

THE CAPE FEAR.

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14, 1876.

10 CENTS A WEEK

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

Another Incendiary Attempt.

Tuesday night about 7 o'clock p. m. the work-shop of Mr. Archibald Skipper, owned by Mr. Isaac Sharp, on Queen between Fourth and Fifth streets, was discovered to be on fire. It was put out. Under the house was found a quantity of light wood splinters, neatly split up and arranged so as to burn with facility.

About an hour after, as Mr. Frank Cumber was passing by the residence of Mr. Joseph King, which is only a hundred yards from the work-shop, he discovered a light, and seeing a man crawling out from under the house, he thought something was wrong. He called him when the man began to run. Mr. Cumber immediately pursued him, but he might as well have pursued the wind for the incendiary was soon out of sight.

The fire, which the scoundrel had just lit, was put out without any damage to the premises.

Arrested for Breaking up a Prayer-Meeting.

On yesterday morning Adolphus Thomas was arrested and tried before the Mayor for disorderly conduct. It appears that on the night of the 5th of September, Thomas, who belongs to one of the colored military companies in the city, was drilling a squad. The same night Rose Merrick, a peaceable colored woman, had prayer-meeting at her house, and while they were engaged in religious exercises, Thomas, with his company, marched into the house and disturbed and broke up the meeting. Rose Merrick had a warrant taken out for him the next day, but Adolphus kept himself close and was not arrested until this morning. The Mayor fined him \$20 and costs or 30 days on the streets.

Ladies' Benevolent Society.

We are requested to insert the following: "The members and visitors are hereby informed that a change in the place of distribution fixes a special time for supplying the wants of applicants. Mrs. George Chadborn for the present will attend to this on Tuesdays and Fridays in the forenoon from 10 to 1 o'clock, at her own home corner of Front and Nin streets. PRESIDENT.

Mayor's Court.

Harriet Farrell, retailing liquor without a license; case continued.

Adolphus Thomas, disorderly conduct; fined \$20 and costs or 30 days on the streets.

Moses Hamilton, same offence; fined \$20 and costs or 30 days on the streets.

Jane Sheahan, retailing liquor without a license; case continued.

The Frequency of Incendiary Fires.

The large number of fires and attempts to burn premises suggest the utmost wariness on the part of policemen and private watchmen. Let every suspicious person and movement be watched closely. Owners should be more careful as far as it lies in their power. The danger is alarming. We write in no fear or panic, but simply to stir up a feeling of watchfulness on the part of all good citizens.

The Front Street M. E. Pastor.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate says: "Rev. J. E. Mann, of Front Street Church, Wilmington, spent last Sabbath in the city and preached an able and instructive sermon at Edenton Street Church on Sunday morning, to a large and appreciative audience."

Thermometrical.

The state of the thermometer at the various stations named below was observed at the signal office in this city, at 4:31 p. m.:

Augusta, 61; Charleston, 57; Galveston, 69; Jacksonville, 66; Mobile, 60; New Orleans, 65; Norfolk, 56; Savannah, 62; Wilmington, 57.

Presbyterian Church Festival.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian Church will hold a Christmas festival in the City Hall on the 22d inst., at which a large number of holiday presents will be presented for sale. The occasion will doubtless be interesting.

At the corner of Fourth and Church streets, last night, about 7 1/2 o'clock, a street lamp, which consumes oil, caught fire and raised a small sensation for a moment.

Yesterday morning, as a mule-cart was passing Exchange Corner, it ran against another cart and succeeded in turning it over.

Col. S. L. Fremont is in the city.

Hotel Personals.

PURCELL HOUSE—Wednesday—A. Hull, Nick Camorhem, Baltimore; D. D. Barber, S. C.; J. G. Blue, Elizabethtown; A. C. Huggins, Jacksonville, N. C.; J. R. Fleeman, Arthur Parker, G. G. Hilton, New York; F. B. Beckford, Belfast, Maine; J. Harris, Gaston county; M. Gilchrist, Richmond.

MANNING HOUSE—Wednesday—W. A. Piet, Baltimore; F. M. Foy, Sound; N. Fennell, Sampson county; Martin A. Grigg, O. H. Lay, S. S.; F. Ruggles, N. C.; C. Malloy, Mark Morgan, Laurel Hill; J. C. Marshal, S. C.; W. Burns, Thomas May, Wadesboro.

The festival of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be held on the 19th instead of as first announced. The place will be stated hereafter.

Prayer meeting at the First Epist Church and Lecture at the First Presbyterian this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Why does the Raleigh Observer always reach this city on the day of publication, and the Raleigh News never?

New Advertisements.

Presbyterian Festival at City Hall, Dec. 22.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Nineteenth Day.

Condensed from the Observer.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, Dec. 12.

Cunningham: The bill to provide for a settlement of the State debt. Ordered to be printed.

On motion of Williams, the rules were suspended and the bill to repeal chapter 76 of the laws of 1870-71, relating to vacancies in county offices, passed its several readings.

On motion of Caho, the rules were suspended and the bill to extend the time of the sheriffs of Dare and Carter counties to settle with the State Treasurer was taken up and tabled.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

By Rose: Bill to repeal section 4, chapter 136 of Battle's Revisal, which gives to Pender county a Representative. Judiciary.

By Purcell: Bill to be entitled "An act to secure to sub-contractors, materialmen and mechanics a lien, supplemental to chapter 65 of Battle's Revisal." Judiciary.

By Purcell: Bill to be entitled "An act to more effectually secure a mechanic's lien on personal property, and for other purposes." Judiciary.

By Lloyd, colored: Bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 136 of private laws of 1873-74. Corporations.

Bill incorporating the town of Laurinburg, in Richmond county, passed its third reading.

On motion of Rose, the rules were suspended and S. B. No. 103, H. B. No. 160, making Cape Fear river a lawful fence, was taken up and passed its several readings, and ordered to be enrolled for ratification.

THE PENDER REPRESENTATION.

Consideration of the majority and minority reports of the committee on privileges and elections concerning the representation of New Hanover and Pender counties was resumed.

The call for the main question was sustained, and the resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Wilson, of Burke, to refer the matter to the Supreme Court, was put and lost.

The question then recurring upon the adoption of the minority report, Mr. Moring called for the yeas and nays, which call was sustained and the report rejected by a vote of 39 nays, 27 yeas.

The question then being the adoption of the majority report, it was adopted.

Moring moved to reconsider the vote adopting the majority report and to make the motion to reconsider the special order for Saturday, January 5, 1877. Tabled. Yeas 37, nays 30.

Moring gave notice that he would file his protest.

The roll was called and only 60 members answered to their names, and there not being a quorum present, the House adjourned.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

The U. S. District Court at Raleigh has adjourned.

There was ice seven inches thick in Kernsville on the 11th.

Mr. Thos. D. Harris, an elderly citizen of Granville county, is dead.

Nearly a dozen marriages in Granville county in one week.

Rev. D. K. Bennett, of the Baptist Church is to move his residence to Lumberton.

Mr. E. S. Williams, of Charlotte, who shot himself critically last Saturday, is getting better.

In Anson county one Sam Watson, colored, assaulted Sidney Broadway, colored, with a hammer and knife. The latter person was severely injured.

LATE AND IMPORTANT.

A DREADFUL ALTERNATIVE.

The Situation as Viewed from Washington—Democratic Backdown or Revolution.

A Washington telegram to the Alexandria Gazette of Monday, says: "The aspect of affairs here is decidedly threatening, and all the indications point to one of two things, viz: a back-down on the part of the Democrats of the North and West, or a revolution—terrible alternative, but believed by men of sound judgment and experience to have come to that complexion at last."

WHAT TILDEN SAYS.

In a conversation with Mr. Hewitt Gov. Tilden said he desired no revolution, but he plainly intimated that he would not back down before a display of force.

D. Appleton & Co. will publish in a few days the second volume of Martin's "Life of the Prince Consort."

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 South, daily - - - - - 7:00 P. M.
Western mails C. C. R'y, daily 6:00 A. M.
Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays - - - - - 1:00 P. M.
Fayetteville by C. C. R'y, daily (except Sundays) - - 6:00 A. M.
Onslow C. H. and intermediate offices, every Friday - 6:30 A. M.

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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 5:00 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.

Appointments of Bishop Atkinson.

Enfield - - - - - December 13
Ringwood - - - - - December 14
Hallifax, 3d Sunday in Advent December 17
Weldon - - - - - December 18
Jackson - - - - - December 19
Rocky Mount - - - - - December 20

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Festival.

THE LADIES OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church intend holding a Christmas Festival in the City Hall on the 22d inst. They will have for sale a large quantity of Christmas Presents, Toys, &c. Also establish of all kinds at very reasonable prices. The public are cordially invited. dec 14 19 22

SALE BY MORTGAGEES.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE contained in a mortgage made by Jacob Sherer and Catherine A. Sherer, his wife, to Charles D. Myers & Co., dated the 27th day of September, 1875, and registered in the Register's Office of New Hanover County, in Book L. L. L., pages 311, 312, 313 and 314 (default having been made in the payment of the debt therein secured), the undersigned, as Attorney for said mortgagees, will offer for sale at public auction, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, on SATURDAY, the 23d day of DECEMBER, 1876, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lot of land in the city of Wilmington, beginning at the N. W. corner of Block No. 297, and running thence S. with the E. line of Seventh street 119 feet 6 inches, thence E. parallel with Harnett street 26 feet 6 inches to the Love line, thence N. with the Love line 132 feet to the beginning, being parts of lots 1 and 2 in Block No. 297.
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