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WASHINGTON CHAT

A disposition exist seven among some Republicans not to assent to the recommendations of the President and Secretary of the Treasury, in regard to silver and the United States notes. With our 4 per cents at a premium of 3½ cents, and our national finances in all respects in better condition than they ever were, it is best not to try and doctor them much.

Representative O'Connor of South Carolina, proposes a bill to refund the losses of the depositors in the Freedman's Bank. Such a thing in some form would be a simple act of justice.

Gen. Scates, chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, wants to transfer the Indian business to the War Department.

Attorney General Devens, has promptly furnished the House with the estimates for paying the marshals.

We hope the Republicans of the Virginia legislature, holding the balance of power, will not elect Gen. Mahone, without distinct pledges. Let there be no repetition of the Merrimon bargain in North Carolina.

The Secretary of State in Maine, has been summoned before the Supreme Court by mandamus. Senator Hamlin is reported as saying that if the Democrats undertake to steal the state of Maine the people will pitch them out of the State House on the tines of pitch forks.

It turns out to be a fact that in several Parishes in the late Louisiana election the bull dozers were at work. They bowled two men and whipped many.

General Grant is making his way eastward via Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville, and other places to Philadelphia.

LATE GENERAL NEWS.

It is said intimate that a southern paper as respectable as *Hale's Weekly*, would practically put itself in defence of the villains who murdered Stephens in the Court House at Yanceyville, in open day light, in 1870.

The election in Louisiana was held Tuesday, and the White League carried everything of course.

The Readjusters and about two thirds of the Republicans, in the legislature of Virginia, assembled in joint unions and nominated the officers of both Houses. The Readjusters and Republican majority in the Senate is from 8 to 13, and in the House from 15 to 25. On the ticket for officers of the legislature are several colored men. In the election of officers all the Republicans excepting four voted with the Readjusters. The sweep of all officers is theirs.

Two hundred and fifty colored emigrants from North Carolina passed through Washington, on their way to Indiana. Fifty of them were furnished with through tickets, and the National Emigrant Aid Society is endeavoring to raise funds to pay for the transportation of the remainder to their destination.

The Czar was visiting Moscow, and explosives were put under the railroad in order to blow up his train as he entered the city. But by mistake they blew up the baggage train, destroying two cars.

That distinguished old Democratic demagogue and humbug, Alex. Stephens of Georgia, is out with his thirteen thousand letter, to the effect that he is a straight out partisan. He fostered the Confederacy and Jeff. Davis nearly to death, and now he is wearing out gradually the patience of the United States of America.

The Pillsbury rascals of Maine, seem to be going from worse to worse. It is said that they can't be kicked into the Kennebec, heels over head.

The Boston people are taking great interest in the wrongs of the Ponca Indians, and have held a meeting in Faneuil Hall to bid farewell to the Chief and his daughter, Bright Eyes. Something certainly ought to be done to right the wrongs of these kindly and faithful Poncas.

Seventeen agencies for the sale of American goods have been established in Siam, and others are in negotiation. The government has ordered five steam launches from the United States, and the King is to have an American carriage for private use. Several American buggies roll on the streets of Bangkok, and an order has gone out for more, together with the necessary equipment of harness. Since the visit of General Grant there has been a manifest tendency toward commercial intercourse with the United States.

S. S. Cox of New York, has introduced into the House a bill transferring the reception of immigrants from states to the United States. More than three quarters of the immigrants now land at New York, while only a small portion stay there, and yet New York pays all the expenses of Castle Garden, and other arrangements, and the Supreme Court has decided that the "head tax" law is unconstitutional.

The avidity with which the southern Bourbon press gobble down their throats any mean and dirty thing is very noticeable. They revel in nastiness. They roll dittimes under their tongues as a sweet morsel. They are just now especially happy at the proceedings in Maine by a set of rascals, who are only rivalled by the infamies of Kemper and Yazoo.

The Goldsboro *Mail* says that of the 110 colored exodus people who purchased tickets at Goldsboro, 4 bought to Indianapolis, 106 to Washington, and others all along the way. They were mostly from Lenoir, but the *Mail* says there is to be a movement from Wayne.

From "Old Cumberland."

CEDAR CREEK, Dec 1, 1879.

EDITOR WILMINGTON POST:—

All sections from the mountains to the sea coast, are speaking out for Judge R. P. Buxton for Governor. And now let old Cumberland speak. We, of this section wish Judge Buxton, for we know him to be one of our best men for the office, and one who will faithfully, any thing against him, and I am satisfied he can command more votes than any other man. And I am satisfied that to Judge Buxton the whole State might look with confidence, for he tries to do his whole duty to all. Say to all people we must make him Governor. We can do it.

"OLD CUMBERLAND YET."

For the Post.

Marriage Got Mashed.

The marriage of Mr. Henry Hall to Miss Susie Holmes took place on Thursday, November 27, 1879, at 4:30 o'clock p. m., at the Presbyterian Church. The Church was brilliantly lighted and tastefully dressed for the occasion. The chapel was filled with friends and relatives to witness the ceremony. Again bride and groom entered the Church, preceded by the following waiters: Miss Maria Taylor, Mr. Henry R. Butler, Miss Fannie Price, Prof. Jas. T. Sinclair, Miss Annie Lane and Mr. Willie Rives, a beautiful wedding march was rendered by the organist, Miss Fanny Sidgreaves. The Rev. D. J. Sanders officiated. After the marriage ceremony the happy couple repaired to the residence of the bride's father (Hon. Duncan Holmes) where many friends met and congratulated them. The presents were many and of every kind; among them was a handsome family Bible, to guide them through life. We noticed also a great deal of silver and china ware. About 11 o'clock the Excelsior Rose Bud Band came and rendered several pieces of their fine music, which was well suited to the occasion. Both bride and groom are of some of the oldest and most respected families of the city. We wish them long life, prosperity and happiness.

Truly, AN EYE WITNESS.

For the Post.

To the Public Generally.

The congregation of St. Luke's Church, will give another one of their grand festivals in the main part of the Church, corner of Seventh and Church streets, on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1879, commencing at 7 o'clock p. m. This congregation has labored very hard in the erection of the new Church, and deserve the encouragement of every one of our citizens, white and colored. We hope that the building will be crowded to its utmost capacity, as we can truly say every dollar realized by the committee has been properly accounted for and honestly spent. We hope the public will patronize.

For the Post.

Marriage.

WILSON—WIGGINS.—On Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, we had the pleasure of witnessing the marriage of Mr. William H. Wiggins and Miss Henrietta Wilson. The marriage took place at St. Stephens' A. M. E. Church, Rev. J. G. Fry officiating. The richly attired couple was preceded by six waiters on entering the Church. The bride was beautifully dressed in white. Both bride and groom are highly esteemed by all who know them. We wish them much joy, long life and prosperity.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure for Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh Asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who desire it this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y. sept. 28—1yr.

AN OUTRAGE.

We have received a communication from Mr. A. B. Lind, our traveling agent, giving an account of an outrageous assault on him in Shelby, N. C. He visited Shelby for the purpose of canvassing that town in the interest of this paper, and he was met by a lot of miserable scoundrels, who belong to the Democratic party, who cursed and abused him. We will publish Mr. Lind's own statement in our next. We wish to say to these kuklux Democratic bulldozers that they had as well submit to the situation, for we intend to have North Carolina canvassed and whoever will subscribe for the paper shall have an opportunity to do so. If the Democratic party think to prevent Republicans from subscribing for a Republican paper they will be badly mistaken.—They shall see several persons out canvassing for the Post before the end of another year, and no one will interfere except mean kuklux murderers like the Shelby crowd. We shall publish the names of the parties who are connected with such outrages.

CITY ITEMS.

Chew Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco. ly

$20 IN GOLD.

We will pay TWENTY DOLLARS IN GOLD to any person who sends us the LARGEST NUMBER of PAYING SUBSCRIBERS up to the 15th day of January 1880.

EDITOR POST.

The new market house is rapidly approaching completion.

Gols. W. A. Smith and R. W. Hampphrey are in Washington looking after political matters.

Mr. Calvin Sessoms of Swansboro county has been in the city for several days looking in splendid health.

Mr. F. H. Darby, city Attorney, has collected $25,000 of back taxes, and thinks he can collect $50,000 by New Years.

Gen. A. M. Lippitt, U. S. District Attorney of this city of Lumberton, Mr. M. Lippitt represented Richmond in the constitutional convention of 1875.

Gen. Alfred Rutherford left the city for Washington on Friday last. We wish him a pleasant and prosperous winter at the seat of war.

December 7th, 1879—First Sunday in Advent. St. John's Church. Morning Prayer and Celebration at 11.—Evening Prayer at 7½. Sunday School at 3½.

Beauty Mathis, white, was struck on the head by Charles Murphy, colored, at Taylorsville, Sampson county, about two weeks ago. The wounded man has since died.

Rice planting is on a boom. The lands of Ogden plantation are to be reclaimed and cultivated. This is the kind of news we like to hear from any part of the country.

The wonderful midgets, Gen. Mite and Maj. Atom, are on exhibition at the City Hall. They are the smallest human beings in the world. They are worth seeing.

Rev. Geo. Patterson, D. D., of this city will preach at Echo Church, in Pender county, on the third Sunday in December, in the morning, and at Burgaw at night.

Messrs. Colville & Co., and Alexander Price, who were burnt out about two weeks ago, have determined to rebuild, and workmen are now engaged on the buildings at the old site.

An amateur concert is on the tapis for the benefit of one of the churches in this city. The well-known ability of the young gentlemen having the matter in charge guarantees success.

Rev. John W. Davis, who has been stationed at Smithville for several years, in charge of a church, has been sent, for the next year, to Fayetteville, N. C., by the Conference, and Presiding Elder.

DONATION.—Capt. E. D. Toomer, packer, President of the Champion Compress Company, has presented to the fire department through Col. Roger Moore, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department $150. An additional sum of $200 75 has been ordered by an unknown friend.

Col. Moore has appointed the Chiefs as follows: To the Howard Engine Fire Engine Co., $15; Wilmington Steam Fire Engine Co., $15; Cape Fear Steam Fire Engine Co., $15; Wilmington Hook and Ladder Co., $25; Brooklyn Bucket Co., $50; Hook and Ladder Co., $25; C. M. Stedman Bucket Co., $15.

The Chemist of the state Board of Health is prepared to make analysis of drinking water. The only expense incurred is the freight on the box to the laboratory at Chapel Hill, which seldom amounts to $1.

Dr. J. C. Walker, Superintendent of Health of this city, has asked for four additional carts to be used exclusively for sanitary work. The present number of carts are certainly not enough to haul off the garbage of the city.

Mayor Fishblate says that the kooners will be allowed to masquerade about the streets this Christmas. Many will rejoice to hear this. What is Christmas without a good old fashioned kooner anyhow?

PROMOTED.—Capt. G. L. Dudley, of this city, who has for years past been Chief Clerk in the office of the Secretary of State, has been appointed Private Secretary to Governor Jarvis. The position made vacant by Capt. Dudley's resignation is filled by Mr. E. B. Englehard.

The Grand Lodge Masons (colored) convenes at Greensboro, N. C., on the 9th. instant, Bishop J. W. Hood, Grand Master, presiding. Rev. J. W. Davis, Presiding Elder, of Fayetteville, and Col. Geo. L. Mabson of this city, District Deputies, leave here to morrow morning to attend.

SENTENCED TO BE HUNG.—Allen Mathis, charged with the murder of Ruben Herring, in Pender County, in September, 1878, was tried at the present term of the Superior Court, on Wednesday last. The murdered man's wife was party to the murder, but turned States evidence and was the principal prosecuting witness. The jury adjudged Allen Mathis guilty of murder, and he was then sentenced by Judge Eure to be hung on Friday, January 9th, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.

AN OLD FEUD RENEWED.—Messrs. C. Z. Costin and John R. Bolton, who are brothers in-laws, had a little set to on Monday night in a boarding house in this city, which came near ending in a very tragic manner. An old feud between them was renewed, harsh words were used, when Costin drew a knife and inflicted several very painful wounds on Bolton. The police were called, who hauled Coston off of Bolton, but not until he had broken of his knife blade in Bolton's neck. The wounded man was cared for and Costin locked in the lock-up. At the Mayor's Court on the following morning, he was required to enter into a justified bond of $500, for his appearance at the Criminal Court.

MURDERED.—During the prevalence of a fire on Eagle Island opposite this city on Sunday morning last, John Taylor, an old colored man, received his death wound. He was on his flat at the foot of Princess street, when several members of the First Ward Bucket Company, jumped on it and started over the river. Taylor protested against his flat being taken off, when John Grady struck him on the head with a hooked-pole. The wounded man lingered until Tuesday, when he died from the effect of the wound. Immediately after the blow was struck, John Grady was arrested and lodged in jail to await results. He was subsequently committed to prison to answer the charge of murder at the next term of the Criminal Court.

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.—Contents: Romanism and the Irish Race in the United States. Part I, James Anthony Froude; Young Men in Politics, George S. Boutwell; The Religions of To-day: Is Political Economy a Science, Prof. Bonamy Price; English and American Physique, George M. Beard; The Permanence of Political Forces. Part I, Cuthbert Mills; Recent Literature, John R. G. Hazard, New York. D. Appleton and Company, 549 and 551 Broadway. Terms, Five Dollars a year. Single number, Fifty Cents. The basis of Mr. Froude's article, is a book recently published in New York, on the condition of "Roman Catholicism in the United States." The book is evidently a startling one, is anonymous, and takes the broad ground that "The Church of Rome is the avowed antagonist of these principles which we wisely regard as the safeguards of freedom and intellectual development." Mr. Froude's article is no less startling than the book, and portends either the overturning of our system of personal freedom by the substitution of the principles of the Catholic hierarchy, or the submerging of the Catholic theories by what may be called Anglo-Americanism. We have not space to comment on the other articles but commend them as instructive reading.

ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.—A nocturnal visitor in attempting to open an alarm cash drawer in Mr. W. P. Oldham's mill, on Wednesday night last broke the hinge and went off just as he would have done had he opened it, minus the money. It is thought the thief was locked up in the building when it was closed for the night.

ELZA MANN, an old resident of Newport, Carteret county, N. C., died suddenly at his home a few days ago. Mr. Mann left home after breakfast, and not returning to dinner his wife sent after him, and he was found dead in a ditch, where he had probably fallen when he was attacked with heart disease. He was a good citizen, a good soldier, and good mechanic. All who knew him loved him on account of the gentleness of his character. At the beginning of the rebellion he volunteered in company G. 10th regiment, where he served with credit to himself as a gallant soldier. When the war ended he returned to his home and married Miss Ferebee Garman. He was an affectionate husband and father. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss.

MONTHLY REPORT.—Harbor Master Price reports the following arrivals during the month of November:

American.		Tonnage.
Steamers,	4	3,522
Schooners,	16	3,503
Total,	20	Total, 7,026
Foreign.		Tonnage.
Brigs,	7	1,817
Barques,	21	8,143
In all,	28	Total, 9,960

Total number of American and Foreign vessels, 48; total amount of American and Foreign tonnage, 16,960.

PILOT SOUNDINGS.

The pilots report the average sounding at the mouth of the river, for the month of November as follows: In Bald Head, 11 feet and 9 inches, on the Western Bar 12½ feet, on the Rip 8 feet.

A 6 Shot Revolver Free.

The famous *American Model* 6 Shot Bull Dozer Revolver is made of select metal and beauty finished. The cylinder revolves when the hammer is raised. Can be loaded in an instant. Just the thing for tramps and burglars. Having perfected arrangements for an immense quantity of these Revolvers, we are enabled to make the following and heretofore unparrelled offer. To introduce the *Monmouth Guest* and *New Homes*, we offer to send an elegant art premium and one Revolver *Free*, to any one who will send 75 cents for a six months trial subscription. The *Monmouth Guest* is one of the largest papers published in the world. The family favorite and home paper for the million. It has 16 pages, 94 columns, crowded with illustrated articles, stories, poetry sketches, wit, humor, fun, receipts, &c., &c., by the ablest writers. Our sole purpose in making this great offer is to introduce our paper, well knowing we can secure hundreds of subscribers in almost any town. This offer is open only 60 days. Remember you get a 6 Shot Revolver *free*. Please remit 3 ct. postage stamp. Order at once, and address, J. A. ROARTY, nov 30-2t Philadelphia, Penna.

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The plates alone cost $11,000. *We warrant this Book to be a good one and sold for* $15 *in any book store.* A Special Offer! To introduce our Bibles we agree, upon the receipt of $1, to pay the postage and other expenses, to send any reader of this paper a copy of the Holy Bible, with a superb work of art produced in ten beautiful colors and richly illustrated, entitled "The Lord's Prayer." This is a rare combination, and a big field for agents. This offer is good for 60 days only, and may not appear again. We send three copies for $2 75. Money may be sent at our risk in a plain letter. Order now and address, N. WILLIAMS, nov 30-2t Philadelphia, Penna.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BRICK YARD.

I HAVE a splendid tract of land, on the old Newbern Road, that contains the best LOT of CLAY in this part of the state.

Any one who would like to start a brick yard, will please call and see me.

Bricks are always in demand, and at good prices in this city.

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BLACKSMITHS TOOLS.

I HAVE a full set of Blacksmiths Tools which I will sell cheap. Call and see them.

dec 7tf W. P. CANADAY.

SPLENDID DRAFT HORSE.

I HAVE a splendid Draft Horse for sale.

dec 7tf W. P. CANADAY.

TRUCK FARM.

I DESIRE to lease my Truck Farm, near this city, for a term of years. It is within one half mile of the city market. The fencing is good.

Any one wishing to lease such a farm will do well to call and see me at once.

dec 7tf W. P. CANADAY.

NOTICE.

THE annual meeting of the Lot Owners of Pine Forest cemetery, will be held at the City Hall, in the Mayor's Court Room, Wednesday evening, Dec. 10th, 1879, at 8 o'clock. JOHN G. NORWOOD,

dec. 7 1t Secretary and Treasury.

REASONS WHY

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PAIN-KILLER

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And why it should be kept always near at hand:

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The PAIN-KILLER is now in Use and approved in every quarter of the Globe. Physicians recommend it in their practice, while all classes of society have found in it tried and excellent, give it a trial.

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READ.

We stood at an open window
Leaning far over the sill,
And if something hadn't happened
We might have stood there still;
But we reached for a banging shutter
In a blinding northeast 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 while they are doing so we will ask the following questions:

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

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

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

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

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

Havn't We made a great many mistakes and refused to correct them when our attention was called thereto?

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 in the future have to keep from being so tender hearted, 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 grocers, desire, only want enough left to pay for clerk's hire, store rent and taxes.

NOT PURITANICAL

Although opposed to the drinking of Liquors, P. L. BRIDGERS & CO. are not puritanical enough to refuse to sell them, as they think no FIRST CLASS city like PORT ROYAL 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 Carmack.

BUMGARDNER,

STUART'S DEW and

DURHAM OLD RYE

received this week.

TRY OUR BUTTER AND LARD.

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N.—We feel highly flattered at the notice taken of our advertisements, especially by a fellow grocer, who was not surprised at the unkindness of our usual Sunday morning ad, on account of one of our friends having gone to New York Saturday night.

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