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GENERAL CITY NEWS.

YOUNG MAIL ROEBER CAUGHT.

The Use of a Decoy-Duck—Arrested by a Detective, and Couldn't Give Bail.

The particulars of an unfortunate affair have just transpired.

It appears that Alexander Sinclair, mail agent on the Carolina Central Railway, has been suspected of foul play by the Postoffice officials, for some time. A detective, sent from Washington, was put on the alert, and what is known as a decoy letter was transmitted through the mails on that route. The bait was eagerly caught at and the young man was arrested Wednesday, and was examined yesterday by United States Commissioner Cassidy for taking a valuable letter from the mail bag on Monday. He waived an examination, and was committed to jail in default of a justified bond of \$1,000.

REGISTRATION

The Number Registered in the Different Wards.

The registration in the different wards up to 12 o'clock yesterday was as follows:

First Ward (Upper Division)—newly registered, white, 20; colored, 78; from the old books, 125, both colors.

First Ward (Lower Division)—newly registered, white, 4; colored, 89; from the old books, white, 8; colored, 114.

Second Ward—White, 14; colored, 25, newly registered.

Third Ward—Newly registered, white, 21; colored, 31.

Fourth Ward—Newly registered, white, 18; colored, 64.

Fifth Ward—Total newly registered 45.

Franklin and the Cape Fear.

One of the most remarkable indications of the inspiration of genius is afforded by the verification at the Signal Bureau's office of the speculations of Franklin more than eighty years ago, concerning the course of the Gulf Stream opposite Cape Fear; that acute mind undertook to describe the track of the stream opposite the mouth of our river and conjecture by observation only its relation to the adjoining coasts. It appears that the whole of his speculations and conjectures in regard to it have been recently most marvelously verified by trigonometrical surveys made by the scientific corps now in charge of the survey.

Possibly of Interest.

We clip the following from the *Irish World* dated Oct. 7th, 1876. It may be of interest to some of our townsmen:

The heirs of William J. Cantwell, native of Clonmel, County Tipperary, who died September 17, 1876, are left. He was aged 48 years, and left property amounting to about \$25,000. James E. Short is the administrator of the estate.

R. B. GALLAGHER.

Waiting on Russia, Perhaps.

The foreign news or some other cause has had the effect of piling up the cotton at the Union shed in the upper part of the city in vast heaps. They must number thousands of bales already—detained, as we are told by agents, awaiting transportation.

Gov. Vance's Appointments.

The following are the appointments of Gov. Vance following upon the close of his joint canvass with Judge Settle: Kingston, Saturday, October 21. Trenton, Monday, October 23. Jacksonville, Tuesday, October 24. Kenansville, Wednesday, October 24.

A Suggestion.

We think the street car authorities can now afford to utilize all that part of their road beyond Red Cross, and as far as the Old Depot, by taking it up and adding it to the Castle street terminus. We would thereby gain nearly a mile of the projected line to the Sounds.

New Advertisements.

Petteway & Schulken, brokers and commission merchants, advertise that they will supply a large number of articles employed on the farm or used in the household.

N. Jacobi, removal of hardware depot to No. 10 South Front street. Philadelphia Times prospectus.

Good in Spite of the Weather.

The ladies and gentlemen of Front Street Methodist Episcopal Church had a fine time at their festival last night, notwithstanding the rain. As to the ability of "ye fair" to provide food fit for the gods on Olympus we can speak with assurance. There was a goodly attendance.

Hon. O. P. Meares will address his Democratic fellow-citizens at Freeman's Cross Roads, Brunswick county, Saturday morning.

An over-loaded wagon gave way under its load near the corner of Market and Third streets, yesterday.

Workmen have been engaged for the past two days laying a new pavement on the north side of Market between Second and Third streets.

The regular weekly prayer meeting of the young men connected with Front Street M. E. Church will be held this evening at a quarter before 8 o'clock.

THE COURTS.

Mayor's Court.

Beverly Scott, whose case was continued over from yesterday, was dismissed.

Magistrates' Court.

Before Justice Van Amringe: Henderson Davis was up for stealing a boat from Mr. James Sprunt, but the case was continued until to-morrow.

George Jones, arraigned for an assault and battery upon his wife, was fined \$10 and costs.

The same had a peace warrant taken out against him by his wife, but it was dismissed.

Jerry Shines was before Justice Gardner for assault and battery upon Alice Williams. Fined \$5 and costs. The same was bound over to keep the peace on a bond of \$100.

Bladen County Canvass.

Edwin W. Kerr, Esq., of Sampson, together with the county candidates and others, will address the people of Bladen county at the following times and places:

Kelly's Cove, October 23d. Colly, at Lewis', October 24th. Turnbull, at Reeve's, October 25th. White Oak, October 26th. Hollow, October 27th. White's Hills, October 28th. Bladenboro, October 30th. Abbottsburg, October 31st. Brown Marsh, November 1st. Clark's Mills, November 2d. Carver's Creek, November 3d. Elizabethtown, November 4th.

The companies mentioned in the telegrams as having been ordered to Columbia, passed through the city last night.

To-day will be stormy if Old Probs. is correct.

Hotel Personals.

PURCELL HOUSE.—Thursday.—Jas. Anderson, Columbia; Shade Wooten, Columbus county; D. F. Price, Steamship D. J. Foley; Wm. Walpole Bell, D. Magruder, New York; H. B. Sargent, Morganton.

MANNING HOUSE.—Thursday.—Mrs. P. Brandt, Augusta; H. H. Gerhardt, Wake county; J. E. St. George and lady, Asheville; T. F. Peck, Jonesboro.

STATE FAIR.

First Day.

From the *Raleigh Sentinel* of Tuesday.

There was hardly an average crowd for the first day. The entries were even better. A great deal was being done yesterday that should have been done the day before, and to-day the grounds will present a more filled-up appearance. The stables and track look rather nobby with the trotting sulkeys and boys in jockey caps, and much horse talk is swapped over the speed and bottom of different nags. The show of cows was very fair; hogs ditto, while the sheep are the finest ever brought here. The display of poultry is very good and a great many varieties are represented. There are dead loads of sawing machines. Somebody has shaken an apple tree in the fruit department, the stands are alive with them.

Mrs. Blackhall, of the Yarboro House, was arranging for display some of the most beautiful cakes we ever saw. Harp, the Raleigh coach-builder, exhibits carriages that would do credit to Brewster or Minor and Stevens, of New York. Denson has a display of flowers to please the poet's eye. Professor Kemp exhibits from the museum Indian relics, a pestle of live oak that was found petrified four feet underground in Onslow county, an Indian leather-dresser, found in Moore county, a shark's tooth marbled and a fossil tooth, found in Lenoir, a mastodon's tooth, found in Lenoir, an Indian dirk, from Caldwell, fossil wood, from Moore, &c., &c. W. H. Crow has an exhibition for a Newark firm a giant wheel-jack for lifting carriages, wagons, &c., and facilitating the operation of greasing the wheels; it can take off four in three minutes, and with it a boy four years old can raise 1,500 pounds. Mr. Crow will enter his span of black Morgans in the horse-show Thursday.

In the evening races Lassiter the black filly won the trotting race. Hope won 3/4 mile dash in 53. Staton's Jennie won the mile dash in 1:54.

The road was lined all day with wagons loaded with fresh entries and four cars stood packed on the Raleigh & Gaston road.

Rufe Stanley's band enlivened the grounds with good music. Two more bands are expected to-day and a large swell of visitors will no doubt be added to the crowd.

The fair was opened with a short and appropriate address from Governor Brogden.

Important Circular.—The Vote on the Constitutional Amendments.

From the *Raleigh News*.

To the SHERIFFS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your attention is directed to Section 2 of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to submit to the people the amendments to the Constitution adopted by this Convention," passed by the recent State Convention in this State. By a provision of said section you are required to make "returns of the whole vote cast for the ratification and for the rejection of said amendments" in your several counties to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, at Raleigh, within thirty days after the election.

You will, therefore, forward said returns, within the time specified, to "R. M. Pearson, Chief Justice, care of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Raleigh, North Carolina," and marked, on the outside of the envelope containing the same, the words "Vote on Constitutional Amendments."

R. M. PEARSON, Chief Justice.

THE POWERS PREPARE.

A CRITICAL SITUATION STILL.

Various Telegrams—Preparations for War by the Powers.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Cabinet summoned Tuesday to meet to-day. Numbers reached London yesterday. It is rumored that Parliament will be convened in consequence of the grave aspect of the Eastern question.

The *Advertiser* says Lord Napier, of Magdala, is ordered to hold himself in readiness to take command of the army. Russia has twenty-one iron clads carrying from two to twenty-six guns each.

The *Times* says: "It is stated that orders have been given by War Office to the Commanders in Chief to hold their army corps in readiness for immediate dispatch to Mediterranean. Also that plans for the defence of Constantinople prepared by the Royal Engineers have been forwarded to the Admiral commanding. The British fleet is in Besika Bay.

A Renter telegram from Constantinople announces that Gen. Ignatieff, the Russian Ambassador to Turkey, who had been on leave of absence, returned to that city last night.

VIENNA, Oct. 19.—The newspapers here publish intelligence from Athens announcing that the Greek government will submit to the Chamber of Deputies proposals for calling out 60,000 men and demanding credit of 50,000,000 drachmas and authority to contract a loan of 10,000,000 drachmas.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The Indian troop ship Junna left Portsmouth yesterday for India with 934 artillerymen and upwards of 70 officers, surgeons, &c. She will embark another battery of artillery at Plymouth. The departure of the troops from Woolwich for Portsmouth was witnessed by vast crowds and the excitement displayed was the greatest since the Crimean war. The *Times* announces that the Junna has been directed to call at Gibraltar and Malta for orders in case circumstances should necessitate a change in the destination of the troops.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—A Renter telegram from Berlin says: "At the present moment the great powers are supporting the proposals of Russia to the Porte, which are nearly the same as those adapted to England. Russia prefers to avoid an isolated position as long as possible."

It is impossible to draw conclusions from the mass of conflicting telegrams about the intentions of Russia and the position of other powers. The correspondents who are usually best informed are at fault now, and any assertion of pretended facts which may find their way to the United States, should be regarded with great caution. Every capital in Europe is telegraphing to every other capital the enquiry: "Is it peace or war?" and nobody who will, is able to answer the question. The news of the reconstruction of the triple alliance is unconfirmed, but uncontradicted. The publication of Russia's note refusing to agree to a six month's armistice in the Berlin *Imperial Advertiser*, which is Germany's official gazette, is considered an indication of Germany's resolution to agree with Russia. On the other hand, the correspondent of the *Times* at Vienna, usually a most reliable authority, especially on diplomatic matters, repeats the assertion that England, France and Italy declared to the Porte their acceptance of the six month's armistice, and that Austria expressed herself from the first in its favor. She refrained from promising definitely before knowing the views of Russia and Germany, but has frankly informed them that in her opinion Turkey's proposals are such as can be accepted.

The correspondent confidently believes that in view of public opinion, which is decidedly in favor of the long, cease possible armistice and the probable attitude of the Austro-Hungarian Parliament, it will be very difficult for the government to reject the Turkish proposal now that England, France and Italy have accepted it officially in Constantinople. Austria can scarcely remain behind them long. Austria's interests and antagonisms are such as to render these statements of the *Times* correspondent highly probable, but not more probable than an agreement with Russia and Germany for putting an end to the war. In the latter case the question of peace or war depends upon England. If the *Times*' correspondent is right the question of peace or war depends upon Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 19.—The *Golos* violently attacks Disraeli. The semi-official journal, *De St. Petersburg*, expresses regret for the unseemly character of the article.

VIENNA, Oct. 19.—The *Tagblatt* says: "Serbia and Montenegro have resolved to accept no armistice."

ELECTRICIANS IN COUNCIL.

Election of Officers.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—The third annual meeting of the American Electrical Society elected the following officers for next year: President, Anson Stager. Vice Presidents, C. H. Haskins, of Milwaukee; Geo. B. Prescott, of New York; Hugh Nielson, of Toronto; Elisha Gray, of Chicago; E. H. Booth, of Mansfield, Ohio; E. P. Wright, of Cleveland and J. S. Dickey, of Omaha. Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, F. W. Jones, of Chicago. Recording Secretary, C. S. Jones. Treasurer, E. B. Chandler, of Chicago. Sir Wm. Thompson, of Glasgow, was made an honorary member. Various papers were read and other business transacted, after which the meeting adjourned to meet in this city next year.

Morrissey withdraws from the Anti-Tammany organization, considering the success of the party of more importance than office-seeking.

WAR ON THE WHITES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

A Man Killed in Ambush by an Armed Party.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 19.—Six white men, returning home from a Democratic mass-meeting at Edgefield Court House near dark last evening, were fired into by colored men in ambush, resulting in one killed instantly and another severely wounded. Maj. Kline and other United States officers, at the request of the whites, went to the spot, and while they were viewing the body of a white man they sent for the Coroner, who was also shot from ambush, having his leg shattered and his horse wounded. The meeting had been quiet and orderly.

GRANT'S WAR ON SOUTH CAROLINA.

Movement of Troops.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Twelve companies of artillery armed as infantry and two companies of infantry left several Eastern garrisons yesterday for Columbia, S. C.

BOSTON, Oct. 19.—Batteries I and L from Boston harbor and a battery from Portland, ninety men in all, leave for Columbia, S. C., to-day.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Oct. 19.—Company F, 3d Artillery, stationed at Fort Ontario, have been ordered to South Carolina and leave to-night.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Francis P. Blair, Sr., journalist and statesman, is dead.

True bill against the parties concerned in killing Walker in the prize ring.

Barnes' (Republican) official majority in Ohio with four counties to hear from, is 6,692.

Loss \$84,000, in Chicago, by burning of Witherell's planing mill and adjoining property.

Crew of Philadelphia steam tug *Godfrey Kube* feared to be lost in storm off Key West.

Negro Masons of Ohio are angry because the Grand Lodge of that State refuses to recognize them.

At St. Louis a quantity of molten steel exploded in the Vulcan Steel Works, and two persons were probably burnt.

Judge Fowle spoke at Enfield on Tuesday.

There are ten papers published in Raleigh.

Peter Sudderth, colored, of Burke county, is now 114 years old.

Judge Fowle spoke to a dense and enthusiastic crowd in Norfolk on Wednesday night.

Miss Mittie Hall, a young and promising artist of Oxford, has gone to New York to study.

The *Raleigh News* says there are thousands of negroes in the State who will vote the Democratic ticket this fall.

The *Sentinel* learns that the Rocky Mount *Mail* has been sold by the Messrs. Thorp to Mr. W. F. Avera.

Mr. Eugene L. Harris, of Granville county, has a fine collection of crayon and pencil sketches at the Raleigh Fair.

The *Blade* has flattering reports of the work done by Maj. A. M. Erwin in McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey in the Democratic cause.

At Lexington, on the 16th, the gubernatorial candidates and Senator Ransom made speeches before nearly 4,000 people.

Last week, in Winona, Miss., Miss Sallie Kittrell, of Oxford, niece of Mrs. Judge Gilliam, was married to James Wesson.

The North Carolina Methodist Episcopal Conference will convene in the city of Greensboro Nov. 29. Bishop Kavanaugh will preside.

The Centennial Commissioners have made an award to the North Carolina Geological Survey, for its fine collection of building and ornamental stones.

Col. Tillman Blalock, one of the most prominent citizens of Mitchell county, fell from an apple-tree a few days ago, while gathering apples, and sustained injuries from which he died in a few hours.

Ex-Senator Linney is confident that there will be a gain of 150 votes for the Democrats in Alleghany county, and he hopes that the Democratic ticket will be elected in Wilkes county, usually Radical.

President Battle delivered an address in Raleigh Wednesday night on the relations of the University to the agricultural interests of the State. During the present fair week Dr. Craven, Dr. Ellis, W. P. Gorman and others will deliver essays on interesting subjects.

Governor Vance and Judge Settle speak in joint discussion at Beaufort, in Carteret, Thursday the 19th, and at Swift Creek, in Craven, on Friday the 20th, which winds up the joint canvass between them. Separate appointments for Gov. Vance are announced.

A Horrible Crime in Canada.

A terrible story is reported from the little town of Ramsey, in the Ottawa Valley, Canada. Two young men entered the school-house at Ramsey after school hours on October 12, and seizing the school-mistress violently assaulted her, and on being threatened with exposure by the poor woman, they cut her tongue out. The unfortunate woman managed to write the particulars of the outrage and the names of her assailants and then expired. Her dead body was found on the floor of the school-house on the scholars arriving the next morning. The murderers effected their escape.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

CAPE FEAR OFFICE, October 19, 1876—6 P. M.]

Cotton—Has been in but limited inquiry to-day. We note sales of 94 bales at 85 for ordinary, 85 for good ordinary, 95 for low middling, and 95 cents for middling. We are without any reported sales of good middling, which is in fair demand and light offerings.

Spirits Turpentine—Market quiet, with sales to-day of 150 casks at 30 1/2, and 35 casks at 31, closing steady at 30 1/2 cents.

Rosin—There have been no transactions reported. Receipts are placed as offered at \$1.50 for strained and \$1.55 for good strained, market closing steady at those figures.

Tar—Market firm and receipts light. Sales this morning of 35 bbls at \$1.60, and this afternoon of 44 bbls at \$1.65.

Crude Turpentine—Quiet and steady. Sales of the day's receipts at \$1.30 for hard and \$2.20 for soft on a virgin.

DAILY RECEIPTS.

Cotton 675 bales, spirits turpentine 150 casks, rosin 967 bbls, tar 35 bbls, crude turpentine 161 bbls.

Regular Wholesale Prices.

The quotations, it should be understood, represent the wholesale prices generally. Shipping up charged orders higher prices have to be charged.

Bacon—North Carolina: hams (new) 13 1/2c, shoulders 10 1/2c, sides (N. C. choice) 13 1/2c, western smoked: hams 17 1/2c, sides 10 1/2c, shoulders 8c.

Beef—On the hoof 4 1/2c.

Butter—Spirits turpentine: second hand, each, \$2; new York, each, \$2 1/2; new city, each, \$2 25 @ 2 50.

Beans—Wilmington \$8 @ 10; Northern \$1 @ 14.

Butter—North Carolina 15 @ 20c; Northern 35 @ 45c.

Candles—Sperm 25 @ 45c; tallow 14 @ 15d; Adamantine 15 1/2c.

Cheese—Northern factory 13 1/2 @ 14c; dairy, cream, 14 1/2 @ 14 1/2c; State 12 1/2 @ 13c.

Coffee—Java 14 @ 35d; Rio 10 1/2 @ 22c; Laguayro 24 1/2 @ 25c.

Corn Meal—Pea bushel, in sacks, 72 1/2 @ 75c.

Cotton Ties 14 1/2 @ 60c.

Denim—Sheeting, 4-4, per yard, 7 1/2c; yarn, per hundred, 95c.

Eggs 20 @ 25c.

Fish—Mackerel, No. 1, per bbl, \$16 @ 20; No. 1, per half bbl, \$8 50 @ 9; No. 2, per bbl, \$10 @ 13 50; No. 2, per half bbl, \$7 50; No. 3, per bbl, \$11 @ 11 50. Mullet, per bbl, \$4 @ 8. N. C. herring, per bbl, \$6 @ 8.

Flour—On the mill, \$4 50 @ 5; Luper, northern, \$5 @ 6; extra northern \$6 @ 7; family, northern, \$7 @ 8; city mills, super \$5 50; extra \$6 @ 6 50; family \$7 @ 7 50; extra family \$8 @ 8 50.

Fertilizers—Peruvian guano, per 2,000 lbs, \$57 50 @ 62 50; Bangs' Phosphate \$60; Carolina Fertilizer \$50 @ 65; ground bone \$40; some meal \$45; bone flour \$37; Navassa Guano \$55 @ 65; Complete Manure \$67; Whelan's Phosphate \$70; Wando Phosphate \$70; Berger & Butz's Phosphate \$60; Excellencia Cotton Fertilizer \$50 @ 60.

Glue 11 @ 12c.

Grain—Corn, in store, in bags, 65 @ 72 1/2c; cargo, per bushel, 52 1/2 @ 55c; yellow, per bushel, 50 @ 52c; wholesale, in bags, 68 @ 62c. Oats, per bushel, 60 @ 60c. Peas, com, per bushel, 75 @ 80c.

Hides—Green 3 1/2 @ 4c; dry \$6 @ 9c.

Hay—Eastern \$1 10 @ 1 20; North river 90 @ 81.

Lard—Northern 13 1/2 @ 14c; North Carolina 15c.

Linseed—Per bbl \$1 50.

Lumber—City steam sawed: ship stuff, resawed, per M ft, \$24 @ 27; rough edge plank, per M ft, \$22 @ 25; West India dargoes, according to quality, per ft, \$20; dressed flooring, seasoned, \$20 @ 25; scantling and boards, common, per M ft, \$15 @ 20c.

Meats—Cuba, hhd, per gallon, 38 @ 40; Cuba, bbl, per gallon, 41 @ 44c; sugar house, hhd, per gallon, 25; sugar house, bbl, per gallon, 28c; syrup, bbl, per gallon, 40 @ 20c.

Oils—Kerosene, per gallon, 20c; lard, per gallon, \$1 10 @ 1 45; linseed, per gallon, \$1 @ 1 10; rosin, per gallon, 30 @ 40c.

Poultry—Chickens, live, 25 @ 30; spring 15 @ 20c.

Peas—Per bushel \$ 25 @ 50.

Potatoes—Sweet, per bushel, \$1; Irish, northern, per bbl, \$2 25 @ 2 75.

Pork—Northern, city mess, \$21 @ 22; prime, per bbl, \$20; rump, per bbl, \$22.

Rice—Carolina, per lb, 6 @ 6 1/2c; rough, per bushel, 90 @ 81.

Rags—Country, per lb, 2 1/2c; city, per lb, 2 1/2 @ 2c.

Rope 9 @ 2c.

Salt—Alum, per bushel, 75c; Liverpool, per sack, 90 @ 95c; American, per sack, 95d.

Sugar—Cuba, per lb, 8 1/2c; Porto Rico, per lb, 9c; A coffee, per lb, 11 1/2c; B coffee, per lb, 11d; C coffee, per lb, 10 1/2c; extra C, per lb, 10 1/2 @ 11c; crushed, per lb, 12 1/2c.

Sonps—Northern, per lb, 5 1/2 @ 7c.

Shingles—Contract, per M, \$4 @ 5c; common, per M, \$2 50 @ 3c; cypress saws, per M, \$6 50; cypress hearts, per M, \$9 50.

Staves—W O bbl, per M, \$18 @ 20.

Tallow—Per lb 8c.

Timber—Shipping, per M, \$9 @ 11 @ 6; mill prime, per M, \$6 50 @ 7; mill fair, per M, \$6 @ 7c; inferior to ordinary, per M, \$5 @ 6c.

Whiskey—Northern, per gallon, \$1 @ 5; North Carolina, per gallon, \$1 75 @ 2.50.

Wool—Unwashed, per lb, 18 @ 20d; washed, per lb, 28 @ 23c.

Financial.

Gold, buying, 108; selling, 111.