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THE POST ANNOUNCEMENT.

This paper will not be sent in future to any person who has paid for it in advance. We find it so hard to get back subscriptions that we are compelled to lay down the rule. We are laid down by other papers, to send only to paying subscribers or to those who are willing to pay in advance for it. Send in your money and you can get the Post, not otherwise. One dollar will pay for the Post six months, two dollars for twelve months. No less than six months time received.

There was a large snow storm in Washington on Wednesday night last.

Senator John A. Logan, finished his speech in the Senate on Wednesday, on the Fitz John Porter case.

The whiskey bill passed the Senate on Thursday; Mr. Sherman made a hard fight, and succeeded.

The Civil Service bill passed the House on Thursday last, without debate, some fifty members voted against it.

Mr. H. C. Tyson, of Moore County, has been appointed to a position in the Treasury Department at \$1,200 per annum.

Senator William Mahone is one of the hardest worked men in congress. He is making the ablest and most attentive Senator Virginia has ever had, and we hope to see the time when he will occupy a higher position in the government than ever a Senator. Our article concerning Mahone for the Vice Presidency has been extensively and favorably commented on. He is certainly the leader of the south and will be of very great service to us in the future. The interest of this whole section has been neglected from the fact that we have had no one at Washington to aid us. But thank the Lord we have at last a man, in General William Mahone, who has the ability and determination to see that the political rights of the south are properly recognized, and we hope our friends will freely inform the Senator concerning the politics of their respective sections, so that he will be the better able to serve them.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 5, 1883.

DEAR POST:—I am just here, it is true, but long enough to see and find that the Democrats have wisely concluded that something must be done to revenue and prohibition, as well as the county government, or the year next for an election by the people will number them with the people of the past. I have taken no steps yet—only waiting to see how far they will retract their steps of folly and madness, and then if I can, will aid in the struggle to augment our strength and give to the people those privileges and liberties which the institutions of the country entail them to, and which an oppressive, arbitrary party has denied them. My own opinion is that the law restraining the privilege of selling liquor is certain localities should be repealed and substituted by one giving the people the power to decide all such questions, and then there would be no necessity for further legislation on the subject; for if the people decide against it, it would fully satisfy the liquor dealer, and if for it, the opponents to the sale of it ought not to be dissatisfied. The will of the people, fairly obtained, all good citizens should be willing to abide by—I hope to see an entire change in this.

On the subject of revenge the Democrats are run wild. You never heard as many bills offered on any one subject since the foundation of the government. But we are willing that they should reform and come into our measures. They elected all the officers in the different departments as a political consequence.

Ransom is here. I understand the fight between him and Dutch will be a

family affair, with which Republicans have nothing to do. We only stand off and say, "Fair play, Mr. Dutch." It is thought that Dutch is gaining strength while the old war horses claim (Jarvis) are very much talked about in a quiet way. I think the Dutch is behind the curtain, and as old Lorenzo D. is once raised him by sticking fire to the bank of cotton, so by some mysterious means he is now in the hands of political policy of some man, unknown to the public line, the thing was reported from a quarter is still a secret, consideration, disunity and defeat. These must acquire and expectant in the result of their plans. I will write soon, and under different auspices, I trust. Most respectfully, Ovis.

City Items.

William E. Sellers is no longer city agent of the Post.

To the City Subscribers:—Don't fail to have your money ready for I shall call on you at once for the money due to the Post.

PROVIDENCE BRYANT, JR.

A Farm For Rent. Persons who desire to have a first-class truck farm should apply at once to W. P. Canaday.

Gen. S. H. Manning is in Raleigh, N. C.

N. A. Stedman, Esq., and Sheriff Sutton of Bladen, was in the city yesterday.

See J. A. Springer's advertisement in another column, wood and coal for sale.

We call attention to the advertisement of W. S. Odean, jr., watch maker and jeweler. Give him a call.

There should be a postoffice about McComber's store, on the Onslow road seven miles from this city. What say you, Mr. James McComber?

Hon. Orlando Hubbs spent Christmas at home in New Bern, with his family. We hope he had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Hon. E. W. M. McKay, member of Congress from the Charleston District passed through the city Sunday night last on his way to Washington.

To those who have made their good resolutions for 1883, we say stick to them, and 1884 will see you not only richer and wiser, but better boys.

We had the pleasure of meeting several of our newly elected delegates on their way to Raleigh to enter upon the discharge of their duties as legislators.

Mr. John C. Davis, a lawyer-at-law, of this city, desires us to say that he is not the John C. Davis whose certificate of having been cured of scrofula appears among Prof. Moore's testimonials.

Quarterly meeting convened at St. Luke's A. M. E. Zion Church, in this city, on Saturday, the 6th of January. There will be preaching to day, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. B. Small, P. E.

We again state that if any man by the name of Branch is traveling around representing himself as our agent, he is a fraud. We have no agent by that name.

The magistrates were all on duty, last Tuesday last, anticipating a heavy business in swearing the boys off, but only a few customers presented themselves. The record run as follows: 3, absolute; 5, qualified; 2, with only a sickness reservation.

On Monday evening last the following officers were installed for the ensuing term by P. C., John J. Fowler, D. D. G. C., assisted by P. C., G. G. Thomas, P. C., R. C. Orrell and K. J. B. Farrow:

P. C.—Thomas D. Meares.
C. C.—W. W. Hodges.
M. of F.—W. L. Jewett.
M. of E.—W. S. Warrock.
K. of R. S.—W. H. Yopp.

The remaining officers will be installed on Monday evening next.

We had the pleasure of meeting Monday night last, Hon. Orlando Hubbs member of Congress, and Col. Robert Hancock, one of the officers of the U. S. House of Representatives, at Goldsboro. They were both looking well and happy after a few days joyfully spent with their families and friends at New Bern. Mr. Hubbs has made a faithful and attentive Representative, and will go out leaving many friends at the capital. We hope he will do well in whatever he undertakes.

The Greatest of All.
ROCKWOOD, Tenn., March 15, 1881.

I regard Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure as the greatest medicine ever discovered. It restored me to health when hopelessly ill with cancer of the bladder.

GEORGE R. CURTIS.

The Cape Fear Steam Fire Engine Company gave an exhibition of their skill on Market street near Front, and after some little difficulty in getting started, threw a stream on Market and Front streets. After dark the Company received their first business, creating much amusement by their good natured jests. The Cape Fear boys are thought to be the finest firemen in the city, and they are all hard working, respectable men.

New Year's Day. The advent of 1883 was generally observed. Most of the business houses were closed and the streets were well patronized by ladies; there was some attempt at fireworks toward evening. One thing was noticeable, which was the absence of drunken men on the streets. The Kooners, as customary, gave their free entertainment, which drew crowds at the various street corners. The day passed off as we trust the year will, without any accident or unpleasant occurrence.

A Ticklish Situation. About 12 M. Sunday night, at F. M. Darby, Esq., and wife were returning home from a visit, and when near his residence he stumbled upon a man lying on the sidewalk taking a feather bed nap, the stranger on being disturbed immediately arose and made a movement toward his waist, as if to get his knife or pistol, at the same time roundly abusing his disturber. Mr. Darby immediately seized him by the arms, at the same time ordering his lady to go into the house. After some little time, and by the use of a strong legal argument the stranger was induced to depart in peace. Appropos, would not a lamp on that block be in order?

Foreign Exports During the Year 1882, and the Value of the Same. During the year just closed, we find upon reference to the books in the Custom House, the exports of cotton, naval stores, &c., from the port of Wilmington have footed up as follows:

Cotton—42,451 bales, weighing 4,054,975 pounds, and valued at \$2,124,906.
Rosin and Crude Turpentine—335,043 barrels, valued at \$706,324.
Tar and Pitch—15,503 barrels, valued at \$33,956.
Spirits Turpentine—2,570,655 gallons, valued at \$1,843,320.
Lumber—8,179,000 feet, valued at \$149,109.
Shingles—1,926,000, valued at \$12,007.
Miscellaneous—Value \$1,806,257.
Total exports for the year in American vessels, \$123,056; in foreign vessels, \$1,161,184. Total \$4,284,180.

An Interesting Case. Testimony in an interesting case is now being taken by E. H. King, Esq., U. S. Circuit Court Commissioner, in which Messrs. Stebbins & Linnier appear for the claimant, and Messrs. Russell & Ricard and F. H. Darby, Esq., for the defendant.

The cause is styled Augusta De Bebbins vs the United States and is a claim for indemnity made by the claimant, as heir of her father, M. De Bebbins. The claimant's brief sets out that on or about the year 1857 M. De Bebbins, a native of G. U. and a citizen of France; came to Wilmington and entered into the business house of O. G. Parsley & Co., who did business in the lumber trade with the Antilles; that his time was passed mostly in foreign voyages of commerce; that in 1861 he was a resident of Wilmington; that on Aug. 6th, 1861, he went out on a voyage of commerce for the house of O. G. Parsley & Co., on the English schooner *Arctico*, Capt. Thomas Kimball, for Halifax, N. S., where he proposed taking a steamer for Liverpool; that Wilmington was at that time blockaded and the vessel went out without obstruction; that the object of the voyage was to settle certain weighty matters in Europe and to receive a collection of \$200,000, &c., &c.; that after seven days trip the captain was obliged to put into Newport, Rhode Island, where the schooner was seized by the U. S. authorities, that the said De Bebbins, in the character of passenger and citizen of France, demanded his release in order to continue his journey, but in spite of his French passport was detained as a prisoner, confined with eight men in a close cabin; that he was afterwards examined by the U. S. Court Commissioner and released on parole. On August 19th he was again arrested on the evidence of an unknown party on a charge of treason and was taken to New York and closely confined in an unhealthy apartment in Fort Lafayette, where he was retained from August 20th to September 16th, from which confinement he suffered ill health afterwards; that the Custom House authorities took from him, let

ters of credit on Latham & Parnell, from Messrs. Parnell & Parnell, three letters from Messrs. O. G. Parsley & Co., to a house of the Town of Halifax, a letter to O. G. Parsley & Co., of Messrs. Brown & Shipley, Liverpool, a letter to O. G. Parsley & Co., to S. Watson, Liverpool; six, certain loose papers with a description of merchandise, and the damage to be estimated at \$40,000.

The claim is submitted to the convention between the Government of France and the United States appointing the French Consul General, Omer Courcelle, the British Consul General, Sir John Balfour, and the American Consul General, Mr. James A. Bayard, to investigate the facts and circumstances stated in the brief, which is above in the substance. The case will probably take some time more in its examination.

Board of Aldermen. The Board of Aldermen met for their regular session at the City Hall last night, Mayor Smith presiding.

The committee on Light were granted further time.

The committee on Fire Department were granted further time on petition of the Phoenix Fire Engine Company, to report fully upon the necessities, &c., of the matter.

The Mayor announced the appointment of Dr. Potter as Superintendent of Health, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. Walker.

The action of the Mayor was approved.

A communication was received from the Board of Audit and Finance asking the committee on Fire Department to report as to the necessity of the two hydrants ordered for Nutt street; also, referring bill of J. G. Norwood back to the Board.

A petition for a fire hydrant at the corner of Sixth and Prince streets was referred to committee on Water Works.

The annual report of E. J. Jones, Esq., commissioner of the Sinking Fund of the city, was received, read and ordered on file.

OFFICE BOARD AUDIT AND FINANCE, January 2, 1883.

The Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Wilmington:

GENTLEMEN:—As required by law, I herewith submit statement, showing the condition of the Sinking Fund of your city.

Securities Held—	\$1,700,000
Of Matured Bonds—	1,700,000
Of Bonds maturing Feb. 1, 1882—	3,000,000
Of Bonds maturing Jan. 1, 1887—	3,000,000
Of Bonds maturing Jan. 1, 1891—	1,000,000
Of Bonds maturing Jan. 1, 1901—	10,000,000
Of Bonds maturing Jan. 1, 1904—	50,000,000
Cash Uninvested—	341,429.00
Total—	\$44,429,000

The value of maintaining this fund as an important factor in sustaining our city credit is fully recognized by every one who deals in our securities, or is at all interested in the good faith of the city toward its creditors, as it forms a part of the contract under which our bonds were issued. For it must be borne in mind, that the several acts of the Legislature authorizing the city to issue bonds, provided for the creation and maintenance of a Sinking Fund for their gradual payment. But it was not until the creation of the Board of Audit and Finance—whose chairman was made *ex officio* Commissioner of the Sinking Fund—that a y attention was ever given to the subject.

Since 1877, when the Board of Audit and Finance was organized, its chairman found no such fund in existence. While the pressing demands upon the City Treasury—which was then laboring under the heavy burden of over a \$1,000,000 past due indebtedness, gave so encouraging prospects of establishing one—yet the law required it should be done, and the necessary machinery was not to be created by a tax assessment. In that period the money in collected and paid over to the Commissioner of the Sinking Fund, it is invested in City Bonds, which are registered and stamped—both bonds and coupons—Sinking Fund, City of Wilmington, and now from a permanent fund, the interest of which is received semi-annually. The fund has grown in its present proportions is certainly a matter for congratulation and is gradually managed, it will give assurance hereafter to our creditors that the city is mindful of its obligations and is preparing to meet them.

REPORT OF RICHARD A. JONES, Commissioner of Sinking Fund.

The petition of J. W. Taylor, to erect a saw and planing mill on the site of the mill recently destroyed by fire, was referred to Committee on Fire Department, with power to act.

Reports from the Superintendent of Health and Chief of the Fire Department were received and ordered filed.

Alderman Worth presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor appoint a committee of three members of this Board, the Mayor being one, whose duty it shall be to take such proceedings as may be required, in their opinion, to effect any legislation that may be necessary to enable the city to make its market houses and regulate the markets, and also to adopt such other measures as may be deemed proper for the better management of the market houses of Wilmington, the original plan having been lost. And in order to accomplish said objects that they be authorized to employ counsel, and if necessary the said committee, or any member of it, and said counsel may visit Raleigh.

The Mayor said that he could appoint at some future time and notify the committee.

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S. W. ODEN, JR.
WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER.
FOURTH BETWEEN BRUNSWICK AND
BLADEN STREETS,
Repairing done in all Branches of the Trade
and Satisfaction Guaranteed.
Jan 7.

A PERFECT LIGHT
THOS. E. GILMAN,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR
AT LAW,
JACKSONVILLE, ONSLOW COUNTY,
N. C.

THE LIGHT RUNNING
NEW HOME
SEWING MACHINE CO.
CHICAGO, ILL.
ORANGE, MASS.
AND ATLANTA, GA.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
COAL AND WOOD.
Wilmington & Weldon Rail Road Co.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan 7, 1883.

A Dividend
STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WILMINGTON, N. C.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan 7, 1883.

SEEDS SOUTH
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WILLIAMS SEWING MACHINES
BEST IN THE WORLD
THE WILLIAMS MANUFACTURING CO.

WWW ADVERTISEMENTS.
A PLACE FOR YOUR DICTIONARY.
THE MOVIE DICTIONARY HOLDER.

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