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To Our Patrons—We must again call the attention of patrons to the necessity, on our part, of observing a uniform cash rule in respect to subscriptions to the Commercial News.

As to city collections, we have adopted the rule of a weekly collection of eight cents, and we only vary this in monthly or longer term subscriptions, which must be paid invariably in advance.

We do not ask any one to pay for the paper in any other way than by the rule of collections at the end of each week, and we only vary the rule to accommodate those who prefer to avoid the annoyance of the weekly collector by paying for longer terms, and when we do this we insist on the cash in advance.

While the amount of money due from a subscriber who pays by the week or month, is trifling in itself, these sums in the aggregate are important to us and when any of our patrons fail to conform to the established rule of the office, they cause confusion and annoyance that we would not suffer every week for the whole subscription money of the paper.

Therefore, if we have any patrons who do not choose to conform to the rule, they will oblige us by considering themselves no longer subscribers to the paper, and they will not be, for every name on our books which shall not check up on Saturday next, according to the rule of the office, will go off the list.

RAILROAD MONOPOLIES AND DISCRIMINATIONS.

Governor Vance to the People of North Carolina.

On the threatening dangers of railroad monopolies and the growing evil of freight discriminations, Governor Vance, in six long columns of the Charlotte Observer, addresses himself to the people of North Carolina.

As in all great emergencies, when he has been drawn before the people of his State, Governor Vance appears at his very best, and delivering his arguments with the force of sledge hammer blows, brings out his points clear and to the comprehension of the dullest mind, and leaves little to be said on the subject with which he has dealt after the most careful and thorough preparation.

He fully sustains his every action and position as a railroad commissioner, and convicts the management of the Richmond and Danville Railroad on every charge he has preferred. He shows by record evidence furnished by the authorities of the road themselves, that they have discriminated against our people of North Carolina to the absolute destruction of their business, and that as between North Carolina and Virginia business, they have imposed on the former a tariff sixteen times heavier than have been borne by the business of the latter.

We predict now that Governor Vance will be called upon to lead a great popular movement of the people of this State against monopolies, and that in no contest of his life has he shown a vigor and popularity equal to that which now awaits him.

We have made arrangements to present this last powerful letter of Governor Vance, in a supplemental form in the Commercial News to-morrow.

THE COTTON CROP.

Latest Telegraphic Reports.

The following was the report on the cotton crop of some of the Southern States telegraphed last Saturday:—

Alabama—There were light rains during the week, but no damage has been done to the cotton. Picking is progressing rapidly, and about two thirds of the crop is already gathered. The worms

have done considerable damage. About three-fourths of a crop will be made.

Arkansas—The weather is finer and picking is progressing rapidly. Cotton is coming in fast and is being shipped to the market. The crop will be almost a failure.

Florida—The weather is good and picking is progressing. About half of the crop has been already gathered.

Georgia—The weather is very favorable, but the condition of the crop is bad as compared with last year, and the quality is not as good. The increased acreage is 5 per cent. The crop is being gathered rapidly, about one-third having been picked.

Louisiana—There has been no change in the condition of the cotton crop. The weather is fine for picking, and in some parts of the State nine-tenths of the cotton has already been gathered. In the northern portion of the State only a third of a crop will be realized, and some parishes will not produce more than one bale to fifteen acres. The crop is being shipped to market as fast as possible.

Mississippi—The weather is favorable for picking, and the cotton will be gathered by November 1st. The yield will be only about a half a crop. It is being marketed rapidly.

Some Wonderful Occurrences on our N. C. Coast.

[Elizabeth City Economist.]

We learn from an observant gentleman, who has just returned from a long sojourn at Nag's Head, that the sickness on the north end of Roanoke Island and along the coast is unprecedented. The prevalence of sickness is ascribed to drying of the salt marshes by the excessive drought. Another peculiar condition is the unprecedented quantity of fish in the waters of the sound. The waters are full of them. They are caught here in large quantities with hook and line and other ways. Fat backs are so thick you can hardly push a pole through them. The fish are fat and healthy, but the quantity is astounding. From the Nag's Head pier one catches fish enough in a short time to supply a family for days. This unusual condition of things in the lower sounds along the coast, coupled with the signs and predictions of evil times to come at no remote date, has caused a feeling of alarm among persons sensitive to the supernatural.

Exports and Imports.

The monthly statement furnished by the Bureau of Statistics of the imports and exports of the United States shows that for the month ending August 31, 1881, the excess of exports of merchandise was \$5,804,124, and for the year ending August 31, 1881, \$107,079,544. The excess of imports of gold and silver coin and bullion for the month of August was \$4,796,109, and for the year \$79,459,434. The total value of the exports of merchandise for the month of August was \$67,497,140, and of imports \$61,093,016. The total value of the exports for the twelve months ending August 31, 1881, was \$894,695,274, and of the imports \$543,163,661. The decrease in the value of the imports from the preceding twelve months was \$53,990,854, and the increase of exports was \$30,451,215.

General News.

Senator Hill is improving. He will be able to take his seat when the Senate meets.

The Secretary of War has detailed a company of the regular army to guard the body of President Garfield.

Gold memorial medals of President Garfield are making at the Philadelphia Mint. They will sell at \$5 and \$10 respectively.

Washington City was greatly excited over the announcement that Dave Vance, in pursuit of Hussey, was on his way to that place.

Severe wind storms prevailed in various parts of the Northwestern States

on Saturday, which were quite destructive to life and property.

The first, second and third districts New York, have elected Stalwart delegates to the State Convention.

Secretary Windom has determined to make the canvass for re-election to the Senate, to fill the balance of his own unexpired term. He was very loth to leave the Senate to enter the cabinet, and regrets very much now that he did so.

The Senate chamber is now in readiness for the meeting of the Senate. The portraits of George Washington and John Adams, the first President and the first Vice President of the United States, have been placed on either side of the chair of the presiding officer.

The Richmond city council have appointed a committee, headed by General Wickham, to visit Washington and invite President Arthur to be a guest of Richmond one day or more, either as he goes to or returns from the Yorktown centennial. If the President accepts the invitation, Richmond promises to give him a taste of true Southern hospitality.

The Adjutant-General of North Carolina has received a letter from the Secretary of the Executive Committee of Norfolk's celebration of the Yorktown centennial, stating that it is the intention of that committee to have a "Carolina Day," and desiring to know when the troops from this State will pass through Norfolk.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—Attention is called to the following advertisements new in this issue:

J. B. Yates—Excursion to Goldsboro.

Personal.

Dr. D. W. Smith, of Vanceboro was in the city yesterday.

W. H. Sawyer, of Bayboro, was on our streets yesterday.

F. G. Rhem, Esq., of Core Creek, was in town yesterday.

W. H. Ellison, the Postmaster at Vanceboro, was at the Gaston House yesterday.

J. L. Morris, of the M. N. C. R. R., was one of the registered guests at the Gaston House.

Messrs. C. E. Foy and J. S. Manix were among the guests at the Gaston House yesterday.

W. H. Pugh, a prominent farmer of Pamlico, was registered at the Gaston House yesterday.

T. H. Mallison, one of the principle farmers of Craven county, was in New Berne yesterday.

Mr. F. J. Ramsey, of the crockery house of D. F. Haynes & Co., Baltimore, is at the Gaston House.

Seth M. Carpenter, who is very ill with Pneumonia, was not expected to live during the night past.

Mr. Thomas Daniels, who is at Beaufort, in the interest of the firm of Watson and Daniels, was in the city yesterday.

W. A. Potts, Jr., of Washington, is at the Gaston House on his return from a trip through Western North Carolina.

Miss Mamie Ellis, one of the daughters of the lamented and honored Governor Ellis, returned from a summer residence in Virginia on the Sunday morning train, and resumed her school duties yesterday.

PEAS FOR CANNING.—Jos. L. Rhem, Esq., begins gathering his second crop of peas, which he planted for the canning establishment of the Messrs. Bair, this morning.

STEAMERS FOR YORKTOWN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.—We are informed by the agent of the Old Dominion Steamship Company that a ticket will be sold by that company from New Berne to Yorktown and return, for the small sum of \$8.75. Steamers will leave Norfolk almost hourly for Yorktown.

HANDSOMELY REFITTED.—Messrs. Hackburne Brothers have handsomely repainted and refitted their store on West Broad street.

EQUIPMENTS SHIPPED.—The News and Observer states that Yorktown equipments for the New Berne Grays would be shipped yesterday.

THE LITTLE GIANT GAS MACHINE.—Major Dennison has bought the county right for the Little Giant Gas Machine, and is ready to take orders for the same. Mr. E. G. Cuthbert has ordered one of the largest for his new machine shop. The material is being gotten ready.

ACCIDENT AT THE SHOPS.—Jacob Green, colored, employed in the shops of the Midland Railway, was severely cut in the hand yesterday by a chisel which he was using shivering, and but for timely surgical assistance, he would have bled to death.

SCHOOL OF THE MISSES ELLIS.—The Misses Ellis opened their school yesterday morning under encouraging auspices. Parents could not do better than place their daughters under the instruction of these accomplished young ladies.

COTTON PICKERS FOR THE COUNTRY.—Several wagon loads of cotton pickers left for the country yesterday, from which we infer the temporary disturbance of that labor has passed off, and the farmers will now get their staple to market without further trouble.

SUPPOSED TO BE LOST.—Capt. Balance, of the schooner Van Kirk, reports that a large vessel which left Philadelphia for this port ahead of him, is supposed to have been lost, as nothing was heard from her after passing out at the Delaware Breakwater.

SALT WATER.—Owing to the low water in the Neuse and tributary streams above, our waters are full of salt water fish of every description, mullets, green gar, fat backs, and other species appearing at the docks in superabundance. Sharks are also reported present, and boys in the habit of going overboard, better be careful.

NEW-BERNE BOYS FOR YORKTOWN.—But two weeks remain in which to get ready and go to Yorktown. If our military intend to go, the members of the companies should make it positively known to the officers at once, that the necessary preparations may be made, outfit ordered, and all that sort of thing. Let there be decisive action at once.

RICE RECEIVED.—The first rice of consequence received this season came in yesterday, but was in a green state, and the price paid was not good enough to justify quotations.

Rice planters are advised, in their own interest, to bring their rice to market well cured and in good condition, otherwise they cannot realize anything like a price for it.

THE CANNERY.—Steam was got on the boiler of the canning establishment of Messrs. Bair yesterday, and everything is being put in order for the resumption of operations to-morrow.

As soon as the late pea crop is exhausted, oysters will be taken in hand, and the establishment will run through the winter and early spring, affording a good ready market for our oysters, and giving employment to a large number of women and children. The Messrs. Bair are, in their enterprise, public benefactors, and should have the substantial encouragement of our people in the great work they are undertaking. We trust the winter will be a profitable one to them.

DIED.—Yesterday evening, at 15 minutes to 9 o'clock, of an affection of the brain, at the residence of Capt. J. E. Morris, little Frederick A. Rideout.

The funeral will take place from the Methodist Church, this evening, at 4.30 o'clock. The public are invited to attend.

[See Fourth Page for other Local Matter.]

CITY NOTICES

Jewelry.—A beautiful and elegant assortment of Jewelry just purchased in New York, at Bell's, the Jeweler. Any article ever sold that is not as was represented can be returned and the money will be refunded.

Notice to Shippers.—Schooner Melvin is now in New York. Will receive Freight for this port, and sail Tuesday Oct. 4th. Sept. 30. HOWLAND, Captain.

Oyster Saloon.—David Speight, Market Dock, next to the Farmer's Home, desires to inform the public that he has opened his Oyster Saloon, and is now prepared to serve the very best and freshest oysters at all hours and in every style. Attentive, polite and skilled waiters. General meals at all hours.

New Store and New Goods.—J. Frontis Ives has opened his new stock of fall and winter goods in the elegant new Duffy building on Pollok street, and invites the public to an inspection of his large, varied and elegant stock of dry goods, ladies' dress goods, shawls, cloaks, laces and every variety of ladies' fancy goods; gentlemen's furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes and every article in the line of general merchandise adapted to the dry goods trade of this city and section. Ladies' and gentlemen's fine shoes a specialty. Prices and goods guaranteed to suit customers.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Excursion!

—TO—
COOP'S CIRCUS,
AT GOLDSBORO.
Wednesday, October 12th

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| Train leaves Morehead City | 8 20 A. M. |
| Newbern | 8 30 " |
| Kinston | 8 30 " |
| La Grange | 8 30 " |
| Train arrives Goldsboro | 10 10 " |

Returning, train will leave Goldsboro at 11 o'clock p. m., after night performance.

FARE FOR ROUND TRIP FROM
Morehead City \$1 50 | New Berne \$1 25
Kinston 75 | La Grange 50
oct4 J. B. YATES, G. M.

NEW BERNE THEATRE.

THE GREAT ORIGINAL!
Geo. Kunkel's Nightingale Minstrels

22 PERFORMERS, 22

All artists of acknowledged reputation.

ONE NIGHT ONLY,

Tuesday Evening, Oct. 4.

GEORGE KUNKEL

Will appear at every performance, assisted by the entire Company, in the most elegant and refined Minstrel entertainment now traveling, embracing the newest

Songs, Dances, Acts, Wit, Humor, &c.

Admission 50 cents; reserved seats 75 cents. Tickets on sale at Meadows' drug store Monday morning.

Special excursion train from Goldsboro on this occasion at reduced rates. Train leaves Goldsboro at 1 p. m.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

LEINSTER DUFFY

Dealer in

DRY GOODS,

GROCERIES,

BOOTS, SHOES,

HATS, CAPS,

TOBACCO, CIGARETTES,

CIGARS, &c.

At Cheap John's Corner,

Middle and So. 1st Sts.,

aug 13-3m NEW BERNE.

Don't You Forget It!

WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED OF Family Supplies, such as Sugar, Cured Meats, best Butter, best Lard, good Coffee and Tea, Flour, &c., and in fact everything in the Grocery Line call on
Wm. F. HOUSTON,
Middle St. next Market New Berne, N.C.