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TWO CENTS

CITY NOTICES

Gentlemen's Underwear.—Gents Undershirts in all wool and merino in best styles, at A. M. Baker's.

Cloaks and Ulsters.—Fine Cloaks of latest style. A beautiful line of beaver and fur cloth for Cloaks and Ulsters, at A. M. Baker's.

Dress Goods Lower.—Dress Goods are lower this season than for many years. Black Cashmere, all wool, from 40c to \$1.00. A beautiful line of Versales cloth of mourning, at A. M. Baker's.

J. F. Ives has now on exhibition samples of Cloths from the Popular Clothiers, Wanamaker & Brown. The public are invited to examine. A sure fit guaranteed.

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.

Ladies' Furnishing and Dress Goods.—A beautiful line of children's hose in oil colors. Madam Foy's and Thompson's Corsets. A full line of flannels, and an elegant line of Dress Goods, and Ladies and Children's Undervests, at A. M. Baker's.

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.

Trimmings.—Plaids and Stripes in Silk and Worsted in Trimmings, also beautiful Fringe in Silk and Chenille beaded in Steel, Jet and Irredescent. A large assortment of Tassels and Cord. Brass, Steel and Metal Buttons of latest styles, at A. M. Baker's.

SPECIAL NOTICES

TRY Our Butter, it can't be beat. Alex. Miller.

BEST Brands Family Flour, at Alex. Miller's.

GROCERIES, High in quality but low in prices, at Alex. Miller's.

CHOICE Groceries and Farmer's Supplies. We warrant all goods as represented. Alex. Miller.

EXAMINE New Crockery, China, Glass ware, Wood and Willow Ware Goods shown with pleasure. Alex. Miller.

C. E. SLOVER'S

Christmas Advertisement!

THE FOLLOWING NAMED GOODS just received and all fresh:

MINCED MEAT,

Beef Tongues, Dried Beef, Spiced Pig's Feet, Lambs' Tongues (Boiled and Soused), Corned Beef, Breakfast Bacon, Sugar-cured Shoulders, Small Hams,

Raisins, Currants, Citron

PRUNES, JELLIES, CANDIES,

Pickles, Oatmeal, Macaroni, Cheese,

BUCKWHEAT, RICE, WHITE BEANS, GRITS, COD FISH,

Irish Potatoes, Smoked Herring,

BUTTER,

Cooked Corned Beef, Yeast Powders,

ENGLISH WALNUTS, BRAZIL NUTS, ALMONDS.

Canned Corn, Tomatoes, Peaches, Pine Apple, Lobster, Salmon, Peas.

Sardines, Potted Ham, Olive Oil,

LEA & PERRINS' SAUCE,

Essence Lemon, Ess. Vanilla,

CATSUP, CHOCOLATE, FR. MUSTARD, SPICES,

Essence Coffee,

ROASTED COFFEE.

Yeast Cakes, Fine Teas, Cond. Milk,

Fine Syrup, Molasses, Crackers,

Powdered Sugar, Granulated Sugar, Crushed Sugar, White Ex. U Sugar, Yellow C Sugar.

TOBACCO, CIGARS,

FIRE CRACKERS!

Powder, Shot and Caps,

CROCKERY, GLASS WARE,

JAVACOFFEE.

General News.

John W. Forney is dead.

Parnell, in prison, is sick with chills.

Minister Hamlin has arrived in Madrid.

A German news and music dealer in Richmond, Va., committed suicide.

Two men killed on the Air-Line road at Suwanee, Ga., by a passenger train.

The Mercer brothers, two notorious Iowa desperadoes, were killed in Missouri.

The London Times criticizes the protective doctrines in President Arthur's Message.

Wm. F. Weed, who died in Philadelphia Wednesday, left \$10,000,000 worth of property.

Two lawyers quarrelled in a Leadville, Col., court; one pounded the other with a chair, fracturing his skull.

Brewers at the large cities in the West will form an association and fix the price at \$8 per barrel and \$2 per keg.

A growing division among the democrats on the tariff question is reported; nor are the republicans a unit thereon.

A theatre burned at Vienna, the loss of life was very great; over three hundred bodies were recovered. Sixty persons were saved.

The sale of the Sprague Print Works at Providence, R. I., has been enjoined by Judge Potter of the Supreme Court of that State.

A freight train of 32 cars, several of them loaded with live stock, was precipitated 80 feet into the Missouri river, through the giving way of a bridge.

The National Cotton Planters' Association, at Atlanta, was addressed by G. B. Loring, U. S. Commissioner of Agriculture, on "The mutual relations of America."

The sub-committee to whom were referred the charges against the New York Senators will report that there is no evidence to sustain them and ask to be discharged.

The committee on the French crown jewels propose to sell diamonds worth 12,000,000 francs, which possess no historical value, and to retain the Regent diamond, fearing that it would be bought by Americans.

"The Morals of Free Trade and Protection" was discussed by the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher under the auspices of the Brooklyn Revenue Reform Club. Mr. Beecher took the free trade side of the question, and described a protective tariff as protected immorality.

Senator Morrill delivered a long speech against free trade in the Senate; Senator Garland gave notice of his intention to reply; bills and resolutions were introduced for the retirement from circulation of silver certificates, concerning taxes on deposits in banks, and in relation to a Presidential successor.

A scow from some passing dredge is ashore at Cape Lookout.

POSSUMS by the dozen \$1.50, enter into the local traffic of Beaufort.

CRAV POINT in Carteret is showing up ripe and fully matured pears.

CAPT. TAYLOR will command the Trent, and Mr. Lassiter is chief engineer.

THE PEOPLE of Carteret have had a meeting to devise some means of compromising and adjusting the county debt.

TREASURER Caddagan of the Midland went up the road yesterday to pay off the construction force on the Extension.

MR. C. T. WATSON received more than two hundred wild ducks by the Midland Road yesterday from below for shipment North.

THE OCEAN steamers for the past month have all met stress of weather and been delayed double the time for ordinary crossing. It is supposed that the steamer on her way with the Midland rails is delayed from the same cause. She is overdue.

MR. ELLIS, the owner, is looking daily for the return of the schooner Melvin from the West Indies with molasses and fruits.

IN THE YEAR 1800 the population of New Berne was 2,000, being the largest town in the State. She is third in population now, Wilmington and Raleigh leading her.

SUNDAY MAILS.—The regular mails will be received, delivered and made up to-day. The postoffice delivery will open from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m., and from 3 to 4 p. m. Mail for North and West closes at 2:43 p. m.

OUR FISHING INTEREST.—The Beaufort Telephone says:—Mr. George N. Ives leaves to-day for New Berne to commence his preparations for purchasing and shipping shad from that point. His business here will go on as usual and he will favor us with occasional visits.

DETAINED AT THE SWASH.—The schr. James M. Watson, Capt. Walker, which arrived yesterday with coal from Philadelphia, was a week aground on the Swash at Hatteras. She left two other vessels also aground there. Almost every vessel that arrives or leaves this port is detained at the Swash, and this argument alone ought to be sufficient to induce Congress to make immediately available an appropriation sufficient to dredge the river approaches to the Harlowe Creek Channel, which private capital now proposes to enlarge to the proportions of a ship channel.

TRIAL OF MACHINERY.—Steam was gotten on the new steamer Trent yesterday, and her machinery tested under the direction of her master machinist, Mr. James Manwell. The performance was splendid. She "turned over" at seventeen pounds pressure, and at thirty-five revolved at good speed. The power is abundant and to spare, enabling the engine to do its work without apparent effort, and the speed of the boat will be the quickest of anything in our waters.

The boiler and machinery of the Trent, as far as we can observe, are perfect, were manufactured by James Clark & Co. of Baltimore, and of sixty horse power. The iron of the boiler was made by Coates & Brother, Baltimore, tensile strain 50,000.

We congratulate the Trent River Transportation Company upon the first test of its new steamer, as we commend and compliment their enterprise in building here, and trust this is but the beginning of a fleet of New Berne steamboats. Now for the trial trip, &c.

SUNDAY RATES OF FARE.—We understand the Midland management will place on sale a cheap Sunday ticket for all regular trains on that day. This is really necessary, and will prove a source of revenue to the road. Many poor, laboring people have no day to spare for recreation and visiting, except Sunday, and a cheap ticket good for that day will enable them to make brief visits up and down the road without any loss of time from their necessary avocations of imperative bread making.

People who believe that Sunday was instituted for man's rest and recreation, and would yet shut off all facilities for travel and pleasure-taking do not reflect that they are proposing to rob one half the world of large opportunity for the enjoyment of life. For people who are bound down to hard labor every working day the year round, have only Sunday to go out with their families for pleasure and recreation, and it must be that the Lord intended that this class, at least, should have other pleasures and privileges than the Sunday School and house of worship. In portions of the old world, church attendance is universal in the morning, not partial as here, and the afternoon is given up to social enjoyment and harmless pleasure.

Americans would be better if they were all church goers in the morning, and innocent pleasure takers in the afternoon.

CHARLIE McSORLEY, our principal carrier, is sick, and we may have to mail his route, this issue, through the postoffice.

DRAMATIC RECITATIONS.—Miss Bolnie Meyer is billed at the New Berne Theatre 26th and 27th of this month for dramatic recitations.

FIRE LAST EVENING.—The alarm of fire was caused last evening at 6 o'clock by the burning of a stable, belonging to Noah Powell, in the rear of his barroom at "Five Points," and near the cart shed of Hackburn Brothers. The stable was a total loss, including Powell's horse, valued at \$80.00, which was so badly burned as to necessitate the cutting of his throat to relieve his agonies. Total loss on building, provender and horse, estimated at \$150.00. The origin of the fire is not known, but supposed to have been accidental, or rather the result of carelessness.

The store house and other adjoining buildings of the Messrs. Hackburn were endangered, but the bucket brigade kept water on until the arrival of the two steamers, and the fire did not spread beyond its original limits.

The alarm was not sounded for full five minutes after the fire was seen from this office, but upon the alarm, the two steamers, Reliance hand engine, and Mechanics' Hook and Ladder, instantly turned. The New Berne was earliest on the ground, and would have had first water, but for her boiler being too full for working. As it was the Elijah Ellis got the first stream on.

Between the two very superior fire engine companies of New Berne, there is no room for invidious distinction, and neither can own a merit that the other does not possess. It would be impossible to bring a volunteer fire department up to a higher state of proficiency than these two companies have attained.

SOMETHING TO LOOK AT.—When we conducted the Raleigh Sentinel, in 1876, we had occasion to estimate its business for the then past eleven years of its existence, and found, on examination, that it had disbursed in the city of Raleigh \$225,000. This was an expenditure direct, in the city, for the benefit of its population and trades people, and by far the greater portion of that sum—at least \$150,000—had been drawn from abroad for the local benefit.

The foreign patronage of any good paper will more than double its local support; and any paper in New Berne which should enjoy a patronage of \$6,000 a year, would draw three to four thousand of it from localities outside of the city.

Now in the matter of the Commercial News; if we expend \$5,000 a year upon its publication, and it is already at the rate of four, it is absolutely certain that \$3,000 of that sum will come from its outside patronage, if not more.

An institution that will gather up from abroad, and expend in this city, from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year, aside from the other good it may do, is of no small consequence to the community.

Of mechanics and ordinary employes, this little paper has supported five grown men and three boys, and found bread for two of their families, and we are not counting the editorial and clerical force. Every dollar paid by the local merchants for advertising has been returned to them, in trade, twofold; and quite a good many dollars have been already brought into the community, from abroad, through the medium and agency of the Commercial News.

An office is a manufacturing establishment, and the bulk of its expenditure is for wages, and its chief market for manufactured articles is in the country. The receipts of a newspaper are disbursed in the locality of its publication, not like a store, transmitted North; save the small margin of profit returned. Of \$1,000 expended in the publication of this paper the first three months of its existence, not more than ten per cent found its way out of the city, and that was for white paper

alone. These are matters that ought to have consideration at the hands of business thinking people.

If you want a load of good Oak or Ash Wood call at Wm. Salter's.

[See Fourth Page for other Local Matters.]

NEW CROPPRAISINS!

Currants, Citron, Prunes,

FRENCH WALNUTS!

Mince Meat, Italian Macaroni!

FERBIS' PIG MEATS!

Roasted Coffees,

FINE TEAS, CHOCOLATE, &c.,

At **Wm. Hollister's,**
dec 10 Middle street.

LEINSTER DUFFY,

Dealer in

DRY GOODS,

GROCERIES,

BOOTS, SHOES,

HATS, CAPS,

TOBACCO, SNUFF,

CIGARS, &c.

At **Cheap John's Corner,**

Middle and So. Fr. Sts.,

aug 13-3m **NEW BERNE.**

NEW STOCK OF JEWELRY.

SAM. K. EATON,

JEWELLER,

MIDDLE STREET, NEW BERNE,

Having just returned from New York

with a well selected stock of

WATCHES, CLOCKS & FANCY JEWELRY

invites the public to call and see him and

be shown his splendid new goods.

RARE CHANCE!

Patent Folding Rocking Chairs!

A MARVEL OF BEAUTY & CHEAPNESS

WATSON & STREET

Are offering at their Auction Rooms, a large Consignment of two hundred and fifty Patent Folding

ROCKING CHAIRS,

with Carpet Seats and Backs.

This is the Cheapest and Handsomest lot of

Furniture

ever offered in this market. Call and examine for yourselves.

WATSON & STREET,

nov. 19. Next door East Gaston House.

RUST PROOF OATS,

SEED WHEAT,

SEED RYE,

for sale by

WOLFENDEN & SMALLWOOD.

The Agency for Wanamaker & Brown's Clothing, now established at J. F. Ives'. An examination of samples invited. A sure fit guaranteed.