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THE RALEIGH NEWS

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Yes, we do not deny the soft impeachment. The News would be gratified to renew its contract with the State for its printing at the reduced rates proposed. Not as a matter of gain, for certainly the margin for profit is small. But to prove its faith in the people's reform movement by its works. Who would not be proud of such a record?

CONVERSATION with members of the Legislature discovers a general recognition that retrenchment will be the real issue of the session, and a pronounced ambition to make it efficient enough to at least satisfy somewhat the demands of the people. The healthy reform purpose of our legislators will be strengthened and directed by the bracing utterances of the Governor's message. The News will be found zealous and diligent in its co-operation.

THE acceptability of Senator Merrimon's service in the United States Senate has been the theme of much laudatory comment. That he has failed to impress his greatness upon the nation is evidenced by the disinterested newspaper criticisms at the National Capital. That he has failed to make his re-election a desideratum in the weal of North Carolina will be amply demonstrated on the 21st of the month. The hour and the man did not meet in Mr. Merrimon: The hour was inauspicious and the man was suspicious. "It was ever thus," &c.

WE thank the Salisbury Watchman for these kind words. They are truly, at this time, (while taunted with poverty and bankruptcy by a patented, subsidized newspaper) "apples of gold in pictures of silver: The News did the State printing by appointment of the Legislature two years ago, and so far as we know did it satisfactorily, and thus earned a claim for re-election. It now offers to do much of the work at half the rates fixed by law. This, it is claimed, can be done in consideration of the reduced prices of labor, material, &c. It is certainly a very heavy deduction, and narrows the margin for profits to a close shave.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The coldest weather since the winter of 1857.

Judge Kerr has been very sick, and is till confined to his bed.

The Mayor of Charlotte fell on the ice and got badly hurt.

The Salisbury News gives it up. Its publication ceases with the new year.

The friends of Hon. F. E. Shober are cheered by hopes of his speedy recovery.

The Randolph Sun has set to rise no more, "but it goes down in hues of golden light."

Twenty one children have died of diptheria in one neighborhood in Mitchell county in the last month.

At the rate of thirty feet per week the work on the Swannanoa tunnel (Western North Carolina Railroad) will be completed in five weeks.

Burke Blade: Major S. W. Cole, of Salisbury, has given Rutherford College $900, with which to finish the college building. We are exceedingly gratified to chronicle this instance of christian liberality and far-sighted public spirit.

The report made by Messrs. Thigpen and Grant, in favor of a stock law, the Charlotte Observer pronounces unanswerable, and remarks: We already have the law unchangeably established here and general legislation on the subject cannot affect us except indirectly, as it affects our neighbors; but ourselves being in possession of a good thing we would be glad to have our neighbors participate in the same benefits that we enjoy. For this reason we should be glad to see the Legislature adopt a general law, embracing all of the counties of the State except, perhaps, those west of the ridge, where it would probably not be acceptable, from causes which can be readily understood.

The Blade encourages the movement now on foot in Burke county looking to the abolition of the Homestead law. For the purpose of ascertaining and manufacturing public sentiment in the premises, a county meeting will be held in Morganton next week. The Blade says: A great many men are coming to the conclusion that while a good credit is the only capital in stock for a poor man it injures him for the government to hold a Homestead law over his head, and thus deprive him of the benefits of the little confidence that his neighbor might have in him. We believe it would be decidedly better for the country to limit the Homestead if not abolish it altogether. The object of the law was to shield the citizens of the State from the losses resulting from the war. In this the law is a failure.—Would it not be better to have it understood in the future, if a man contracts a debt he is expected to pay it?

The Bingham School catalogues 142 students. Nearly every Southern State, and among the foreign countries, Asia, is represented. Its claims to patronage are thus classified:

(a) the oldest school in the South; (b) our numbers at present are larger than those of any similar school in the South; (c) we command higher tuition fees than any other institution of learning, of any grade, in the South, for males ($150 per year before the war and up to 1-87; $125 at present); (d) those who complete our regular course with first distinction, and whose character we can endorse, command higher pay as teachers (from $400 to $800 and board per year) than the pupils of any other school in the South; (e) we make more liberal offers to young men with limited means than any other school in the United States; (f) the area from which our patronage is drawn exceeds that of any other school in the South, extending as it does from Virginia, Kentucky and Wisconsin on the North to Florida and Texas on the South, and Asia is also represented."

Not since the time Edward Everett delivered his celebrated address in Wilmington on "Washington" (1858) has such a crowd assembled as greeted Hon. Geo. Davis in Wilmington Saturday night. His theme was an "Episode in the early history of the Cape Fear." The Review says:

Despite the intensity of the cold, the seats were filled by a large and fashionable audience. Youth and beauty were there to listen to his words of wisdom and drink in inspiration from his fervid eloquence. Decrepid age and vigorous manhood sat in rapt attention while the gifted orator, in thoughts that breathed and words that burned, swayed them at his will. It was indeed an intellectual treat of the highest order, and as a citizen of Wilmington, and identified with her interests, we thank him for the lustre he has shed upon our annals, for a "native and to the manner born," we are prouder than we have been before—if that were possible—of our own Cape Fear boy, of whom it can truthfully be said, *Nil tetigit quod non ornavit.*

New York City--The New Board of Aldermen

By Telegraph to the News.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The Board of Aldermen for 1879 organized to-day, choosing Jordan L. Mott, President, who received 12 votes, anti-Tommany and Republican, to 6 for Wm. R. Roberts, Tammany, Mayor Cooper's inaugural message was sent to the Aldermen to-day. He urges that the burdens imposed upon New York's commerce in the way of tolls, charges or exactions, be lightened, and that the harbor facilities and dock and wharf accommodations be extended and adapted to modern cheap methods of handling bulky products. He advises a reduction in the number of city officials, and equalization of salaries. He thinks the expenses of Courts of Justice are too heavy. He asks for a modified exercise law and recommends taxation upon all corporations enjoying special privileges and franchises, and insists upon the efficient economical and enlighted administration of public business.

A Plucky Woman--Brooklyn's Debt.

By Telegraph to the News.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—At noon to-day Madame Anderson finished her 1,985th quarter mile in 5 minutes 45 seconds. Her next quarter was made in 5 minutes 49 seconds. She completes her 2,000th quarter mile this afternoon, having but 700 more to walk.

Mayor Howell, of Brooklyn, in his annual message, sent to the Board of Aldermen this afternoon, says that the city debt amounts to $37,475,318, an increase within the year of $1,235,566. He hopes that the East River bridge, which has cost Brooklyn so much, will yield a revenue to redeem this debt. The temporary debt is $9,700,000. He recommended a resort to the legislature for an act that will enforce the speedy completion of the bridge.

Distress in England.

By Cable to the News.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The weather is again cold and frosty. There has been a daily increase of popular distress in every quarter during the past week. On Friday at Manchester there were 3,000 applications from heads of families, representing 30,000 persons, to the Relief Committee, and on Saturday there were four thousand fresh applications. During the week twelve hundred families have been relieved in Wolverhampton. A considerable increase of distress is also reported from Sheffield.

Caleb Cushing's Funeral.

By telegraph to the News.

NEWBURYPORT, MASS.,—The funeral of General Cushing took place to-day and was designedly as plain as the common citizens in rural towns. The corpse bore a remarkably natural and pleasant appearance. The service was simple, reading the scriptures and prayer. Many distinguished gentlemen from Washington, Boston and elsewhere present.

Evacuation of the Dobrudscha.

By Cable to the News.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Times' Vienna despatch says the difficulties which had arisen regarding the Russian evacuation of the Dobrudscha, are said to have been smoothed away and General Todleben has ordered an evacuation to begin on January 12th.

Massachusetts Municipal Matters.

By Telegraph to the News.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—The municipal officers of many of the cities in this State were inaugurated to-day. The message of Mayor Prince, of Boston, strongly urges retrenchment in municipal expenses.

The Plague Outbreak in Russia.

By Cable to the News.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 6.—It is officially confirmed that the plague has broken out in Astrachan.

Nothing is known here of the Ameer's alleged intention to seek Russian protection.

German Socialists.

By Cable to the News.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—The Socialist Democrats have lately carried most of their municipal candidates in the districts around Liepsic. A Socialist will stand for Breslau at the forthcoming election for the Reichstag.

Railway Locomotive Explosion.

By Telegraph to the News.

BATAVIA, N. Y., Jan. 6.—As a snow plow and five engines, on the New York Central Railroad, were trying to force their way through the snow drifts, the plow and four of the locomotives left the track four miles east of here. Two locomotives exploded, killing three employees. Three or four others are missing.

A Russian Cruizer.

By Cable

PARIS, Jan 6.—The Russian cruiser Asia, one of the two vessels purchased for the Russian Government, which sailed from Philadelphia on the 21st December, arrived at Cherbourg Saturday, and will resume her voyage in a day or two.

Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5th.—Should the weather moderate Senator Thurman will leave here to-morrow night to attend the Democratic celebration at Columbus, Ohio, on the Eighth Justant. The theme assigned to him for speech is. "The Jackson Democracy," and to this subject he says he would devote his remarks without discussing the financial question. He will also give reasons why he does not desire his name to be used as a candidate for the Governorship Ohio.

There will be a public commemoration in honor late Professor Joseph Henry, in the hall of the House of Representatives on the evening of 16th. instant.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The Treasury to-day issued the seventy-eighth call for redemption of 5-20 bonds of 1865. Amount called for ten millions.

Secretary Sherman has returned and resumed his official duties.

Senator Thurman this afternoon addressed a letter to the Columbus, Ohio banquet committee, saying it will not be in his power to attend the Democratic celebration on the 8th inst., as he is just beginning to recover from a severe cold and cannot but recognize the fact that it would be imprudent for him in such extremely cold weather to make a trip requiring eight hundred miles travel and twice crossing the mountains. He offers a few reflections upon the toast, "The Jackson Democracy," the theme upon which he was appointed to speak, and confines himself solely to that subject.

A decision was rendered to-day on the United States Supreme Court in the case of A. T. Stewart & Co., appellants against Meyer Souneborn instituted a civil suit for damages in the United States Circuit Court for the District of Alabama, on the ground that Stewart & Co., had maliciously forced him into bankruptcy without probable cause. A judgment was rendered in his favor, for $20,000. This court now reverses that judgment, on the ground of error in the charged to jury in the court below, and remands the case for a new trial. The Supreme Court this afternoon rendered a decision in the case of the United States versus the Union Pacific railroad Co., and others, commonly known as the Credit Mobilier Case. The decision of the lower court, sustaining the demurrer to the bill in equity, is affirmed, and the government's suit is therefore ordered to be dismissed.

Louisiana Affairs.

By Telegraph to the News.

NEW ORLEANS, January 6.—Senators Teller, Cameron, Kirkwood, Bailey and Garland, have arrived to commence the investigation to-morrow.

The Legislature convened to-day, J. C. Mancure, of Caddo, was elected speaker, C. M. Peques of Natichitoches, was elected Clerk. The Senate re-elected the old officers. The arraignment of the Natchitoches prisoners before Judge Billings was postponed until Thursday, on application of their counsel that they may examine the indictment to determine whether they will plead or demur. Bail fixed at five thousand each.

The French Elections.

By Cable to the News.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—The morning papers, commenting on the Senatorial elections yesterday, agree that the result is a crushing blow, for the Bonapartists' majority in the Senate now consists of moderate Republicans, and it is considered probable that the Dufaure Cabinet will remain in office.

The Senator.

Concord Register.

We have felt ever since reconstruction, that North Carolina needs Zebulon B. Vance in the United States Senate. Our present Senators are able men, the Hon. Matt Ransom is one of the grandest types of magnificent Statesmen that the State has ever produced; and Senator Merrimon is a statesman of the highest order, but neither of them entirely fills the bill to make our senatorial representation "first class." They are able and profound, but—particularly Merrimon—prosy. We need the short, magnificent, glistening flashes of Vance's puncture and unanswerable retort, in the Senate, to bring down the bombast of Blaine, Edmunds and Conkling. The people of North Carolina expect the Legislature to elect Governor Vance United States Senator, and the Legislature will do well to note the wishes of their constituents, and elect him.

A Slumber Song.

BY CELIA THAXTER.

Thou little child, with tender, clinging arms,
Drop thy sweet head, my darling, down and rest
Upon my shoulder; rest with all thy charms;
Be soothed and comforted, be loved and blest.

Against thy silken, honey-colored hair
I lean a loving cheek, a mild caress;
Close, close I gather thee, and kiss thy fair
White eyelids, sleep so softly doth oppress.

Dear little face, that lie in calm content
Within the gracious hollow that God made
In every human shoulder, where he meant
Some tired head for comfort should be laid!

Most like a heavy-folded rose thou art
In summer air reposing, warm and still.
Dream thy sweet dreams upon my quiet heart;
I watch thy slumber—naught shall do thee ill.

To Revive Frosted Plants.

Plants are often frosted through neglect and allowed to die through ignorance. Those that have been quite severely nipped may be saved if treated rightly. The proper way is, when the frost has been partially drawn out of them, naturally, to drench them with cold water from a fine-nosed watering pot, and immediately cover again and let them so remain until they regain their natural color. When they are removed clip off all such parts as are blackened. As soon as it is discovered that a plant has been touched by frost, remove it to a cool, dark room, and on no account suffer the sun to shine on it. If they can be covered so as to exclude air as well as light it is better still. Dahlias, callas and the like need not be removed until the frosts are severe enough to blacken the leaves.

The State Debt.

Correspondence of the News.

Much concern is manifested now about the debt of North Carolina, both by the creditors and the people of our glorious old commonwealth. The time for the meeting of the General Assembly approaches very rapidly. In a few days the members will have assembled at the Capital. What then can be done? We hear the cry coming up constantly, the Legislature, at its ensuing session, must do something to settle the State debt and save us from disgrace, and some go even so far as to say, from ruin and the greatest of calamities. There is no good citizen who does not desire to see the State's indebtedness paid. There is no good citizen who does not desire to see the citizens of the State pay up also their private indebtedness. The legal and moral obligation is just as binding to do the one as to do the other, and we think the consequences of failing to do the one as the other. But while many say this Legislature must attend to this matter of the public debt, where is the man who can suggest the plan? We imagine it is just about as easy to suggest the plan for our people to adopt ways in order to pay their private debts. O! if that plan can be suggested, what a thrill of joy it would give about this time to thousands of our poor debtors whose homesteads are threatened by no one but just creditors. Let some one suggest not only the plan, but the means with which to carry it out. There are, we are satisfied, thousands of these poor debtors who are anxious to pay their poor creditors, for we are all poor now; but how are they to do it? they anxiously inquire. So it is we think in reference to the State's debt. How can the Legislature manage to settle this debt? Where can the means be found? These questions are more easily asked than answered. Let us take a slight glance at the difficulties:

In one of ex-Gov. Ellis's last messages to the Legislature before the commencement of our late civil war, he stated that the State' debt was, in round numbers, ten millions of dollars. That the taxes collected during the year, for the State, were 750 thousand dollars, and that that amount of taxes was sufficient to pay the interest on the public debt, and to pay the expenses of the State government. No interest has been paid by the State since, but interest has been constantly accumulating. During the war bonds were issued under acts of the Legislature of 1860 '61, we believe, for c[illegible] amounts, thus increasing the d[illegible] We are not now able to state accurately what the old debt amounts to, but we suppose, interest and all, it foots up somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 millions of dollars—rather over than under. Put it down at 30 millions to be provided for. We know of course that the whole debt of the State is much larger. How will our anxious friends work out the problem, and suggest to our Legislative friends a plan to settle it and save the State and the people from disaster? It is needless to begin until you have a plan upon which you can work up the salvation of the State and the people. It won't do to talk about repudiation. That is iniquitous and dishonest. Well, do you think that our people in North Carolina can stand even one million and eight hundred thousand dollars added to their present burdens of taxes, State and general government, to pay annually the interest on even the 30 millions of debt? What do you think of the proposition, gentlemen of the Legislature? Can you stand it? If you can, do it. If you think the people can stand it without ruin and disaster, you ought to do it. Don't stop and stand and wait to inquire whether it will be popular. The statesman's duty is to determine what ought to be done, and when that is settled then do whatever is right, and trust himself in the hands of an honest constituency to approve the right.

If you, gentlemen of the Legislature, shall come to the conclusion that the people can not stand the amount of taxes that it will take to pay interest on the whole debt, whatever it may be, then see if there is any common ground between the creditor and debtor upon which both can stand, and compromise upon this by issuing new bonds and let the tax for the regular payment of interest be levied. March square up to it. Occupy no half-way ground. Either do or say we cannot do it now. Don't undertake any of your repudiation resolutions. That is nothing but humbuggery and demagogueism. Nothing of that sort is binding on your successors. If you think the people are unable to do so now, let the next Legislature take its responsibility on the subject.

It may, perhaps, be well to glance very briefly at the situation of our people, and the circumstances that surround them at present, in order to ascertain or determine whether it is practicable for the Legislature to do any thing now for the accomplishment of the great purpose of relieving the State from her present depressed, shall we say oppressed, condition? Let us take a bird's eye view, and let no one mock at us and cry out, in advance, demagogueism. No one would realize more pleasure in contemplating the situation more favorably than we expect to present it. We must look facts in the face. A wise man seeth the danger ahead and provideth against it. Our population in the State is about one million. The valuation of the entire property of the State is perhaps really a little more than one hundred dollars per head. The Legislature must necessarily levy taxes sufficient for the support of the State government, and allow a sufficient margin within the limitations of the Constitution for levying taxes to support the county governments. The government must be cut, as Judge Bynum has recently said from the Supreme Court Bench, according to the cloth, but is nevertheless must be cut. You may say the salaries and fees of the officers must be cut down. Well, cut them down but we say take care not to bleed the patient to death. You must have offices. Well, the necessary taxes must come.

Again, the Government of the United States must have money in the way of taxes to support it, and pay the bondholders, bloated or not bloated, and support the enormous and intolerable National Bank system, to gratify Mr. Hewitt of New York, and others, or they'll burst up the Democratic party. When all this is done, where is any margin left within the limitations of the industrial products of North Carolina to levy taxes on our people to pay interest now on the public debt of North Carolina? If the gentlemen of the Legislature can see it we confess we see it, if at all, through a glass very dimly. We regret the glowing situation. But can we shut our eyes to it? Is it wisdom to do it? It is very mild, very pretty, to sit off and look on, and cry it must be done. We wish heartily it were practicable to provide now and at once for the permanent settlement of the public debt, but we confess we do not see how we can do it until the creditors lower their figures. How are we to approach them? That is the question. For several successive sessions of the Legislature our people have tried to approach them, but about all we hear from them is, the Legislature must provide some means to pay the debt. And the next you hear some solon in the State cries out—it must be done. The State's credit and its honor must be preserved. How? Will some one tell us?

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Items From Forsythe.

Correspondence of the News.

WINSTON, Jan. 3rd, 1879.

Christmas was the most quiet and dull ever witnessed here, we presume. Snow, rain and sleet rendered every amusement next to impossible for several days, during the holidays. A solid freeze soon after Christmas incited every man from the fireside to the icepond and soon every ice house was filled with ice. To day, (Friday), is incomparably the coldest day we have had. Santa Claus made his annual visit and all the children are happy.

Five new merchants open out in our town with the new year. The usual impressive services were held in the Moravian Church in Salem, and a Bible reading, temperance lecture and watch meeting in the No. 3 Church in Winston, came off New Year's eve.

Last night the "Good Templar Amateur Dramatic Troupe" rendered "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" in Tise's Hall, and concluded with the temperance drama, "Aunt Dinah's Pledge." Both were splendidly performed, all the actors having acquitted themselves finely, and a part merited the highest praise. The inimitable Jack Johnson as Sample Switchell, in the former, and Dinah Freeman in the latter, kept the audience in convulsions of laughter. He personated Dinah so naturally that if present she would have forfeited her title. So also did Phil. Ramey get off "Edgar Freeman" better than a real doctor could have done it himself.

Mr. J. Q. V. Boshamer personated "Joe Morgan the Inebriate," as perfectly as Joe himself. I do not know what they realized.

Female Freemasons.

N. Y. Times.

I[illegible] of the Atlantic coast members of [illegible] as the largest and most powerf[illegible] society in existence are discussing [illegible] question whether or not a woman was [illegible] made a Mason. There does not seem to be a great difference of opinion on the subject, for only those who are best acquainted with Masonic lore dare to speak at all knowingly concerning a mystery which very few have ever been able to explain. It seems to be pretty generally assumed that by no possibility could such an event ever have taken place.

In the earlier days of Masonry, as shown by some ancient manuscripts, there were "Dame Masons" as well as "Master Masons." The "Apprentice" is charged in one manuscript that he "shall not steal or pick away his master's or dame's goods," and in another manuscript that "he shall not disclose his master's or dame's counsel or secrets," whence it may be referred that at one time the widows of Masons were permitted to carry on work under the guild, and in that case the apprentice would serve out his time. "It may be," adds the editor of the work on Masonic history to which we are indebted for this information, "that this rule was even enlarged so as to admit the widows and daughters of Masons," a supposition which may well suggest missgivings about the secrets imparted to those who know anything about the order.

A thrilling Story.

Wilmington Sun.

Yesterday morning, as two ladies were preparing their toilet an accident, or perhaps a serious nature, occurred. The elder lady was sitting with a large cat at her feet. Suddenly, without warning, the animal seized upon one of the lower extremities of the lady and tore the flesh with its teeth and claws. Before the younger lady, her daughter, could come to her assistance the wounds inflicted by the cat were many and painful. The young lady bided not a moment, but took hold of the little enraged beast and pulled it quickly away. The cat, infuriated to tigerish anger, sprang at her, its tail swollen as large as a human arm, and scratched her hand and other parts of her person, besides badly tearing her dress. A neighboring gentleman was appealed to for help, and by the aid of the young lady's tight grip on the cat's neck and a dumb bell in the hands of the gentleman, the furious feline was killed. A physician was called upon to dress the wounds of the elder lady, who is afflicted with erysipelas in the lacerated limb, and whose safety is a matter of anxiety.

Putting Fish in our Streams.

Piedmont Press.

The fish business at Henry, under the management of Worth and Huske, is moving up lively. During last and this week 25,000 young Cal Salmon were put in Deep river at Jamestown, for the Cape Fear river; 30,000 in the Mountain streams of Dan river; 30,000 in the Green river, in Henderson county on the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad. There are now 60,000 young trout ova hatching which will be put in the hill country streams. The operations at this winter hatchery have proven highly successful this season. In a few years our streams will all be well stocked with the very best fish and our people will look back with much pride upon the wise legislation of the last General Assembly in providing for the fish interest in connection with the Agricultural Department.

YARBOROUGH HOUSE, Raleigh, N. C. I have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for my children, servants and myself and think it the golden remedy.—Mrs. Dr. Blackwell.

To the Public.

G. W. King, in rear of T. H. Briggs & Sons', Hardware Store is prepared to repair in first class style Breech Loading and Muzzle Loading shot guns and Fire Arms of all descriptions. Door Locks, Trunk Locks and all kind of Lock work, Umbrellas, Plating Machines and anything in the line of small Hardware, either Brass or Iron. Sign and Bell Hanging a speciality. Orders from a distance will receive prompt attention. All work warranted. *

The Lewes-Eliot Alliance.

From the New York Times.

Since the death of George Henry Lewes many of the newspapers have been clumsily discussing his relation to George Eliot, whose genius and literary labors have entirely overshadowed his fame and his works, deserving as they are. The press generally speaks of her as his wife, which she was, spiritually, though not legally, owing to circumstances that could not be controlled. The wife of the author eloped from him many years ago; but, having repented of her folly, and wishing to return to him, he very generously restored her to his heart and home. She proved to be incurably inconstant. She left him a second time, and he sorn after met George Eliot, between whom and himself sprang up a strong friendship, based upon perfect mental sympathy and community of taste. They would have married, but they could not do so, inasmuch as having once condoned his wife's offence, the laws of Great Britain were not capable of granting him a divorce. He could not marry again until his late wife's death, and she, unfortunately, showed every symptom of longevity. Such conditions naturally produced a dilemma. After long deliberation and consultation with common friends, among them some of the best minds in Europe, they decided to live under the same roof, disregarding conventionality for the sake of mutual assistance and mental growth, a course in which their friends, it is said, fully sustained them. George Eliot has been called and known for years as Mrs. Lewes, and will so continue to be called and known, albeit the former wife still lives, and bids fair to survive the gifted novelist, who is nearly sixty, and has long been in very delicate health.

Senatorial Election.

POOLS WILL BE SOLD on the Senatorial election at TIM LEE'S CLUB HOUSE, commencing on Saturday evening Jan. 4th, at 7½ o'clock, and will be continued each evening until the favorite is elected. The friends of Gov. Vance, Judge Merrimon and all the Black Horses are cordially invited to be present.

Hurry Up!

And call on J. C. Brewster to buy your Christmas goods. He has anything and everything suitable for making presents. Articles both useful and ornamental for the household, which always makes home cheerful.

If you want a pan to bake your cake or Christmas turkey in go to Brewsters. If you want a present for your wife, your boy or girl, he has the most suitable for each. He has tool chests, scroll saws and in fact anything you [illegible]d you can find no fault with [illegible] of which have given [illegible]

The Bri[illegible] sure to my work as the wood for 1879 can be [illegible] All work submit[illegible] by addressing, at once, [illegible]ore leaving Raleigh, N. C.

At Lumsden's.

Just arrived one thousand flower pots, one thousand gallons stone ware. Pistols (new model Smith & Wesson,) guns, powder, shot, caps, &c. Table and pocket cutlery, (Rogers warranted.) Scissors, shears &c. Also the best stock of stoves, plain and fancy tinware ever brought to this place can be found at Lumsden's. He also makes a speciality of repairing guns, pistols, locks, sewing machines, bell hanging &c. Tin roofing done as cheap as shingles and warranted. Don't forget Lumsden if you want anything in the metal line. *

Going At.

Undershirts 30 cents: Linen Bosom Shirts, Laundried, 75 cents; Women's Balmorals, 45 cents; Men's fur hats $1; Hunting case silver watches, $5; Revolvers, $2 to $4; Men's fur top dogskin gloves, 65 cents; Beaver Overcoats, $3 to $5; Wool coats, $2 to $5; Broadcloth, $3 to $5; wool vests, 75 cents to $1; at Orr's Open Front Auction House, Wilmington street, back of Market House. *

The National Hotel.

By some means unknown, a report has been given circulation that this fine house would speedily be closed. Never was there a rumor more utterly unfounded. The hotel will continue to be, as it has been, first class in its accommodations and living. The traveling public are asked to test the truth of this, and will always receive a ready welcome. *

Gilt Edge Butter.

The finest on the market at

Latta & Myatts.

NEW CONSIGNMENT.

100 dozen eggs.
500 lbs. pork.
75 sacks N. C. flour.
200 lbs. N. C. hams.

All of which must be sold to-day Call early if you are in want.

Latta & Myatt.

The Seven Spring Iron and Alum Mass for Sick and Nervous Headaches.

We will make any person a present of a nice $10 00 Bible, who suffer with sick or nervous headache, if they will use the "Seven Springs Mass" according to our directions, and then conscientiously say that it will not relieve it. This is a bona fide offer, and we mean what we say. We will not require any unreasonable conditions.

Address, LANDRUM & LITCHFIED, Abingdon, Va.

P. S.—Headache is the least complaint for which this remedy, the "Iron and Alum Mass" is efficient.

For sale by Wm. Simpson, Pescud, Lee & Co., and F. H. Heartt, Raleigh, N. C. *

Mrs. Wm. Woolcott has removed her millinery and fancy goods to the Prairie building; on Wilmington street. She has on hand a large lot of children's and ladies' hosiery, which can be bought cheap for cash. *

Stronach & Allcott, Commission Merchants,

Are selling from N. C. and R. & G. depots, and their Agricultural Machinery Warehouse, three car loads best Timothy hay, one car load oats, one car load white corn, one car load bolted meal, one car load N. C. family flour, and chickens, eggs, North Carolina and Virginia butter, potatoes, onions and all kinds of country produce, at reduced prices. General instructions to "sell on arrival." *

Sale and Board Stable.

Having this day sold our Livery and Omnibus line to O'Kelley & Baker, we will give our personal attention to the sale of horses and mules, and will keep a first class boarding stable. Our stables will be open day and night, and especial attention given to transcient and monthly boarders.

Thankful for the patronage so liberally bestowed heretofore, we trust by strict attention, to merit a continuance of the same in our sale and boarding stables.

GEO. W. WYNNE & CO.

Take Notice!

C. Weikel, the well known merchant tailor, will, on the first day of January, '79, move to the store No. 26, on Fayetteville street, formerly occupied by Milne, the grocer. *

Oranges Just From the Grove.

The choicest Florida Oranges, direct from the Grove on the St. John's River, are just received by Royster & Bro. They are the finest ever shown here, and unequaled for quality of flavor. Do not fail to call early to secure these luscious fruits. *

It Might Have Been.

When taking a retrospection of our past lives, how often does conscience whisper to broken spirits and wounded hearts the sad, sad words, "It might have been?" Thus it may be with the sufferer who endures the agonies of hemorrhoids, or piles, and heeds not the counsel to try Barham's Infallible Cure, which is warranted to speedily and permanently cure this distressing disease. Manufactured by the Barham Pile Cure Co., Durham, N. C

Private Boarding.

Having rented the large and well arranged dwelling house on Morgan street near Blount street, known as the Cayton House, I have furnished the same and am prepared to accommodate the public with good rooms, good fare and comfortable accommodations. Prices low. Transient Board $1.00 per day. Apply early, Mrs. C. Waller. *

Mineral Waters.

Apollinaris, Congress,
Park. Vichy,
Empire, Deep Rock,
Lithia, Buffalo,
Libbin, Glen Alpine.

A large lot of beautiful Vases, Toilet Sets, Fine Hair Brushes, Combs, Imported Perfumery and Holiday Goods suitable for presents, at

SIMPSON'S Drug Store.

Fine Imported and Domestic Cigars, at SIMPSON'S Drug Store.

A Full Supply.

MRS JOE PRESC[illegible]plete store of Rand & Barbee Dear Madame—You[illegible]reet offers to purchas[illegible]eived, an[illegible] of heavy goo[illegible] and family supplies an admirable assortm[illegible] of articles in that line. There is also a full stock of cotton ties and bagging. The firm is prepared to pay particular attention to consignments of cotton, etc. *

Removal---W. R. Pepper, the Original Restaurateur,

On January 1, 1879, will move to the Green Front Saloon, on Hargett street, his old place. The establishment is being remodeled, refurnished and refitted, and will be one of the handsomest saloons in the city. The best liquors will be kept in stock, and the choicest eating can always be had. Oysters served in every style. *

D. S. Sanders,

Beaufort, N. C., dealer in salt and fresh fish of every description, by package or barrel. All orders accompanied with cash or good reference, will receive prompt attention, and be filled at the lowest market prices. oct 4-tf.

Overcoats! Overcoats!!

To suit the Season. At R. B. Andrews & Co., Clothiers and Hatters. *

Unheard of Bargains!

AT THE INDEFATIGABLE ENDEAVORS TO PLEASE THE PUBLIC. SO HERE GOES.

Ye muses nine, inspire my pen,
To sing of Fayetteville street, No 10,
who tries his best to please his friends
And in his labors never ends.
Bargains he'll give you when you call
For No. 10 is all and all.
Of other houses you hear them talk;
In Fayetteville street just take a walk,
And only ask for No. 10,
Kept by the most ingenious of men,
And when his friends by chance drop in
Then forth he comes, Lord what a grin,
And to their wondering eyes displays
Such heaps of brackets and window shades.
His pictures are exposed to public view
And a variety of cord to suspend them too,
His looking glasses and toilet cases
Will help adorn your forms and faces;
Picture frames and mouldings too
In great variety, black, brown and blue.
His window cornices and lambrequins flue,
will make your rooms and parlor shine.
Perforated mottoes, and white holly baskets.
And every other sort of stuff,
Of which he hopes to have enough.
So now he bids your all adieu
And wishes a happy new year too.
And not forget

C. C. Clawson,
No. 10 Fayetteville St.

The Capitol Caucus.

The frequent meetings to be held at the Capitol Cigar Store opposite the Post office, by the members of the General Assembly and the People. The finest and best cigars, tobaccos, and smokers' goods of every description always in stock. The affairs of State can best be settled and enjoyed over a good smoke. Call at Headquarters. The Capitol Cigar Store, opposite the Post office. *

Humbugs.

There are people who advertise who are humbugs, but this is an exception Messrs. A. C. Sanders & Co., went to sell 1 fine top buggy, 1 two-horse dray, 1 two-horse wagon, 1 four year-old mare, fast in harness and an elegant saddle critter.