

THE CAPE FEAR.

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WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19, 1876.

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GENERAL CITY NEWS.

Bully for Charlotte.

The good people of Charlotte are determined to give our Light Infantry a warm reception when they arrive there to meet Gov. Vance. They will be met at the depot by the Hornet's Nest Riflemen, who will escort them to the Central Hotel. Thanks to Maj. M. P. Taylor for the following handsome letter from Col. William Johnston, Mayor of Charlotte:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 15, 1876.
To Capt. MATTHEW P. TAYLOR, commanding the Wilmington Light Infantry:

DEAR SIR:—Learning that the Wilmington Light Infantry will arrive here on the evening of the 29th inst., to constitute a part of the escort of Gov. Vance to Raleigh on the 30th inst., I am authorized, and do most cordially extend to you and your command the hospitalities of the city of Charlotte during your sojourn with us.

The Hornet's Nest Riflemen will be pleased to greet you on arrival, and to conduct you to the Central Hotel, where quarters are provided for the Company.

Very respectfully yours,
WM. JOHNSTON, Mayor.

Personal.

Our excellent friend, the witty, companionable Dossey Battle, of Rocky Mount, editor of the *Tarboro Southerner*, was in to see us yesterday. He tells us he will remove his personal headquarters to Tarboro on the first of the next year, so as to be able to devote more attention to his paper. This will improve the venerable *Southerner*, now one of our best weeklies.

Fire on Harnett Street.

The burning of a small uninhabited house on Harnett street between Third and Fourth, was the cause of the alarm of fire about half-past 1 o'clock Sunday morning. The house had been occupied a short time previous by a colored man named George McRae. It was owned by Mr. James Wilson and was not insured. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary.

The Sunny South

Is the name of a beautiful amateur paper issued in Wilmington semi-monthly, by the Wilmington Amateur Publishing Company. It made its first appearance on Saturday. The *Sunny South* reflects considerable credit on the young gentlemen who edit it. We wish it a prosperous career.

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, 50; Charleston, 54; Galveston, 49; Jacksonville, 69; Mobile, 47; New Orleans, 50; Norfolk, 36; Savannah, 53; Wilmington, 53.

What has Gotten into the P. M.'s!

We are informed by Postmaster Brink that the Postoffice at Rives' Chapel, Chatham county, N. C., has been discontinued and the postmaster removed. Too much speculation in postage-stamps.

Temperance Among the Seamen.

The Marine Temperance Society held a very interesting meeting last night in spite of the inclement weather, showing conclusively the great hold it has upon the community, notwithstanding it is yet in its infancy.

Mayor's Court.

Two persons for violation of tax ordinance; judgment suspended on payment of taxes.

Wm. Hoke, suspected of stealing a duck; continued.

David Price, disorderly conduct; fined \$10 and costs or 30 days on the streets.

Wm. Stokes, drunk; fined \$5 and costs or 10 days on the streets.

Don't forget that the ladies of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will have a festival this evening in the store building at the corner of Front and Princess streets, once occupied by Mr. A. Weil. They promise an abundance of everything nice.

A drunken seaman, who was in charge of two policemen yesterday afternoon, on his way to the lock-up, got obstreperous and kicked like a young mule.

We are requested to ask the Commissioners of Navigation to cause the pilot marks to be replaced on the river, and also to petition the authorities to have the lights on the river re-lit.

Maj. J. A. Engelhard has just returned from Florida and, with his family, will spend Christmas in the city.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

A Plan Drawn up by a Newbern Man.

The CAPE FEAR has warmly urged consideration of the important matter of local and county government, but has not suggested any particular plan. We did not do so for satisfactory reasons. The matter is so delicate and requires so much nicety of management and patient consultation, that we have felt that it would be rash for any newspaper to come out with a programme of its own. It is the people's business and must be settled by a number of representative men, earnestly counselling together.

But while we have not framed a plan, we have been willing to publish any that might be suggested by those interested in the matter. In the *Raleigh News* of last Sunday we find a letter from Mr. Wm. H. Oliver, of Newbern, which is entitled to some consideration, and certainly has in it the germ of practical wisdom. The plan may be stated in a few words:

Mr. Oliver proposes that the business of each county should be controlled by a board of county trustees, or magistrates, consisting of 12, 18 and 24, according to the population of the county. Let these trustees, or magistrates, be recommended by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Let one-third of them go out of office each year, and the newly elected Governor would therefore have the recommending of one-third of them on assuming the gubernatorial chair. In case of vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor to fill the vacancy until the assembling of the Legislature. These trustees or magistrates to have the entire control of assessing property, levying taxes, passing on all official bonds of the county, the management of the county schools, the power to remove from office any county officer who does not fulfill the requirements of the law, and to appoint his successor and to have the general management of all the county business. Let them have jurisdiction in civil cases as far as binding over to the Superior or inferior courts, and also jurisdiction over money contracts where not over one hundred dollars is in controversy.

This is practically the old county court system, with modifications and improvements, however. So far we are not sure but Mr. Oliver speaks the popular wish. But he proceeds to formulate the details of another court—a district tribunal, and in this he may not be so happy. He favors the establishment of an inferior court, to be presided over by a judge to be appointed by the Legislature for eight years, and in case of his death, resignation, or removal, his successor to be appointed by the Governor. This court, he says, should be arranged in districts of say five or six contiguous counties, and require four courts to be held in each county each year, and oftener, if necessary. Let this court have civil and criminal jurisdiction, and have also the appointment of guardians and administrators, the binding out of apprentices, &c. These courts might only be established in those counties where the courts are overrun with criminal business. A clerk would be appointed for each county and a solicitor for each circuit.

It will be remembered that the amended Constitution provides that such inferior courts may be established by the Legislature. It has long been our opinion that they are needed. The times are so out of joint, however, and the people are so impoverished, we doubt if district courts throughout the State should be set up now. They are demanded in some counties, New Hanover for instance, to assist the Superior Courts in suppressing crime and in other matters.

Hotel Personals.

PURCELL HOUSE—Monday—Frank E. Kauffman, St. Louis; F. M. Knevels, New Orleans; C. S. Smead, Jr., J. Jacobson, E. L. Voorhees, New York; Mrs. C. Woodland, Miss M. J. Woodland, N. C.; J. T. Giddens, Clinton; L. L. Lewis, Bucksport; M. D. Coburn, Savannah; J. W. Kimball, Boston; W. E. Hill, Duplin county; D. Y. Angel, Charlotte; Wm. Gould and lady, Miss Gould, Martin Gould, A. Gould, Albany; W. A. Hinshaw, Clio; S. C. R. B. Gregory, Robeson county, John Plummer, Plummer'sville, T. S. Tolen, Lumberton; Mrs. Thomas and two children, Laurinburg; W. H. Lindsay, W. C., & A. R. R.

MANNING HOUSE—Monday—William F. Hayne, Baltimore; J. D. Cameron, Hillsboro; J. G. Jackson, D. W. Bivens, W. H. Maxwell, New York.

LATE AND IMPORTANT.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

Hampton's Inauguration—The Senatorial Conspiracy to Seat Hayes by the Bayonet.

To the Cape Fear.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15, 1876.—The telegraph last night brought us Hampton's inauguration and it reminds one of other and better days of the Republic (God save the mark) to find a South Carolina Democrat speaking "the words of truth and soberness" boldly and without fear of Grant's bayonets. Every patriot's heart throbs with a quicker pulsation as he reads them, and breathes a prayer for his success in maintaining the right.

I had occasion during the last winter of our late "unpleasantness" to pass over the road from Danville, Va., to Greensboro, N. C., in company with twenty or more furloughed soldiers. They were leaving the dangers and hardships of the camp behind them and were returning, for a brief season, to the companionships of home, and in the gladness of their hearts they would now and then break out into the songs that had made merry the camp-fire. One was particularly noticeable for its refrain, in which all joined with a will: "Bully for Hampton—he's the man!"

The heroic moderation which has marked the conduct of Gov. Hampton all through the trying ordeal and that brave and patriotic speech, will incline the good and true men of our country to join in that refrain: "Bully for Hampton—he's the man!"

But Grant, Chandler & Co. don't like it, nor, indeed, do the rest of those who, like them, have sunk the patriot in the partisan, and it is given out to-day that they will seek the earliest opportunity to bring the army to bear actively upon the case. That they will lend their aid to Chamberlain in any scheme that will rid him of Hampton, and even before this reaches you steps may be taken to that end.

The declaration of Tilden's election by the Democratic Executive Committee and the rude and dogmatic denial in the papers yesterday morning created something of a stir in political circles. Of course old Zach's voice is for war—war, or Hayes! And by the way, he is not alone in this alternative. I am reliably informed that in a gathering the other evening—six Senators being present and constituting the bulk of the party—the election was considered and it was determined *nem. con.* that Hayes was to be inaugurated at the point of the bayonet if necessary. That this is the programme of the Radicals there seems to be no doubt. Whether they will succeed or not is further along.

The House of Representatives has manifested its intention to adhere to the principles of economy, on which Tilden was elected. In the matter of the expenses of the special committees sent to the Southern States and to New York to examine into the elections, they not only limited the appropriations for their own committees but cut down the \$50,000 appropriated by the Senate for its committee to \$30,000.

It was rather a surprise to the Republicans when Philadelphia was added to the list of cities which, on their motion, are to be investigated. Their move in regard to New York and Brooklyn was merely intended to divert attention from their rascalities at the South. Philadelphia, it is expected, will develop a rich mine of fraud. I have heard persons well acquainted there—not partisans—assert that but for the frauds practised there the city and the State would have been carried by the Democrats by a large majority.

It is hoped that the committee will make thorough work of the business, and as Col. Waddell is on the committee we may confidently expect that it will.

HAYES AND THE SOUTH.

A Compromise Proposition From the Republican Presidential Candidate to Southern Democratic Leaders—A Fair Share of Offices Offered.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15, 1876.—It is positively stated here to-day, by a gentleman of unquestionable trustworthy character, that a Republican leader of great prominence in the Western States, and who is known to maintain strictly confidential relations with Governor Hayes, is now on his way to Washington, with the sanction of the Republican Presidential candidate, to propose and if found practicable, conclude an arrangement, in the nature of a compromise, between the most influential members of the Republican party and such prominent conservative Southern Democrats as Congressmen Lamar of Mississippi, and Ben Hill of Georgia, on the basis of the assent of the latter to the unchallenged declaration of Hayes' election and the inauguration of Hayes as President, with the assurance of a satisfactory division of Cabinet officers and other positions of honor and profit under the federal administration.

MOORTON AND HAYES.

Short Consultation Between The Indiana Senator and the Ohio Governor.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1876.—Senator Morton passed through this city to-day en route for Indianapolis. He spent a few moments at the railway depot dining room in conversation with Governor Hayes.

A Significant Victory.

From the *Washington Union*.
Boston, Dec. 13.—Hon. Abram S. Hewitt: We have elected Prince mayor, and all but one of the aldermen. This is the greatest city victory within our memories. EDWARD AVERY.

Mr. Prince is the Secretary of the National Democratic Committee, and his election is significant, it being the first opportunity which the masses have had of rebuking at the polls the schemes of the Republican managers to defeat the will of the people as expressed in the November elections.

Programme for the Inauguration of Gov. Vance.

The train, with Gov. Vance and escort will arrive at the depot at—P. M. Gov. Vance will be escorted to his hotel and his escort to barracks.

MONDAY.

10 A. M.—Military, Fire and other organizations will form at the foot of Fayetteville Street and move thence to the National Hotel, from whence Gov. Vance will be escorted to the Capitol to be inaugurated.

6 P. M.—Torchlight procession will form as follows:

First and Second Wards on East Lenoir Street, with right resting on Fayetteville Street.

Third Ward on Fayetteville Street with right resting on Lenoir Street.

Fourth and Fifth Wards on West Lenoir Street, with right resting on Fayetteville Street.

Visiting Military, Fire and other organizations with lanterns on East South Street, right resting on Fayetteville Street.

County and visitors on West South Street, right resting on Fayetteville Street.

Each sub-division will have a Marshal with Assistants.

6 1/2 P. M.—The column will move on Fayetteville Street in the following order:

Music; 1st Ward; 2d Ward; 3rd Ward; 4th Ward; 5th Ward; Music; Military Companies; Fire Companies; County and visitors on foot, County and visitors on horseback.

The route will be indicated by burning tar-barrels, and hereafter announced.

The Raleigh Light Artillery will fire minut gun until the head of the column reaches the stand erected for the speakers.

Procession will move in "column of fours," with transparencies at intervals.

B. C. MANLY,
Chief Marshal.

New Advertisements.

Dawson Bank.—Annual meeting of the stockholders, at the banking room, January 2, 4 o'clock.

J. C. Stevenson.—Christmas goods; French and plain candies, cocoanuts, raisins, apples, cigars, etc.

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 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 . . . 5:00 A. M.

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.

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. 22, 24
Magnolia, at Magnolia . . . " 30, 31
Onslow, at Lebanon . . . " Jan. 6, 7
Whiteville & Waccamaw Mis. . . " 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
Topsail, at Union . . . " 24, 25
Cokesbury and Coharie Mis. . . " 31, 1
at Hall's . . . Mar. 3, 4
Kenasville, at Kenasville . . . " 10, 11
District Steward's meeting, at the Lecture Room of the Front Street Church, Wilmington, at 11 o'clock, a. m., Feb. 5.

Appointments of Bishop Atkinson.

Halifax. 3d Sunday in Advent December 17
Weldon December 18
Jackson December 19
Rocky Mount December 20

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Pop Corn Balls,
Wright's Mince Meat,

FRUIT BUTTER AND JELLIES, DRIED FIGS, BURNETT'S EXTRACTS.

FIRE CRACKERS AND TORPEDOES.

FERRIS' TRADE MARK MEATS.

The celebrated Chequeta Cigar, warranted full Havana filler, for 5 cents at retail.

My goods are ALL fresh, of best quality and will be sold at very low prices regardless of the prices of others.

dec 19-11 JAS. C. STEVENSON.

DAWSON BANK.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Bank will be held at their banking room on Tuesday, the 2d day of January, 1877, at 4 o'clock P. M.

dec 19-11 WM. LARKINS, Cashier.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the General Assembly to incorporate the Laborers' Union, the First Ward Bucket Company and Hook and Ladder Company No. 2 of the city of Wilmington. [dec 7-1awt]

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Notice of Application.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the General Assembly, to incorporate Lodge No. 1, Sovereigns of Industry, of Columbus, Pender County, North Carolina.

dec 18-esun 4w

NOTICE OF APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the General Assembly, to incorporate the Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina.

dec 17-1w4t

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 eatables of all kinds at very reasonable prices. The public are cordially invited.

dec 14 10 92

MISCELLANEOUS

EXTRA

Hardware Poetry!

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Pitchforks and Molasses Spades,
Fire Dogs, Rolling Axes, Scales,
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Anvils, Vices, Blacksmith's Drills,
Hammers, Hand Bells, Picks,
Rat Traps and Bath Bricks,

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Griddlestone, Grub Hoes, Chalk Lines,
Powder, Shot and Caps,
Otter, Fox and Mink Traps.

Cutlery, Razors and Honers,
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Augers and Shingling Hatchets.

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N. Jacobi's,

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SALE BY MORTGAGEES.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE contained in a mortgage made by Jacob Sherrer and Catherine A. Sherrer, 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, page 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. 267, and running thence S, with the E. line of Seventh street 118 feet 6 inches, thence E. parallel with Harnett street 56 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. 267.

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dec 13-tds-td

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THE OBSERVER.

A DAILY AND WEEKLY Democratic Newspaper.

Of long experience in their profession as editors, respectively of the Fayetteville OBSERVER and the Wilmington JOURNAL, they do not affect to doubt the soundness of the general judgment which assigns them ability to furnish a newspaper suited to the needs and adapted to the tastes of the people of North Carolina. Offering in politics in the olden time, there was never a difference between the OBSERVER and the JOURNAL in zeal for the interests and honor of North Carolina. To promote the one and to uphold and add to the other will be the object of the OBSERVER now. It will be their high aim to deserve the public confidence by earnest efforts to promote the public welfare, first and foremost of North Carolina, next of all the Southern States, and finally, and through these, of the whole Union. They think that this can only be effected by the prevalence of Democratic principles and the dismissal of the Radical party from the places and power which they have so greatly abused, and under whose baleful rule the South has been outraged and the whole country has been impoverished and degraded.

PETER M. HALE,
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