

THE COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1850.

FIRE.

About ten o'clock, on Tuesday night last, a frame stable, on the east side of Third street, between Walnut and Mulberry streets, the property of A. A. Watson, was destroyed by fire.

COMMERCIAL BANK.

We learn that the Directors of this Bank have declared a dividend of 4 per cent. on the capital stock, for 6 months, ending on Saturday last.

THE MARINE RAILWAYS.

For the first time, we witnessed on Tuesday last, the passage of a vessel up the Marine Railway. It was the brigantine Clarendon, built for a packet from this place to Boston, but for some time back running from Charleston, whence she comes to be coppered and otherwise overhauled for a California voyage, on one of Mr. Cassin's Railways.

THE GREATEST CIRCUS YET.

STONE & McCOLLUM'S Company, so organized for the season of eighteen hundred and fifty, is without doubt a model troupe. The two thousand happy faces who assembled on their opening night to witness the wondrous and almost superhuman workings of this truly great troupe, were in ecstasies with the whole arrangement, and many of the first families were eye witnesses to the quips, pranks, and oddities of that great original DAN RICE, great as he is at all times, glorious as his humor, and rich as are his imitable grotesques upon common occasions; it is only upon such as these that the unclouded sun of his genius shines forth, and glories the arena by its rays. DAN is the most perfect of jesters, the idealized idea of a clown, the impersonation of wit itself, the very master of Fooling; his imagination adds beauty to his wit, setting it off like the gold fall on the lanceet, and gives to his humor that indescribable richness which makes us laugh inwardly with a sort of mental satisfaction, gratifying the intellect of the scholar as well as tickling the fancy of the crowd.

GEN. HOUSTON. Gen. Houston, the Senator from Texas, made a speech in the Senate on Friday last, on the slave question. He says, very correctly, that the farmers, mechanics, workmen, and in fact all classes except a few noisy politicians, are in favor of preserving the Union.

AMERICAN SLAVERY. It may not be uninteresting to our readers to know something of slavery as it existed in the Colonies before they became independent States.

ARREST OF THE REFORMED GAMBLER. J. H. Green, the reformed gambler, has been arrested at Albany, and brought on to New York and committed to await a further hearing, on the charge of obtaining in 1848, goods and money to the value of \$458, under false pretences, from S. W. Spaulding.

FROM HAVANA. The steamship Isabel, Capt. Rollins, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon, from Havana, via Key West and Savannah, bringing eighty cabin and steerage passengers.

MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF WILMINGTON, FEBRUARY 14. HIGH WATER AT THE BAR, 9:56.

ARRIVED. To St. John's River, from Fayetteville, 12 Steam & Ice, with sundry mids.

ARRIVED. The ship Russia, from New Orleans, bound to San Francisco, took fire outside the Baliz, and was wholly destroyed.

DISASTERS. The ship Russia, from New Orleans, bound to San Francisco, took fire outside the Baliz, and was wholly destroyed.

REMARKS ON MARKET.

We have but little to remark. Arrivals of produce have been light for two days past, consequently but few sales have been effected.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Feb. 11. The letters by the steamer Europa were not assorted and perused until after business hours, consequently but little was done.

A. G. BOWERS & BROTHER,

WATCH AND CLOCK MAKERS, JEWELLERS, &c.

Respectfully invite the Ladies and Gentlemen of Wilmington, and country generally, to examine our stock before making a purchase elsewhere, as we flatter ourselves that we can sell goods at as low prices as any other establishment South.

CONGRESS - MR. CLAY'S SPEECH.

Mr. CLAY'S so-called compromise resolutions came up for consideration on Tuesday last, when he led off the discussion by a two day's speech, which altogether filled eighteen columns of the National Intelligencer.

STOP THAT KNOCKING.

There has been for some time much superstition, interest and excitement at Rochester, N. Y., in consequence of certain mysterious "knockings" by which, with the aid of two half-grown girls, divers revelations were made from the "spirit land" and from departed persons to their living friends.

CHOLERA AT MEMPHIS.

The Memphis Enquirer, of the 31st, notices the occurrence of three cases of malignant cholera in that city on the preceding day, all of which proved fatal.

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PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

Feb. 11. The Stock market is steady, and prices have an upward tendency. Pa. 5's 89 1/2 90 The Money market is becoming still more easy and money abundant.

The market for Breadstuffs is steady but not active. Sales of 600 bushels at \$4.81. Some are not willing to take less than \$4.87 for good common brands.

What is steady. Sales of red at 104 1/2 107c; white do. 110 1/2 115c. Corn is firmer. Sales at 57 1/2 a 57c per bushel for yellow. Oats 31 a 36c. Rye 62c.

The Provision market is quiet. Small sales mess Pork at \$11.81 for new. Lard 61 a 71c. in lbs. and kegs.

The Grocery market is rather quiet. Coffee is heavier since the steamer's news-no sales reported. Sugars and Molasses quiet. Rice is unchanged.

Whiskey is dull at 23 a 24c. per gallon. Sales of Spirits Turpentine during the week at 31 a 35c. Cash and time now held higher. Tar, Pitch and Rosin are inactive, at previous quotations.

Rice - Steady sales at 34 a 34 1/2 cts. cash.

BALTIMORE MARKET. Feb. 12. This morning there were sales of 600 bbls. Howard street flour, straight brands, at \$4.51, and 200 barrels at \$4.75. No sales City Mills.

Nothing doing in wheat - none in market. Sales white and yellow corn at 52 a 53c. Nothing in oats, Sales 15,000 pounds new shoulders' bacon at 54 a 55c. cash. Beef cattle - the offerings today at the scales reach 750 head, of which 60 were driven to Philadelphia, balance taken by city buyers at \$2.75 a \$3.75 on the hoof, equal to \$5.50 a \$7.25, and average \$3.25. There were 3 extra cuts of \$4.41 a \$5. Hogs - but few in the market, prices \$3.75 a \$5.

CHARLESTON MARKET. Feb. 12. Cotton - The Europa's accounts have been of the market. The few buyers in attendance yesterday demanded a reduction, to which holders were unwilling to submit.

AGUSTA MARKET. Feb. 9. Cotton - The weather to-day has been very unfavorable to our-door operations.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET. Feb. 9. On the 7th, 4,500 bales of Cotton were sold. Prices easier, without any positive decline.

HAVANA MARKET. Feb. 7. (Received in Charleston) "We beg to refer to our Report of 21st January. Since then the supplies of Sugar have somewhat increased, although they are still quite moderate.

The demand has become more active from Spain and other parts of Europe, and prices are rather higher. Planters seem very confident in their expectations, and it appears more likely that we shall have a further advance than a speedy decline.

We place our quotations as follows: Whites, 9 a 10 rials; Yellows, 6 a 7 rials; Browns, 5 1/2 a 5 rials; Cucueros, 4 a 5 rials. Sales of Muscovados have been made in this market at 4 1/2 a 5 rials for inferior to good.

The weather has been unfavorable latterly whereby grinding has been impeded, and it is feared the crops will not yield so much as was at first anticipated.

Molasses is supported at 2 rials. Coffee is very scarce, and has been sold at \$12 1/2 a 13 for good to prime.

The sales of Rice comprise 1100 casks Carolina at \$1.91, 93 for good, and 9 rials for inferior, and 210 bags Valencia at 8, 8 1/2 and 5 rials. There are 300 casks of Carolina in first hands.

Exchanged on London 10 first hands. New York and Boston 1 a 1 1/2 per cent. premium.

The Naval Force of England.

The following is a statement of the naval force of this country, in ships, guns, and men, at the present moment:

Table with columns: Stations, Ships, Guns, Men. Rows include Portsmouth, Devonport, Falmouth packets, Sheerness, Woolwich, Deptford, Chatham, Pembroke, Quebec, Libon, Mediterranean, West Indies, Pacific, Coast of Africa, South E. coast of America, Cape of Good Hope.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

NAVAL STORES. Yellow Dip. 100 lbs. of 320 lbs. 1 85 @ 1 90

Hard. 1 05 @ 1 10. Spirits Turpentine. 50 gal. 1 25 @ 1 15

Lard. 1 00 @ 1 10. Lard. 1 00 @ 1 10. Lard. 1 00 @ 1 10.

LUMBER, STEAM MILL. Wide boards, plank and scantling. Floor Boards. 11 00 @ 12 00

Wide Boards, Edged. 14 00 @ 15 00. Refused, half price on all.

RAILROADS. Lumber, River. Floor Boards. 9 00 @ 10 00

Wide Boards. 7 00 @ 8 00. Scantling. 5 00 @ 6 00

RAILROADS. Lumber, River. Floor Boards. 7 00 @ 8 00

Wide Boards. 5 00 @ 6 00. Scantling. 3 00 @ 4 00

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Wide Boards. 3 00 @ 4 00. Scantling. 1 50 @ 2 00

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Wide Boards. 1 50 @ 2 00. Scantling. 7 5 @ 8 00

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