

# THE CAPE FEAR.

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15, 1876.

10 CENTS A WEEK

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GENERAL CITY NEWS.

**The Fire Yesterday Morning.**  
The fire yesterday morning, about 1 1/2 o'clock, was on Second street, between Wooster and Dawson streets. The residence of Mrs. Kershaw was the victim of the devouring element this time.  
Mrs. Kershaw was so terrified as to lose all presence of mind, and made no effort to save her life. Policeman Stephen Walcott, who happened to be on the spot, rushed in and succeeded in getting her out of the building. Her little son had previously made his escape.  
The house belonged to the estate of the late Col. R. H. Cowan, and was not insured. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary.

**Stockholder's Meeting.**  
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Navassa Guano Company of Wilmington was held at the Company's office in this city yesterday, at 11 o'clock a. m. Wm. A. Wright, Esq., acting as chairman and Donald MacRae, Esq., as Secretary. Of the 2,000 shares of the capital stock 1,747 were represented in person and 148 by proxy.  
The following officers were unanimously re-elected to serve for the ensuing year: President—Hon. R. R. Bridgers; Directors—Edward Kidder, Walter B. Lawton, F. W. Kerchner, Smilie A. Gregg, Jno. C. Graffin, Winfield S. Dunan; Secretary and Treasurer—Donald MacRae; Superintendent—C. L. Graffin.

**Mayor's Court.**  
John T. Speight, drunk and disorderly; fined \$50 and cost or 30 days on the streets.  
Annie J. Speight, same offense; fined \$50 and costs or 30 days on the streets.  
Frank St. George, disorderly conduct; dismissed at the cost of the prosecutor.  
John Bishop, disorderly conduct; dismissed at the prosecutor's cost.  
David Wortham, same offense; dismissed at the cost of the prosecutor.  
John Skipper, John Cason and Simon Lewis, stealing money from Ben Patrick; dismissed at the cost of the prosecutor.

**A Wreck at Hatteras.**  
The captain of a schooner reports at Newbern the loss of the schooner J. R. Floyd at a point ten miles south of Hatteras light house. The *Nut Shell* says: "The Floyd was bound from Georgetown, S. C., for New York, is a large double-decked vessel of 280 tons capacity, and at the time of the disaster was laden with naval stores. The vessel is a total loss, but the crew were all saved. The primary cause of her wreck was leakage."

**New Advertisements.**  
E. Artis—Fashionable barber shop.  
J. W. Lippitt—Opens a new confectionery and notions store. All sorts of Christmas things.  
Parker & Taylor—House-furnishing line in full, comprising stoves, kitchen furniture, etc., etc.  
N. Jacobi—Hardware poetry. Be sure to read it this morning.  
Charles D. Myers & Co.—Large stock of family holiday supplies, embracing teas, coffees, sugars, sauces, jellies, candies, cheeses, etc., etc.

**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, 64; Charleston, 58; Galveston, 67; Jacksonville, 60; Mobile, 64; New Orleans, 66; Norfolk, 55; Savannah, 60; Wilmington, 58.

**Before the U. S. Commissioner.**  
Yesterday Harriet Farrell was arraigned before United States Commissioner VanAmringe on a charge of retailing liquors without license. She was bound over to the next term of the District Court.

**Postoffice Discontinued.**  
The postoffice at Supply, Brunswick county, N. C., has been discontinued and the postmaster removed—the result of speculating in stamps. Mails for that office are sent to Shallotte, N. C.

**Reverends James E. Mann and J. M. Rhodes have returned to the city and resumed charge of their respective Methodist churches for the new conference year.**

**Young men's prayer meeting at Front Street M. E. Church this evening at 7:30 o'clock.**

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

**The Subject of Wooden Buildings.**  
The Board of Aldermen met yesterday evening at 4 o'clock p. m. Aldermen Gardner and Cassidy were appointed a special committee.  
Several communications from persons asking to be relieved from paying taxes were referred to the special committee, which committee reported as follows:  
"In accordance with the report of the committee on finance that, as quite a large amount of taxes on real estate and personal property for the year 1873-74, yet remain unpaid, they recommend that the City Attorney, in conjunction with the City Treasurer, proceed to collect, according to law, the same at once. The committee further recommends that the City Attorney be instructed to bring suit against such parties as have not paid the amount due by them to the city for assessments made on street improvements and opening of streets."  
This was adopted.  
The committee report that they have made a contract to supply the police force with uniforms.  
The following communication from the Local Board of Fire Underwriters, was presented and the requests therein contained were granted:  
"To Hon. Wm. P. Canaday, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen City of Wilmington: Dear Sirs—I am directed by the Board of Fire Underwriters to enclose an extract from the proceedings of a meeting held by them on the 12th instant:  
"Resolved, That this Board notice with regret the continued erection of frame buildings in the business centre of town, in the face of a former respectful protest made by us to the Board of Aldermen, and being impressed with the very great danger which such buildings bring upon surrounding property, serving as they do as additional material for the spread of a conflagration, we do therefore respectfully but earnestly appeal to the honorable Board of Aldermen to prohibit the further erection of frame buildings in our thickly settled districts, along the river front as well as up town."  
"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be drawn up and signed by each member of this Board, and that the Secretary be instructed to send the same, with a respectful letter of protest to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen."  
"J. A. Byrne & Co., T. C. Rosset, Wm. A. French, President Wilmington Mutual Ins. Co., Jno. W. Gordon & Bro., Wm. L. Smith, Northrop & Cumming, Norwood Giles, Atkinson & Manning."

I would respectfully add that our Board approach you again with some reluctance, knowing that your action granting permission for the construction of frame buildings must have had a careful consideration first, yet we feel it to be our duty to put ourselves on record in this matter, and also to urge upon your honorable Board the very great danger which frame structures add to our thickly built districts, simply furnishing food and material for the spread of a conflagration. We do earnestly hope that you will take a bold stand and henceforth prohibit the erection of frame buildings and sheds, not only in our densely built blocks up town but particularly along our river front, where immense values of property are continuously kept or stored, and where our fire steamer should have ample room for obtaining a supply of water.  
"We feel that the large interests which we represent for our Company's interests, some responsibility upon us in this matter, and that we are entitled to, and will receive, some consideration at your hands."  
"It must be apparent to your Honorable Board that the increased injury which numerous wooden structures in our densely built blocks bring upon surrounding property and the city generally, far outweigh any imaginary benefit which they can serve to business, commerce or their owners. Let us, then, earnestly ask your Board to withhold further permits for the accumulation of combustible and inflammable material in our midst. Should the erection of frame buildings continue, our companies will demand a higher rate of premium on all property, real and personal, and one more commensurate with the hazard they assume. Either this or the ultimate withdrawal of their capital, leaving our business men and property-owners without any protection against loss."  
In conclusion, we earnestly ask from Board some immediate legislation to prevent the continuance of this injury, and urge upon you the importance of an unswerving enforcement thereof.  
We are, with great respect, your obedient servant,  
T. C. ROSSET, Sec'y  
Local Board of Fire Underwriters.

**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 Chadbourne 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 Nun streets. PRESIDENT.

**Notes of the Situation.**  
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**THE McCRARY RESOLUTION.**  
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In the course of the proceedings in the House to-day, Speaker Randall again made the decision that the joint rules were still in existence. In the caucus, in private conversation and as Speaker of the House he states that he will maintain to the utmost that the joint rules are still in force.  
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**DEMOCRATIC SAUCE.**  
The Democratic Senators were called together again in caucus this afternoon, but the discussion which took place was of a brief nature and comparatively unimportant. Some of the Democratic Senators and Representatives say they are getting tired of so much caucus and so little action. Fernando Wood in the House caucus yesterday admonished his party friends that they were allowing valuable time to slip by while they were sitting with folded hands. He said, you have done nothing, and will do nothing, and you are beat. Some of the members said they felt very much like hissing Mr. Wood for making such a remark. Ben Hill was rather caustic on the Northern Democrats. He indicated that the South had once before been woefully deceived by the belligerent talk of the Northern Democrats, and they did not propose to be caught in that trap again. One Southern member said the Northern Democrats were invisible in peace and invisible in war.  
**The Mails.**  
The Northern mail is due here now at 12:45 p. m. It may be expected regularly hereafter at that time.  
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## LATE AND IMPORTANT.

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#### NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Grand preparations are making at Raleigh for the inauguration.  
The Westernhouse air-brakes have been put on all mail trains on the North Carolina Railroad.  
A statement from Prof. Mangum, the Methodist member of the North Carolina University faculty, made in the recent Conference, is printed in the *Raleigh News*. He gives a flattering account of the University.

## What the Republican Party may Expect.

In a letter to the *Chicago Tribune*, Mr. Horace White, formerly editor of that paper, and a prominent liberal Republican, says:  
"If the Republican party is ready to adopt intimidation as an element in politics, and to substitute the judgement of returning boards in place of the votes legally polled, it is a worse party than I supposed when I joined the liberal movement in 1872. I do not think so badly of it as this. I think that all the present fuss is due to the anxiety of officeholders for their places, for which the great mass of the party have no sympathy, but, on the contrary, a well-grounded contempt. Accepting its defeat in a manly way, if it is defeated by a true count of the votes legally polled, the Republican party has a fair prospect of returning to power four years hence. At all events it will be in a position to take advantage of the errors and shortcomings of its adversary. But, crawling into the presidency over the ruin and subversion of the process of popular elections, it will be annihilated. It has already received such harm as its wisest leaders can with difficulty repair."

## Legislature of North Carolina—Twenty-ninth Day.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13.  
Almost nothing done in the Senate. Adjourned until Saturday, Dec. 30.  
In the House ditto. No quorum on call of roll on second reading of bill for relief of sheriffs and tax collectors. Adjourned.

## 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 - - - 6:00 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 7:30 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.

## Wilmington District.

**NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—FIRST ROUND OF APPOINTMENTS FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS AS MADE BY THE PRESIDING ELDER, REV. W. S. BLACK, FOR THE PRESENT CONFERENCE YEAR:**  
Wilmington, at Fifth Street, Dec. 23, 24  
Magnolia, at Magnolia - - - - - 30, 31  
Onslow, at Lebanon - - - - - Jan. 6, 7  
Waiteville & Waccamaw Mis. at Whiteville - - - - - 13, 14  
Bladen, at Deems' Chapel, - - - - - 20, 21  
Elizabeth, at Elizabeth - - - - - 27, 28  
Wilmington, Front Street - - - - - Feb. 3, 4  
Smithville, at Zion - - - - - 10, 11  
Clinton, at Clinton - - - - - 17, 18  
Topsall, at Union - - - - - 24, 25  
Cokesbu yand Coharie Mis. at Hal's - - - - - Mar. 3, 4  
Kenansville, at Kenansville, - - 10, 11  
District Steward's meeting, at the Lecture Room of the Front St. Church, Wilmington, at 11 o'clock, a. m., Feb. 5.

## Appointments of Bishop Atkinson.

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

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### EXTRA

## Hardware Poetry!

**SHOVELS, SPADES, RAKES.**  
Pitchforks and Molasses Gates.  
Fire Dogs, Boxing Axes, Scales.  
Bush Hooks, Spikes and Nails.  
Shot Bags and Pouches, Coffee Mills.  
Anvils, Vises, Blacksmith's Drills.  
Hammers, Hand Bells, Picks.  
Rat Traps and Bath Bricks.  
Meat Cutters and Stuffers, Twine.  
Grindstones, Grub Hoes, Chalk Lines.  
Pulver, Shot and Caps.  
Otter, Fox and Mink Traps.  
Cutlery, Razors and Honers.  
Horse Brushes and Curry Combs.  
Knobs, Locks, Hinges and Latches.  
Augers and Shingling Hatchets.

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No. 10 South Front St.  
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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OUR GOODS ARE FRESH AND OF THE FINEST QUALITY. AND EMBRACE ALL KINDS OF SUBSTANTIALS AND LUXURIES USUALLY FOUND IN ANY LEADING FAMILY GROCERY HOUSE.  
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WE WILL FURNISH THE BEST OF EVERYTHING AT LOWEST CASH FIGURES.

TEAS.	COFFEES.	SUGARS.
SPICES.	SAUCES.	JELLIES.
PRESERVES.	CANDIES.	RAISINS.
NUTS.	FIGS.	PRUNES.
CRANBERRIES.	CITRONS.	APPLES.
COCONUTS.	ORANGES.	LEMONS.

**COOPER'S FOX'S AND NELSON'S**  
Gelatines, Flavoring Extracts, English Pickles, English Cream, Pine Apple and Dutch Head Cheese.

A THOUSAND AND ONE DIFFERENT THINGS, MANY OF WHICH ARE KEPT BY NO OTHER HOUSE IN THE STATE!

We respectfully ask our old customers and friends to remember us, and will be glad to see as many new ones as will favor us.

**Chas. D. Myers & Co.,**  
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A NEW STOCK OF TOYS, CANDIES, RAISINS, NUTS  
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For sale by **PARKER & TAYLOR,**  
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**PROSPECTUS**

**SUNNY SOUTH.**

THE UNBORN COMPANY WILL commence the publication, in this issue of a Boy's and Girl's semi-monthly paper, to be known as

**THE SUNNY SOUTH.**

The paper will contain Stories, Selections and General News of interest to the young people, and it will be the endeavor of the Company to please Boys and Girls of all ages.

The paper will be devoted particularly to the interests of the youth of the South, and more particularly to the young of this State.

Nothing the success Juvenile papers meet with in the North, and it being the Company's belief that a paper of such character would be interesting and instructive to the youth of this State, we will begin publication in or about the

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SPIRIT BARRELS, LARD,  
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