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SUNDAY, JUNE 5.

St. James' (Episcopal).
Morning Prayer at 10 A. M.; Evening Prayer at 5 P. M.; Sunday School at 3 P. M.

First Presbyterian Church—Cor. Third and Orange Streets.
Services at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M., by the Pastor, Rev. H. H. Singleton. Sunday School exercises commence at 3 P. M. Lecture Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

St. John's Church (Episcopal)—Corner Third and Red Cross Streets.
Morning Prayer at 10 A. M.; Evening Prayer at 5 P. M.; Sunday School at 3 o'clock A. M.

First Baptist Church—Corner Market and Fifth Streets.
Preaching at 10 A. M. and Bible Class at 8 o'clock P. M., by Rev. J. C. Hiden. Sunday School at 9 A. M. Weekly Prayer meeting on Thursday night at 5 o'clock.

St. Thomas' Church (Catholic)—On Dock Between Second and Third Streets.
Mass at 6 A. M. and 10 A. M. and Vespers at 4 P. M., Rev. M. S. Gross, officiating clergyman.

Front Street M. E. Church South—Cor. Front and Walnut Streets.
Services at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M., by the Pastor, Rev. W. M. Roby. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Lecture Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock.

Fifth Street M. E. Church—Fifth Between Nun and Church Streets.
Services at 10 A. M. and 8 P. M., by the Pastor, Rev. F. H. Wood. Sunday School at 9 A. M.

St. Paul's (Colored Episcopal)—Corner Orange and Fourth Streets.
Services at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M., by Rev. C. O. Brady.

Fourth Street Baptist Mission Station—Just Across the Railroad.
Sunday School at 3 P. M.

CITY.

Subscribers will please notice that all papers bearing the black cross will be stopped unless payment is made.

Latest styles of Visiting Cards.

The hospital has eighteen city patients. The poor house has eleven paupers.

Get your Business Cards at the Post Printing Office.

The "conservative" meeting yesterday at Masonic Hall resulted in "nix"—nothing—nothing—as usual.

New styles of Bill Heads at the Post Printing Office.

Mr. Sampson desires us to state that there will be a Ratification Meeting at the City Hall, Tuesday night. Mr. Sampson will furnish the resolutions.

The changing, ranging rain has given us much annoyance in the city, but what are our troubles to those poor cotton men who planted only the staple.

The great (gross) man of the *Journal* repeats "let us bide our time"—he means, "let me hide this time" as he said on his retreat from New Berne.

The mighty man of valor(?) who dusted his hoof in the sands of New Berne—repeated again "let us bide our time." He means, let me hide this time.

In our next, look out for an elaborate review of "Lothair," written by the coming "Lord"—The Right Honorable B. Disraeli, late prime minister of England.

Merchants call and examine our new Receipts and Business Cards.

The good house of George Myers has a fresh assortment of crackers, and "Oh cracker!" such CRACKERS! Some dear little imported English sweet'uns are marked F. F.—meaning "Pig Fish."

RAILROAD RECEIPTS for sale at the POST PRINTING OFFICE.

PRIZE CANDY.—The Commissioners of Internal Revenue has decided that the special tax on Prize Candy packages is only to be assessed on the manufacturer. Charley Banks has now a chance to sell another million or two of prize candy.

J. S. W. Eagles announces himself as an independent candidate for the legislature. June 3

Lost.—A daguerrotype in a black case. The picture was that of a woman about twenty-five years of age. It was lost on Front street. The finder will please leave it at the office of the Post. One Dollar reward. It

A bag of gold is in Treasurer T. C. Servoss' hands, waiting to be paid out to the holders of gold coupons of the city. With shining meekness we have gazed and feasted our eyes upon the yellow boys. Unfortunately for us we have no coupons.

Independent in every thing is the "Post at Two Dollars a year to clubs of five.

The cemetery recently purchased by the city is called the City Cemetery, and the Marshal attends to the roll of mortality. Every one now, stranger or to "the manor born," can know that he will be buried and a record kept of his exit from this world of trouble.

"YOU NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY MAN."—It is rumored on the streets that the little waif found by our worthy Marshal and christened "Cinderella"—probably because neglected by its un-natural parents—is the "heirloom" of a "Cuban" lothario who figured in our very best (confederate) society. Oh my!

There is no truer saying than that "Sweet are the uses of advertisements!"

SAVING BANK SAFE.—The National Saving Bank, of this city, has been supplied with one of the American Steam Fire Proof Safes. We were invited by the gentlemanly Cashier, Mr. Bryan, to inspect the same, and must say that we consider the "American" the best ever invented to prevent loss by fire or burglars. Experiments have shown that the Baltimore Company are making an article superior to any in the market, and we congratulate depositors upon the last of the many improvements inaugurated by the present regime.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD for the conviction of any one stealing the Post from the office of our subscribers.

NOTICE.—There was no meeting at the City Hall last night, notwithstanding the reports in the *Journal* and *Star* of Saturday morning, June 18th. The resolutions which report says were introduced by Mr. Sampson, were written and read in the Guard Room, City Hall building to an audience of about seven including attorneys. The committee to whom was delegated authority to call the regular meeting, had the same postponed on account of the clemency of the weather.

WM. MCLAURIN,
W. H. MOORE,
J. S. W. EAGLES,
G. M. ARNOLD,
Committee.

PROGRESS.—A considerable improvement in the growing of garden vegetables is manifested this year, and we hail it as a great step in the advancement of agriculture. The raising of a cabbage head, of any size, hard and solid, has heretofore been considered impossible, but we saw in the Market yesterday morning as large and fine ones as are generally brought from the North during the winter. They were grown by our fellow citizen, Mr. Augustus; and to their excellence we can testify, having purchased one and tried it. Not only this as of cabbages, but all other kinds of vegetables display a proportionately advanced state of improvement; and we look forward to the time when Wilmington will be the best vegetable market in the South.

STREETS.—The recent heavy rains have done great damage to our streets. This is to be regretted. Our city force entire is at work remedying the evils as fast as possible. What we want more than anything else is sewers and paved streets. The Post, with its usually enterprising spirit, has long advocated these necessary improvements. Sewers under the surface are the only means to carry off the waste water. Paved streets are the best conduits of water on the surface. Our city authorities are wide awake to the importance of all these things. Unfortunately, money is required, under economical management, without increasing materially the rate of taxation. We could pave with Nicholson, or other improved pavement, during the year 1871, from Market Dock to Second Street, on Market. This would cost \$7,000, probably. When the property holders are willing to be taxed to pay their share, we have little doubt the city will do its share. In all cities the property pays for pavement.

A thorough system of sewerage ought to be inaugurated, by which every foot laid will conform to a plan; so that when the work is done and our city contains 300,000 souls, we will have no alterations to make.

WANTED five thousand new subscribers to the Post? REMEMBER the Post is the CHEAPEST PAPER IN THE STATE.

The Jail Delivery—Arrest of James H. Watters on the Charge of Implication in the Escape of the Prisoners—Examination and Discharge of Sylvester Capps.

The examination of Sylvester Capps, charged with complicity in the escape of the prisoners, Stephen Lowrey, Geo. Applewhite and Henderson Oxendine, came up before Justice McQuigg Friday morning. Previous to the examination, however, circumstances led to the arrest of James H. Watters, on the charge of aiding and abetting the prisoners in their escape by furnishing them with tools, &c.

The case of Capps was called. Sheriff Schenck, the first witness testified to the fact that the prisoners were regularly committed to the jail. He knew nothing of the circumstances attending their escape further than what he had seen since the occurrence. He said that Capps was employed as a watch to guard the jail of nights, and that his duties commenced at dark and ended with daylight.

Willie E. Harper, a white prisoner, confined in the jail on the charge of bigamy, was next called, and testified that Stephen Lowrey had some time previously made a key out of a tin spoon, with which (the witness) had several times known Lowrey to unlock the cells. On the Saturday preceding their escape, between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock, a young woman came to the prison to see one Richardson, confined on the charge of assaulting Mr. A. Lessman, of this city, and while he was at the door conversing with her, the prisoners congregated around them. Seizing this opportunity, said the witness, Lowrey went to the window on the West side and drew up with a string a hatchet, a chisel and a file, which had been fastened upon it by some one on the outside. When he (Lowrey) got the articles up he sang out "All right!" Harper, the witness, then looked out of the window and saw this man, James Watters, standing in the Cart House immediately opposite the window. Shortly afterwards Lowrey told him (Harper) that he would kill him if he exposed them. He said their lives were forfeited any way and they would not hesitate to kill him if he divulged what they had done.

Lowrey told him his friend Jim Watters furnished him with the tools.

Sol. W. Nash, the Jailor, testified that he went to bed about 11 o'clock on the night the prisoners escaped. Capps, the guard, came down about half past 11 o'clock to light his pipe in the kitchen, and he knew nothing further that transpired until next morning, about day-break, when Capps came down and awoke him, telling him it was time to get up. He got up and dressed and soon after discovered that the prisoners were gone.

These three were all the witnesses introduced by the prosecution. Others had been subpoenaed, but for some cause or other they were not called upon to testify.

The Counsel for the prosecution then requested the discharge of the prisoner, Sylvester Capps, as there was no evidence tending to prove any complicity on his part in the escape of the prisoners, which was done.

James H. Watters was required to give bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance before Justice McQuigg Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

Judge French opened the case by saying: May it please your worship, the offense for which this man stands charged is not a State prison but a common law offence. He then read the paper from the Superior Court at Law of Columbus county under which the escaped prisoners, Stephen Lowrey, Applewhite and Oxendine were committed.

Col. Meares asked Judge French to inform the court whether he, French, intended to prosecute for the release of the three men or any individual one.

Judge French: We mean the whole of the names as mentioned in the record.

Col. Meares went on to argue that this way of proceeding was not customary.

Mr. Steadman said that this man was not on trial under indictment but on preliminary examination before a Magistrate, and if the charges were supported it was the simple duty of the Magistrate to put him under a bond for his appearance before the Superior Court.

Major J. W. Schenck sworn.

Judge French: What are the names of the prisoners who have escaped?

A—James Oxendine, Geo. Applewhite, Stephen Lowrey.

Q—When was it they escaped?

A—Monday morning at 4 o'clock, May 13.

tracks on the ground below, and under the cart house.

Q—Are there any doors on that side of the cart house, any opening of any kind that people can pass through?

A—Yes, door, window and an opening as if the boards had been recently broken off.

Q—When did you make an examination of the jail preceding the escape of the prisoners?

A—Sunday night about 10 or 10½ o'clock prior to that I had not been to the jail in three weeks.

W. E. Harper, examined by Judge French.

Harper state what you know about the escape of the prisoners.

On Saturday the 11th I told William to leave the door open so we could clean out the cell. I heard Stephen Lowrey call out to J. W. Watters to read a letter. (Harper went on to explain contents. Objected to objection sustained.) On Sunday a young lady came to the jail to see Mr. Richardson. The prisoners went around to where she was, all save Oxendine and Lowrey who were on the side opposite the cart house.

Q—Who was standing in the cart house?

A—Mr. Watters.

Q—Who was it you heard halloo all right?

A—Mr. Watters.

Q—Then what?

A—Mr. Watters walked out of the cart house.

Q—Now you state distinctly that you saw these instruments drawn up through the window by a string?

A—Yes sir.

Q—Did you ever see any other instruments in the jail except those in court?

A—I saw a key made out of a tin spoon. I saw him unlock his cell with it several times, and carry the lock up stairs.

Cross-examined by Col. Meares.

Q—Harper, are you not a jail bird?

A—I don't propose to answer that question—finally answered, bigamy.

Q—You have been writing letters for the prisoners ever since they have been in jail.

A—No sir; I have not made such statement; I said that I had written letters for them; they have been in jail longer than I.

Q—You say that Watters has been to the jail on several occasions?

A—Yes sir.

Q—How long since you first saw the lead and the case knife?

A—Both were there when I went to jail.

Q—How about the penknife?

A—That was also there too.

Q—You say you saw Watters at the cart house on Sunday night about 9 o'clock.

A—I do say so.

Q—When these things were drawn up, where were you standing?

A—Close to the window.

Q—What did you say when these things were hauled up?

A—I took hold of the hatchet and remarked that if you ain't careful you will be caught. Lowrey remarked that if any one betrayed him he would put the hatchet in their head; he was sentenced to death and could not be punished any more if he killed some one in this jail.

Willie Allen sworn:—Did not see Watters on Sunday; Stephen Williams was in charge on Sunday. When he came home Sunday p. m. the cart house was locked up, still locked up on Monday when he got up; was awake about 5 o'clock by his father.

Calvin Oxendine sworn:—Does not know anything of Watters' connection with the escape of the prisoners; nor of the instruments shown in court.

Mr. Allen sworn:—Identified the hatchets as his, did not miss them at any time, but found them in their place. Was not at the stable on Sunday last; his son was in charge of the building during his absence. Watters was introduced by his son, and said that he had just been released from jail, and was in destitute circumstances.

Major Steadman opened for the prosecution—showing that on Harper's evidence alone should the prisoner be committed; that Harper's character, though a jail bird, as the counsel termed him, has not been impeached, and his evidence in this case could only lead the Court to the necessity of binding Watters over to the Superior Court there to have an impartial trial by a jury of his countrymen.

Col. Meares followed for the defence—Judge French answered on the part of the State.

The prisoner was required to give bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, and to remain in the custody of the Sheriff until the same is filed.

good and bad than he who has tried each? And who more competent to caution his friend and neighbor against fraud and danger, than he who has been swindled?

And if the man who has been wronged and has suffered by what is known as "compromise fighting" insurance companies does not warn his people and ask them to steer clear of them and seek other style of companies, who should or will do it?

WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—Monday, June 20, Primary Class—Reading, Intellectual Arithmetic, examination on Arithmetic, Frame, Section C. Intellectual Arithmetic.

Tuesday, June 21—Intermediate Class—Spelling, Reading, Geography, English Grammar, Mental Arithmetic, Written Arithmetic, English Grammar, Section A.

Wednesday, June 22—Section A, English Composition, Latin, French, History of the United States.

Thursday, June 23, Section A, Mathematics, Arithmetic, Written, Mental, Algebra, Book Keeping.

Friday Evening, June 25th.—Exhibition, Speeches, Dialogues, Comedies, Tragedy, Original Orations, Address by Capt. S. A. Ashe, Award of Prizes.

"FOURTH JULY."—What of the Spirit of '76? Is it all gone? Has the "progress of the age" thrown old "76" so far in the shade that no one thinks of it any more? If so, alas, for our country. No nation ever failed to commence its downward course at the moment it forgot the virtues, the self-sacrifice, the heroism, and the principles of its founders. The neglect of the good old-fashioned celebration of the natal day of the Republic, reasonably provokes a dismal prophecy as to the future.

The 4th affords a good opportunity for discussing the elements of national preservation, interpreting the signs of the times, and warning rulers and people of the rocks and shoals upon which the ship of State is likely to founder.

Can not the people of our city and suburbs restore the honest old method of celebrating the anniversary of the republic? It affords a fine opportunity for a social as well as patriotic recreation.

REGISTERS AND POLL HOLDERS.—We are indebted to County Commissioner Shoemaker for the list of Registrars and Poll Holders as selected by the Board of County Commissioners:

First Ward.—Wm. H. Merrick, J. P., Register; Owen Dove, Jacob Richardson.

Second Ward.—Wm. M. Harris, J. P., Register; L. D. Foy, E. J. Pennypacker.

Third Ward.—Anthony Howe, J. P., Register; Jos. H. Neff, John G. Bulcken.

Fourth Ward.—E. H. McQuigg, J. P., Register; Wm. A. Thurber, Perry M. Rice.

Federal Point.—Sol. Reeves, J. P., Register; Anthony Hawes, Jos. Davis.

Masonboro.—Jno. G. Wagner, J. P., Register; Henry M. Bishop, Sol. Smith.

Harnett.—Delaware Nixon, J. P., Register; Jos. Pickett, A. Morris.

Grant.—George W. Pollock, J. P., Register; Alf. Loyd, Ezekiel Chadwick.

Cape Fear.—H. E. Scott, J. P., Register; Wm. Moore, Murphy Ward.

Holden.—Jas. Hines, J. P., Register; J. Harris Brown, Jno. Scarborough.

Lincoln.—J. L. Rhoades, J. P., Register; John Bell, W. W. Myers.

Caswell.—Geo. W. Corbett, J. P., Register; Horace Henry, W. A. Lamb.

Franklin.—Wm. Robinson, J. P., Register; A. V. Horrell, D. M. Sikes.

Columbia.—G. F. Walker, J. P., Register; William T. Morton, C. M. Galloway.

Union.—H. F. Murphy, J. P., Register; David Pigford, Hugh Wells.

Holly.—Christopher Rowe, J. P., Register; George Page, John Rowe.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Wanted.

NO. 11.

LILLINGTON, N. C., June 14, 1870.

Live men—This is the great want of North Carolina at this time. She wants men of enlarged, liberal, living, progressive, practical ideas. No dreaming theorists; no mourners at the grave of dead abstractions, but moving, active, working men. A great work is before us, and for this important work statesmen and statesmanship are wanted. Not trimming, time-serving demagogues. A statesman is not blinded by prejudice or controlled by passion; not chained to the car of party, but takes a comprehensive survey of the situation; does something for his day and generation; contributes to elevate States to greatness and power.

But the edict has gone forth, and already a brighter and better day shines upon us. Internal improvements and common Schools have become the established policy of our State, and the great interests of agriculture and the mechanic arts are receiving the attention of the Legislature and the people generally. The mind of the capitalist is stimulated, and the arm of the miner, the mechanic, and the manufacturer invig-

orated by the prospect of fair rewards for their expenditures and labors. Our common schools are thronged with thousands of happy and ingenious children; immigration is ceasing; and the old State lifts herself up and girds herself for the work of improvement—physical, mental, and moral—in which she is engaged.

Our people have been lying too much in the past. It is time that she should make the present and the future the absorbing objects of our thoughts and actions. Many selfish ideas; many contracted notions; many useless customs take hold of old communities, but the restless flood of progress will bear them away. This is a living age. Commerce; industry; trade and labor are revolutionizing the world—old theories, and old fallacies are disappearing beneath the wheels of progress; change is written everywhere. The march of individuals and national progress is due to the bold and fearless thinkers and actors upon the stage of life.

GLAUCUS.

LETTER FROM THE SHERIFF.

EDITOR OF THE POST.

SIR.—I desire through the medium of your paper to return my thanks to the numerous citizens who assisted me during the past week in my endeavors to capture the prisoners who escaped from the jail of this county. To the Mayor and Marshal of this city, I am indebted for the voluntary tender of the Police force, and I found Mr. VanSolin an energetic and efficient officer. To Capt. Usher and officers I am under obligations, for the valuable services of the Revenue Cutter, W. H. Seward along the coast in search of the criminals, they did all that lay in their power to assist the officials of the law in the discharge of their duty. Messrs. Scollars and Carr private detectives of this city, deserve the thanks of the good citizens of this community for their indefatigable exertions to recapture the felons, and I hereby tender to them my thanks for the interest manifested and the zeal displayed by them during the entire week.

J. W. SCHENCK, JR.,
SHERIFF OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

STATE.

New Berne has a boat club.

The Charlotte *Bulletin* copies our Lumberton letter and defends Dr. Sloan.

RUTHERFORD CONVENTION.—The *Star* of Rutherfordton gives a glorious account of the harmony prevailing in the Republican Convention assembled at Rutherfordton last Saturday.

Col. R. W. Logan, introduced the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1st. That we heartily endorse the administration of President Grant, believing him to be an unadulterated Republican, a true patriot and a wise statesman, and shall heartily support his administration so long as it remains pure and unchanged.

Resolved, 2d. That we endorse the principles declared by the 11th May Convention, except so much as pertains to the endorsement of the Holden policy, which we condemn as unwise and imprudent.

Resolved, 3d. That we heartily endorse the nomination of Hon. Samuel P. Phillips for Attorney General, and pledge our united efforts to secure his election.

Resolved, 4th. That we favor reduction of the taxes, and the reduction of salaries and fees of public officers, to a reasonable rate, and that we condemn extravagance in the use of the public funds, no matter in what office or branch of the government.

Resolved, 5th. That we demand the earliest practicable completion of the Internal Improvement measures of Western North Carolina, and will support no man who does not pledge his influence to secure this end.

Resolved, 6th. That we invite all persons who love the government of the United States, and who are opposed to the murderous and intimidating schemes of the *Ku Klux* party, to join with us in saving the government from the hands of those whose pleasure it would be to overturn and destroy it.

Resolved, 7th. That we believe the Common School System of Education, to be right, and just, and that we urge the School Committee, in the different Townships, to take such steps as necessary, to secure the speedy establishment of schools in this county.

Diet for the Million. Wealth no longer monopolizes the luxuries of life. Persons in the most moderate circumstances can have a delicious dessert daily for a sum so trifling that it is scarcely worth naming. They can take their choice of fifty delicate dishes (each one of which the most fastidious epicure would smack his lips over), at a cost which, in these dear times, may well be called nominal. Custards, Creams, Blanc Manger, Charlotte Russe, puddings, pies, creams, cakes and jellies are included in this cheap and varied bill of fare.

"But," says the skeptical reader, shrugging his shoulders incredulously, "this is not an age of miracles; give me facts, not assertions." This is an age of miracles—miracles of science, and Mrs. Moss FARRIS, the new article that produces these *bonne bouche*, is one of its wonders. The Sea Moss Farine Co., 53 Park Place, New York, is manufacturing this incomparable edible from Carrageen or Irish Moss, under a patent procured last summer, and its popularity is already so great that the extensive mills of the Association, although running night and day, can scarcely keep pace with the prodigious demands.