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TO THE REPUBLICANS OF THE THIRD DISTRICT.

The Republicans of the Third Congressional District, will please write me at Wilmington, N. C., and give me a full account of all frauds committed by the Democrats during the last election, giving names of county precinct, and of poll holders, also names of persons prevented from voting and the reasons for it, whether or not the registers were at their post on the day before the election; in fact I want a full history of all frauds or irregularities of every description, that to a place during the election on Tuesday the 21st of November 1880.

O. H. BLOCKER, Chairman District Republican Committee, at Wilmington, N. C.

NEW YEAR.

One week from Christmas will be the first day of the year 1881. The "Happy New Year" will be welcomed before the four again reaches its readers. We join in the happy chorus to all our readers, in wishing the coming year full of bright skies, prosperity and plenty in crops, peace and comfort and happiness in their social relations, and as a large measure of all the blessings consistent with the varied creeds of the uncertain future. These mile-steps along the ways of life are natural periods for mature reflection, for forming plans as to our personal affairs, for peering into the inscrutability of the future, and for laying down new and more well defined resolutions for the guidance of our conduct. The proper judgment we observe and the better spirit and the courage with which we tread forward, the nearer we will fulfill the measure of that accountability which is incumbent upon us.

WEAVER AND SPARKS.

In the Home on Tuesday Sparks of Illinois, used the term "label" relating to something that Weaver of Iowa, the late Greenback candidate for President, had said. Weaver was conciliatory, but Sparks used the term "contempt" relating to Weaver. Weaver replied that his fighting weight was 185 pounds. Sparks then said that Weaver was "no gentleman." Weaver then rose and bounded the gentleman from Illinois as a "clown." Sparks retorted that Weaver was a "clown," and a "villain," whereupon Weaver sprang towards him. Members of the audience, and detained him, sparks tried to wrench of a pistol, a desk to use as a weapon against Weaver. At this point both Weaver and Sparks were ready to fight. Sparks said afterwards, "I could whip Weaver." "I don't fear Weaver and his wife," said a crowd. Weaver said "I do not want any more trouble with Sparks, he is a man of good impulses, but ungovernable temper," and his language toward him was "unparalelled."

The next day Weaver made what must be considered a manly and humble apology, asking pardon of the House, and saying that both he and Sparks were to blame.

Sparks was more brief and curt, and said he knew that his "language" was "in conflict with the rules of the House." "To this I feel that I owe an apology, and I hereby tender it."

On motion of Singleton of Illinois the whole subject was laid on the table—yeas, 114, nays, 44.

The National Republican has a picturesque report of the row, how Sparks defended himself with a chair, &c., &c., which we reserve for next week.

Mr. Bland of Missouri, has obtained permission to have printed in the Free Press a substitute which he proposes to offer for the Funding bill. It appropriates of the coin now in the Treasury the sum of \$100,000,000 for the payment of the interest-bearing debt of the United States falling due during 1880 and 1881, and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be coined the maximum amount of silver dollars in the manner now authorized by law, and to pay out such dollars in the redemption of the public debt. Section 2 repeals all laws authorizing the issuing of bonds for the purpose of funding or redeeming the interest-bearing debt of the United States.

DAILY LIFE OF GARFIELD.

More than two thousand papers daily reach Mentor. No multitude of clerks, no system of scrap-books, can begin to keep up with them.

Hundreds of these contain marked articles, which the able editors have written with great care, and containing valuable suggestions in regard to Cabinet making, Civil Service reform, the southern question, etc., all of which the able editors address expect the President-elect to read carefully and inwardly digest. His inability to open thousands of these marked papers causes a daily loss of suggestion, advice and admonition the enormous value of which can only be properly estimated by the writers thereof.

Mentor has two Postoffices. The one at which General Garfield receives his mail is West Mentor, and L. H. Luse, M. D., the village physician, is the Postmaster. Six mails arrive and depart daily, and every one of them brings a large amount of matter for General Garfield. The Postoffice is half a mile distant from General Garfield's residence, and he often goes there on horseback and carries home a sack of mail on the pommel of his saddle. The General is a good horseman, and his many form shows to good advantage in the saddle. I have seldom seen a more striking figure than this "man on horseback" presents as he gallops down the road, erect and graceful in the saddle as a trained cavalryman, but dressed like a plain farmer, and the broad brim of his slouch hat flapping in the wind. His neighbors never tire of gazing at him as he passes by in this and his unassuming manner help to confirm them in the belief which they most devoutly cherish, and which they emphatically declare on every proper occasion, that "he is the greatest man in the world."

The other day General Garfield desired to see a gentleman who lives in a remote part of the town, and went to the gate he halloed in the familiar manner which is customary among neighbors in this country, and the lady of the house came to the door. The horseman inquired whether her husband was at home, and being told that he was not, requested the lady to tell him to call at his (the speaker's) house to see about a certain matter of business. The lady had never seen General Garfield, except on public occasions, and in his farmer's garb she did not recognize him. "If you will tell me where you live," she answered, "I will tell my husband to call at your house." "My name is Garfield," said the General, modestly. And that lady will probably never forget her embarrassment and mortification at not recognizing her distinguished townsman before he made himself known.

One woman writes to him for a pension. Another, writes asking for a Postoffice.

Another woman, who evidently has confidence in the better half of mankind, wrote to Mrs. Garfield with this effect: "We are very poor. My husband is incompetent to fill the office of Postmaster in this village, and if General Garfield will give him the office I will give you a special trade of my own hair." A Michigan lady applied for a Post-office, apparently confident that her application will be favorably considered, because, as she alleged, she attended a teachers' institute twenty years ago at which she heard General Garfield deliver a lecture on grammar, which was just splendid!

A Dutchman from Pennsylvania brought him a very curious chair, to present to him. Somebody asked him if he wanted an office. "Ain't Gott, no! I must wait to see General Garfield—und a'les, a'les a'les."

Such incidents are the bubbles on the surface of General Garfield's daily life, but below is a deep, still current of earnest thoughtfulness, careful study of political problems, and diligent preparation for the great duties and responsibilities of the near future. Never did a man more earnestly and conscientiously desire to serve his country ably and unselfishly, and although he is temporarily out of office, he is devoting himself day and night to study and labor for the public good. His extensive correspondence is attended to with scrupulous care, and every visitor is accorded as much time and courtesy as the inexorable demands of business will permit.

A Monster Iron Clad.

The monster Italian iron clad war ship Italia was successfully launched at Castellamare, Italy, on September 30th, in the presence of King Humbert and a large concourse of spectators.

To give our readers an idea of the immensity of this vessel, the completeness of its armor, and the formidableness of its armament, we give a description of it. The Italia is 400 feet long, 72 feet 9 inches beam at water line and 65 feet 6 inches on the upper deck; 30 feet 6 inches draught; height of upper deck above water line, 25 feet; height of armored battery above water line, 30 feet; displacement at water line, 13,480 tons; indicated horse power of four sets of engines, 15,000, applied to two propellers 19 feet 6 inches diameter; estimated weight of hull and armor, 8000 tons. The Italia is built without side armor, but has on her upper deck an armored battery of 65 feet long, 27 feet 9 inches wide, covered with 57 inch iron plates, backed with 18 inches of teak, making a total thickness of 3 feet 3 inches between the skins amidships. Two longitudinal bulkheads, with transverse bulkheads divide the ship into 53 water tight compartments, and these again are divided by four water tight decks. The first or lower deck is four feet below the water line, and is protected by an iron or steel armor three inches thick. The boilers and engines are under this deck. The second deck is constructed of thin iron or steel, and is 6 feet above the water line. Side compartments between these two decks are filled with cork, and afford the only means of preserving stability when the sides are pressed near the water line.

The third or battery deck is 14 feet above the water line, and on it are 12 rifles of 4 inch caliber. The fourth or upper deck, 25 feet above the water line, supports the armored battery, in which are 4 100 ton Armstrong breech loading rifles, mounted on barbette, and so arranged as to permit a ship either on a line with the keel fore and aft or in pairs on either beam, or toward any part of the compass. The battery is connected with the hold, for the purpose of getting supplies of ammunition by armor plated cylinders 9 feet in diameter. The chimneys are also in armored shafts. On the upper deck are also six 6 inch Armstrong rifles, one being a bow chaser, and one a stern chaser. The Italia is also provided with four ports for ejecting Whitehead torpedoes. The 100 ton guns are 32 feet 7 1/2 inches extreme length; length of bore, 30 feet 3 inches; diameter of 17 7/8 inches; powder chamber, 19 1/2 inches; outside diameter of gun at muzzle, 23 inches; and at the breech, 20 1/2 inches; weight of projectile, 2,900 pounds; and 2,500, size of cartridge, 53 inches long by 1 1/2 inches diameter; service charge of powder from 200 pounds to 375.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The Board of County Commissioners met Monday afternoon in adjourned session, present, Col. William L. Smith, Chairman, and Commissioners B. G. Worth, J. A. Montgomery, E. L. Pearce and H. A. Bagg.

T. O. Banting presented his official bond as constable for the township of Wilmington, which was accepted, and he was duly qualified.

J. A. Sharpless, constable-elect for Cape Fear township, was allowed until the first meeting in January, and the Clerk was instructed to notify him to that effect.

A. R. Black was, on motion, appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction for the county of New Hanover, in place of B. W. Chadwick, resigned.

The double tax of J. W. Telfair, in Masonboro township, was remitted.

Application of J. E. Lippitt was not granted.

J. H. Hankins was ordered relieved from paying poll-tax, owing to physical disabilities.

John H. Savage was elected keeper of the Poor House and House of Correction for the ensuing year.

The contract for furnishing medicine to the out door poor was awarded to J. K. McIlhenny at 12 cents per prescription.

The contract for furnishing coffins to the county poor and burying the dead was awarded to Noah Sampson.

The annual report of the Register of Deeds was received, and also those of the various magistrates of the county showing the amount of fees collected by the former and the amount of fines collected by the latter.

E. Hewlett, County Treasurer, presented his annual report, which was examined and found correct, showing a balance in hand credited to the General Fund of \$27,310.34; Educational Fund, \$16,290.25; Special Fund, 1,242.21.

CITY ITEMS.

Chew Jackson's Best Sweet Navy Tobacco.

See ad of S. H. Fishblate, Mayor, relative to firearms, &c.

The mail by the C. C. Railway is ready for distribution from the Post-office at 4 p. m.

The mail train on the Carolina Central Railroad leaves Wilmington at 9:10 A. M., and Charlotte at 6:20 A. M.

DIED.—In this city, on the 23rd, at 1 o'clock, after a short illness, Sylvester Petteway, aged 52 years and 4 months.

The Signal Office is being removed to its new quarters in the National Bank building. The change of location will be made by the first of the New Year.

If you know of any Democrat who voted, but was not entitled to do so give his name and the name of the poll-holder, to Col. O. H. Blocker, Wilmington, N. C.

Monday evening the 27th inst., Messrs. J. I. Macks and W. H. Chadbourne will deliver lectures at St. John's Hall before their brother Masons. The public are invited.

Any ladies wishing to know of the merits of the Excelsior Kidney Pills, its action, etc., are referred to Mrs. William E. McKecknie, Photograph Parlors, Toledo, Ohio. See ad.

The receipts of cotton for the week ending Monday, the 20th inst., footed up 4,750 bales, against 2,510 bales for the same period last year, showing an increase in favor of 1880 of 2,240 bales.

This issue of the Post goes to press on Friday morning, December 24th, although it is dated Sunday, December 26th. This is done so as to give the printers a chance to enjoy their Christmas.

Gen. Allan Rutherford arrived in the city on Thursday evening and will remain until next Thursday. He is the guest of Hon. J. H. Neff, on Dock street, and is welcomed by hosts of friends.

The sureties of W. J. Penton paid on Tuesday the amount of bond, \$200, which was forfeited by the non-appearance of the defendant for trial, and the said amount was deposited in bank by the Justice.

MARRIED.—In this city, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday evening, the 22nd inst., by Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson, Mr. Jos. B. Weatherly of South Carolina, to Miss Emma E. Gilbert of this city. No cards.

There was quite a storm on the sounds of Monday last. The tide was higher than it has been for some years past. About one hundred head of cattle which were feeding on the marshes were drowned and swept out to sea.

SOLE BEAR W DROSS.—These gentlemen have on hand, and are offering to the public, the largest assortment of dry goods and fancy notions of any wholesale and retail house in this city. Our friends will find it to their interest to give them a call.

The enormous incomes of the combined railroads controlled by Vanderbilt excites astonishment. The N. Y. Central and Hudson River roads show total earnings of \$33,175,913.23; the Michigan Central \$9,100,000; the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern \$18,720,000; and the Canada Southern \$3,730,312.11. This is a total of \$64,726,225.61.

The Hon. Henry F. French, of Massachusetts, now Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Col. Champlain spent the night of Wednesday and the day of Thursday in our city. During the day they were driven over the town and to the cotton presses and some of the other industries, and in the afternoon received friends at their rooms at the Purcell.

T. B. Peterson & Brothers have just published a new, complete, and uniform edition of all the works written by Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth, in three volumes: Beautiful Snow, a new illustrated edition, bound in snow cloth; My Hero, a captivating love story, by Mrs. Forrester; The Trials of Missa, and The Princess Ogberof, by Mrs. Emma Henry Greville; Camille, "La Dame Aux Camelias," by Alexander Dumas; and Self-Made, by Mrs. E. D. N. Southworth; and they have in press for immediate publication, Xenia's Love Story, by Henry Greville; Belshazzar, a love story, by Octave Feuillet; Vidocq, the French Detective, an autobiographical work with portrait and engravings; Melrose Dairy, by Gustave Flaubert; Sabine's Falsehood, from the Berce des Deux Mondes; The Black Venus, by Adolphe Bellet; and La Carree, by Emile Zola.

A bale of cotton on the sidewalk in front of Mr. J. B. Huggins' store was discovered on fire Wednesday evening. Fire crackers did it.

Mr. Wm. Canaday, of Topsail Sound, and who is well known here, was terribly cut by a pea machine a few days ago. It is feared his injuries will prove fatal. Mr. Frank Grier in endeavoring to extricate Mr. Canaday from the teeth of the machine was very badly hurt, but succeeded in throwing the belt from the machine which kept Mr. Canaday from certain and instantaneous death.

A fine large new engine arrived in this city on Wednesday, and will do service on the fast mail train over the W. C. & A. R. R. It was built by the Rogers Locomotive Works, at Patterson, N. J., and has a 10-inch cylinder, a 24-inch stroke, a 5 feet driving wheel, and is fitted with air brakes and all of the latest improvements. Another of same dimensions is expected in a few days.

Mr. R. L. Bordeaux has cut a canal through a neck of land about thirty-five miles above this city on the North East river known as the Horse Shoe. It is about one mile long and saves a distance of at least ten miles to flatmen. It is working out very rapidly and very large flats now pass through it. It is expected that the steamer Clinton will soon use it in her trips to and from Bannerman's Bridge. Mr. Bordeaux cut the canal at his own expense.

ACCIDENT.—A passenger train on the Western Division of the Carolina Central Railroad ran through a trestle about 60 feet high about three miles beyond Lincolnton on Wednesday last. Mail Agent Daniel Bloom and two brakemen were killed, and a passenger by the name of J. W. Goodson was disabled by the accident and was subsequently burned up by the flames which were communicated to the shattered cars by the coal stoves which were used in heating the train.

The following are the appointments of the Wilmington District, North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church:

Rev. G. B. Farmer—Presiding Elder. St. Luke Church—John Hooper. Zion Chapel, Acorn Branch and City Mission—B. K. Elliby. Smithville and Brown's Chapel—S. B. Craven.

Town Creek circuit—H. J. Blanks. Whiteville circuit—C. H. Smith. Summerville circuit—A. McIver. Rehoboth circuit—M. M. Levy. Carver Creek circuit—J. Williams. Abbotts circuit—J. O. Freeman. Lumberton circuit—C. E. Moore. Willis Creek circuit—D. McKay. Argyle circuit—E. Dix. Dyer Hill circuit—C. F. McKay. Methodist Grove Mission—A. McKay. Robeson Mission—Lewis King. J. P. Hoon, Bishop.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.—At a meeting of the Carolina Lodge No. 434, of Knights of Honor, held Monday night last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

S. P. D.—J. A. Springer. W. D.—Clayton Giles. A. D.—J. G. Wright. R.—G. N. Harris. F. R.—J. L. Dudley. T.—W. A. Wilson. C.—Rev. C. M. Payne. G.—C. W. McClumphy. Guardian—J. P. Williams. S.—J. M. McIwain.

Medical Examiner—Dr. F. W. Foster. Trustees—Owen Fennell, Jr., John C. James, Alex. Johnson, Jr. Rep. to G. L.—J. D. Taylor; alternate—Walter Conroy.

"LET THOSE WHOM GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, NO MAN PUT ASUNDER."—And thus spoke Dr. Wilson of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, on the evening of the 22nd inst., when he joined in matrimony Mr. Jos. B. Weatherly, formerly of South Carolina, and Miss Emma E. Gilbert of this city, daughter of Mr. D. J. Gilbert, one of Wilmington's oldest citizens.

The bride looked lovely, and the groom—well, Joe knows that he is a good-looking fellow—and it made no material difference to him about looks on this occasion, he was happy way should not everybody else be—so we will withhold our comments and leave those who are acquainted with him to imagine his looks.

Mr. and Mrs. Weatherly will remain here until after the Christmas holidays, after which they will depart for their future home.

We tender them our congratulations, and wish for them a long and happy married life.

MASONIC ELECTORS.—The following officers have been elected at the various meetings to serve the different Masonic institutions for the ensuing year:—

Wilmington Commandery No. 1, Knights Templars. E. C.—W. H. Chadbourne. Gen.—H. H. Munson. Capt.—W. R. Kenan. Prelate—W. W. Allen. S. W.—S. S. Everett. J. W.—R. W. Price. Rec.—J. C. Munds.

Wilmington Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters. T. I. M.—W. A. Williams. D. I. M.—J. I. Macks. P. C. of W.—W. W. Allen. Rec.—J. J. Heyer. Treas.—R. Greenberg. Concl. Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons. M. E. H. P.—H. H. Munson. K.—Sam'l Northrop. S.—J. I. Macks. C. of H.—H. C. Prempert. Rec.—J. C. Munds. Treas.—R. Greenberg. St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M. W. M.—W. R. Kenan. S. W.—W. A. Williams. J. W.—R. Greenberg. Sec.—J. C. Munds. Treas.—F. G. Robinson. Tyler—B. G. Bates.

Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M. W. M.—W. H. Chadbourne. S. W.—E. G. Barker. J. W.—H. C. Prempert. Sec.—S. W. Warlock. Treas.—A. J. Howell. S. D.—Chas. Schwarz. J. D.—J. H. Hanby. Stewards—J. B. Robinson and Wm. Oterson. Chaplain—Sam'l Northrop. Tyler—B. G. Bates.

The officers will be installed by P. M. Samuel Northrop on the afternoon of St. John's Day, December 27th, of 3 o'clock, and in the evening at 7 1/2 o'clock there will be a social entertainment in Masonic Hall, to which the public are invited.

Mr. Whittier's Birthday. From the Boston Herald, Dec. 18. New England's beloved poet, John G. Whittier, was 75 years of age yesterday. There was no special observance of the day at his residence on Oak Knoll, Danvers. Arrangements had been made by one of the Sunday Schools at the Plains to give him a reception in the evening, but, owing to a slight cold and the severity of the weather, he felt obliged to decline it. The writer passed a pleasant half-hour with the venerable poet in the afternoon, and found him enjoying his usual health, aside from the cold mentioned. He bears his years quite well, and one would hardly take him to be 75. He conversed with his usual grace and ease on all the varied topics of the day, showing how well he keeps posted on all that the world is doing. He still manifests a deep interest in politics, and watches closely the movements of men and parties. Oak Knoll where he spends much of his time, although his legal residence is Amesbury, is a delightful place even on a December day.

The Secretary of the Treasury Wednesday transmitted to the Senate a report on the condition of American hams and other meat, prepared under the direction of the Surgeon General of the Marine Hospital Service. The report originated with certain letters from the United States Consuls abroad. A letter from the Consular agent at Mayence which is given, says that rumors of the finding of trichinae in American pork resulted upon examination in proving that the meat infected was not American at all, but German. The report says the number of diseased swine is over-estimated through the manipulation of persons perhaps those most interested, the German pork dealers and producers.

The Republicans of the Third Congressional District, are requested to send in all account of frauds to Col. Blocker at this place. We hope they will be sure to do it.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C., Mayor's Office, December 23, 1880.

THE FIRING OF ANY CANNON, Gun, Pistol, or any other Firearm, in any street or alley, or upon any wharf, is prohibited by a City Ordinance. Caution Crackers and other Fireworks can be fired between the 25th day of December and the 1st of January. The blowing of Horns on the street is also prohibited, except from the 25th to the 31st of December, inclusive.

S. H. FISHBLATE, Mayor. Dec 26th

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OFFICE TREASURER & COLLECTOR, CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C., December 11th, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE attention of those City Taxpayers interested is called to the following section of the General Tax Ordinance of the city:—

"Sec. 3. The Tax Collector shall, from and after the first day of January, 1881, proceed to collect the taxes upon Real Estate and Personal Property and Poll that may be due and remain unpaid, by Distrees, as provided by law.

HENRY SAVAGE, Treas. and Col. Dec 19th

GEORGE PAGE & CO. Patent Portable Circular SAW MILLS. Also Portable and Stationary STEAM ENGINES. S. N. SCHROEDER ST. BALTIMORE, MD. Get the Patent Circular Saw Mills, Wood Working Machinery, and all kinds of Mill Machinery, at our Baltimore Office.

Wm. M. T. Forrester. Manufacture of and Dealer in REGALIA and all kinds of goods. BOOKS, CARDS, &c., &c. ALL ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. NO. 25, West Leigh Street, Richmond, Va. Dec 14th

100 CHOICE SELECTIONS. READINGS! RECEPTIONS! ELOCUTION! 100 CHOICE SELECTIONS. NOW READY. \$1.00. 700 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. Dec 14th

OFFICE TREASURER & COLLECTOR, CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C., November 18th, 1880.

City Taxes, 1880.

AGAIN CALL ATTENTION OF THE Tax Payers to their CITY TAXES. Due on the 15th of September last. The time approaches when the list of advertising will be made out. Parties interested will please take notice, and save trouble by prompt payment.

HENRY SAVAGE, Treas. & Collector. Nov 21st

LANDRETH'S 1784 SEEDS THE BEST 1881. DAVID LANDRETH & SONS, PHILADELPHIA. Dec 12th

MAIL LETTINGS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 15, 1880.

PROPOSALS will be received at the Post Office of this Department until 12 M. of January 15, 1881, for carrying the mails of the United States upon the routes, and according to the schedule of arrival and departure specified by the Department, in the State of North Carolina, from July 1, 1880, to June 30, 1881. Lists of routes, with schedules of arrivals and departures, instructions to bidders, with forms for contracts and bonds and all other necessary information will be furnished upon application to the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

HORACE MAYNARD, Postmaster General. Dec 14th

\$25 to \$5000. YOUNG MEN! The best, practical method for the study of MOORE'S BUSINESS UNIVERSITY. ALBANY, N. Y. Dec 14th