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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The Press-Visitor Will Be 35 Cents Per Month After January 1st.

The Press-Visitor has now for nearly a year and a half been greeting its readers every afternoon, replete with all the news of the day, both at home and at a distance, and throughout all that time the universal verdict of its readers has been and is that it is the best daily paper ever published in Raleigh. It has also taken its place in the journalistic field as the best and most up-to-date afternoon daily paper ever published in the State. While giving our patrons a paper which has been in every way superior to its predecessors, the price has remained the same and the Press-Visitor at 25 cents per month is today the cheapest newspaper in the State. Various of our contemporaries charge four dollars and five dollars per year and none of our contemporaries, we think, charge as low as the Press-Visitor at three dollars per year.

The time has now been reached when it is felt by the management that in view of the superior quality of the newspaper which we give to our readers and the fact that other similar journals, whose news columns are not so pretentious and so comprehensive as ours, charge at a higher rate, and realizing that the class of newspaper which we give is worth more than the price we charge, we feel justified in asking our patrons for a small increase in the subscription price of the Press-Visitor.

During the approaching session of the legislature we propose to give our readers complete accounts of the deliberations of that body and our expenses for that time will be considerably increased.

As we have been broadening and widening our scope our expenses have been otherwise increased and in the past year we have also borne the expense of equipping this office with a complete new outfit of the most modern and attractive type, an investment which has materially cut down that legitimate, though modest profit, to which we feel we are justly entitled.

Accordingly on January 1st, the subscription price of the Press-Visitor, will be raised from 25 cents to 35 cents per month, or from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per year if paid in advance.

We take this step feeling sure that our patrons will agree with us that the Press-Visitor is fully worth even this small price and that we are fully entitled to the slight increase asked, and that they will continue their patronage where they have heretofore deemed it worthily bestowed.

Stuart Robson and His Company of Actors.

Who does not know Stuart Robson, the most popular comedian of the American stage, and who has not heard of Madame Januschek, the greatest exponent of the tragic stage of the present day? Who will not exclaim, what manner of play it is that can bring together these two artists so diametrically opposed in method and art and that too under the name of comedy. Clever indeed must be such a play that can call upon such talented successors of the great tragedian, and that in the history of the stage has comedy and tragedy exponents formed a partnership like this. The play which will engage such artists is an adaptation from a French play and is entitled "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past." It will be produced at the Academy of Music on Thursday.

"Mr. Gilman's Wedding" a one-act comedy modernized from one of Buckstone's clever and humorous creations, will be the introductory to the longer play, which is hardly sufficient in length to serve as an evening's entertainment for an American audience.

Unlucky Trains.

The Southern's through train from Norfolk to Chattanooga seems to have been destined to an unlucky career, says the Salisbury World. Its troubles began on the very first trip it made, in which it killed a woman near Raleigh. Since then its trials have been multifarious and it has in all probabilities cost the Southern more than it has earned.

Sunday night the train broke down between Lexington and Salisbury and was delayed several hours in consequence. Last night the train coming from Chattanooga was delayed from some hitch or other and did not leave until 10 o'clock this morning.

GOING DUCKING AGAIN

President Cleveland Coming to South Carolina.

LEAVES SUNDAY

In Company With Fighting Bob Evans, Dr. O'Reilly and Captain Lambert—Georgetown the Destination of the Party.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor: WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The President will leave the city for a few days' shooting in South Carolina waters, accompanied by Capt. Robley Evans, of the Navy, and Capt. Lambert, of the Fifth Lighthouse district and Dr. O'Reilly, the President's physician. They will take the lighthouse tender Georgetown to South Carolina on Sunday.

"PROGRAM! PROGRAM!"

Read This and Then go to See The Characters Do the Acts—'Twill be Great.

The Press-Visitor is today enabled to furnish its readers the official program for the forthcoming production by the "Clitique Dramatique" of the old English comedy, "Our Boys." Three of the play actors through an excess of modesty prefer to display their histrionic ability under names as deceptive as their "make-ups."

"Girlie-girl Ne-Jones" will doubtless, however, be recognized immediately by the audience in spite of her ancient name and make-up, since her ability to make any role she may assume a charming one is too characteristic to fall to be recognized when she simpers before the footlights. As for "Montmorency de Smythe" he stutters a confession of love as awkwardly as so aristocratic a personage might be expected to do; while the innocent young man with the rather wicked stage name will say a part about as long as his title is, and retire hastily to view the subsequent proceedings from those mystic regions of cob-web festoons, behind the wings.

The remaining characters play under their real names, under which circumstances praise of them to Raleigh people would be superfluous. Here follows the program:

Rex Hospital benefit performance of "Our Boys," an original comedy in three acts by H. J. Byron:

CHARACTERS.

- Sir Geoffrey Champneys (a country magnate)—Mr. Thos. Bush.
- Talbot Champneys (his son)—Mr. Montmorency de Smythe.
- Perkyu Middlewick, Devonshire House (a retired butlerman) Mr. Victor H. Boyden.
- Charles Middlewick, (his son)—Dr. Hubert Royster.
- Kempster, (Sir Geoffrey's man servant)—Mr. Anisette Benedictine Smith.
- Poddles (Mr. Middlewick's butler)—Mr. Watkins Robards.
- Violet Melrose (an heiress)—Miss Amelia N. Pearce.
- Mary Melrose (her poor cousin)—Miss Julia Dewey.
- Clarissa Champneys (Sir Geoffrey's sister)—Miss Girlie-Girl Ne-Jones.
- Belinda, (a lodging house slave)—Miss Ethel Bagley.
- Act I.—At the Butterman's. Scene—Perkyu Middlewick's country house.
- Act II.—At the Baronet's. Scene—Drawing room in Sir Geoffrey's house.
- Act III.—After seven months. Mrs. Patchem's three pair back. Scene—Third floor at London lodging house.

Three more rehearsals remain before Tuesday night. The last will be full-dress, and so profitable have been those that have already been held that this last will lack only the stimulating spur of a packed house to make it as good as the next evening's production.

The proceeds of the play will be given to a fund to build an operating room at Rex Hospital. The young people participating are seeking to aid a worthy object by the production of a clean, bright and meritorious play that will represent months of work and sacrifice of time. They rightly ask and expect encouragement.

Nitro Glycerine Inventor Dead.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. Nior, Italy, Dec. 11.—Alfred Nobel, the inventor of nitro glycerine died yesterday evening at San Remo, Italy.

THE METHODIST ORGAN.

Conference Committee Favors Establishing a Paper in Raleigh.

The report of the special committee of the Methodist Conference in session at Kingston to provide for a conference organ was read by Dr. John yesterday and referred to committee on books and periodicals.

The report stated the committee met a committee appointed by the Western North Carolina conference to confer with this committee. A proposition was submitted to them to join them in the purchase of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. The Western committee declined to join in any proposition to have an organ owned jointly by the two conferences.

The committee submitted a plan as follows for an organ for the North Carolina conference: Name, "Methodist Herald;" to be a paper of eight pages, about 15x19 inches each; to be published in Raleigh, unless it be found more advantageous elsewhere; subscription price to be \$1.50 a year; that Rev. T. N. Ivey be elected editor and business manager for a term of two years, to be paid a salary of \$1,500 from the income of the paper; that this conference elect three preachers and three laymen, to be known as a board of publication, this board to have general supervision of the paper, and shall elect the editor at the end of each term of two years.

Dr. J. R. Brooks, of the Western N. C. conference, who was appointed by that conference as one of a commission on the paper question, was introduced to the conference.

Rev. L. W. Crawford was introduced to the conference. He is one of the editors and owners of the Christian Advocate. He made a nice talk, explaining his connection with the paper. His friends thought his connection with the paper was a guarantee that the North Carolina conference would be treated fairly. He was here in the cause of peace and unity; that he was as clearly allied to this as to the Western conference. The Western conference was never more united in the support of the Advocate. He said he and Bro. Grissom had offered to sell at the price they paid for the paper. His remarks seemed to be well received.

Improvements at the Oxford Orphanage.

Mr. N. M. Lawrence, superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, where yesterday and gave Col Olds some interesting information regarding it. There are at present 211 children, of whom 110 are girls. The cost of maintenance this year is \$19,500, less the earnings of the asylum, which are about \$3,800. The State gives \$10,000 and the Grand Lodge of Masons \$2,500. During the year there were 140 cases of measles among the pupils but not a death resulted. There were only two deaths during the year. The industrial feature of education is being well looked after. There is the farm, carpenter shop, broom factory and printing office. Five new brick buildings have been erected this year for dormitories, at a total cost of \$20,000, with a complete sewerage system. The old building in use as boys' dormitory will be torn down and the brick used in constructing other buildings. B. N. Duke, of Durham, made the asylum a cash gift of \$10,000 for buildings and the Masons raised a like amount.

Weather Conditions.

The weather continues generally clear over the central and southern portions of the country; it is cloudy only from the east lake region to the north Atlantic coast, with a little rain in that vicinity. Some rain occurred over central Florida.

The storm has disappeared into the north Atlantic, but another is moving across Canada, north of the lakes. The pressure is still high over Texas and the lower Mississippi valley. Changes in temperature during the past twenty-four hours have been slight. The winds all over the country continue to prevail from a westerly quadrant.

To Take Off the Sugar Duty.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, Dec. 11.—It is claimed in circles often well informed that next Monday will see the introduction in Congress of a bill taking off the one-eighth and one-tenth cent per pound duty on imports of refined sugars. It is claimed by the people who father the bill that there is a clear majority for the measure in both houses.

NOW FOR IT.

A Spicy Controversy Between an Editor and a Presbyterian Divine.

There is an interesting and gingersly discussion going on between Editor Joseph M. Reese of the Greensboro Record, and Rev. E. W. Smith one of the most prominent Presbyterian divines in the State. The controversy grew out of the recent appearance in Greensboro of the White Crook and the Davenport Sisters, and the following is an extract from Rev. Mr. Smith's card:

"If the White Crook has had objectionable features in it all such were eliminated in the performance here last night." So says one of our town papers. It then proceeds to state that the "performance" included the exhibition of women "in tights," that is, with half their persons exposed in skin tights stockinet to the gaze of a male audience. We are then assured that if the company had been differently named and advertised, "ladies would have gone and no criticism would have been made."

In the name of the pure women of Greensboro we indignantly deny this. Some females might, some lewd men might, but no "lady" of Greensboro would complacently witness this unseemable degradation of her sex. No "lady" of Greensboro would become a party to such wholesale massacre of modesty. Alas! that we cannot say the same for the gentlemen of Greensboro. Think of Christian husbands, brothers and fathers gazing greedily upon women with half their persons exposed in tights! They would do of shame to have their sisters, wives and daughters so dishonored, but they pay money to behold the dishonor of other women. O shame, where is thy blush.

The Seventh Commandment was wrecked last Monday night in Bogart's hall as well as on the week previous. That commandment forbids "all unchaste thoughts, words and actions. If a woman's marching about the stage with half her body exposed in stockinet to the ardent gaze of men is not an unchaste action, what is? If to gaze greedily upon a woman so unclothed is not an unchaste action, what is? The Seventh Commandment is violated by unchaste looking, so the Saviour declares. See Matt. 5:27. That commandment was wrecked in Bogart's hall last Monday night.

No Christian has a moral right to attend such a performance. He has a legal right, but no moral right; not merely because he soils his own soul, but because he is giving his money and the sanction of his presence to what is a slaughter house of all purity.

Greensboro's reputation has suffered in the past, but today she is stabbed in the house of her friends. It is published to the world in a Greensboro paper that the White Crook with its "women in tights" is considered in Greensboro so unobjectionable a performance that the Greensboro ladies would witness it without criticism. As a native of Greensboro I utterly deny this, in the name not only of the ladies, but of the gentlemen of Greensboro. Should such a statement ever come true of our town, we may write Ichabod upon its walls, for the glory of Greensboro will have departed.

EDBERT W. SMITH.

In reply to Mr. Smith's card editor Reese says in the Record:

"Elsewhere is a card from Rev. E. W. Smith regarding what the Record said about the White Crook show—viz: that billed otherwise, etc., 'ladies would have gone and no criticisms would have been heard,' whereupon Mr. Smith says, referring to tights, not especially to the White Crook."

"Some females might, some lewd men might, but no 'lady' of Greensboro would complacently witness this unseemable degradation of her sex. No 'lady' of Greensboro would become a party to such wholesale massacre of modesty."

Well, this is pretty steep, but we desire to say to Mr. Smith that we have seen ladies at exhibitions where tights were worn and notwithstanding he says they are not, we say they are ladies, as good as pure as any woman Mr. Smith knows. What is more of these are members of his church, and as for their lives and characters we say boldly they are as pure as any woman on earth. When Mr. Smith sets himself up to say who is a lady and who is not he is getting into deep water. Since he becomes so personal, we

would like to ask him if he ever attended a circus? Did he not go to see "America" at the World's Fair? The tights worn by the women at either of these are far "louder" than anything seen on the stage in Greensboro.

We have seen the best ladies of Greensboro at Shakespeare's "As You Like It," when the tights worn by "Rosalind" "expose more of the person" (in Mr. Smith's estimation) than those used in the White Crook.

We have seen the best women of Greensboro attend the operas here where tights were worn—not only one woman wore them, but half a dozen.

We are not defending any show; we are only giving facts easy to be established, but according to Mr. Smith a woman who attends any kind of a show where tights are worn is no lady. If this were true there are a lot of women in Greensboro who are not ladies—not only in Greensboro but all over the state. He may not mean it, but that is what he says.

As to what he says about men they are able to take care of themselves. We repeat again that we have seen some of the best and purest women at shows where tights were worn and that had the White Crook been differently advertised, etc., women would have gone and no criticism would have been heard.

Ladies have gone to such shows and if we will we shall no doubt see them at such places again, notwithstanding Mr. Smith's strictures.

GREAT IS EVANGELINE.

The Opera at the Academy Next Wednesday—Box Sheet Opens Tomorrow at 5 P. M.

"Evangeline"—the beautiful, fascinating, mirth creating "Evangeline"—is to be at the Academy of Music on next Wednesday. The company made a great success with the piece, in New York, where it packed the houses every evening during a season's run. Fresh humor is injected into the libretto, and all jokes are up-to-date and as full of life and wit as the sky is full of stars. It is a fountain of laughter and fun. The girls are all pretty, and the choruses particularly strong, and the costumes the most handsome and elegant ever seen here. Evangeline is the theatrical event of the season carrying over half a hundred people. The box sheet will be opened tomorrow at King's drug store at five o'clock. Remember the date and hour. Be on hand before the rush.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

MONTHS.	OPENING.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSING.
January	7.10	7.10	7.00	7.07
February	7.14	7.16	7.10	7.14
March	7.24	7.26	7.16	7.22
April	7.29	7.31	7.28	7.28
May	7.37	7.37	7.38	7.34
June	7.41	7.41	7.35	7.39
July	7.45	7.46	7.38	7.42
August
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October
November
December	6.96	7.04	6.96	7.02

Closed steady; sales 240,200 bales.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

New York Stock Market.	
Sugar	1164
American Tobacco	754
Burlington and Quincy	774
Chicago Gas	74
Des. and Ct. Food
General Electric	32
Louisville and Nashville	494
Manhattan	964
Rock Island	684
Southern Preferred	29
St. Paul	744
Tennessee Coal and Iron	28
Western Union	864

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

- Wheat—December, 76; May, 794.
- Corn—December, 24; May, 254.
- Oats—December, 174; May, 204.
- Pork—January, 7.57; May, 7.85.
- Lard—January, 3.82; May, 4.02.
- Clear Rib Sides—January 3.85; May 3.97.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

December	4.01
December-January	3.63
January-February	3.62
February-March	3.62
March-April	3.62
April-May	3.63
May-June	3.63

Closed irregular.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pouri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

The box sheet for "Our Boys" is open at King's. There is no extra charge for reserve seats. General admission will be fifty cents.

At one time yesterday afternoon there were 69 prisoners in the county jail. The greatest number ever confined in the jail heretofore was sixty-eight.

Today ended the fall term of the public schools of the city and the fall examinations were held. No new beginners will be taken after next week.

The Mayor had three cases of disorderly conduct before him today. Alice Jones (colored) was fined \$4 25, as was Walter Fann. One unfortunate was sent to the roads for thirty days.

The popular shoe store of S. C. Pool is offering some attractive bargains in men's and ladies' fine shoes. All should call and see their stock, which is one of the most complete and elegant ever shown in the State.

State Geologist Holmes left today for Granville and Vance where the rich gold finds have been reported. He will make an investigation and his reports will be looked forward to with much interest.

There is a young lady in Raleigh whose features a competent judge has declared to be of a perfectly classic mold and says that her vignette should adorn the silver dollar instead of the one now in vogue.

Greensboro has one of the largest and handsomest new establishments to be seen anywhere in the South. It is the new clothing store of the Fishplate-Katz-Rankin company and would do credit to a city like Atlanta or Washington.

Messrs. Ward Bros., who have for some time been conducting the popular hotel at Burlington are spreading out and have also opened one at Pinner's Point. If they serve as tempting meals there as they do at their Burlington hotel their guests will have no reason to complain.

The attorney general says the magistrates elected by the people do not qualify until the first Monday in next August. He also says the failure of officers elected in counties to file a statement of expenses forfeits the office and the clerk must fill the vacancies after August 1st in case of magistrates.

Four prominent Eastern lawyers were recommended for the vacant judgeship of the sixth judicial district, which was filled yesterday by the appointment of O. H. Allen. Those recommended were J. D. Bellamy, Jr., of Wilmington, Noah S. Rouse, of Kingston, who is a law partner of Judge Allen, Henry L. Stephens, of Clinton, and H. E. Faison.

Dingley to Be Secretary of the Treasury.

The Washington Times of yesterday afternoon says: Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., of Maine, is to be the next Secretary of the Treasury. This statement is not official, but comes from such a source that there can be no doubting that the portfolio will be tendered Mr. Dingley, and accepted. It is only in the range of possibility that a change will be made. He will, of course, resign from the next House.

Two and a Half Million Estate.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. New York, Dec. 11.—The will of St-inway was filed in probate court this morning. The value of the estate is two millions in personal and a half a million in real estate. There were a number of charitable bequests.

Mr. W. Duke's Gift.

Mr. Washington Duke, of Durham, has given \$100,000 to the endowment fund of Trinity College. This gift was announced on the floor of the N. C. conference, at Kingston. This makes over \$250,000 the Dukes have given Trinity. Mr. W. Duke's gift is the largest ever given to a Southern college by a Southern man.

THEIR PAY \$3 PER DIEM.

The Board of Commissioners' Award—Battle Bridge Will Be Col. pleted.

The county commissioners concluded their labors this afternoon and adjourned.

The board decided today after hearing both sides in the bridge disturbance to continue the completion of the Battle bridge, which was ordered by the old board of county commissioners. The Mial faction wanted the board to pay for a bridge which they had undertaken to erect at a point near the Johnston county line.

We will not hear any more the melodious tune of "Oh, yes," "Oh, yes, come in court this day," etc., which has been sung by the venerable old court crier, Kinion Jones, for many years. Mr. L. M. Green was appointed crier of the court by the board.

Chairman Chamberlee moved that the board be allowed three dollars per day as compensation for services.

Commissioner Barbee put himself on record heres as being opposed to such large (?) compensation. No doubt Mr. Barbee will be made grand muck-a-muck at the next meeting of the noble Order.

Messrs. Hill and Chamberlee did the proper thing and the pay of the board will be \$3.00 per diem.

It is stated that commissioner Barbee will take but one dollar for a day's services.

Mr. Dudley Peed was appointed constable to the grand jury. He succeeds Mr. McCullers.

A Protest Against Improper Pictures.

Editor Press-Visitor:

Please allow me space in your valued columns to protest publicly in the name of the good morals, and the future well-being of the community, against the indecent show-bills which have for the past few days been posted on the thoroughfares of the city, these pictures are placed in the most prominent locations, and always in plain view of the hundreds of school children passing by twice a day. Even church-goers on Sunday have to pass by these immoral and disgusting pictures at the Capitol gates and elsewhere.

If there is no city ordinance to prevent such pictures from being displayed on the streets, there ought to be, and we hope our "City Fathers" will see that it is enforced.

H. B. BATTLE.

Raleigh Pastors at Conference.

The Kingston Free Press in its conference notes says: Rev. W. C. Norman, of Raleigh, is one of the most pleasant gentlemen in the conference. He has been preaching over twenty years and has served at only four places. He is now serving his ninth year in Raleigh. He is so popular that where he has once served four years the people try to get him back as soon as the church rules will allow.

E. A. Yates, of Raleigh district, stated that his district had met with greater success than he expected during a season of financial depression.

A New Train Master.

Since C. L. Ewing was transferred to Asheville, as train master on that division, Capt. W. T. West has had charge of this division, in connection with his duties on the main line of the Southern Railway.

A permanent train master has been appointed effective today. He is H. A. Williams, from the Florida Central and Peninsula road. He will have charge of the division from Goldsboro to Greensboro and from Selma to Pinner's Point.

To the Public.

As I have heard various reports. Accusing me of being a republican and of working in the interest of the Republican party in the last election, I take this method of saying that such reports are absolutely and unqualifiedly false and malicious. I am and have always been a Democrat.

ISAAC H. HOLDERFIELD.

Dr. Broughton to Be Associate Editor.

Dr. Broughton, of Roanoke, has just accepted the position of associate editor of the Gospel Voice to be issued from New York in January in the interest of evangelism. Rev. A. C. Dixon, of the Hanson Place Baptist church, is editor, and his associates, besides Dr. Broughton, will be Rev. George C. Needham and Rev. Wilbur Chapman.