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## City.

### Senator Price.

The tendency of the times is unquestionably toward centralization, and what amazes us is to see those who most loudly complain of the consequent loss of popular liberty, furnishing the advocates of a strong government with the pretext they seek. We are glad that it has fallen to the fortune of a Republican Senator to rebuke the daring violation of the sacred right of petition of which the democratic Senate has lately been guilty. We commend to our readers, the bold and ardent remonstrance of Senator Price, which we print to-day. The attempt to silence the people of New Hanover and suppress their voice will terminate as did the attempt of one of the Kings of Judah to suppress the warnings of the Prophet of God. The Prophet, we are told, took another roll and wrote on it all the words which the King had burned in the fire "and there were added, beside, unto them many like words."

Read Thos. Conner's advertisement in this issue.

S. L. Fremont, Chief Engineer W. C. & R. R. R., advertises for sealed proposals for furnishing 5,000 telegraph poles.

To insure insertion our friends are requested to hand in their advertisements by 4 o'clock, P. M., on Wednesday and Saturday.

Geo. Honnett, the jeweller on Market st., is doing a heavy business in his line, he has on hand a fine stock from which selections can be made for holiday presents.

Wm. McLaurin informs his friends through this morning's columns of the Post that he has on hand, at his old stand, No. 9 South Front st., a fine stock of groceries.

The elegant dwellings of Messrs. Huggins and French on Fourth street are now nearly completed, they present a fine appearance, and are an ornament to that portion of the city.

Van Orsdell, the celebrated photographer, informs the public that his art gallery will be open until 9 o'clock at night. Those wishing good photos of themselves had better call on Van.

The A. M. E. Conference commences in this city this morning at 9 o'clock, in Red Cross street church, corner Red Cross and Fifth streets, Bishop Wayman of Baltimore will preside.

The elegant dwelling of our City Marshal, on the corner of Third and Red Cross streets, is nearly completed, and it is without a doubt one of the handsomest residences in the city.

A. D. Brown at Exchange Copper, the ladies' man, is still doing all he can to please the fair sex, by always keeping on hand the latest style of goods in his line, and selling them at the lowest prices.

We intend to take a stroll over the city directly after the holidays, and notice all of our business houses, factories, mills, &c., thus keeping our readers posted in relation to the advancement of our city in such matters.

The alarm of fire on yesterday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, was caused by the roof of a house on Fourth between Hanover and Brunswick becoming ignited. It was extinguished, however, with but little damage to the building.

Miss Lizzie Marcellus, the young equestrienne, with Dan Rice's circus, is but fourteen years of age, while the infant gymnasts and trapeze performers, Arthur and Robert, are six and seven respectively.

We were surprised on yesterday to note the improvements going on in the south-eastern portion of the city; streets are being laid off and several buildings being erected, all of which present a neat appearance. Who dare say that our city is not improving under a republican administration?

Ye Local on yesterday paid a visit to the Hospital, and we were surprised at the neatness and order in which the building is kept. Dr. Wynant has twenty-five patients under his charge, all of whom are well-treated, and who are recovering as fast as the nature of their cases will allow.

SHAIER'S SASH HOLDER AND LOCK.—The above is a new invention and is undoubtedly the easiest method for holding and locking window sashes that we have ever seen. They can be seen at this office. F. H. Carpenter & Co., New York, are manufacturers and proprietors.

Mrs. Struck, on South Front street, has one of the finest stocks of millinery and fancy goods in the city, all of which she would be pleased to exhibit to her friends and the public generally. No charge for showing goods.

The colored congregation that have previously worshipped in St. Paul's Church, finding it impossible to get their new church ready for occupation on Sunday, the 16th inst., take this method to notify the members there will be no services until further notice.

STILL ANOTHER.—The alarm of fire sounded last evening about 9 o'clock was caused by the burning of some dross on the western side of the river. The Cape Fear and Adrian steam fire engines were promptly at the river preparatory to crossing, but they were saved that labor.

The Pittsburgh (Pa.) Leader says: "The firm of Geo. P. Rowell & Co. is the largest and best Advertising Agency in the United States, and we can cheerfully recommend it to the attention of those who desire to advertise their business scientifically and systematically in such a way; that is to secure the largest amount of publicity for the least expenditure of money."

If you wish to purchase dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, or anything in that line, go to Sol. Bear & Bros., on Market st. they have on hand the largest and best selected stock of such articles to be found in any other establishment in the city, and they sell their goods at the lowest prices, as the amount of their sales will testify.

James S. Topham & Co., No. 8 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C., are manufacturers of every description of Trunks, Traveling Bags, Saddlery and Harness. A large stock of second hand government team and ambulance harness, saddles, bridles, collars, halters, reins, &c., constantly on hand, at wholesale and retail, at low prices for cash.

We neglected in our last issue to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Imperial Fire Insurance Company, of London, of which Major J. A. Byne is the agent in this city, it is undoubtedly the strongest Insurance Company now doing business in this country, having a record of nearly seventy years of a successful business career. Read the advertisement, it speaks for itself.

The able and unanswerable speech of Mr. Mabson, Representative from this county, appears in this issue. It shows what a noble stand Mr. M. has taken, and how gallantly he fights and will continue to fight the enemies to good government, it also shows that he is an enemy to ku kluxism and that he is endeavoring to bring down upon the heads of its leaders merited punishment.

The Odd Fellows' Soiree and Levee, at the City Hall last evening, was in every respect a successful and pleasant affair. The hall was very neatly arranged, being garlanded with wreaths and flowers and hung with flags, reflecting great credit upon the committee who had charge of the arrangements. A large table extending the entire length of the hall was loaded with the good things of this life, the members of the Lodge marched to the hall in a body in full regalia. An address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Sluby which did credit alike to his head and heart, dancing was commenced at 12 o'clock and every thing went as merrily as a marriage bell. To sum it up in a few words the entire affair was a complete success and one enjoyed by all who attended it.

DAN RICE.—Twenty-one years ago, Dan Rice made his first and last appearance in this city, as leading clown in Stone & McCullum's Circus. To-day he returns, the sole manager and proprietor of the largest and most complete athletic organization in this country. With the exception of the band, there will be no street parade. Mr. Rice adopts the very correct theory that all of this outside glitter involves useless expense, which can only be indulged in at the expense of the performance itself. The press throughout the country give him credit for organizing the finest troupe of artists extant. Prof. Nelson and his infant children have taken the American people by surprise, and it is said that they command a larger salary than any family of gymnasts in the world. The programme announces Morgan, the champion bare-back rider; Maya, the French clown; Cooke, the great English jester; O'Brien, the vaulter and double somersault performer; Lizzie Marcellus, the youthful Equestrienne, and scores of acrobats, gymnasts and trapeze performers, all leaders in their profession. Mr. Rice himself appears at each exhibition, in his old original character of the Nation's Humorist. The veteran manager will also introduce his wonderful trained horses, educated mules and performing dogs, all features having special interest to the refined and fashionable. The great canvass is heated by eight immense furnaces placed under the circle of seats, and is brilliantly lighted with the new patented gas. Two exhibitions each, for to-day and to-morrow, commencing promptly at 2 and 8 o'clock.

NOTICE.  
Hereafter this column of the Post will be at the service of Republicans, who desire to express their views upon topics of interest, for which the control will in no wise hold itself responsible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11, 1871.

DEAR POST:—What does the Star man want—ideas! We will give him one which, if supported with vigor, and as much pertinacity as he has espoused the ku klux cause, will place him high on the ladder of fame. Yes, little insignificant twinkling stars, you would soon swell to the first magnitude; but in becoming thus good and great, you would cease to be a pedler of aristocratic notions, you would cease to regulate a man's status, by the number of slaves he formerly owned, or by his present position as member of the ku klux den. Shut up your ku klux shops, and in their stead organize a Conformist party, with EDUCATION (that's the idea, Mr. Star), for its shining light. Guild the platform with equal rights—work as hard for its success as you have for the party without ideas, and the reward is yours. Drive out this silly prejudice of color; recognize human beings (no matter what their shade) as such. In other words cease to be a democrat, or as you say, a man without ideas, and the people will look up to, and bless you.

Congress has assembled, and organized—the committees have been appointed, and every preparation made for a long and important session.

In the House, Speaker Blaine's choice of committees met with general favor, although some feeling was created by throwing Butler out in the cold. Dawes is made chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, a majority of which committee is understood to be for low tariff. Garfield is chairman of Appropriations, which will probably cause more liberal appropriations for the succeeding year.

Beck, of Kentucky, in the House, and in the Senate Blair, of Missouri, attempted to make a blow for the ku klux, but were very speedily snowed under.

The President's message was well received and generally approved by the Republicans, and the democrats find but very few flaws in it. Schurz, of Missouri, nodded his head as if well pleased with the recommendation for general amnesty.

There is every probability that some definite step will be taken in reference to Civil Service Reform, so earnestly desired by the President.

A bill has already been introduced which disfranchises any citizen of this country who owns, or is interested in slaves, no matter where the slaves are.

Waddell, of the 3d district, astonished every one by speaking in the House, on Thursday last, and making a fuss over one Bettis, a ku kluxer, who was arrested illegally as he alleged; the resolution he introduced on the matter was put in the waste basket along with other democratic trash, and Waddell resumed his seat for another Rip Van Winkle nap; you will probably hear no more from him this session. I suppose you have heard that he tried to obtain certain appointments for colored friends by prating of his Union principles, but his slystering designs were soon nipped in the bud. Poor Waddell!

Summer, of Massachusetts, is exerting himself to induce legislation compelling a resumption to specie payment. He proposes the issue of compound interest notes at low rates, which would, no doubt, bring the desired result in a short time, and seems to be the only feasible method.

Great efforts are being made to introduce a system of postal telegraphy. The House is about equally divided on the matter, and there is little likelihood of any definite action.

The House will make every effort to rush through a general amnesty bill, and one has already been introduced in that body, which will relieve the disabilities of ninety-nine out of every hundred.

Butler looks the same as ever, i. e. two ways, and stands all manner of joking over his defeat for the Governorship of Massachusetts. The difficulty between him and Farnsworth has been dropped—'tis to be hoped forever. But enough of Congress for the present.

Gen. Rutherford has been very highly complimented for the thorough manner in which he has administered his office, and the efforts he has made to reduce the expenses. He is probably the best Auditor of the Treasury Department.

AMUSEMENTS.  
Unlike Wilmington, we are never treated to "fourth class" shows—the amusements generally are of the highest order. Wall's Opera House was destroyed by fire a few days since, and in consequence all theatre-goers are forced to frequent the National. Mrs. L. Dallas Glyn has been reading Shakespeare to a crowded house at Lincoln Hall. Of course the theatre is well patronized while Congress is in session, as there are so many strangers in town. A fortnight ago we had our opera loving ears

feasted on the glorious music of Parepa Rosa and her troupe; we went home full, yes, actually full of music; but so full as we were we didn't explode—we couldn't, didn't know how. Next week Mrs. F. W. Lander appears in her shakespearean characters, supported by Mr. Taylor. As an American actress she stands unrivalled, and will compare very favorably with the great Ristori.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES, &c.

Again ahead of all is the exclamation we make on opening Peterson's Magazine for January. It is impossible to conceive how a lady's book could be handsomer, or more perfect. "I Wonder if I Could Dance," the principal steel plate, is one of the most charming we have ever seen. The price is but two dollars a year, with great deductions to clubs; and splendid premiums are offered to the persons getting up clubs. Specimens are sent gratis. We advise parties to see a specimen before subscribing for anything else. Address Chas. J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

BALLOU'S MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY.—We find in the January number of Ballou's Magazine, which is just issued, such a complete collection of stories, romances, poems, engravings, and real useful information, that we do not wonder Ballou's Monthly is so popular with all classes of society. Here we see a New Year's story, and there a sea yarn, and we read through the whole publication and wish for more. The magazine is only \$1.50 per year, or 15 cents per copy, and is for sale at all of the news depots in the country. Thomas & Talbot, Publishers, 63 Congress street, Boston.

The Unknown Multitude—The Oaths—The Bible First—The Human Skull and Blood, the Closing Oath!

As we have before stated, Capt. Hester and Mr. Keith, U. S. Officers entrapped, secured, and brought to this city, a number of ku klux, from Sampson county. They are known by another name—The Unknown Multitude—and we are exceedingly sorry to be assured, that in the one county of Sampson alone, there are not less than two thousand members, sworn in, and belonging to the Unknown Multitude!

Before us, we have a written confession from one of them; its revelations are simply horrible to contemplate! We confess our astonishment and more than surprise, that men, whose names are therein given, should have taken upon themselves, and aided in administering to others, the Oaths.

While the Oaths are being administered, the members of the Order, with their disguises on, stand around with their pistols cocked, and other weapons held in readiness to slay their victim, should he falter, and refuse to proceed.

The First Oath is as follows:  
I, A. B., do solemnly swear before Almighty God, and in the presence of these my friends, here assembled, that I will truly and faithfully keep secret even unto death, the plans and movements of this society. I do furthermore swear that I will come at the calling of the first G. C. (Grand Council) of the Unknown Multitude, at any hour of the moon; that I will rattle the dead bones; that I will follow upon the track of the scallawags' blood.

Do you swear, that in case of ever being interrupted in any civil government, in which we may be operating, that you will regard no oath that will circumvent one of its members, but under all circumstances, stand by the Order in both death and blood! In testimony of your faith, do you hereupon take upon yourself this most solemn and binding obligation, in presence of three or more honorable and accepted members here present? (The Bible is presented and kissed.)

SECOND OATH.

The Chief then says: Brethren, this man, (or these men) now kneel at the Altar of our faith, and to be bound to our fortunes, by the solemn and mysterious provisions of our Order—Must I swear him (or them) by the oath that shall forever bind and never be broken? (The brethren lay their hands on their left breast and say, "Swear them.") The party or parties are then sworn as follows:

"I, A. B. do most solemnly swear before Almighty God, and in the presence of these my friends here assembled, being fully and solemnly impressed with the sacredness of the act, that I never will make known either by word, sign or deed, my knowledge of its existence; I swear that the enemies of the white man's race, and of the white man's government, and the friends of the negro equality, are now and forever shall be my enemies; I swear to obey the Chief in all his Constitutional orders, and all the orders he may issue by the direction of this Society; I swear to kill any member of this Society who shall prove false to this Oath; I swear to visit and comfort the members in sickness; I swear to defend the life of every member of this Society, even at the risk of my own, should I ever see it in danger; I swear to give my patronage and support to this Society in preference to all others; and lastly, I swear by this Bible, and this skull, and this blood, that should I ever prove untrue in any one particular, voluntarily, I hope to become an outcast, an alien to my country, my friends and my God! All of which, I swear, so help me, God!—Carolina Era.

An Irishman's Plea.—"Are you guilty, or not guilty?" asked the clerk of arraigns, to a prisoner the other day.  
"An' sure now," said Pat, "what are you put there for but to find out?"

## IMPERIAL Fire Insurance Company of London

ESTABLISHED A. D., 1803.

STRENGTH. AGE. SECURITY.

Assets, Eight Million Dollars, Gold.

Assets in the United States, Nov. 1, 1871.

One Million Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Six & <sup>94</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars.

The entire amount of unpaid losses of the United States Branch, on November 1st, 1871, less reliable re-insurance, was \$170,030 91.

The entire amount of Home and United States Assets are immediately available for its losses in this country, which are adjusted and paid by the United States Branch with as promptness as those of any other Insurance Company, foreign or domestic. This Company is purely a Fire Insurance Institution. It is therefore the strongest Fire Insurance Company now doing business in this country; and as the Chicago conflagration has demonstrated that which former conflagrations have made known in notable instances in this country, such as the fires of 1835 and 1845 in New York City, and St. Louis, Troy, Philadelphia, Portland and Brooklyn in subsequent years, that Insurance Companies whose limit of operations is circumscribed are only able to respond to losses of an ordinary character, we present the claims of this Company—with its record of a successful business career of nearly seventy years—to the public: asking a share of patronage commensurate with its ability to afford entire indemnity to those who seek its protection. E. W. CROWELL, Resident Manager, United States Branch, 40 & 42 Pine st., New York.

J. A. BYRNE, Agent, Office North Front st., Wilmington, N. C. dec 10 156-1m

## DIED.

KEEN.—In this city, on the 10th inst. at 6 o'clock, P. M., EMMA ELIZABETH only daughter of Jas. T. and Charlotte C. Keen, aged 3 years, 3 months and four days. "Thou wert as like a form of light, That heaven benignly called the hence, Ere yet the world could breathe one blight O'er thy sweet innocence: And thou, that brighter home to bless, Art passed, with all thy loveliness!"

## SPECIAL.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, WILMINGTON, N. C., DECEMBER 9th, 1871.

## NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING BILLS OR CLAIMS against the City are earnestly requested to present them by or before the 5th of each month, monthly.

Every bill rendered must be accompanied by the proper orders from this office, or the Marshal's office, to receive attention.

No person is authorized to purchase for account of the City without an order.

By order of the Mayor.

dec 10 I. C. SERVOSS, Treasurer. 156-3t

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## CHEAP BOOTS!

FOR LADIES—Morocco and Cloth, NEW STOCK.

dec 14 DUDLEY & ELLIS, Sign of Big Boot. 157-

## Wilmington, Charlotte & R. R. R. Company.

OFFICE CHIEF ENGINEER AND GEN'L SUP'T., Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 11th, 1871.

## SEALED PROPOSALS

Will be received by the undersigned, Chief Engineer of this Company, until January 1st, 1872, at 12 o'clock M., for supplying FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) Juniper, Black or Red, Cypress TELEGRAPH POLES. To be delivered on Road side convenient for loading. To be delivered within 30 days of January 1st, 1872, and of the following description: To be twenty-five (25) feet long, not less than five inches at the top, and to be peeled and trimmed neatly. Bids for 100 or more will be considered. Payments to be made within 30 days after delivery and inspection. All bids may be rejected.

dec 14 S. L. FREMONT, Chief Engineer. 157-1t

## NOTICE.

I WISH TO INFORM MY OLD FRIENDS that I can always be found at my old stand on South Front street, and keep constantly on hand and for sale the best select stock of Groceries, Poultry, Eggs &c.

dec 14 WM. McLAURIN, 157-1y

## NOTICE.

THE FINEST BEFF SOLD IN WILMINGTON in ten years, can be had at the CITY-ZENS' MARKET, on the North side of Market street, on Saturday.

Call and leave your orders Thursday and Friday.

J. F. JARRELL, Proprietor.

P. S. No. 1 Pork Sausages sold five pounds for one dollar.

dec 14 G. F. G. 157-

## Envelopes

AT THIS OFFICE.

## New Advertisements.

THOS. CONNOR, BAR ROOM, N. E. corner of Mulberry and Nut Sts. Always on hand the best quality of Segars. dec 14 157-1y.

## VANORSEDELL'S ART GALLERY

will be opened to the Public until 9 o'clock at night from this date. Those wishing PICTURE FRAMES, ALBUMS, CORD AND TASSELS, and information in regard to Photographic work, shall receive my personal attention each evening of the week. Respectfully, V. ANORSEDELL, Artist. dec 14 157-2t

## BOYS DOUBLE SOLE KIP BROGANS,

WARRANTED At the Live Boot and Shoe Store, Corner Front and Market Streets. dec 7 A. L. PRICE.

HENRY BREMER, Corner Dock and Front Streets, GROCERY AND BAR ROOM. FULL STOCK OF GROCERIES, WINES, LIQUORS, &c., always on hand. Satisfaction guaranteed. dec 10 156-3m

## For the Holidays!

NOW IS THE TIME FOR SELECTING suitable presents for the coming Holidays. A new, select and magnificent lot of Chromos just in, at prices to suit everybody. The selection has been made with an eye to please the public. The only way to "have peace" is to magnify Home comforts. The public are respectfully invited to call, examine, select and purchase their Chromos before Christmas. At HEINBERGER'S Live Book Store. Sent to any part of the State per Express. dec 10 156-

## WHY DO YOU BUY A SHODDY BOOT

WHEN you can procure a first-rate WARRANTED BOOT From DUDLEY & ELLIS, Sign of the Big Boot. dec 7

## Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford R. R. Co.

OFFICE CHIEF ENGINEER AND GEN'L SUP'T., Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1871.

## PROPOSALS FOR GRADING AND TRESTLING

Will be received by the Chief Engineer of this Company until the 30th December, instant, at 12 o'clock noon, for the graduation and trestle work to be done to complete this Railway from Wadesboro, in Anson county, to Charlotte (51 miles.) The total amount of excavation and embankment to be done amounts to about 2,200,000 cubic yards, with about one mile of trestle work, varying from ten to thirty feet in height. Proposals should be sealed and marked for "Grading" or "Trestling," as the case may be. They should state the price per cubic yard for earth work, for loose rock or solid granite, sand stone, or slate. Drawings and specifications for trestle work and estimates for grading, with profile, can be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer on and after Wednesday, 6th of December. Sections of ten miles or more or the whole work will be let to one contractor. The right is reserved to reject all bids. S. L. FREMONT, Chief Engineer. dec 7 156-3t