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### THE WEEK.

**A BAD STATE OF THINGS.**—Our city for the past week or so has been infested by a gang of robbers who for audacity surpasses any ever known in these parts. The house of Joseph W. Watson, Esq. was recently entered and robbed of clothing and other articles. A few nights after, the house of a widow lady named Jones, the mother of Wesley Jones, a printer of this city, was entered in the dead of night and robbed of about \$12, in money, a watch and chain and a suit of clothes. This was done without disturbing the family. After the robbery the rascals sat on the door steps and made a meal of food they had taken from the house.

On the same night the house of Jas. Burt, was entered and robbed of sundry articles of clothing.

During their visit to the house of Mr. Burt, a pistol was taken from under his head by one of the robbers. A little daughter of Mr. Burt, happened to wake up and gave the alarm, where upon Mr. Burt pursued them causing them to drop a trunk they had taken. Of late hardly a night passed that we do not hear of some such outrages as the above occurring in the corporate limits.

This is a serious matter for our people to look to. What are the city authorities doing to ferret out and bring to justice these midnight marauders. We certainly ought to expect that the police force of the city should at least be competent to protect innocent citizens' houses from being broken into and their lives and property jeopardized.

Where are the night watches? What are they doing when these great outrages are being perpetrated with perfect impunity under their very noses. It is time an indignant people should rise up and demand such protection from their servants as to render their wives and little ones safe from the attacks of robbers and cut-throats.

If there are not enough police on duty, put more on. A little extra pay would not be objected to by our people if thereby they could rest in security. The city authorities ought in justice to our people see to this matter at once. We would suggest to the Mayor that a reward of a few hundred dollars might effect the capture of the scoundrels.

M. A. Bledsoe, Esq., who was expected to address the Grange Convention at Wilson, was compelled to decline on account of sickness in his family.

**SERIOUS AFFAIR IN HAYWOOD COUNTY.**—We regret to learn that on Monday the 1st., Dr. Edwards of Haywood county was shot and mortally wounded by Jas. Welch, Esq. The difficulty arose out of a dispute about a fence. It seems that Dr. Edwards' father and Mr. Welch had been involved in a law suit for several years. On this occasion Dr. Edwards was in the act of removing the fence when Mr. Welch came up and forbid its removal. Dr. E. disregarded the command, whereupon Welch went off, got a gun and fired upon him, the shot taking effect in the abdomen. Dr. Edwards died on Tuesday morning the 2nd inst., at about 2 o'clock. Mr. Welch is we learn the brother of W. P. Welch, Senator from Haywood, Transylvania and Henderson counties. The affair is deeply regretted in their section of the State.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.**—We are under obligations to our friend Dr. R. B. Ellis, the gentlemanly and energetic Steward of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution for two bran new brooms with which to rid our office of dirt, cobwebs, &c. These brooms were manufactured at the Asylum by some of the scholars and they are as good as can be found anywhere in the State or out of it. We shall have much to say hereafter in regard to the management of this Institution. It is sufficient to say at present that its affairs are managed in a manner that reflects great credit upon all connected with their administration.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**—On Friday last Mr. Bryant Syles, a miller in the employ of Clement Richardson in Johnston county, was seriously injured by falling against the saw while in motion. One of his legs was so badly lacerated that amputation was found necessary. Drs. Dedman and Vick were called in and performed the operation in a creditable and scientific manner. We learn that Mr. Bryant at last accounts was doing as well as the circumstances of the case admitted.

**NEW POST OFFICES.**—The Post Office Department has established an office at Pin Hook Depot and another at "Gastonia" both on the Air Line Railroad in Gaston county. The name of "Kings Mountain" office has been changed to "Kings Mountain Station." Crowders Mountain has been changed to "Wooten's Station."

**THE BERGER FAMILY.**—The Berger Family of Swiss Bell Ringers are announced to perform at Tucker Hall in Raleigh on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 15th and 16th. The reputation of this company is wide spread, and they are considered by all who have witnessed their extraordinary performances to surpass anything of the kind now before the public. One feature of their entertainment consists in a young ladie's cornet band which discourses the newest, most chase and elegant selections of music. During each evening the renowned eccentric vocalist and humorist Col. Smith Russell will assume many of his mirth-provoking characters. He is pronounced by many to be the most effective practitioner for the blues now living. We do hope that Raleigh will turn out in force to welcome this troupe. The press all over the country agree in pronouncing them a great success, and what everybody says must be so.

Upwards of eighty Sheriffs have thus far settled with the State Treasurer.

House breaking is on the decrease—thanks to somebody.

**OYSTERS.**—Oysters are said to be at the highest state of perfection when from five to seven years old. A regular Oysterman can tell the age by counting the layers that overlap each other and indicates a years growth. To judge from the size and thickness of some shells it may be supposed that there are Oysters seventy years old. We are not the originator of the above. We got the most of it from the *Wilmington Journal*. All we know of Oysters is that when they are stewed, scolloped or even raw they are good, and we can swallow as many as the next man. Theodore Joseph lives at the corner of Hargett and Salisbury streets and as he keeps as good as anybody else we just dare some friend to ask us around.

**SUPREME COURT.**—The Supreme Court of North Carolina will meet in Raleigh on the first Monday in January next. For the information of Attorneys and others having business before the Court we notice the following as the order in which cases will be taken up:

1st week	1st and 2d Districts.
2d "	4th " 5th "
3d "	3d " 7th "
4th "	8th " 9th "
5th "	10th " 10th "
6th "	12th " 6th "

Judge Cloud recently killed a bear weighing 400 pounds.

The barn of Dr. Gray, thirty miles from Newbern has been burnt. Loss \$1,000.

Rich gravel exists in the Brindletown gold mines in Burke county, averaging 25 pennyweights to the hands employed.

North Carolina produced in 1872, 144,431 bales of cotton, 11,150,087 pounds of tobacco, and 29,758,400 bushels of corn.

We had the pleasure of seeing in our office a few days since Seth M. Carpenter, Esq., Associate editor of the *Republic-Courier* of New Berne.

Wyman is in Portsmouth, Va., heading this way.

The tobacco exhibited by Prof. Kerr at the Vienna Exhibition and which took the premium was raised in Madison county, N. C.

**THE PUREST AND SWEETEST COD-LIVER OIL** is Hazard & Caswell's, made on the sea shore, from fresh, selected livers, by CASWELL, HAZARD & Co., New York. It is absolutely pure and sweet. Patients who have once taken it it to all others. Physicians have decided it superior to any of the other oils in market.

J. W. Hodges, Esq. of Johnson county, died at his residence on the 6th inst.

Pick-pockets are doing a thriving business in Wilmington this week.

The Southern *Home* complains of the great amount of gambling carried on in Charlotte during the late Fair.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature to enable the Carolina Central Road to build a branch from Lincolnton to Hickory Station.

Dr. Joseph H. Hall, of Salisbury, died suddenly in that city on Saturday morning last. He was an old and highly respected citizen.

On and after 1st January next, the fee for registered letters will be reduced from fifteen to eight cents.

Rev. Dr. Jno. E. Edwards of Virginia, will deliver his celebrated lecture, "Choice of a Wife," in this city on Thursday, Dec. 13th.

We publish as a matter of interest to our readers the following list of contributions to the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, N. C., for the month of November, 1873.

### In Cash.

Paid \$91 75, St John's Lodge No 1.  
Paid \$83 05, Baptist Church in Raleigh.  
31 10, Sabbath School of Tabernacle church, Henderson circuit.  
29 00, citizens of Warrenton.  
25 00 each, Colesville Lodge No 278, and Forestville Lodge No 282.  
20 00 each, Industrial Lodge No 212, and Tuscarora Lodge No 122.  
19 15, collection at Chowan Female Institute.  
15 00 each, Siloam Lodge No 178, Mt Energy Lodge No 140, Orr Lodge No 104, and citizens of Mt Pleasant, Cabarrus county.  
12 00, Townsville Lodge No 182.  
11 00, members of Wm R Davie Lodge No 37.  
10 50, ladies of Greensboro, by W S Moore.  
10 00 each, Mill Creek Lodge No 125, Eureka Lodge No 283, W A Brough & Watson, N J., and Sellers & Bros, Pha.  
6 00, Rev A W Mangun, collected.  
5 10, Proceeds of Concert at Goldsboro, by Tremaine Brothers.  
4 00 each, Rev Wm Brunt, Dillon, Ellett & Co., Va.; Rev James Everts, T L De Veaux, "The Orphan's Friend," Greenville, A C McAllister, A T Strader, J W Perry, W S Primrose, and Gen R F Hoke.  
3 50, Prof Delk, collected.  
2 00, F M Kirkpatrick.  
2 00, W S Taylor, J B Foushee and H H Burke.  
1 25 each, Mary T Wilson, Maggie T Wilson, Emma W Wilson and Bessie W Wilson.  
1 00 each, W E Sutton, M A Munn, W D Perkinson, Eddie Paschall, J R Wood, citizens of Selma, W P Shaw and Persis Rankin.  
50 cents, "A Stranger."  
25 cents, "Cash."

**In Kind.**  
4 Bibles, flour, 6 quarters beef, 1 bushel sweet potatoes and 1 bushel corn, Adoniram Lodge, No 140. Collected by committee of same, 1 bed quilt each from Miss Rebecca Beasley, Mrs Fanny Thomas, Mrs Amanda Ragsdale, and Miss Carrie Watkins. 2 bushels Irish potatoes, R Lewis, and 2 bbls. flour, S. Y. Ragsdale.  
13 Comforts, 3 dresses, 2 cloaks, 1 box assorted articles, soap, salt, &c., 1 piece domestic, several lots of prints, 1 cloak, 6 prs. shoes, 1 cloak pattern, 1 pair pants, 2 woolen shirts, underclothing, dresses, 2 suits, &c., &c., a valuable box. Citizens of Greensboro.  
10 Comforts, 16 yds domestics, 9 pairs shoes, and 1 boy's jacket. Citizens of Selma.  
2 Bolts sheeting, 35 yards prints, 1 pair blankets, 9 yards flannel, 3 boy's hats, 2 pairs shoes, 4 pairs woolen stockings. Citizens of Monroe.  
6 Feather bolsters, 1 comfort, 2 blankets, 2 shirts, 5 1/2 yards calico, and 1 bbl flour, Mrs I H Davis.  
12 Pairs gloves, 17 combs, 1 lot assorted buttons, fish hooks, 4 doz pairs woolen stockings, 6 pairs socks, J Y Landis, from friends in New York.  
7 Comforts, 1 bed spread, 1 sheet and 1 calf skin for shoes, Miss M B Allen, from friends.  
3 Pairs blankets, R H Graves.  
4 Under garments, Mrs M A Mitchell.  
3 Pairs stockings, Miss J A Miner.  
1 Pair socks, Miss Mollie Parham.  
1 Doz flannel hoods and 3 sailor hats, Mrs Isaac Gettinger.  
Bed clothes and boys and girls clothing, Mrs A C Harris.  
1 lb knitting cotton, a Friend,  
5 Bbbs apples, James B Daniel,  
1 Bus sweet potatoes, and lot of cabbages, T. J. Horner.

1 lot sweet potatoes, Rev J A Stradley.  
1 lot Irish Potatoes, Capt A Landis.  
Cabbages and peas, A F Hester.  
1 Lot of window glass, T D Crawford & Co.

Asheville.—We are much gratified to learn that this beautiful mountain town is rapidly improving. New buildings are rapidly going up in every direction in and around the place, and the *Pioneer* thinks that when the Rail Road is finished, the western metropolis will be behind none in the State, in point of population, business and beauty.

We heartily wish our mountain friends success. They have the prettiest country on the face of the globe, and it only needs a little energy to cause them to compare favorably in every respect with the people of any section of this or any other State.

### W. W. PEEBLES,

### ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Jackson, North Carolina.

Practices in all the Courts of Northampton, Halifax, Bertie and Hertford counties; in the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and in the Federal Courts. 25-2m

**Statement of the condition of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company, made to the Secretary of State on the 31st day of December, 1872.**

The name of the Company is the Franklin Fire Insurance Company. It is located in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The amount of its capital stock is \$400,000  
The amount of its capital stock paid up is 400,000  
The amount of its accumulation or reserve fund is 2,963,671 16

**ASSETS.**  
Cash on hand and in bank, \$151,108 42  
In hands of agents and in transit, 221,792 72  
Real estate unincumbered, 65,000 00  
\$5,000 U. S. bonds, 1881's, \$5,731 25  
40,000 U. S. bonds, 10-40's, 43,650 00  
5,000 Penn. State bonds 5-10's, 5,150 00  
10,000 American Steamship Co's bonds, 8,000 00  
10,000 Alabama State bonds, 6,900 00  
5,000 city of Pittsburgh, 7's, 5,050 00  
\$74,481 25

Loans on bond and mortgage, being first liens on unincumbered real estate worth double amount loaned, \$2,589,684 28  
Debts otherwise secured, 131,619 00  
All other securities, 85,522 00  
Interest due and accrued, 44,463 49

Total, \$3,363,671 16

**LIABILITIES.**  
Amount due to banks and other creditors, 96,879 00  
Losses adjusted and due, 125,821 50  
Losses unadjusted, 239,600 00  
Dividends declared and not paid, 12,930 75  
All other claims against the Co., 1 20  
Amount necessary to reinsure outstanding risks, 873,131 17

Total, \$1,348,441 22  
The greatest amount insured in any one risk, 25,000 00

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, } ss.  
County of Philadelphia, }

Alfred G. Baker President, and Theodore M. Reger Secretary, of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, being duly affirmed, depose and say, that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the affairs of said company; that the said Insurance Company is the bona fide owner of at least one hundred thousand dollars of actual cash assets, invested in stock of at least par value, or in bond or mortgage of real estate worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged, and that they are the above described officers of said Insurance Company.

ALFRED G. BAKER, President.  
THEO. M. REGER, Secretary.  
Subscribed and affirmed to before me, this 2d day of December, 1873.

EDWARD S. HARLAN,  
Notary Public.

H. C. ECULES,  
Proprietor,  
CENTRAL HOTEL,  
CHARLOTTE, N. C.  
March 7, 1873.