

THE CAPE FEAR.

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 28, 1876.

10 CENTS A WEEK

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

EXTENSIVE COTTON FIRE.

Four Car-loads of Cotton Burned.

Yesterday, about 12:30 p. m., the alarm of fire was raised, and it was discovered that a quantity of cotton lying on some flat cars at the W. & W. Depot, was burning. The railroad hands were immediately put to work throwing sand and buckets of water, but the flames increased until all the upper bales were on fire. The men shoved bale after bale into the water, and presently the fire companies arrived. After a long effort the fire was extinguished.

Early after the cotton caught fire the engines in the yard succeeded in lifting a large number of cars adjacent to the flats away from the scene of the conflagration. Otherwise the loss would have been much greater. The wind was high, and it was fortunate that the shed and other cars did not catch.

One hundred and forty-six bales of cotton were partly burned or damaged. The whole was insured in the Royal and Liverpool company. The total net loss is estimated at about \$3,500. Two of the flat cars were badly burned.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, beg to express their very sincere thanks to all branches of service of the Fire Department, and to all citizens generally, for the prompt and efficient aid rendered today in extinguishing the fire which occurred at the Through Freight Depot.

Very respectfully,
JOHN F. DIVINE,
Gen'l Supt.
A. POPE,
Gen'l Freight Agent.

Receipts of Cotton.

We note the largest receipts at this port since the war on yesterday, which amounted to 1,808 bales. On the 6th of October 1,600 bales were received; on the 23rd of the same month 1,789 bales. The largest receipts of any one day last year were on Nov. 27th, when they footed up 1,680 bales.

We give, in our commercial column, a comparative statement of the receipts up to yesterday, by which it will be shown that the increase thus far, as compared with last year, is 18,913.

Marine Temperance Society.

A meeting of the Cape Fear Marine Total Abstinence Society was held at the Seaman's Bethel last evening, resulting in many accessions to the membership.

Capt. B. W. Beery was elected Chairman and H. G. Fowler, Jr., Secretary.

Several speeches were made and much enjoyment was had.

We are pleased to learn that the Society bids fair to prove successful beyond the most sanguine expectations.

Thermometrical.

The state of the thermometer at the various Stations named below was obtained at the Signal office in this city, yesterday at 4:31 p. m.:

Augusta, 63; Charleston, 60; Galveston, 70; Jacksonville, Fla., 64; Mobile, 64; New Orleans, 69; Norfolk, 47; Savannah, 65; Wilmington, 59.

The spiritualistic revelations of "Prof. Everett," at the Opera House, last night, were voted on all hands an unmitigated fraud.

The dust was driven about by the high winds yesterday at an awful rate.

New Advertisements.

A. Shirer—Clothing.
N. Jacobi—Hardware Store.

Postal Hours.

The mails close at the City Post-Office as follows:
Northern through mails - - - 5:30 P. M.
Northern through and way mails, daily - - - 7:00 A. M.
Mails for the N. C. Railroad and routes supplied therefrom, at - - - 6:30 P. M.
Southern mails for all points - - - 7:00 P. M.
Western mails C. C. Ry., daily Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays - - - 1:00 P. M.
Fayetteville by C. C. Ry., daily (except Sundays) - - - 6:00 A. M.
Onslow C. H. and intermediate offices, every Friday - - - 6:00 A. M.
ARRIVE.
Northern through mails - - - 12:45 P. M.
Northern through & way mails 8:00 P. M.
The Smithville mails, by steamboat, close at 8 A. M., daily, except Sundays.
Mails for Easy Hill, Town Creek, Supply and Shallotte, every Friday at 6 A. M.
Mails delivered from 6 A. M. to 7:00 P. M., and on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30 A. M.

Stamp Office open from 8 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 3:30 P. M. Money order and Register Departments open same as Stamp Office.

Stamps for sale at general delivery when Stamp Office is closed.
Key Boxes accessible at all hours, day and night.
Mails collected from street-boxes every day at 4:00 P. M.

THE LATEST NEWS.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Burning of Wade Hampton's Residence—Revolutionary Programme of the Radicals.

The residence of Gen. Wade Hampton's aunt, four miles from Columbia, at which the General resided, was burned by an incendiary Saturday night.

A correspondent of the *News and Courier*, writing at midnight from Columbia, says the plot has been hatched.

The Supreme Court's decrees are to be set aside to-day (Tuesday), the State House is to be surrounded by the United States troops, who will be ordered to exclude or eject the Democratic members from Laurens and Edgefield, and the Radical minority will then assume to be a majority of the whole Legislature, and will immediately proceed to elect a Radical speaker and declare that D. H. Chamberlain is legally elected Governor of the State.

Grand Tilden and Vance Club.

To the Cape Fear.

At the last regular meeting of the "Pleasure Club" of Lillington, on the 13th inst., resolutions were unanimously adopted and arrangements made to have at Lillington, on Friday night, the 15th December, a grand Tilden and Vance Ball, the object of which is to celebrate the great victory just achieved by the Democratic party.

A committee of arrangements was appointed, consisting of Messrs. L. Sotherland, A. H. Paddison, B. C. Bordaun, Ball Room Managers—W. A. Lamb, H. M. Foard, J. W. Scott, Robertson, Johnnie Bannerman, J. B. Powers, Willie McLaughlin, George Bryan, Johnnie E. Darham, G. Williams, L. G. Cherry.

Measures have been taken to insure the best of order on the occasion, and no pains will be spared to make the Ball a success. Ladies are especially invited to attend, and the Managers guarantee a well-conducted and pleasant affair.

A Fine String Band will be in attendance.

Admission fee for gentlemen and ladies, \$1.
J. H. MALLARD, Sec'y.
Lillington, Pender County, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Donald W. Bain, for many years chief clerk in the State Treasury Department, has been reappointed to that position by Treasurer Worth. Mr. T. C. Worth, son of the Treasurer, will assume duties as assistant clerk under Mr. Bain.

The sentence of John H. Rheinhardt,

convicted of murder at Madison Superior Court, has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

Mr. Charles W. Malone, associate editor of the Asheville *Expositor* has published his valedictory.

Charlotte Observer: We see from our market telegrams that there has already been an increase in the value of our State bonds in New York, the great commercial and monetary centre. We suppose that Democrats know they have the right to say "we told you so." They told you that when Vance was elected and the State government passed into their hands, the people of the State would become more prosperous, the State bonds would be respected abroad, &c., and behold, the first thing we hear after it is definitely known at the North that the State is Democratic, and before there has been any chance whatever to re-construct things, is that the State bonds are better. Yes, verily, we told you so.

Hon. R. R. Bridgers, President of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, has written a letter saying that if the Legislature will remove the restrictions on the gauge of the Cheraw & Wadesboro Railroad that his company will put that line in operation at once.

Hon. Joseph J. Davis' majority for Congress in the Fourth District is 1,603.

Sentinel: Dick Badger said on the street yesterday that he "reckoned the electoral vote of North Carolina would be counted for Hayes."

A new station, named Manly, has been established on the R. & A. A. L. R. R., twelve miles beyond Cameron and sixty-nine miles from Raleigh.

Preparations are on foot to make the Vance inaugural torchlight procession the grandest ever witnessed in this latitude, says the *Raleigh News*.

Judge Barnes is to reside in Raleigh.

There is only one Smith and only one Brown in the Legislature. Jones is not there at all.

Bryan Lunn, a colored Democrat living at Durham, has received an appointment as Page in the Senate branch of the General Assembly.

Does that look like the Democratic party would abuse the negro?

There were no cases before the magistrates' courts yesterday.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Fifth Day.

Condensed from the *Raleigh Observer*.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24, 1876.

MEMORIALS.

Liles submitted a memorial from certain citizens of the town of Polkton, Anson county, for the repeal of a local prohibitory liquor law, which was referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Moore, col.: A bill to incorporate the 1st Ward Bucket Company of the city of Wilmington. Referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Crawford: A bill to amend section 9, chapter 65, of Battle's Revision, relating to the Mechanics' and Laborers' Lien law. Referred to the Judiciary committee. [This law provides that the mechanic or other laborer shall file a notice of his lien at any time before or within 30 days after the performance and completion of the labor, &c. The amendment proposes to strike out 30 and insert 90.]

Mr. Folk: A bill to provide for the preservation of election returns by the Secretary of State.

Mr. Folk said that it had been the custom heretofore to destroy the election returns of State officers after they had been revised and announced. He thought it important they should be preserved for reference, and that the Secretary of State should be required to keep all returns on file as other important matter. On his motion the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings.

RESOLUTIONS.

Justice: A resolution instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into and report as soon as expedient what power the General Assembly has to enact laws to extend the time of the sheriffs and tax collectors to collect and settle the State taxes; which passed under a suspension of the rules.

Liles: A resolution instructing the judiciary committee to prepare and report a bill inflicting punishment and penalties on sheriffs who make improper election returns. Calendar.

The President announced the following committees:—Folk, Wilson, Coke, Robins, Graham, Seales and Greene.

Finance.—Graham, Holt, Latham, Troy, Ferguson, Roberts and Greene.

Internal Improvements.—Johnson, Moore of Mecklenburg, Short, Stanford, Latham, Justice and Dockery.

Propositions and Grievances.—Dortch, Albright, Bingham, Boddie, Roberts, Dunn and Mabson.

Privileges and Elections.—Crawford, Sandifer, Askew, Williams, Young and Hughes.

Claims.—Marler, Finger, Heiligg, Stewart, Bennett, Caho and Moore of New Hanover.

Education.—Finger Stickney, Heilig, Stewart, Troy, Nicholson, Mebane of Rockingham and Bryant.

Engrossed Bills.—Waddell, Stewart and York.

Senate Branch, Enrolled Bills.—Bennett, Moore of Mecklenburg and Dockery.

CALENDAR.

The calendar was taken up, and various bills which we have noticed before were referred to appropriate committees.

The bill for the relief of the sheriffs of Franklin, Nash, Wilson and Duplin was then taken up.

Green moved that it be referred to the judiciary committee.

Williams said that he hoped the notion of the senator from Craven would not prevail, and that the rules would be suspended and the bill allowed to pass its several readings.

Boddie, Ferguson and Stickney supported the proposition to suspend the rules and advocated the passage of the bill, and Folk, Troy and Graham advocated its reference to the Judiciary committee, and the reference was made.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

Transmitting a bill to validate certain election returns, and asking the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion of Graham, the rules were suspended in order to put the bill through its several readings.

On motion of Robins, it was amended by inserting the ratifying clause, passed, and was sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Moring of Chatham, of the committee on rules for the government of the House submitted a report recommending the adoption of the rules of the last House with one important change, which report was concurred in, and the rules ordered to be printed and laid on the members' desks.

A message from the Senate announcing the adoption of the action of the committee on joint rules, and that 200 copies had been ordered to be printed, asking the concurrence of the House. The House concurred.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were presented, read the first time and placed on the calendar or referred to appropriate committees.

amend chapter 97, section 1, Battle's

Revision, to reduce the price of Public Printing. Referred to the committee on Public Printing.

By Carter, of Hyde: A bill to regulate and fix the standard height of fences in this State at 4 instead of 5 feet. Referred to committee on Agriculture.

By Carey, col., of Caswell: A bill to submit the question of building a railroad from Danville, Va., via Yanceyville, in Caswell county, to the qualified voters of Caswell county, and for other purposes. Referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

By Gefroy, of Carteret: A bill for the relief of the tax-payers of Carteret county. Referred to committee on Finance.

By Terry, of Richmond: A bill to prescribe a legal day's work. Placed on the calendar.

By McRae, of Robeson: A bill for the better enforcement of the criminal laws of the State. Referred to Judiciary committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Speaker announced the following standing committees for the House: On Education.—Ransom, Gefroy, Stephenson, Fagan, Haughton, Shackelford, Purnell, Baxter, Morris, Ryals, Simmons and Bledsoe.

On Finance.—McGehee, Simpson, Wilson, Gaither, McRae, Proffitt, Parrish, Purnell, Singletary, Crews, Sams, Rush, Moseley and Davis.

On Propositions and Grievances.—Gudger, Swain, Hilliard, Vaughn, Godwin, Shotwell, Kenan, Richardson, McCubbins, Bagley and Bledsoe.

On Corporations.—Henderson, Rich, King, Todd of Ashe, Moyer, Wilson of Burke, Houck and Ward.

On Judiciary.—Staples, Graves, Henderson, Moring, McGehee, Pinnix, Rose, King, Bagley McBrayer, Bledsoe, Naughton, Rowland, Todd of Ashe, Carter of Buncombe, Gobb, Russell and Purnell.

On Privileges and Elections.—Moring, Henderson, Pinnix, McBrayer, Purnell, Clarke and Horrioz.

On Claims.—McLean, Meach, McIver, Abbott, Austin, Aycock, Ardrey, Carter, col., of Warren, and Cary, col.

On Penal Institutions.—Pinnix, Sharpe, Quinners, Kenan, Powell, Newby, Proffitt, Roberts, Baxter, Carter, Terry, and Wilson of Transylvania.

On Internal Improvements.—Carter of Hyde, McGehee, Roberts, Wilson of Burke, Bryan, Davis, Carter of Buncombe, Brown, Gudger, McLean, Johnson of McDowell, Scott, Clarke and Cooper.

On Agriculture, Money and Mines.—W. P. Roberts, Pirl, Winchester, Sharpe, Fennell, Braswell, Bizzell, Horton of Hertford, and Johnson.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

The following bills were put upon their second reading: H. B. No. 6: Exempting personal property. Passed second reading and referred to committee on finance.

H. B. No. 9: To amend chapter 84, laws 1874-'75. Passed second reading and referred to judiciary committee.

H. B. No. 14: To repeal an act to amend the charter of the town of Kinston and to restore the old charter. Passed second reading and referred.

H. B. No. 16: For the general relief of sheriffs and tax-collectors was read the second time and discussed.

McIver, of Moore, offered an amendment to insert after the word year in ninth line, 1873-'74 and '75, which was accepted.

Richardson, of Columbus, moved a suspension of the rules to put the bill upon its final passage, and the motion prevailed.

Bledsoe, of Wake, moved to refer to committee on Judiciary, which was lost by a vote of 55 to 35.

Amendments were offered by Messrs. Moring, McLean, Cooper and Bledsoe, which were all lost.

[Gen. Matt. W. Ransom, United States Senator, was, on motion of Carter, of Hyde, invited to a seat in the House. Gen. Ransom came forward and occupied the chair of V. V. Richardson, member from Columbus.]

Carter, of Hyde, moved to reconsider the vote refusing to refer the resolution as amended to the Judiciary committee, which motion prevailed and the motion to refer was renewed and prevailed.

House resolution No. 5, introduced by Winslow, of Randolph, to take a recess from the 2d day of December, 1876, to the 1st Monday in January, 1877, was taken from the calendar, read and tabled.

Moring of Chatham moved to take House resolutions 3 and 4 from the committee on privileges and elections and that they be placed on the calendar. The motion prevailed.

House resolution No. 9, inquiry and instruction as to the representative of Pender county, and to the claim of J. W. Dunham to a seat from New Hanover county.

Henderson, favored the adoption of the resolution and moved its adoption and reference to the committee on privileges and elections.

Moring moved to amend by adding "and inquire into the right of the sitting members from New Hanover to a seat in the House," which was adopted.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

CAPE FEAR OFFICE, }
November 27, 1876—6 P. M. }

Cotton—The market to-day has developed no new features since our last report. Buyers and sellers, as a rule being apart, and the transactions limited to a few lots. The sales to day were 203 bales as follows, 10 at 9½; 22 at 10, 19 at 10½, 33 at 10½; and 119 bales at 11 cents. In the absence of official quotations we report the market nominal; 11¼ bid and 11½ asked, on a basis of middling.

Spirits Turpentine—The market rallied this afternoon from the decline noted in our report of the 25th and the sales were 500 casks at 55 cents; closing firm at that price.

Rosin—Official quotations at mid-day: Firm at \$1.75 for strained and good strained. The sales to-day were 44 bbls strained at \$1.70 and 882 bbls good strained at \$1.75—a decline of 10 to 10 cents on the last reported sales.

Tar—Market steady with a continued good demand. The sales to-day were 44 bbls at \$2 in water.

Crede Turpentine—We are without receipts or reported sales. Official quotations at mid-day: Firm at \$1.75 for hard and \$2.60 for soft and virgin.

DAILY RECEIPTS.

Cotton 1,808 bales, spirits turpentine 304 casks, rosin 2,361 bbls, tar 147 bbls, crude turpentine — bbls.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF STOCK OF COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 27, 1876.

Cotton ashore 4,730 bales, afloat 7,178, total 11,908 bales. Spirits turpentine ashore 4,691 casks, afloat 70, total 4,761 casks. Rosin ashore 62,925 bbls, afloat 14,082, total 77,007 bbls. Tar ashore 422 bbls, afloat 1,800, total 2,222 bbls. Crude turpentine ashore 1,354 bbls, afloat —, total 1,354 bbls.

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK.

Cotton 7,222 bales, spirits turpentine, 1,887 casks, rosin 8,405 bbls, tar 662 bbls, crude turpentine 2,376 bbls.

EXPORTS FOR THE WEEK.

Domestic—Cotton 2,245 bales, spirits turpentine 212 casks, rosin 372 bbls, tar 256 bbls, crude turpentine 100 bbls. Foreign—Cotton 2,515 bales, spirits turpentine 1,547 casks, rosin 6,175 bbls, tar 4 bbls, Total—Cotton 5,061 bales, spirits turpentine 2,069 casks, rosin 6,547 bbls, tar 260 bbls, crude turpentine 100 bbls.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT, FOURTH WEEK NOVEMBER 1875.

Stock Nov. 27, 1875—Monday of the 4th week being the 29th, the stock was not taken until the 1st December.

Receipts 23d, to 30th Nov., 1875, both inclusive—Cotton 5,255 bales, spirits turpentine 2,082 casks, rosin 11,679 bbls, tar 574 bbls, crude turpentine 1,804 bbls.

Exports 23d to 29th Nov., 1875, both inclusive—Domestic—Cotton 3,782 bales, spirits turpentine 423 casks, rosin 1,847 bbls, tar 188 bbls, crude turpentine 375 bbls. Foreign—Cotton 3,344 bales, spirits turpentine 374 casks, rosin 8,684 bbls; crude turpentine 100 bbls. Total—Cotton 7,126 bales, spirits turpentine 800 casks, rosin 10,531 bbls, tar 188 bbls, crude turpentine 475 bbls.

QUOTATIONS.

Nov. 23, 1875—Cotton 12½, spirits turpentine 34½, rosin \$1.40, tar \$1.45, crude turpentine \$2.60. Nov. 30th, 1875—Cotton 12½, spirits turpentine 34½, rosin \$1.43½ @ \$1.45, tar \$1.70, crude turpentine \$2.60.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

1875

September - - - - - 4,088 bales
October - - - - - 17,501 " "
November - - - - - 18,740 " "

Total - - - - - 40,279 "

1876.

September - - - - - 7,648 " "
October - - - - - 26,978 " "
To November 27th. - - - - - 22,106 " "

56,732

2,460

59,192

Increase over last year - - - - - 18,913

NEWS OF THE PORT.

PORT ALMANAC, NOV. 28.

Sun rises 6:50 A. M., sun sets 4:47 P. M.; days length 9h 57m. High water at Smithville 4:19 A. M., 4:46 P. M.; high water at Wilmington 6:09 A. M., 6:36 P. M.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Steamer Dixie, Platt, Smithville, O G Parsley & Co.
Steamer J S Underhill, Latham, Smithville, J H Nell.
Steamer North State, Green, Fayetteville, Worth & Worth.

Schr Maggie, Kanadey, New River, cotton, Hall & Pearsall.
Schr Joseph H Neff, Reynolds, Orton Creek, naval stores, Kerchner & Calder Bros.

Schr Helen, 194 tons, Dismore, Baltimore, Northrop & Cumming.
Ger. brig Astrea, 181 tons, Eberle, Rotterdam, E Peschau & Westermann.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

Steamer Dixie, Platt, Smithville, O G Parsley & Co.
Steamer J S Underhill, Latham, Smithville, J H Nell.
Steamer North State, Green, Fayetteville, Worth & Worth.

Schr Maggie, Kanadey, New River, Hall & Pearsall.
Schr Joseph H Neff, Reynolds, Orton, Creek, Kerchner & Calder Bros.
Nor brig Helene, Gundersen, Glasgow Williams & Murchison.

Steamship Regulator, Doane, New York, A D Cazaux.
EXPORTS—DOMESTIC.

New York—Steamship Regulator—662 bales cotton, 21 packages dried fruit, 3 packages maize.

EXPORTS—FOREIGN.
Glasgow—Nor. brig Helene, 2,633 bbls rosin.

MEMORANDA.

Blowing fresh from the Southwest at the Bar yesterday.
A two masted Schooner, name unknown, off New Inlet Bar.
The steamer Ashland with schr. Nancy

W. Smith in tow, is detained by the wind of the Eastern Shoals.

In below loading—Swed. bark Mathilda, Bradenberg.

Ger. bark Frederick Weyer, Kreger, Rotterdam.
In below bound out—Br. bark Evyngaline, O'Hara, Liverpool.
Nor. bark Justifer, Teiffen, Bremen.
Nor bark A O Vingo, Pedersen, Queens-town or Falmonth.