

THE CAPE FEAR.

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3, 1877.

10-CENTS A WEEK

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

THE RETURN OF "THE BOYS."

...by the Light Artillery of the Light Infantry and Cornet Concert Club on their Return from the Inauguration—A Gay Time at Their Army—What "The Boys" say of Their Trip.

The members of the Wilmington Light Infantry and the Cornet Concert Club, who have been to the Inauguration at Raleigh, arrived home last evening on the Wilmington and Weldon train at 8:10, and were met at the depot by the Light Artillery. A procession was formed with the Cornet Concert Club in the van, the C. F. L. next, and the W. L. I. third. The women from a great many vessels in port followed the procession arm-in-arm, cheering, and hurrahing for Vance. The houses down Front street were brilliantly illuminated and the sidewalks were crowded. The companies marched down the street with the band playing and the citizens cheering.

Increase in Cotton Receipts.

We note that our friends in the cities of Raleigh and Norfolk are much elated over the small increase in their cotton receipts for December, 1876, as compared with December, 1875. We desire to say that here the increase compares favorably with either of these places. The increase at this port has been for December, 1876, over December, 1875, 8,000 bales, and for the year 1876 over that of 1875, over 25,000 bales. The foreign export trade has also shown a marked improvement.

Mayor's Court.

Charles Hanville, disorderly conduct, fined \$10 and costs.
Emmanuel Smith, disorderly conduct, judgment suspended on payment of cost.
Jos. Sadgwa, same offence; judgment suspended on payment of costs.
Robert Thomas, same; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Charles Hanville, resisting a police officer; fined \$10 and costs, or 30 days on the streets.

His Little Pistol.

As a small white boy was passing up Second street last evening, a ferocious bull dog sprang at him. The little fellow was full of pluck and instead running away he pulled a small pistol from his pocket and discharged it at the dog. He missed him but the dog was sufficiently amused and ran off.

Thermometrical.

The state of the thermometer at the various stations named below was observed at the signal office in this city, at 4:30 p. m.:
Augusta, 37; Charleston, 44; Galveston, 52; Jacksonville, 50; Mobile, 44; New Orleans, 29; Norfolk, 29; Savannah, 46; Wilmington, 38.

To the Kind Donors.

The President of the Ladies' Benevolent Society takes this method of returning thanks to the several friends who sent her today a donation of \$51, to be used in providing comforts for the poor.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 2, 1877.
It was the daughters of Rebekah, and not the Odd Fellows who gave the splendid entertainment Monday evening mentioned in yesterday's CAPE FEAR. The former organization is an auxiliary of the latter.

Yesterday morning the following prisoners were turned over to Sheriff Manning from the County Workhouse: David Mallett, Jackson Burnett, Neddam Know, Comelia Harris, Ellen Shepherd. They were placed in jail.

The river rose several feet at Fayetteville during the freshet, but it was falling on Monday when the steamers left.

The lawless fool still amuseth himself by tearing off gates from their hinges and leaving them in the middle of the streets.

Why has there been so little light on the streets of late?

No Northern mail has reached this city this year.

The harbor is again filling up with vessels.

On Christmas day, while Capt. Stevens, of the pilot boat F. W. Scheper, was firing a salute from the signal gun at Port Royal, the piece exploded and shattered the gun carriage to atoms, tearing out the bulwark of the vessel. Capt Stevens was struck in the forehead and slightly wounded.

The Watch Night and Other Services at Front Street M. E. Church.

The following elaborate account of the watch night services last Sunday at the Front Street M. E. Church was prepared by one of the attendants. It reached us too late for the last issue.

Notwithstanding the severe cold weather of Sunday morning quite a large congregation assembled at Front Street M. E. Church to hear the last sermon of the year 1876 by their pastor, Rev. J. E. Mann, who took his text in James 4th chapter, 13th, 14th and 15th verses. He drew therefrom and proceeded to discuss the proposition that constant conformity to the will of God is the life duty of man—first because it is by God's power and goodness that we have life, talent and all the surrounding blessings. He asserted that the highest office amongst all created intelligences is to be a servant of God, and that servants must follow the will of their master. Children should yield obedience to parental will; Christ taught us this by His example in the garden of Gethsemane as well as by precept in the prayer He gave His disciples. The difference between God's servants on earth and in heaven is, that on earth they are learning conformity and in heaven they are fixed in their conformity to His will. The first great lesson in religion is to learn to give up our will for the will of God. The chief obstacle in the way of the sinner is an unwillingness to do so. He said that it was possible for one man to exchange his mind even for another man's as for instance in the case of Socrates and the tyrant. The will of God is wise and infallible and always for our good, and "He works in us both to will and to do." As evidence of the practicability of God's will he cited the resignation of Job and all Christians who are resigned to death. We are not left ignorant of God's will, for He has revealed it unto us in His eternal word, and has provided for us to obtain the guidance of His spirit in answer to prayer. The second deduction was that it was safe to conform to His will, for in ourselves we are helpless and short-sighted, under the afflictions and burdens of life we sink without the supporting power of His Almighty arm. If we fully comprehend our own weakness and measure ourselves as God measures us, then would we be the more willing to trust in His will. Truly "we know not what shall be of the morrow," therefore we should fortify our souls against unexpected events by resting them upon the will of God. Again such is the fragile, fleeting and vanishing nature of human life that we dare not risk our souls on anything but the will of the God who controls our destinies. In all the sermon there was shown man's weakness and insignificance, and God's greatness and power, the wisdom of His will; and the foolishness of men who attempt to set up their will against God's will to accomplish selfish purposes. The sermon was full of spiritual food and well calculated to lead men to reflect as they saw this last Sabbath day of the year just ready to step upon the threshold of a new year, when we should all make new resolves for better lives for God.

At night Front Street was joined by Fifth Street congregation and watch night services were opened at 9:30 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. J. T. Gibbs, who took for his text the 17th verse of the 2d chapter of St John, contrasting the world and its enjoyments with religion and its blessings; he fully set forth the advantages of the latter by showing that the former is insatiable and transient, the latter satisfying and eternal—that pleasures, riches, honors, men and nations pass away, but heaven and its fullness of joy are abiding and eternal. At the conclusion of his sermon Rev. J. M. Rhodes of Fifth Street Church, addressed the congregation impressively on the importance of personal consecration to God. After which the pastor, Rev. J. E. Mann, arose and addressed the congregation, reviewing the year which was just dying out, spoke of the joys and the sorrows which they had experienced, of the dark shadows of death which had hung over some homes, of angel whisperings of forgiveness which had come to some who a year ago had no hope in God, but who now were sons and daughters of God, pointed them to the coming year with its great unknown record, warned them ere the year should roll away the winter snow and the withered leaf may lay upon their graves; in view of which he exhorted all to prepare themselves for the great eternity beyond, asking christians to reconsecrate themselves to God's service, and sinners to accept now in these last moments of the old year, offered mercy.

Five minutes before 12 o'clock the congregation was asked to kneel in silent prayer, which was done, and in the silence there were deep impressions. The silence was broken in proper time by a prayer by Rev. Mr. Mann rendering thanks unto God for past blessings and asking His special guidance in the future.

So the old year passed out at Front Street M. E. Church, and the new was ushered in by the congregation rising and singing the long metre doxology. The congregation was large and very attentive throughout. The services were interspersed by soul-touching music such as could be participated in by the whole congregation.

The laziest man is on a Western paper. He spells photograph, 4tograph, there have only been three worse than he. One lived in Kansas, and dated his letters 11 worth; another spelled "Tennessee" 10aC, and the other wrote "Yankee," Y&.

VANCE'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

The True Position on National Politics—Zeb and the Cape Fear on the Same Platform.

In the course of his inaugural address on Monday Gov. Vance said, alluding to national affairs: "I conceive our situation to be critical in the extreme, our only reliance now is upon the moderation and patriotism of Congress. If the representatives of the people and of the States shall not be able to make a peaceable and constitutional solution of the difficulty in which the country now finds itself, and there should be an attempt, as is threatened, to inaugurate the candidates not fairly elected, one of two things will happen. Either the majority of the American people will quietly submit to a great wrong involving the question of constitution, or there will be a resort to violence. Let us look things in the face. The circumstances of North Carolina as well as of the Southern States generally, imperatively demand that we should not be forward in this matter. More than all things else, except good government, we need peace. In common with the constitutional party in the North, we think we have fairly elected our candidate for President; upon that party and not upon ourselves devolves the propriety and the duty of taking the needed steps towards securing the rights of the majority. But let it not be supposed that we are indifferent to their action, or decline to come to the front because less entitled to do so than others. Blasted war, purged of rashness by the fires of revolution, and sobered both by public calamity and private sorrow, as have been, we yet cherish the love of liberty in our hearts, as the mouth-piece of more than a million people. I believe I can, with propriety, say for them that North Carolina may confidently be relied upon to sustain that portion of the people of the United States; which shall convince us that it is struggling for the Constitution, the laws and public justice, which are the life and the soul of the American Union. On the other hand we do not wish it to be understood that we are ready or willing to embark in revolution. Nor on the other hand that we are willing to quietly submit to an outrage that physical force, directed by party zeal, may see fit to impose. The one course tending to provoke violence, and the other to invite oppression—we do wish it understood that we follow the lead of the constitutional party of the North. Show us the law and it sufficeth us." He reserves an expression of his view on State policy for his message to the General Assembly.

Mark Twain on Yankee Weather.

Responding on Friday evening at the New England dinner in New York to the toast of "The Oldest Inhabitant—the Weather," Mark Twain delivered one of his drollest after-dinner speeches, of which the following is an abstract: "I reverently believe that the Maker who made us all makes everything in New England but the weather. I don't know who makes that, but I think it must be raw apprentices in the Weather Clerk's factory, who experiment and learn how in New England for board and clothes, and then are promoted to make weather for countries that require a good article and will take their custom elsewhere if they don't get it. [Laughter.] There is a sumptuous variety about the New England weather that compels the stranger's admiration—and regret. [Laughter.]

"The weather is always doing something there; always attending strictly to business; always getting up new designs and trying them on the people to see how they will go. But it gets through more business in spring than in any other season. In the spring I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours. [Laughter.] It was I that made the lame and fortune of that man that had that marvelous collection of weather on exhibition at the centennial, that so astounded the foreigners. He was going to travel all over the world and get specimens from all the climes. I said, 'Don't you do it; you come to New England on a favorable spring day.' I told him what we could do in the way of style, variety and quantity. [Laughter.] Well, he came, and he made his collection in four days.

"Old Probabilities has a mighty reputation for accurate prophecy, and thoroughly well deserves it. You take up the papers and observe how crisply and confidently he checks off what today's weather is going to be on the Pacific, down South, in the Middle States, and in the Wisconsin region. He doesn't know what the weather is going to be in New England. He mulls over it, and by and by he gets out something about like this: Probable northeast to southwest winds, varying to the southward and westward and eastward and points between; high and low barometer, sweeping around from place to place; probable areas of rain, snow, hail and drought, succeeded or preceded by earthquakes, with thunder and lightning. [Laughter and applause.] Then he jots down this postscript from his wandering mind to cover accidents: 'But it is possible that the programme may be wholly changed in the meantime.' [Laughter.]

"I could speak volumes about the inhuman perversity of the New England weather, but I will give but a single specimen. I like to hear rain on a tin roof, so I covered part of my roof with tin, with an eye to that luxury.

Well, sir, do you think it ever rains on the tin? No, sir; skips it every time.

[Laughter.] "If we had not our bewitching autumn foliage we should still have to credit the weather with one feature which compensates for all its bullying vagaries—the ice storm—when a leafless tree is clothed with ice from the bottom to the top—ice that is as bright and clear as crystal; every bough and twig is strung with ice beads, frozen dew-drops, and the whole tree sparkles, cold and white, like the Shah of Persia's diamond plume. [Applause.] Then the wind waves the branches, and the sun comes out and turns all those myriads of beads and drops to prisms, that glow and hum and flash with all manner of colored fires, which change and change again, with inconceivable rapidity, from blue to red, from red to green, and green to gold; and the tree becomes a sparkling fountain, a very explosion of dazzling jewels, and it stands there the climax, the supreme, the possibility in art or nature of bewildering, intoxicating, intolerable magnificence! One cannot make the words too strong. [Long continued applause.]

Month after month I lay up hate and grudge against the New England weather, but when the ice-storm comes at last I say, 'There I forgive you now; the books are square between us; you don't owe me a cent; go and shun more; your little faults and foibles count for nothing; you are the most enchanting weather in the world!' [Applause and laughter.]

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. Ry, daily Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays 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 7:30 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: Magnolia, at Magnolia - - - Dec. 30, 31 Onslow, at Lebanon - - - Jan. 6, 7 Whiteville & Waccamaw Mis. at Whiteville - - - " 13, 14 Bladen, at Deane's Chapel, Elizabeth, at Elizabeth - - - " 20, 21 Wilmington, Front Street - - - Feb. 3, 4 Smithville, at Zion - - - " 10, 11 Clinton, at Clinton - - - " 17, 18 Topsail, at Union - - - " 24, 25 Cokesbury and Coharie Miss., at Hall's - - - Mar. 3, 4 Kenansville, at Kenansville. - - - " 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 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. [de37-law4]

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 Chapters of Samaria Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina. [de37-law4]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, now in session, for an Amendment of the Charter of the City of Wilmington. Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 30, 1876.

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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 to them the ability to furnish a newspaper suited to the needs and adapted to the tastes of the people of North Carolina. Offering in abilities in the office 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 those 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 disgraced. PETER M. HALE, W. L. SAUNDERS.

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