on the Freedman's bank investigation, has gone to work in earnest, and will bring the guilty parties to justice.

Senator Windom nailed the lie direct on Hampton, (who by fraud writes himself a Senator) today.

Mr. Thurman, the Senator from Ohio, made his opening campaign speech today in the Senate. He spoke all the seats empty and himself hoarse. He took more whiskey than he did water. Thurman is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. He is drunk a good part of the time, so much so at times that he has to be taken to bed to hide his disgrace. If the Democrats nominate Thurman and the Republicans Sherman, victory for the latter will be a very easy one.

N. C. REPUBLICAN.

The Abbe's Temptation, by Emile Zola, author of "L'Assommoir" and "Helene," translated by John Stirling is in press and will be published in a few days by T. B. Peterson and Brother's Philadelphia, in uniform style with "L'Assommoir." One of the most noted literary editors in New York, in writing to the translator, says: "It is the sweetest love story I ever read, and is a great book, for there is much in the work that is lovely and pathetic. It is also a work of marvellous ability, not immoral in any sense, while it teaches a great lesson. The Abbe Mouret, brother of Helene, who serves to point the moral in Zola's previous work, entitled, "Helene, or, une Page D'Amour," is the Cure of a village whose inhabitants are steeped in all the degradation of peasant life. In the Abbe is developed the devotionality of his mother. Innocent of all guile, uncomfortable and blushing at the profession of his female parishioners, wedded to the worship of the Virgin Mary, he, with his half-witted sister, lives a life of purity, and happiness, until his mind is unbalanced by the constant strain on both mind and body, caused by his incessant vigils, and to save his life he is taken to a deserted villa, where his reason is gradually restored; and with returning reason comes health, strength and love. As Zola depicts the innocent love and purity of the unhappy Abbe, one can scarce believe that he, who wrote "L'Assommoir," can be the author of this sweet, pathetic, and charming love story."

NATIONAL SURGICAL INSTITUTE.—Two of the Surgeons of this notable Institute will visit Wilmington, N. C. May 20 and 27, 1879, stopping at the Purcell House. They will have with them a fine outfit of braces and surgical appliances, and will be prepared to treat all kinds of Deformities and Chronic Diseases, such as Club Feet, Hip Disease, Spinal Disease, Paralysis, Piles and Fistula, Cataract, Private Diseases, Diseases of the Eye, &c. For full particulars, Address National Surgical Institute, Atlanta, Ga. ap, 27-4t

Of all the officers commanding the thirty-two vessels of Commodore M. C. Perry's squadron in the Gulf of Mexico in 1847, only the following six named are living: Commander Joshua R. Sands, commanding steamer Spifire, now retired Rear Admiral Lieut. Samuel Lockwood, commanding steamer Scourge, now retired commodore; Lieut. Timothy A. Hunt, commanding store ship Electra, now retired commodore; Lieut. Thomas Turner, commanding Schooner Regier, now retired Rear Admiral; Lieut. S. W. Gordon, commanding Schooner Mahones (prize), now retired Rear Admiral; Lieut. Jno. J. Glasson, commanding Schr. Falcon, now retired commodore. Admiral D. D. Porter was the executive officer of the Spifire.

### CITY ITEMS.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. George W. Price, Jr., has taken charge of our city subscription, and is authorized to collect and receipt for monies due the Post for subscriptions. All papers after this issue, which are not paid for, will be promptly stopped.

The Supreme Court meets in Raleigh Monday June 2nd.

Board of Audit meet to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock.

Board of Aldermen meet to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Criminal Court of New Hanover county meet to-morrow week.

Captain John Fitzgerald's little child had her arm broken on Wednesday last.

DIED.—David Stacher, one of the oldest colored men in our city, died on Friday last.

Marriage licenses were issued to two white and two colored couples during the past week.

It is reported that some one has been in the habit of late of stealing the oil lamps in the city.

The Treasurer's office, at the City Hall, has been thoroughly renovated, which it very much needed.

One hundred and eighty dollars were paid into the Sheriff during the past week,—for retail liquor licenses.

Six hundred and nine dollars and thirty-five cents were paid on last week to the City Clerk and Treasurers.

Seven deeds and two chattel mortgages were probated by Stacy Van-Amridge, Esq., Clerk of Superior Court.

The Adjutant General of the state has ordered a parade of the white battalion of this city on the 20th, and the colored on the 30th instant.

United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina will convene in Raleigh Monday June 2d, His Honor Judge Bond presiding.

Most Venerable Patriarch W. M. T. Forrester will arrive in the city on the 9:30 train from the north, Saturday evening, and will be the guest of Geo. W. Price, Jr.

See Lodge Directory published elsewhere for time and place of meeting of the different Lodges in the city. The directory is correct and can be relied upon.

Mr. E. W. Manning, President of Bellevue Cemetery, is having it handsomely fitted up, by laying off drives and walks, planting of shade trees, shrubbery, &c.

The Superior Court convenes in New Hanover county June 2d, December 1st. In Pender county June 16th and December 13th. In Brunswick county March 31st, and September 29th.

CORRECTION.—The article on the inside credited to the National Republican, headed "Mr. Conkling's grand opportunity" should have been credited to the New York Sun. It was copied merely to show what the Sun was saying.

MR. GUTHRIE.—We understand that the fraudulent usurper of the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick county was in the city last week inquiring who was the local editor of the Post. He need not look around, or put himself to much trouble about finding the local editor. If he will look at the head of the editorial column of this paper he will find the name of a gentleman who is responsible for every line that appears in the Post.

FEARFUL FALL.—A little four year old boy, the son of Mr. Thos. E. Skipper, fell from the second story piazza of Cronley's drug store, on corner of Fourth and Hanover streets, on Monday last. It was thought at first that the child was dead. The doctor arrived and found it was only slightly injured. We congratulate the parents on the lucky escape of their loved one, and hope it will be a sufficient warning to them against such carelessness in the future.

Is it stealing for one man to put another man's money in his pocket, with the intent to appropriate the same to his own use? If so, what does Mr. Guthrie think of his action in taking the money that rightfully belongs to Samuel P. Swain, Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick county, after the direct decision of the Supreme Court that Mr. Swain was the properly elected Clerk of the Court? We ask Mr. Guthrie to answer this question, and assure him that our columns are open to him to justify his questionable conduct—if he can.

### Magnolias are in bloom.

There are only eight vessels in port. Fifteen prisoners are confined in the county jail.

The police made fifteen arrest during the past week.

Seven vessels sailed from port during the past week.

No interments in the Catholic Cemetery last week.

One interment in Bellevue Cemetery for the past week.

Sixteen vessels and steamers arrived in port last week. The river steamers not included.

Four interments in Oakdale Cemetery during the week just passed—3 adults and 1 child.

Seven interments in Pine Forest Cemetery during the past week—3 adults and 4 children.

The mortality statistics for the past week were much larger than for the same period for some time past.

Only one sinner confined in the city prison when we went to press. There are probably more by this time.

THE REGATTA.—The Club has finally decided to have the first Regatta in the river, on the 20th instant. Get your boats ready boys.

There are 586 bales of cotton, 5,175 casks of spirits, 100,514 barrels of rosin, 593 do. turpentine, and 15,954 do. tar ashore and afloat at this port.

There has been splendid weather during the past two weeks for truck gardening. The rains have been frequent, and young plants, after being transplanted, do not seem to stop growing.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Magistrates for six years, commencing the 1st Thursday in August 1879: J. P. Montgomery, of Federal Point; Jno. D. Taylor, of Wilmington; J. A. Farrow, of Masonboro; Gerritt Walker, of Harnett; Ireddell Johnson, of Cape Fear.

Mr. Washington Burkhead died very suddenly while attending to business, on Friday last. Mr. B. was well known in this city as a manufacturer and dealer in cigars. He leaves a wife and large family of children to mourn his death. They have the sympathy of many friends.

MILITARY.—The following officers were elected by the Wilmington Light Infantry Company on Monday night last: Walter Coney, Captain; Thos. C. James, First Lieut.; H. McL. Green, Second Lieut.; W. J. Gordon, Junior Second Lieut.; W. B. Goodman, Ensign: It was decided to have a target practice on the 20th inst.

WILL IT BE MURDER.—We ask the acting Sheriff of Brunswick county (Mr. Chinnis) if he don't think it will be murder on his part to hang a man until he is dead, right in the face of the decision of the Supreme Court, that Edward W. Taylor is the regularly elected sheriff of that county? The columns of the Post are open, free of charge, to Mr. Chinnis to answer the above question. Mr. Chinnis is a minister of the Gospel, we understand, therefore we cannot believe that he is willing to have such a responsibility on his hands. A sin that he will have to answer for in another world, and before another Judge. Mr. C. cannot shirk the responsibility by deputizing another to do this work, for if it is done in his name he is responsible just the same. These are grave matters for him to consider.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—Jane Outlaw, colored, a dame of pugilistic propensities, was again guilty of violating the peace, and was required to enter into a justified bond, on Monday, to keep the peace for six months.

William Thomas, colored, was in trouble last week, and before Justice Hill in two cases, namely, assault and battery and trespass. He was ordered to pay \$5 and costs in the first instance and one penny and costs in the other. Jennie Rhodes was bound over to the Criminal Court to answer to the charge of stealing a valuable gold watch.

Matilda Hall, colored, was required to enter into a bond of \$50 to keep the peace.

Polly Vann and Alice Beatty had some little unpleasantness and their case was adjudicated by Justice Hall. An oily-tongued youth from the city of brotherly love was carried before Justice Hall at the instance of a victimized merchant of this city on the charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses. He was made to disgorge and he left the city for pastures new and people green. He was engaged in getting up an advertising scheme.

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### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

READ.

We stood at an open window Leaning far over the sill; And if something hadn't happened And now far off that shutter was, we should have stood there still; But we reached for a banging shutter In a blinding aortheast breeze, So our friends will have to be invited To join in the obsequies.

IF WE COULD ONLY HAVE KNOWN what a storm was brewing (in a teapot), and how far off that shutter was, we should never have ventured our head outside of that window; but it is too late for regrets now; we are, nonplussed, completely squelched, have been sat upon, and our friends and the public generally are respectfully invited to attend the obsequies on

SATURDAY NEXT

and we stake our reputation on its being the grandest funeral they ever witnessed.

As he slips he slides, and every time he slides he slips up most woefully. We leave our "kind friends" to find out the meaning of the above, and as they are trying so we will ask the following questions:

Have't we the ugliest and dirtiest store in the State?

Have't we the poorest stock of goods in Wilmington?

Have't we made prices much higher since we commenced?

Have't we been very unaccommodating and impolite to you?

Have't we charged you for all the goods delivered?

Have't we made a great many mistakes and refused to correct them when our attention was called therefor?

All of our friends who answer "yes" to the above questions will please not buy from us any more. Respectfully and truly,

P. L. BRIDGERS & CO.

In glancing over last Sunday's paper we regretted to notice the tacit acknowledgment from some of our brother grocers that we had taken away part of their trade, and making an appeal to the others not to leave them. We regret this exceedingly, especially as they were so kind and considerate about our coming to grief, but suppose, as we have determined to do the

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ever done in Wilmington we will do our best to keep from being so disgraced, and CUT DOWN PRICES a little more.

THE BLOODY CHASM HAS BEEN BRIDGED OVER.

THE LITTLE JOKERS are not quite gone.

A fine line of TOILET SOAPS received to-day, very low down.

THE OLD CAPE FEAR is flourishing and MARTELLE swimming.

We have been over and smoked that "Cigar of Peace" (a fine Havana it was) but still think it would be bad policy to stop furnishing the papers with our fine literary productions, as they have the tendency to keep prices very low, which we, of course, with all other good goods, desire, only want enough left to pay for clerk's hire, store rent and taxes.

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Although opposed to the drinking of Liquors, P. L. BRIDGERS & CO., are not puritanical enough to refuse to sell them, as they think so FIRST CLASS GROCERY STORE can afford to be without; but they promise the ladies that they would never find out there was any on the premises, as it must be taken elsewhere to be drunk.

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