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CITY.

Robins in market.

Address.

Printing Office.

(H)all right-" S. G." has returned. Shad a plenty and birds without number. New styles of Bill Heads at the Post

Cadets out last week and for such weakly little soldiers did well.

February had fourteen stormy, five cloudy, and but nine clear days.

Weather very Marchy-"with wind, and cloud and rushing blast."

Jam is the word. Hedrick's is always crowded with purchasers of dry goods. The bell rings, the whistle blows, high

prices no more! "Down brakes!" To Hedricks. CAGED .- Jerry Forbes charged with

larceny was brought before Justice McQuig yesterday. Jerry to brood over ill changing fortune was placed in the custody of the Sheriff. There he can Jere-miah.

THE COMING MAN .- Mr. Neil Wurner and troupe will open in Hamlet to-morrow evening at the Theatre. We prefer awaiting Mr. Warner's advent, ere we make any extensive commentary upon his ability or capacity.

"Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis," we exclaimed, when we read as follows: "Boy wanted-To work on switches." In our juvenile days the switches worked on the boys, and worked with considerable effect.

The Marshal's sale of the perishable property of the steamer Cuba netted the government over three thousand dollars. Col. Carrow states that the prices received were very fine and indeed much better than might be expected.

The members of "the Philharmonic Society" are requested to meet at their rooms on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock precisely. As business concerning every member will be brought before the meeting, all are requested to be present.

Mr. Graefl is now making a very fine article of segars at a very moderate price. We enjoyed yesterday the fragrance of some of his havanas and would recommend the lovers of the weed to patronize "Graefl's brand" of Wilmington segars.

ONLY Two DOLLARS.-Not to be outdone by the Standard and other high priced papers we have resolved to send the Post to all our country subscribers for TWO DOLLARS a year if paid in advance!

WYMAN.-This gentleman gave a farewell afternoon and evening performance yesterday; both to crowded and select audiences. The distribution of gifts were continued, and everybody departed well pleased.

New spring styles of gorgeous hue at Hedrick's.

Like blazing diamonds, confined in caskets of imprisoned sunlight, are the neat spiral studs that Ettinger sells on Market His spring prints are the ladies fa vorite, and his clothing cannot be surpassed for elegance of cut and finish. Go see him.

The Savings Bank on Dock Street is in creasing its amount of deposits. Last month the amount of over \$1,600, was paid to depositors which went to useful purposes, nearly all of it for building purposes. Our laboring friends should bear in mind this place and put their money there.

Lt is an encouraging sign of prosperity that our city is growing, spreading out its wings all over the waste lands on the outskirts. Our population is certainly increasing. We saw to day several persons seeking board. It came to our knowledge through a friend that every boarding house in the city is full, we need more accommodations. Take note building associations.

That enterprising and skillful artist-Yates, has just finished eight excellent colored photographs. We witnessed those magnificent subjects of his handiwork, and pronounce them unexcelled, not even by some New York connoisseurs. They are well worth inspection.

We had the pleasure of seeing in our sanctum Col. Samuel T. Carrow, our very efficient U. S. Marshal, for the State of North Carolina. Col. Carrow and his very able and gentlemanly assistant, Major Foote, leave to-day for Raleigh. May health and long life attend them! Selah!

Hedrick's cassimeres are as soft as maid-

We mentioned in our last that the alley south of the Post Office was to be repaired.

The work is progressing. The way is being made smooth, nice flag stones are laid on the side of the alley. The centre is to be paved with good stone pavement. We congratulate our citizens. We ask them all when they walk down that alley to recollect the "Post" office where the Semi-Weekly gives information to the millions. Come and subscribe.

DANCING ACADEMY .- On Tuesday afternoon next, Miss Rosamond Carneross will open a dancing academy at Masonic Hall, The Classes for Misses and Masters from 3:30 to 5 P. M., on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. For gentlemen, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 10 P. M.

Terms, twelve lessons, six dollars. Pri vate lessons will also be given on application. Tuition will also be given in vocal and instrumental music.

The finest binding and blank books furnished to order at the Post printing

The terrible accident to-day at the foundary of Messrs. Hart and Bailey, warns our city fathers and our citizens generally, or the danger of bringing into our city loaded combs. It ought not to be permitted. It is dangerous to everybody. We call for an Ordinance prohibiting by heavy fine and punishment the introduction of any loaded shell, bomb, to pedo or other dangerous war instrument within city limits.

"Much danger doth environ He who doth handle cold iron."

We are pleased to learn the return of Lorillard's line of steamers to the well known house of Barry Brothers. Young, enterprising and energetic; it would be very difficult for the ever active firm of Loril lard's to find agents so well suited to manage any part of the immense business of the Manhattan millionaires.

Would all the shipping interests of Wil mington were in the hands of such thorough going business men as BARRY BROTHERS.

We publish this morning the very able report of our fellow-citizen, Alexander Strausz, Esq., appointed by the city a commissioner to represent the city of Wilmington at the National Capital. That he has done his work faithfully and well, none will deny who may read his report. Certainly all has been done that any one man could do to obtain the aid so much needed by the government, and the city govern ment must at least acknowledge the serrices done by a vote of thanks.

Get your Business Cards at the Post Print

ing Office. The advice to "Republicans" on another page is from the pen of one of our leading business men. He is of that class we wish to see represent us in the State and National Legislature. The Republican party must stop sending men like Price and Eagles or 'go up." The people are tired of permitting fellows to vote themselves seven dollars a day and "strikers fees." If we do not nominate business men it is to be hoped that our enemies will have sense enough to put in nomination moderate men like Hedrick or Harriss and thus show good sense as well as policy.

HORRIBLE CATASTROPHE-BURSTING OF A SHELL AT HART & BAILEY'S FOUNDRY-Two Persons Mortally Wounded; One SERIOUSLY. - Yesterday afternoon at a quarter to three P. M., a loud rumbling ominous noise startled the residents of our city. Even those busy in the secular indulgence of a Saturday, hurrying, fretting and fuming along, stopped still to listen to the fear-

ful, terrifying sound. its intelligence around the globe came the from flesh. A slight refreshment, however, heartrending tidings that a shell manipu- may be taken morning and evening, the lated by some reckless workman in Hart quantity of food not to exceed two ounces & Bailey's foundry had exploded and in the former and eight ounces in the latter. mortally, injured.

Hastening to the scene of the accident, the following scene met our vision:

fifteen summers, the other probably in his manner of observance to individual judg- procrastination in the work will be injuri- ship sellers.

tenth year. Their names, respectively, Edgar Brown, John Fredger, and Elias Pierce. From the former, we saw the blood pozing in copious discharges from the wounds; of charity; thus, what they spared of their action is taken, it will result in the total deeye; the second, the left foot shattered horthese ill-fated three, was suffering from five churches they had religious assemblies for feet of water on each of the three bars. inches in width and an inch and a half to lic games and theatrical displays were protwo inches in depth.

tors Wood, Bellamy and King arrived on riages. the ground and the former gentleman went Fredger. While doing so, the apparently Jack O' Lent. Ben Jonson alludes to it in urge on the State Legislature to make an lifeless body of Brown, was conveyed to the carpenter's room of the foundry, and laid on a litter. After bearing the body forward, Dr. King, examined the most dangerous

wound; namely, that of the abdomen. After leaving this sufferer in the hands of Dr. King, we made our way down into the yard; and there young Fredger's ghastly wound was being probed by Dr. Wood, the patient resignation of the wounded boy, while the shattered bone was being extracted, winning the admiration and praise of all. In the stern fortune to the unyielding chain of death we have seen the sufferer clasp hands and in the most inexpressible fortitude give up life's sweetness, but it has never been our lot either in hospital or field, to see such endurance, calmness and resignation in boy or man, as presented by through the shattered flesh, and yet unap-

peased by stimulant. Subsequently we took a look at the yard and the fatal shell. The former presented anything but a peaceful appearance, with its shattered sashes, and broken glass. The cause was but a common conical four inch shell, and about three quarters of an inch in thickness. It was one of the relics of the Fort Fisher fight, and the poor, illstarred workmen, were but independent gatherers of these rusty old terriflers, and were in the habit of selling them to dealers

In justice to Messrs. Hart & Bailey. however, we will say that the accident was caused by pure neglect on the part of the persons engaged, in not wetting the missile before attempting to force it open.

LATER-5 P. M.-Brown is now able to converse; but little hopes are entertained of his recovery. All have been transferred to the hespital.

LATEST-9 P. M.-Rumors of the death of Brown are circulating; but are without foundation, as the Hospital Surgeon, Dr Winants, reports them all doing as well as can be expected.

Corsets and gloves for the fair ones, at Hedrick's.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT-THE SEASON-ITS ORIGIN.—To day is the first Sunday in Lent, and as such observed throughout the GENTLEMEN: or Episcopal exists.

Lent is a fast of forty days, observed as a time of humiliation before Easter. The Romish Church and some of the Protestant communion maintain that it was always a fast of forty days, and, as such, of apostolical institution. Others think that it was of ecclesiastical institution, and that it was variously observed in different churches, and grew by degrees from a fast of forty hours to a fast of forty days. These think it had its origin in the third century. It was observed in England by our Saxon ancestors in the year 640, by order of Ercombert, King of Kent. The number of days devoted to its observance has reference to the forty days' miraculous fasting of our Saviour in the wilderness, to the forty days of the deluge, to the forty years' wanderings of the Jews, and to the time spent in

fasting by Moses and Elias. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday. from a custom which still prevails in the Catholic Church of sprinkling the head or forehead with ashes. In that Church the nature of this fast is prescribed by rule. Only one meal is allowed, and at this the use of flesh is prohibited, the precept of Swift as the current of fire, that flashes fasting always implying that of abstinence killed one outright and two seriously, it not But considerable modification of these rules is made in countries where the climate and habits of the people render their observance injurious to beatth, and dispensations are Laying stretched upon the ground in all frequently granted in favor of particular the agonies of death, writhing in inexpressi- persons. In this country, the use of flesh is ble pain, lay three persons; one a man of allowed several times a week, at the discresome twenty-three years of age, and the tion of the bishops. The Protestant denomothers mere youths, one apparently about inations which recognize Lent leave the

one contusion immediately over the right own bodies by abridging them of a meal struction of our harber. I base my opinribly; so much so that the bone was ployed their leisure hours in visiting the veys, made from the year 1733 to 1869. plainly visible; and the third in the abdo- sick and those that were in prison, in entermen. To the right lay the second victim of tarning strangers and reconciling differences. is shown in the Ship Channel at mean low this terrible disaster, his agonizing greans The imperial laws ferbade all prosecution water, and in 1869 only 51 can be found in awaking sympathy from all who witnessed of men in criminal actions that might bring the same channel. The most rapid de him. His wound was chiefly of the right them to corporeal punishment and torture crease of water on the bar begins from 1840 leg, which was completely lacerated. The during the whole season. This was a time after the United States Government had put ugly cut bleeding like the throat of a of more than ordinary strictness and devo- down jettees for the protection of the shore slaughtered bull. The third or youngest of tion; and, therefore, in many of the great off Fort Caswell. At this date there was 15 posterior wounds, each from two to three prayer and preaching every day. All pubhibited at this season, and also the celebra-At this critical situation of affairs Doc- tion of all festivals, birthdays and mar-

A curious old English custom followed in immediately to work upon poor young Lent was that of pelting a puppet called a

"On Ash Wednesday.
When thou did'st stand six weeks the Jack O'Lent

For boys to hurl three throws a penny at thee. The fourth Sunday of Lent, termed Mid-Lent or Passion Sunday, was formerly called Carl Sunday, and on that day peas or beans called carlings, used to be given away eaten. An old writer thus alludes to it:

"In holy Lenton season Ye will neither Beans no Peason, But ye look to be let loose

To a pigge or to a goose." A story is told of a Chinese merchant converted to Christianity, going back again to his own religion on being denied the eating of pork during Lent. He observed that the keepers of the fast allowed themselves to eat fish fried in pork-fat, and he said that if his salvation depended on such a nice point as the difference between fat and lean, this boy while the long, cold steel was thrust he would have none of their religion, but go back to his own.

Lent is preceded in some countries-Italy especially-by the dissipation of the carnival. In England, at present, Shrove Tuesday is passed in feasting on pan-cakes, and gastronomical John Bull has given it the name of Pan-cake Tuesday. But in Venice the carnival is celebrated with a gayety and splendor not rivaled in any other

ludes to the carnival in his flippant, irreigious way :

'Tis known, at least it should be, that through-All countries of the Catholic persuasion, Some weeks before Shrove Tuesday comes

The people take their fill of recreation, And by repentance, ere they grow devout,

However high their rank or low their station, The feast is named the Carnival, which being Interpreted, implies 'farewell to flesh;' So called because the name and thing agreeing, Through Lent they live on fish both salt and

But why they usher Lent with so much glee in Is more than I can tell, although I guess Tis as we take a glass with friends at parting In the stage coach or packet, just at starting.

Hedrick's banners proclaim his victory over high priced merchants!

HARBOR REFORT. Commissioner Strausz on His Success in Washington

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington :

In compliance with your request, of the 10th ult., I proceeded to Washington City. for the purpose of submitting a plan to the United States Government, by which the necessary improvements on the bar commonly known as the "Old Ship Channel Bar," could be attempted with comparatively a small outlay and a fair chance of getting from 12 to 13 feet of water at mean low tide over this bar, which would give us from 161 to 171 feet at high tides.

On my arrival at Washington I laid my plan before Senator Aboott and Representative Deckery, and after satisfying them of the feasibility of the same, consulted with them as to the best mode by which we could most easily obtain the amount necessary to begin practically our attempts of improvements, with as little delay as possible, for in my opinion, judging from the changes which have taken place since 1865, as shown by the last partial survey of 1869, by United States Coast Survey; we have no time to lose in making a beginning and so avoid the danger of our bars being shoaled to an extent that would prevent any but vessels of very small draught to enter our harbor. In accordance with the advice and assist-

ance of these gentlemen, I proceeded to the respective departments, to which all matters on improvements of this kind are referred, and urged on them the immediate necessity of the case, indicated my plan by which this work could be commenced, and am happy to state that the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, recommends in his report to Senator Abbott, the necessity of the improvement, and that one hundred thousand dollars be appropriated for the commencement of the work.

The bar, in the old ship channel, which I selected for improvement, has shouled 24 teet in the last five years, and therefore any

ous to our commerce, as I believe it can be Anciently, Lent was thought a proper time shown that year by year since 1840, the for exercising more abundantly every species | obstruction has increased, and unless speedy was usually given to the poor; they em- ion on datas, gained from the different sur-

> On the survey of 1733, a depth of 21 feet You will therefore readily see why I consider delay in beginning practical operations detrimental to our harbor, and would suggest to your honorable body that, should the earnest efforts of our Senator and Representative fail in obtaining the necessary means to begin the work, that you should appropriation of fitty thousand dollars for this purpose, with a view to have it refunded by the General Government at some future time. Certainly this harbor is of too much importance, not only to the city of Wilmington, but to the whole State of North Carolina to be neglected. We have now most of our railroads centering and terminating in this place, and therefore the closing of our harbor for larger vessels would put us at the mercy of railroads and no outlet could be had for our products but by the ports of other States. This condition of affairs of course would be a great loss to the whole State as our producers would not be able to compete with those of other States, for the simple reason that we could not ship our goods at the same rates as merchants more favored localities where vessels can land and take merchandise from their wharfs or receive the same without paying

> lighterage. It is with pleasure I inform your honorable body that I have the assurance of the heads of Bureaus, as well as of Congressmen having the matter in charge, that the claims of Wilmington will not be forgotten and that the plan I have suggested will be adopted.

Our immediate Representatives have the matter in hand and I had the assurance of Byron, in his poem of "Beppe" thus al- Senator Abbott-just before leaving-that all of the committee having the matter in charge were in favor of appropriating the amount I ask, and as yet there is no opposi-

In conclusion, I would remark that with the assistance of Mr. Charles I. Grady, the editor of the Post, I prepared and had presented an elaborate argument "why the port of Wilmington should have a part of the money so lavishly given by the government to ports in the Western and Eastern States.' This argument will be presented by General Abbott in the Senate, and we have every reason to believe will be effective. Respectfully yours,

ALEX. STRAUSZ.

POSTLINGS.

Gold 113%. Alice Cary is paralytic. Saxe has broke his arm. Deweese has been censured. Boston mourns Burlingame Gray hair will be fashionable. Philadelphia has a bathing car. Winnepeggers still "peg away." Cuba has four "rebel" newspapers. Pope Pius is confident of infalibility. Strawberries delectate New Orleans. Prussia wants the gallows abolished. Dr. Mary Walker bifurcates in Chicago. Iowa wants National Banks abolished. McLeary Brown will succeed Burlingame. The "Byron Scandal" will be dramatized. Dore will illustrate "The Arabian Nights." Anna Dickinson's vanity is coral jewelry. Wine is cheaper than milk in California, The Alabama Legislature has adjourned. West Virginia Legislature has adjourned. Editor Meehan of Irish the Republic is

Gotham has "A None of Your Business Club." Whittemore will be a candidate for

The Chapman's open in Washington tomorrow. Rome now allows masks to be worn

the street. Puts will be worn straight, this? spring, and loose.

Indians prompted by "fire water" terrify Petersburg Va., marvels over a colored Alderman.

swindler." Gen. Terry will remove his quarters to

The Sun calls the World a "bastard

Chicago wants her Sunday liquor traffic Logan continues his raid on the Cadet-

Storey was beaten because he printed the naked truth. Rose Watkins appears "Set In Gold," in

Read has completed the painting of "Sher-

idan's Ride." The apple women of the Capitol have

Seward declines the dinner for the New ork Common Council.

The Gold Investigating Committee ex nerate their President.

Bindings for men's garments will be disarded, the coming spring.

The wife of the Japanese Mikado, takes nusic lessons from the British Minister. West Virginia will amend her constitu-

tion so as to allow negroes and ex-confeder-Nellie Raymond is the engrossing clerk of the Missouri Senate. She engrosses the

time of the members. LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, NEW HANOVER Co., February 26th, 1870.

DEAR POST: I have long intended to drop you a line or two whenever a fit opportunity would

present itself, and I shall seize upon this, though not the most favorable time to execute my intention. We are having some excitement here on the subject of the division of the county among a certain class, but I believe the ardor, even of the warmest advocates of that class, has considerably abated—say from one hundred and twenty Farenheit to about ten, with an increasing prospect of its fall twenty degrees below Zero before the coming campaign. Indeed the object of division has most unfortunately tor its friends been ascribed to the determined and relentless spirit of Democratic opposition to the Republican party, and as means to secure power the more certainly the advocates of division would relieve themselves of the large republican influence of Wilmington, and they can then the more aopefully open their Long Johns upon the patteries of the poor, ignorant, unprotected black man. These are the surmisings and conjectures of many-but it is to be hoped such feelings and sentiments have never entered the breasts of any of the authors of this enterprise. No, not even of the bitterest and most determined foe of the Republicans. For the whole move, if such is the object would be unmanly, and would reflect but little honor or credit on all who would thus engage in it. If the division could be made exclusively on local grounds, of local interest, and independent of party entirely-Pre bono publico-or pro salute copuli, it would be commendable though it might result in injury—but as a hobby for old broken down pelitical hacks to ride into power on every fair and candid mind of the Republican, and I believe of the Demoeratic party also is opposed to it. We have one great Cuba-and one great Ireland in the distance-and as many Cubas and Irelands at home as we have counties and townships and wards for political pabulum and excitement whenever it becomes apparent to the office seeker or hunter that it will, as a partizan, redound to his interest

But enough the whole object of this note is to remind you and the people who will pass this way, that Howe and Smith will give you and all who may chance to come along here such accommodation as must and will please. It you fail to meet with kindness and hospitality at their hands I will pay your bill. We had a court here to-day, the 4th Saturday in February-their usual day for holding court in Franklin-Township. The subject of adopting the new court house, offered as a present to the Township, by Mr. Howe and his wife, was discussed and strange to say one of the members of the Board of Trustees opposed its acceptance.

Mr. Sol. Faison, too well and too familiarly known as a scholar and gentleman to admit of even a passing remark in way of eulogy, urged the adoption of the house with much good sense, and after some remarks from another gentleman on the same subject the house was accepted and adopted and henceforth there need be no further doubts and conjectures as to the whereabouts of Franklin Township Court Houseit is on the west corner of Howe and Smith's lot-where they will be glad to see you.

Most respectfully,

A Voice from the Kitchen. Upwards of thirty professed cooks, many of them hailing from the best hotels in the United States, have voluntarily come forward and pronounced RAND's SEA Moss FARINE the finest article for puddings, custards, blanc mange, creams, jellies and other favorite items of the dessert that has ever come under their notice. So much for the palatability of the

ment of food. A still greater number of distinguished physicians and scientiac chemists indorse it as a nutrient of the very highest class; while every housekeeper who uses it admits that it is fully fifty per cent. cheaper thau maizena, farina, corn

starch, or any other preparation from corn or the cereal grains.

The new food staple is manufactured, under a patent, by the Sea Moss Farine Co., 53 Park Place; and in view of the above established facts, it is not surprising that their extensive machinery is kept running night and day to supply a demand that is rapidly becoming universal.