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WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25, 1898.

AN EXTREME CHARGE OF OFFICIAL GUILT

If Hancock is not most grossly slandering Governor Russell then the latter is a much worse man than his personal or political enemies would have thought.

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It is enough to make the heart sick to see the degradation of our once proud and noble city.

It cannot be otherwise than that the north must suffer temporarily in any field of enterprise in which there is competition from the south.

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HOME FOLKS.

The Raleigh Press-Visitor, a good evening paper, has put in new and smaller type and is thereby decidedly improved.

We are gratified to hear that the Lieutenant Jenkins, missing among the Maine's crew and was doubtless blown to pieces, is not, as at first reported, of North Carolina, and not connected with the Messenger mentioned after hearing the rumor.

The Asheville Gazette is pleased to say: "The Wilmington Messenger and the Charlotte Observer are fine examples of the possibilities of journalism."

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NORTH CAROLINA.

Stresses who burned the ginney and a large amount of cotton for Mr. Thos. H. Battle, of Rocky Mount, have been sent to the penitentiary for five years.

Raleigh Press-Visitor: A building and loan association reported to the state auditor today which had a previous record. It was the Mechanics' Perpetual, of Charlotte, which had a record of \$25,000. The state license tax was \$100.

Sanford Express: A swindler from the north went to Winston several days ago and said he had there to business. He succeeded in swindling two or three hundred dollars from the bank.

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THE MAINS OUTPOSTS.

A thunder-laden ship bestrides. These corps of officers and crew are souls of courage and of cheer.

Amid the quiet of the grave. A fiery demon rends the air. While villain spirits of the brave

The earthquake shook the land. The earthquake shook the land. The earthquake shook the land.

For now is heard the unwonted note. That echoes loud from heart to throat. Demanding of fate's book the cause.

At human projects fate doth laugh. As wills deride the useless craft. What'er to us may cruel seem

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FIGURES ARE FACTS!

Which talk loud and stronger than any other proof, I want to double my business this year.

I have nice old pieces for a few days longer. A nice lot of heavy seamless hose and stockings.

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Canned Goods.

25 CASES TOMATOES. 65 CASES PEACHES. 10 CASES SARDINES.

20 CASES POTTED HAM. 10 CASES CORN. 75 CASES OYSTERS.

ROBT. R. STONE & CO. WHOLESALE GROCERS. 5 and 7 South Water Street.

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TOOTH BRUSHES.

WE HAVE A VERY CHOICE LINE OF IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC TOOTH BRUSHES.

A FINE LINE JUST RECEIVED. IT WILL PAY YOU TO LOOK AT OUR STOCK.

HARDIN'S PHARMACY, J. H. HARDIN, PROPRIETOR. PHONE 55.

OUR STOCK OF Groceries and Provisions. IS READY FOR INSPECTION.

HAY AND PEANUT VINES. FINE FEED FOR STOCK. SEE OUR MOLASSES STOCK.

HALL & PEARSALL. A 14 AND NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

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First Car of Potatoes.

The first car of our famous Early Rose and Early Ohio Seed Potatoes has arrived.

60,000 MONOGRAM CIGARS. The leading 60 Cigar of North Carolina.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE. Schedule in Effect February 14, 1898.

DAILY No. 44-Passenger-Due Mag 12:30 a. m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON-FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY No. 43-Passenger-Leave Boston 6:50 p. m.

DAILY No. 42-Passenger-Leave Tampa 12:30 p. m.

DAILY No. 41-Passenger-Leave Savannah 12:30 p. m.

DAILY No. 40-Passenger-Leave Jacksonville 12:30 p. m.

DAILY No. 39-Passenger-Leave Orlando 12:30 p. m.

DAILY No. 38-Passenger-Leave Tampa 12:30 p. m.

DAILY No. 37-Passenger-Leave Jacksonville 12:30 p. m.