

WASHINGTON LETTERS.

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A DAMPER ON SPURIOUS GENERALITY.

Baltimore, Md.

It is a remarkable circumstance that of the British House of Peers, embracing dukes, marquesses, earls, viscounts and barons, numbering over 500 persons, not one can trace his title and arms back further than the year 1811.

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STROMAN ITEMS.

Our school here closed last Friday.

It was successfully taught by Miss Ella Pippin and Jennie Thompson. Miss Jennie Coulter is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. P. Williams.

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THE WHISKY QUESTION.

Mr. Editor:

In last week's OBSERVER appeared an article on the whisky question by W. D. W. Lee. I think that I think his views are exactly to the point.

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SALE OF FAYETTEVILLE AND WILMINGTON STEAMBOAT CO'S PROPERTY.

Sold to Northern Parties for \$11,750.

In accordance with a decree of the Federal Court, and as previously advertised, the property of the Fayetteville and Wilmington Steamboat Company was sold Monday at public auction on the steps of the court house, Col. W. S. Cook acting as auctioneer.

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YESTERDAY'S ELECTION.

The Bond Issues Carried.

From Tuesday's Daily. The result of yesterday's municipal election, which passed quietly, was as follows:

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Lucas Paints

(Tinted Glass)

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Advertisement for 20th Century Discovery Taxo, highlighting its benefits and availability.

Advertisement for Strouse Bros. 'Make' Wrinkle-Proof, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for R. Burns, a perfect fit, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for Mike Folb, The King Clothier, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for Why take something just as good, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for The Queen Quality, American Girl and Florida, featuring an illustration of a woman in a dress.