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## THE RUSSIAN WAR.

There has been very little of interest since our last issue. There has been some rearranging and changes of positions, and very many reports, most of which were afterwards contradicted, or qualified. The Russians are so much embarrassed and they will be delayed nearly a month before they will get reinforcements and be ready for a new advance movement.

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## CITY ITEMS.

FOR SALE—Two fine, large mules, cheap for cash, W. P. CANADAY.

Donald M. Bain, of Raleigh, was in the city the past week.

The heaviest rainfall of the season took place in this city on last Friday.

Hon. W. N. Smith, attorney-at-law, of Raleigh, was in the city last week.

Isaac Baker was sentenced to 20 days imprisonment, in a cell, for assaulting one D. S. Bender, a police officer.

The house of Jno. A. Hewlett, on Masonboro road, was struck by lightning on the 10th instant—not much damage.

David Smith, colored, of Florence, fell dead in the Market House, in this city, on the 10th instant, while eating his breakfast.

The house of S. F. Walcott was struck by lightning, on last Friday night, during a hard storm—considerable damage was done.

Mr. Adrian Williams' little child fell from the second story window, on Wednesday night last, and came near being killed. Very careless.

It is rumored that the County Commissioners intend building a row of offices, to rent, on the court House lot. We think they had better pay their debts, instead of building offices.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, of the First Presbyterian Church, left this city on Monday last, on a trip north, to visit his old home. Rev. Mr. Payne will occupy his pulpit while the Doctor is absent.

Isaac Baker was arrested for trespass, by officer D. S. Bender, on the 13th instant. Where a policeman gets his authority to arrest a person who has committed a trespass, we do not know.

A. J. H. Porcher, colored, of Charleston, S. C., addressed the Old Fellows in this city on the 8th instant. The address is spoken of very highly by those who had the pleasure of hearing it.

Mary Eliza Nixon, a desperate character, in fact one of the very worst in the city, committed a dangerous assault, with a hatchet, on a woman by the name of Maggie Clarity, on Saturday night last.

Mr. Garrett Walker refused to pay the market tax, whereupon Mayor Planner had him arrested and tried, on last Tuesday, for a violation of the market ordinance, in refusing to pay the tax on his market cart, which he brought to the city, as the ordinance requires. The Mayor fined him \$5, from which judgment Mr. Walker appealed to the higher court.

SHOOTING AFFAIR—On Monday night last, Fred Howland, white, and John Eason, colored, were playing in the store of Mr. Wessel, on Second between Market and Dock streets, when Howland slapped Eason in the mouth with some matter, which made him very mad and he cursed Howland. Finally Howland took out a pistol, while he was doing so Eason threw a weight at him, and when he did so, it is said that Howland shot at him. We know nothing of the particulars, except what we learn from a bystander.

The report of Dr. A. E. Wright, Superintendent of Health of the city, shows that 55 deaths took place in this city during July, 12 white; and 23 colored. "The diseases were as follows: Typhoid fever, 2; typho malarial fever, 1; remittent and intermittent fever, 2; peripneumonia; diarrhoeal diseases 1; marasmus 1; meningitis 2; apoplexy 1; dysentery 3; cholera infantum 8 (of which 7 were colored); alcoholism 1; phthisis 1; malignant pustule 1; convulsions 2; diseases of the heart 2; diseases of the liver 1; asthma 1; teething 2; old age 1; carcinoma 1; uteri 1.

There were 15 marriages of which 6 were white and 9 colored.

There were 42 births reported, 20 whites and 22 colored.

We are glad to see that Dr. Wright is getting his department in such excellent working order. This has long been needed in Wilmington. Dr. Wright can, and we believe he will, make it thorough and competent in its working, and in a few months will be enabled to make correct and interesting reports to the Mayor concerning the health of the city. The other department of the city should, and we have no doubt will give Dr. Wright all the necessary aid to make it a success.

FOR SALE—Three horses, in splendid condition, cheap for cash. W. P. CANADAY.

HOUSES for rent or sale. Apply to W. P. CANADAY.

## INCENDIARISM.

During the past week there have been attempts made to burn three different places. The first place, the Wilmington Star office, the second, the residence of ex-Mayor Canaday, the third, that of Cornelius Jackson. We give below the account of the outrageous transactions taken from our worthy city cotemporary, the Star.

We will give a reward of \$50.00 for evidence that will convict the villain who entered our press-room and tampered with our engine some time between Sunday and Monday morning. "The work of the scoundrel indicates that he understood his business," and it was of such a character that it might have resulted in a serious disaster if our engineer had not been a sober, careful man.

We are sorry to know that so dastardly a wretch as the perpetrator of this outrage resides in Wilmington. The act was wicked and devilish beyond description, and shows that we cannot be too watchful in the protection of our property.

The residence of ex-Mayor Canaday, corner of Market and Seventeenth streets, narrowly escaped being the scene of a destructive conflagration Tuesday morning, about 1 o'clock. Since his late illness, his family being absent from the city, Mr. Canaday has required his waiting man, West to sleep in a room adjoining his own chamber, with the door between the two rooms left open, in order that West could be called without difficulty in case his services should be needed during the night. At the hour specified Mr. Canaday was aroused from his slumbers by West who had rushed into his room with the cry that the house was on fire. Mr. C. sprang from his bed, when he found that the room was filled with smoke. West seized a lamp which was burning in the dressing room adjoining, and the two hurried as fast as they possibly could down the stairs, the smoke being so dense that they could only find their way by the sense of feeling and their familiarity with the premises, while it was so stifling that they could with difficulty see their feet. At the foot of the stairs they opened the door of the first room they came to, which was that of the parlor, but could discover no trace of fire in that, and they next repaired to the sitting room, the door of which was open. Here they encountered a cloud of smoke still more dense than that they had passed through, but were enabled to see their way by a glare of light which penetrated the smoke from a closet or cupboard in the corner of the room. With much difficulty they forced their way through the smoke to the closet, the door of which was opened, when the pent-up flames, stimulated by the draught of air, burst forth into their faces. Mr. Canaday, at the start, had seized a pitcher of water, which was quickly dashed upon the fire, and by the joint efforts of the two the flames were soon extinguished.

Mr. Canaday is confident that the fire was the work of an incendiary. The front door was found unfastened and slightly ajar, while he has the positive assurance of West that the door was closed and securely locked, as usual, before they had retired that night, and no lights were left burning on the first floor, or windows and doors left unfastened. It is supposed the incendiary must have secreted himself in the house sometime during the evening, while the inmates were temporarily absent.

The dense smoke was caused by a mattress stuffed with "excelsior," which had found temporary lodgment in the closet, and which had been smouldering for some time, only waiting for a draught of fresh air to fan it into a flame. The house was injured considerably, the walls, ceiling, &c., being blackened by the smoke, while the closet was damaged to some extent by the fire.

Mr. Canaday states that he is satisfied that if he had been allowed to slumber three minutes longer he would have been suffocated, as dense was the smoke.

Just about the peep of dawn, on Wednesday morning, or about 4:30 by the clock, the alarm bells sounded for fire, which was found to proceed from the store of Mr. Cornelius Jackson, corner of Third and Wooster streets. It appears that Mr. Jackson and his son, who were sleeping in a room adjoining the store were aroused by the cracking of the flames, by which time the fire had attained such headway that they had to hasten their departure from the burning building in order to escape with their lives, only succeeding in saving a few articles of clothing and furniture which they were able to seize and carry out in their arms as they

## SMITHVILLE, BRUNSWICK CO.

MR. EDITOR—I have recently traveled over the county, crops generally good, better than for several years past. People more hopeful, personally, and politically. They are very bitter against the last Legislature. The privilege tax on merchants is causing considerable dissatisfaction. Men are beginning to see and understand that Republican legislation is and always has been favorable to the poor man, while Democratic legislation is the reverse. Poor men cannot understand why professional men can be exempt one thousand dollars, while a poor man has to pay on everything he has, less twenty-five dollars.

Some are very indignant about the Legislature surrendering to the Governor and a few other the power to assess the railroads. Heretofore they have been valued at from five to seven thousand dollars per mile. The present value the Carolina Central Railroad is valued at two hundred dollars, the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad at two hundred and twenty-five dollars per mile. Such are special favors to railroads while the value on poor man's property, in some instances, have been increased.

Yours truly, E. W. T.

A Hackensack man was last night creeping slyly around the bedroom floor on his hands and knees, and was feeling tenderly under the bureau for a something he had hidden there the night before. His wife awoke and said, "Peter, what under the heavens are you doing?" "Dear," he said, "I'm walking in my sleep and dreaming that I am plucking water lilies from the soft, blue bosom of the lake." How to get that flask out of there before she got up in the morning was what worried him more than the water lilies did.

## TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

ENGINEER HALL, HOWARD REHELD FIDELITY, & CO. WILMINGTON, N. C., AUGUST 17, 1877.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to disperse from this mortal life, in the prime of his manhood, the late CHARLES J. GERKEN, we deem it our duty, in tribute to the memory of the deceased and to give notice to his friends and acquaintances, to make manifest our sincere sympathy and affection for the deceased, by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the death of the late Charles J. Gerken, has not only deprived our community of one of its ablest and most energetic members, but has also deprived the world of a noble and generous soul, whose memory will be a source of inspiration and encouragement to all who follow him.

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