

# THE CAPE FEAR.

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WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 21, 1876.

10 CENTS A WEEK

## GENERAL CITY NEWS.

### Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen met in special session last evening about 5 o'clock. The Mayor and five Aldermen were present.

Alderman Gardner presented a petition from Dr. B. F. Cobb, asking to be relieved of his professional tax of \$25 per annum, on the ground that a considerable part of his professional duties were gratuitous.

Alderman Gardner moved its acceptance and that the professional tax of Dr. Cobb be remitted.

On motion, the matter was tabled.

Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy sent in a communication stating that while riding by the corner of Front and Wooster streets his horse and buggy were overturned by a pile of shavings placed in the streets, and that himself and the buggy were injured to the amount of \$250, which he asked to be allowed him. Referred to the committee on finance for report.

The committee on streets and wharves reported that they are having Market street clayed east of Ninth street, and also the west side of Front street, between Mulberry and Chesnut streets.

The Board then adjourned.

### Streets in Utter Darkness.

As we understand, the city pays for nightly illumination of the streets. Last night, however, for hours, the streets were clothed in nether darkness. Why is this thus? Several times it has been the case recently. If it is said that the lamps are only lighted on nights when the moon doesn't shine, the Socratic form of disputation leads the curaged pedestrian to ask why, in the name of all that is sensible, do the authorities make constructive moonshine answer the place of the genuine article? It appears that if Madame Luna is booked for a shine no lamps are lighted, no matter if the coy dame withholds her beaming presence and angry darkness usurps her place. Men and brethren, these things ought not to be. Let there be light.

### Magistrate's Court.

Before Justice Cassidy: Thomas Miller, col., for trespassing on the premises of Josephine Turner; fined \$50 and costs, but he appealed to the Superior Court on a bond of \$100.

Solomon Hill, col., for assault and battery; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

The same, on a peace warrant, was dismissed on payment of costs.

Before Justice Gardner: George Washington, for violation of Section 7 of a general ordinance, was dismissed on payment of costs.

### Elegant is the Word.

The Methodist festival last night, at the City Hall, we understand, was a superb affair. In addition to the regular course of edibles and the like, there were two elegant Christmas trees in the centre of the hall, brilliant with the rich presents with which they were loaded. The large crowd of ladies and gentlemen and children helped fill the coffers and make merry the evening.

### Mayor's Court.

Mike Burt, shooting gun in the city; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

George Anderson, fast driving in the city; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Sallie Currie, disorderly conduct; dismissed on payment of costs.

Wm. Hoke, larceny; bound over to the Superior Court, on a bond of \$100.

### In New York.

In the personal intelligence of the New York Herald of Tuesday, we find the following: "Representatives Cox and MacDougall, of New York; Rice, of Ohio; Waddell, of North Carolina, and Wells, of Mississippi, the Congressional committee, arrived in the city yesterday from Washington, and are at the St. Nicholas Hotel."

### Hard Times and New Houses.

On our rounds yesterday we noticed four new houses on the way to completion, and it was not a good day for counting either. Notwithstanding people talk "hard times," they keep on building. We believe our people are worse scared than hurt, though there is some ground for depression.

### Industrial Fair.

The colored Industrial Fair convenes here next week. A large attendance is looked for, and the exhibition, it is thought, will be creditable.

Remember the lecture and prayer-meetings this evening.

## Celebrated Sportsman.

Mr. Frank Hyde, one of the Creedmoor Rifle Team, of New York, was in the city yesterday. He is en route for the Northern part of Texas, where he will spend the winter shooting buffalo. He was driven out to the Athletic Grounds yesterday evening, where he gave evidence of his skill.

## Improvements at the W. & W. R. R. Depot.

The Wilmington & Weldon Depot is a busy place. There is always something going on worthy of note. The improvement in the delivery of freight is noticeable. Another transfer shed has been built, expediting the business greatly.

## Wilmington Light Infantry.

We are requested by Capt. Taylor, of the W. L. I., to say that he has ordered a full dress drill, this evening at 7:30 (except as to plumes). There will be inspection of arms at the same time, and woe to the man who does not show his gun in first-class order.

There has been some unavoidable detention of trains on the C. C. R. W. for a day, owing to the breaking down of a freight train. Things will work on as usual in a day or two.

The burnt district on Princess street near Front, is still in blackened ruins. The debris, which has lain scattered on the pavement since the fire, was yesterday removed.

The ladies of St. Paul's Episcopal Church are well satisfied with the returns from their festival Tuesday evening and lunch yesterday.

The revenue cutter Colfax left here Tuesday morning for her winter cruise, which extends from Georgetown to Body Island.

The regular hop of the L'Arisio Pleasure Club took place last night and passed off merrily, as usual.

The river is still low, but the supply of wood by schooners, rafts and flats is good.

The port is again filling up with vessels.

## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

The schooner Floyd has gone to pieces on Hatteras banks.

Sassafras Fork boasts of a curiosity in the shape of a woman 103 years old. Her name is Kate Lewis.

With this week's issue closes the 21st volume of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, and the 8th volume under its present able management. We like the Advocate.

Rev. W. T. Walters, D. D., is lying dangerously ill at his home at Wake Forest College, and his death at any moment would not be unexpected by his friends.

The barque Perce Hinckley, from Cienfuegos to New York, after rescuing a wrecked schooner's crew and enduring many perils and hardships, was towed into Pamlico Sound.

Sampson county has just sent to the Penitentiary Lewis Barden, Isaac Corbin and James A. Wilson, all colored, convicted of larceny at the last term of Sampson Court, and all sentenced for three years.

The Raleigh Sentinel says that Thomas H. Briggs, the builder, is constructing the platform for the inaugural occasion. Some of the timbers used are a hundred years old, but as solid as the man who is to stand on the platform. It is to be eighty feet square and will accommodate a large number of ladies.

Union county negroes are getting up a terrible reputation for the commission of crimes against the female sex. The Monroe Enquirer says that on the 14th inst. a rape on an 18 year old child of Joseph Plyler, of Buford township, was attempted by a negro named George Blackmon, who was living on the place. The mother, returning sooner than the negro expected, she surprised him in the attempt of the heinous deed, and came to the rescue of the child. The negro has been arrested and lodged in jail.

Grant admits that he has no knowledge of any contemplated uprising in the West, as detailed with so much particularity by some of the Radical papers. Since the President has given to the world an officially authorized statement that he regards himself as the representative of a party and not as the President of the whole people, his views and his intentions concerning any of the complications likely to arise out of the disputed Presidency can very easily be predicted in advance, and he need scarcely give himself the trouble to proclaim them. He claims that he has the power to call out the militia of the States without any interposition of the State government.

The situation in South Carolina is still critical. Gov. Hampton made a formal demand upon Chamberlain for the surrender of the great seal of the State and other insignia and appurtenances of office, which the latter refused to accede to.

## THE LATEST NEWS.

### THE REPUBLICANS DISPIRITED

#### Late Dispatches from the Disputed States Favorable to Tilden.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch to the Herald says: The Republicans have had an uncomfortable day. On Saturday and Sunday there was private information in town and in the possession of Republicans that matters did not promise so well in Louisiana. The conduct of the Returning Board in refusing to exhibit its records to the Congressional committee excited suspicions that all was not right, and that the State was not rightfully given to Mr. Hayes, and these suspicions were increased by private news, carefully kept secret, but which led to conclusions which were here and there spoken out. To-day came the letter of Gen. Barlow, virtually conceding Florida to Tilden. This letter produced a decidedly blue sensation among the Republican Senators. It was carefully read and Senator Jones, of Florida, was asked what he knew of the precinct Jasper No. 2, of which Gen. Barlow says that if the inspectors were Republicans, the vote ought to be counted, and would give the State to Tilden. Mr. Jones says the inspectors, who left the vote half counted, were Republicans, and that this fact, as well as their abandonment of their duties, will be easily proved before the investigating committee, so that, if the vote of the State depends on that, it will have to be given to Tilden. There are also reports in town that the South Carolina committee have discovered irregularities there in the conduct of the Returning Board, which may show that the State was really carried by Tilden. It will be remembered that the Returning Board, after footing up the consolidated reports of the county managers, all of them appointed by Chamberlain and most of them his officeholders, were asked to compare these with the original sworn returns from the precincts, and that after doing this with six counties, they suddenly stopped, and not only refused to go further, but refused the reasonable request to allow certified copies to be made of the county and precinct returns, but put away all the returns and refused to let any one see them. It is now said to be susceptible of proof that a great discrepancy was discovered between the county managers' consolidations and the precinct returns, showing that the former had been choked. But what is of greater importance, it is asserted that proofs are before the Congressional committee that, even as to the six counties where the precinct returns were compared, the Returning Board have since that comparison altered these returns, so as to make them conform to the county managers' cooked reports. Of course, such a fraud as this, if detected, must convince even the Republican members of the committee that the Returning Board acted in a very dishonest manner. The precinct reports in the counties examined, it is asserted, gave the State to Tilden by a small majority.

All these matters make a strong impression here upon fair-minded Republicans, who, though they want and mean to put Gov. Hayes into the White House if he was honestly elected, do not for an instant think of acting unfairly; and these are getting into a state of mind where they feel a strong and reasonable doubt of Mr. Hayes' election, which will have to be removed before they will consent to act with the extremists. "Governor Hayes' election is certainly not as sure as it was," admitted one of his most earnest supporters this evening; and another remarked—"The Congressional committee may, after all, settle this question, so that it will never come before the House."

### HAYES AND THE SOUTH.

#### Whence the Story that he has Received Overtures from Leading Southerners.

From the New York Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The most often repeated and widely circulated political sensation has been that Gov. Hayes has received overtures from Southern Democrats, wherein they promise him their support in return for the control of the affairs and the patronage of the South. This has assumed at times such specific and definite shape as to warrant the most careful investigation. The result of numerous interviews with leading public Southern men shows, in the first place, that it is true overtures have been made to Mr. Hayes by persons who gave him to understand that they represented the South, but it is not a fact that any man or set of men of any prominence in the South have given ear or support to any such scheme. There is a set of plotters in the South who seek personal ends alone, and they are the class who have made representations to Mr. Hayes that the South was ready to support him on condition that he in return would give them certain guarantees.

Said a well-known Southern gentleman, this evening, a member of the House, "Any story of the South going over to Hayes to support him is absurd, for many good reasons. In the first place, there is no one man nor set of men in the South who can transfer its influence to Hayes if they so desired. In the second place, what influence is there in the South or in the North that can be transferred to the aid of Hayes that would help him in his attempt to secure the Presidential chair? In the

third place, Mr. Hayes is not able, nor could he by any possible combination of circumstances be placed in a position where he could give the South any guarantee of anything in return for which it might do. Mr. Hayes is a mere dummy, and is so regarded throughout the South. If he succeeds in his Presidential aspirations he will be run by the same class of men that now surround Grant. Through their aid alone will he accomplish, if ever, success to them he will owe everything. So that any talk of a division in the Democratic party upon the subject of Hayes is all absurd nonsense."

### NOTES OF THE SITUATION.

Pay certificates of the Mackey House, a Columbia (S. C.) dispatch states, were knocked about the streets of that city on Saturday, but there were no buyers.

There are rumors in Columbia of a compromise between the Republicans and Democrats favorable to the latter. Both Congressional committees are at work in Columbia.

The Louisiana investigation continues to develop Republican frauds and intimidation. Both committees are going deeply into the case, and it is not expected that they will get through until late in January.

Baltimore Sun special: Should Mr. Conkling and Mr. Blaine range themselves in opposition to the "counting in" of Hayes it would have a powerful effect. Should they be reinforced by two or three other Senators, no matter what their personal motives may be, it would in all probability be sufficient to induce enough others to come over to settle it.

A Northern Democratic Senator, who is known as very sagacious observer, expresses the opinion that the end of the present struggle will be the election of Tilden and Wheeler. It is said that Senator Morton might, if he can do no better, assent to this, but that his political antagonism to Hendricks is such that he would prefer war, pestilence and famine to the elevation of the latter gentleman.

### Postal Hours.

The mails close at the City Post-Office as follows:

Northern through mails - 12:45 P. M.  
Northern through and way mails - 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.  
South, daily - 6:00 A. M.  
Western mails C. C. Ry., daily - 6:00 A. M.  
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 - 6:40 A. M.  
ARRIVE.

Northern through mails - 12:45 P. M.  
Northern through & way mails 8:00 P. M.  
The Smithville mails, by steambath, 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. 23, 24
Magnolia, at Magnolia.	" 29, 31
Onslow, at Lebanon.	Jan. 6, 7
Whiteville & Waccamaw Miss.	" 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
Topsham, at Union.	" 24, 25
Cokesbury and Coharie Miss.	" 31
at Hall's.	Mar. 3, 4
Kennansville, at Kennansville.	" 10, 11

District Steward's meeting, at the Lecture Room of the Front Street Church, Wilmington, at 11 o'clock, a. m., Feb. 5.

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### 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.

### Festival.

THE LADIES OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church intend holding a Christmas Festival in the City Hall on the 24th 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.

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the 27th day of September, 1875, and

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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 de-

scribed lot of land in the city of

Wilmington, beginning at the N. W. corner

of Bl. ck No. 27, and running thence S.

with the E. line of Seventh street 119 feet

6 inches, thence E. parallel with Harriet

street 56 feet 6 inches to the Love line,

thence N. with the Love line 132 feet to

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FREDERICK D. POISSON,

Attorney for Mortgagees.

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