

LOCAL NEWS.

Journal Statistics Almanac.
New Berne, latitude, 35° 6' North,
longitude, 77° 5' West.
Sun rises, 6:40 | Length of day,
Sun sets, 5:47 | 11 hours, 7 minutes.
Moon sets at 11:52 p. m.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

New Samples and New Goods at
103 1/2 W. N. M. GASKILL'S.

One Large Size Herring Safe for sale
by Geo. Allen, Assignee.

Notice to Debtors of Asa Jones. Your
accounts must be paid.
GEO. ALLEN, Assignee.

Men's Overcoats are being sold at less
than cost, at Asa Jones's.

Real estate mortgages and deeds and
chattel mortgages for sale at this office.

Too cold for trucks.

Eight prisoners in Craven county jail.

The mercury was down to freezing
yesterday at 3 p. m.

The Elm City arrived from Bayboro
yesterday evening with cotton.

Sam Bryan, the Stevedore at the Cotton
Exchange, predicts a famine.

The Shenandoah was in on time yesterday
morning and took out a good freight.

The Neuse & Trent River Steamboat
Company are building a new office at their wharf.

The steamer Kingston has a full cargo
of general merchandise ready to sail for
Kinston this morning.

The fire bell will be moved to-day
from the present police station to the
Club House, the new headquarters.

Cotton is on the look up again but
there is not much to be found in this
section even if it should go to fifty cents
per pound.

The steamer Neuse, which was partially
sunk up Neuse a few days ago,
has been resurrected and was brought
down yesterday evening.

Two colored boys, valentine senders,
were before the Mayor yesterday for
disorderly conduct. They were discharged
upon payment of cost.

The house and lot on George street,
owned by Mr. P. Trenwith, will be sold
to-day at auction on the corner of South
Front and Middle streets. Sale at 11
o'clock. See "ad."

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation
to the annual commencement of
the Medical and Dental departments of
the University of Tennessee on the
evening of the 24th of February. The
invitation card is artistically gotten up.
Thanks.

Our Superintendent, John S. Long,
Esq., has completed his work of visiting
the public schools in the county. He
makes the gratifying report that the
disposition among the people to supplement
the public funds with private contributions
so as to extend the session is
growing rapidly.

Left on the Shenandoah.
Mr. Frank Myer, one of our largest
cotton buyers left on the Shenandoah
for a short stay in Norfolk, Va., and
from thence to Washington, where he
will attend the inauguration and return,
provided there is cotton enough coming
in to justify him in entering the market
here again this season.

Rumors.
There are rumors in the air that Governor
Scales wants to lease the Atlantic
and North Carolina Railroad to either
the Richmond and Danville or the
Wilmington and Weldon. We presume,
however, he will be governed to some
extent in this matter by the wishes of a
majority of the private stockholders.

The Biggest Out.
A gentleman tells it around the corners
in the city that he once found a
guinea hen's nest in the mountains of
North Carolina, on a ditch bank in an
old field of pines, with seven hundred
and twenty-six eggs in it. Any one
wishing to know the full particulars
can get the gentleman's name by calling
at Wahab's store, on the corner of South
Front and Middle streets. We will state,
however, in advance, that Maj. Geo. Credle
is not the man, as he has
not been in the city in several months.

Personal.
Messrs. Geo. N. Newberry and A. S.
Rockwell, of Troy, Pa., arrived on the
Shenandoah yesterday morning and are
stopping at the Gaston House.

Henry Wahab arrived on Thursday
night, but he reports nothing definite of
the whereabouts of George Credle.

F. M. Simmons, Esq., is at Raleigh
attending the Supreme Court.

Clement Manly, Esq., leaves for Raleigh
this morning. He goes to argue the
case of John Gatlin vs. the county of
Carter before the Supreme Court,
appearing for the county.

Miss Florence Bryan is off to Charlotte
on a visit to relatives and friends.

Rev. G. W. Sanderlin was in the city
yesterday and left on the Shenandoah
for Elizabeth City.

Fire at Snow Hill.

Snow Hill had a big fire last Wednesday
morning about one o'clock, burning
two stores for John Murphy, one
for Thomas Harper, occupied by Pace &
McKeel, two dwellings for Rev. Thomas
Moore, one vacant, the other occupied by
himself and family, and other outhouses.
The fire was arrested by knocking
down a small warehouse in the rear of
Geo. Sugg's brick store. Nearly every
building on this row caught fire but
was discovered in time to be extinguished.
Loss between eight and ten
thousand dollars.

The Late John C. Gardner.

This young man, whose untimely
death has caused such profound sorrow
to his family and friends, possessed an
estimable character, and will be sadly
missed by those who esteemed him in
this community. His remains were
buried from Christ Church, by Rev. V.
W. Shields, on yesterday afternoon at 3
o'clock. He learned and served the
trade of a silversmith under the late
John Whaley, and was noted for his
devotion to his business, his amiability
and many qualities. He left Newbern
a few years ago, and pursued his avocation
in Charlotte and other towns in the
western section of the State. The sudden
demise of one in the very strength
of his youth at the beginning of the solemn
season of Lent is well calculated to
cause serious reflections to the thoughtful.
Mr. Gardner passed away leaving
an earnest hope to his friends, that his
death would be his eternal gain.

A Souvenir of Reunion Day, Nov. 4, 1864.

'Reunion Medley' is the taking title
of an instrumental composition, arranged
by J. A. Bates, for piano or
parlor organ, and inscribed "to Grover
Cleveland, the people's choice" whose
honest face graces the elegant litho-
graphic title page. The piece is a musical
reminiscence of union, disunion and
reunion, showing Uncle Sam's happy
family many years ago, family troubles,
1860; a difference of opinion; Katy did;
Katy didn't; the first gun; a regular
fracas, 1861-65; off to the field; the
boys in gray; the boys in blue; the
harvest of death; mourning homes; Appomattox;
reconstruction's dark night;
light at last; the day of Jubilee, Nov. 4,
74. The red white and blue, Dixie
doodle, bonnie blue flag, vacant chair,
conquered banner, hard times, America,
and other popular war and home melodies
are introduced.

This musical novelty, must please
immensely. Every Democrat, North
and South, who voted for Cleveland
and Reform, will want it. Published
by Ludden & Bates, Savannah, Ga.
Price 50 cents; mailed, post paid, for
only 25 cents.

La Grange Items.

G. W. Pope is in town visiting his
father's family.

N. J. Rouse and sister, Miss Effie, are
on a visit to the World's Fair.

Blow, rain and snow Wednesday
night. Fair and cold Thursday.

J. P. Joyner and lady left here for
the World's Fair, New Orleans, Thursday.

Our farmers are at a standstill in their
work. Too much rain and cold is the
complaint.

Rice growing is becoming quite an
extensive paying business. The crop
pays and our farmers are planting more
each year.

Our town and community is comparatively
free from sickness. La Grange is
one of the healthiest localities in
Eastern Carolina.

Rev. W. E. Swain will preach at
Hickory Grove on Saturday before first
Sunday in next month, and on Sunday.
The members composing the church at
that place are especially requested to be
present on Saturday.

Quite a lot of fertilizers are being
shipped to this place. If these concentrated
manures were used in combination
with home-made manures there
would be better results, but to depend
on these alone will hardly pay.

We hardly think many of our farmers
who engaged in peanut raising last
year will repeat the experiment again
this year. The main trouble seems to
be in getting the crop ready for market.
The picking is exceedingly tedious and
expensive.

The town ordinance prohibiting the
storage of fertilizers within our town
has, from some unknown cause, been
repealed. If the object in passing the
law was to relieve the families living
near the depot from a most nauseating
and disagreeable nuisance, or with
view to the sanitary condition of the
place, then the same causes exist now
as when the law was passed.

We noticed in our town the past
week: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver of Mount
Olive; Judge Faircloth and lady from
Goldboro; Prof. J. Y. Joyner, of the
Winston Graded School; Mr. Robinson,
editor of the Winston Leader; Burke
Darden, of Greene; "Doc" Hadley, of
Wayne; N. J. Rouse, of Kinston; Mr.
and Mrs. B. E. Nunn, of Kinston; Mr.
Barrett, of Pitt; Miss Jennie Dearing,
of Greene; Misses Alice Bridges and
Mollie Kennedy of Wayne county, and
others whose names I did not learn or
have forgotten.

A large number of the citizens of our
town and the surrounding country
assembled in the Baptist Church in this
place, Wednesday evening, to witness
the marriage of J. P. Joyner to Miss
Addie N. Kirkpatrick, both of La
Grange. Rev. G. W. Sanderlin officiated,
and the ceremony was very im-
pressive. The attendants were: J. Y.
Joyner and Miss Lilla Kirkpatrick, W.
A. Hadley and Miss Effie Rouse, Burke
Darden and Miss Addie Paris, N. J.
Rouse and Miss Alice Bridges, Joe A.
Paris and Miss Jennie Dearing, J. A.
Hadley and Miss Lilla Kirkpatrick, Bud
Atkinson and Miss Lilla Whitfield, L.
Barrett and Miss Lou Daniels. The La
Grange Citizens Band furnished music
for the occasion.

Testimony as to Handwriting.

The evidence taken before Judge
Houston in the conflict between the
two wills of Mrs. Gaines reveals again
the uncertainty and unreliability of
every expert testimony to handwriting.
We say "again" because there have
been several similar demonstrations of
a like result in notable cases before our
courts.

In the case now on trial no less than
five lawyers and one notary of high
standing and without interest in the
case testify in positive terms to the
writing, signature and date of Mrs.
Gaines to the olographic will of the 8th
of January, 1885. These witnesses had
a long and familiar knowledge of her
handwriting.

On the other hand, Mr. Douglas and
Mr. Soule, gentlemen who enjoy the
confidence and respect of the whole
community, express their belief that
this will is not in Mrs. Gaines' hand-
writing.

Mr. Douglas is an old and experienced
engraver, and has frequently been
employed as expert in suits involving ques-
tions of this character.

The evidence given by these experts
in this case appears to have been greatly
influenced by the previous testimony of
Dr. Holcombe and other witnesses as to
the infirm and incapable physical con-
dition of the lady on the 8th of January.
In her then condition, the experts think,
she could not have executed such writing,
signing or dating of the instrument in
question.

Mr. Wilder and Mr. Christmas affirm
emphatically that the will is not in Mrs.
Gaines' handwriting. To strengthen
the opinion and belief of these wit-
nesses, several respectable witnesses,
ladies depose that they were constantly
with the dying lady during the whole
of the 8th of January and until she
died.

Other testimony has yet to be intro-
duced which may throw further light
upon this mysterious and perplexing
testimony. Enough, however, has been
given to illustrate the valuelessness of
this kind of evidence; and yet under
our laws it is deemed sufficient to au-
thorize the disposition of large prop-
erties. Many millions have been conveyed
by instruments proved by two credible
witnesses to be in the handwriting of
deceased persons. In the few cases,
where the handwriting has been ques-
tioned, expert testimony has not been
found satisfactory or coherent. This
was strikingly shown in several impor-
tant cases.

One of these was the last case in
which that eminent and eloquent ad-
vocate, Pierre Soule, made his appearance
in the Supreme Court. This was the
case of Moses Fox vs. the executors of
John McDonogh. Fox brought suit on
a bond claimed to have been written
and signed by John McDonogh in favor
of Fox for \$200,000. The handwriting
was questioned, and a number of ex-
perts were examined whose testimony
conflicted.

Mr. Soule made a most ingenious and
learned argument in favor of the verity
of this document, and exposed with
masterly analysis the unsatisfactory
report of the scientific experts who de-
posed to the contrary, one of whom was
a near relative of the great lawyer. It
was shown that this bond was identical
with a previous one, which had been
passed upon by the courts as veritable
and duly executed and paid by the
executors. In this case, however, the
judgment of the court was influenced
more by the testimony of witnesses as to
the relation of Mr. McDonogh to the
claimant, who proved to be his natural
child, and had been so recognized by
him in his lifetime, than by the expert
testimony. Moses Fox could show no
such relationship, and thus the expert
testimony against the handwriting was
confirmed and the court had no difficulty
in reaching the conclusion that the
document was a forgery. In the case
of a postmaster of this city, who was
indicted for robbing the mails, a great
deal of this expert evidence was taken
to identify the writing of the accused.
In this case Randall Hunt and J. P.
Benjamin were of counsel for the ac-
cused. The experts were contradictory,
as in all such cases. One of them, in-
troduced by the counsel for the defense,
Mr. T. S. Moise, the eminent artist and
portrait painter, surprised court and
counsel by stating that expert testimony
as to handwriting was of very little
value, as he never knew a person who
could sign his name twice or execute
any writing without some variation or
difference in the formation of the let-
ters, and he further asserted that he
could imitate the handwriting of any
one so that the latter would admit and
recognize its verity. He illustrated this
by signing and filling up several checks,
and, when these were presented to the
oldest and most experienced bank teller
in the city, the latter testified that he
would certainly have paid these checks
on presentation.

The judge, further to testify the skill
and accuracy of Mr. Moise, wrote a line
on a piece of paper and requested Mr.
Moise to imitate it. He did so on a dif-
ferent piece of paper. They were
handed to the judge, who, after a close
examination, stated that he could not
determine which was the original and
which the imitation. They were both
his handwriting. The accused was ac-
quitted by the jury chiefly from the
insufficiency or unreliability of the
expert evidence.

In another notable case, a distin-
guished general in the Mexican war
came near being adjudged guilty of
violating the rules of the service, upon
strong evidence of his connection with
a certain letter published in one of our
city papers as from an anonymous cor-
respondent. This letter, it was charged,
gave erroneous statements as to certain
military movements in the campaign, in
which an undue claim to the chief merit
of these movements was set up in be-
half of the accused. The letter was ad-
mitted to have been written by a mem-
ber of the general staff, but there were
interimizations which several distin-
guished officers and persons connected
with the army, including the United
States special minister to Mexico, Mr.

Trist, swore in the handwriting of
the accused; so, also, testified the cor-
respondent of the paper in which the
letter had been published. The court,
adjourning from the City of Mexico to
this city, had a sitting in the St. Charles
Hotel, and the editor of the paper was
summoned to testify on this question.
The letter being shown to him, he im-
mediately recognized the interlinations
as made by himself in correction of its
style and of certain incidents wherein
he detected errors of fact which were
manifest to him, and which were evi-
dently made by a too ardent and im-
pulsive admirer of the accused, and in
disparagement of another general to
whom the whole credit of a certain
brilliant result was due. To this evi-
dence was mainly due the honorable ac-
quittal of the general of all connection
with the letter in question.

There are other cases which have
occurred in our courts wherein there
have been like exposures of the uncer-
tainty and unreliability of testimony
as to handwriting.—New Orleans Demo-
crat.

If you have a bad cold, Sine's Syrup
of Tar will cure you. Only 25c. For
sale by R. N. DUFFY. fel dwtm

Stonewall Items.

Jno. W. and Jas. L. Bryan were with
us Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Mary Deams and family left
Stonewall Wednesday for Wilson.

The steamer Elm City failed to come
to time Wednesday night, and has been
rather irregular for several trips past.

No JOURNAL reached us last Satur-
day, and did not put in an appearance
until last Tuesday. Makes your sub-
scribers say something besides their
prayers.

There has been considerable of a stir
in our community, caused by the re-
ception of some comic valentines. It
would not be well to let some of the
ladies know who sent some of them.

One of the gents says he would not have
cared so much about his if his wife had
not recognized it as being a perfect fit.

Mr. Stone's little boy Benny tried the
experiment of swallowing a 6-penny
nail. He partially succeeded, but the
effort to reproduce it was considerably
more than the one to do it, but after
considerable coughs and tears it came
more out, to the gratification of his
mother and friends. Benny says he
wants no more nails to eat.

John Barleycorn's devotees had a car-
nival a few days since, and one of the
crowd said it is a matter of fact that if
one goes to "First and Last" in Bayboro
and samples Williams' corn juice, and
returns to Stonewall and tries further
sampling, a happy time is sure to follow,
and to prove what he says is so, there
were some who tried it a short time
since, and when seen were doing more
kissing than the parties reported once
before ever did.

A short while past Mr. John B. Tuck,
on his way from your city, lost his
pocket-book containing over forty dol-
lars and some valuable papers, and
luckily for him a young man, Jackson
Brinson, son of Carawan, found it and
returned it to the loser with the whole
contents as lost, and would not claim
nor have the ten dollars reward offered
for it, so I am sure that you will join
in that we have an honest man as well
as one who is not an office seeker.

Judge Shepherd has appointed Mr. F. P.
Gatlin to fill the vacancy in the clerk-
ship of Pamlico Superior Court, caused
by the death of Jas. H. Miller, the late
clerk. The Judge could not have bet-
tered his appointment. Mr. Gatlin is a
worthy man and a one-legged Confed-
erate soldier. The appointment gave
perfect satisfaction. I learned Wednes-
day evening that Mr. Gatlin declines
the appointment, for the reason that he
is unwilling to give up his present busi-
ness, so there is one man in Pamlico
who is not an office seeker.

The Latest News.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 19.—At noon
to-day a ballot was taken for United
States Senator in joint session, the vote
being as follows: Logan 100, Morrison
94, E. M. Hains (Dem.) 4, scattering 8.
The house then proceeded to take
another ballot. Representative O'Shea,
(Dem.) of Cook county, said he wished
to explain his vote. Coming from a
section that was largely interested in
iron manufacturing, his constituents
felt that Mr. Morrison's policy was de-
trimental to their interest and he must
vote for J. R. Hoxie, while personally
he felt very kindly toward Mr. Morris-
son. Representative Sittig, of Cook
county, said he could not vote for Logan
under existing circumstances, and in a
lengthy speech explained his position.
He voted for Andrew Sherman. The
second ballot resulted as the first. A
third ballot was taken but the result
was unchanged.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—It is announced
that in view of the fact that the fall of
Khartoum and the death of Gordon
have rendered the main object of Wols-
ley's expedition impossible, the govern-
ment has deemed it expedient to change
the whole plan of the campaign in the
Soudan. Gen. Brackenbury, who suc-
ceeded the late Gen. Earle, has been
ordered to abandon his advance
on Berber and to concentrate his
troops at Korti. Col. Waller, who
evacuated Gubat on the 18th inst., and
withdrew his forces to Abu-Klea, has
also been ordered to fall back on
Korti.

Notice.

The fire bell will be moved to the
new headquarters to-day, and if the bell
should strike in moving, pay no atten-
tion to it unless there is a general alarm.
J. M. HARGET, City Marshal.

To any body who has disease of throat
or lungs, we will send proof that Pico's
Cure for Consumption has cured the
same complaints in other cases. Ad-
dress,
E. T. HARRINGTON,
Warren, Pa.

Malarial Poison.

The drouth in Southwest Georgia last
spring dried up the wells, and we were
compelled to use water from the creek
on the plantation. The result was that
all were troubled with chills and fever.
I carried with me several bottles of
Swift's Specific, and as long as I took it
I had perfect health. As soon as I
ceased taking it, I, like the rest, was af-
flicted with chills. When I resumed its
use I was all right again. We have
used it in our family as an antidote for
malaria poison for two or three years,
and have never known it to fail in a
single instance. W. C. FURLOW,
Sumter Co., Ga., Sept. 11, 1884.

A Cripple Restored.

Some two years ago I received a boy
(Lona White) into the Orphan's Home,
near Macon, from Columbus. He was
one of the poorest creatures I have ever
seen—nothing but skin and bone—crippled
and deformed by Scrofula, which
had attended him from his birth. About
eighteen months ago I commenced
giving him Swift's Specific. After several
bottles had been taken and no visible
results to be seen, I began to despair,
but continued the medicine. At last
signs of improvement became apparent,
and from that date to the present there
has been constant improvement in both
body and mind. He is now about four-
teen years old, and is one of the bright-
est boys I have ever known. I honestly
believe that he will ultimately outgrow
the effects of this loathsome disease un-
der the influence of Swift's Specific.

The two cases of erysipelas which
were treated some two years ago with
S. S. S. show no symptoms of return of
the disease. L. B. PAYNE,
Sup't Orphans' Home, So. Ga. Conf.,
Macon, Ga., Nov. 1, 1884.

Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases
mailed free.

The Swift Specific Co., Drawer 3, At-
lanta, Ga.

For sale in New Berne at HANCOCK
BROS.

COMMERCIAL.

JOURNAL OFFICE, Feb. 20. 6 P. M.
COTTON.

New York futures steady; spots firm.
Middling 11 1/4; Low Middling 10 13-16;
Ordinary 10 1-4.

FUTURES.

January, 11.67 July, 11.67
February, 11.26 August, 11.75
March, 11.34 September, 11.34
April, 11.89 October, 10.83
May, 11.49 November, 10.71
June, 11.59 December, 10.71

New Berne market steady. Sales of
six bales at 10 to 10.55.

Middling 10 7-16; Low Middling
10 1-8; Ordinary 9 7-16.

RICE.

New Berne upland \$1.00a\$1.00.

DOMESTIC MARKET.

COTTON SEED—\$10.00.

SEED COTTON—\$8.50.

BARRELS—Kerosene, 49 gals., 85c.

TURPENTINE—Hard, \$1.15; dip, \$1.75.

TAR—75c. a \$1.25.

CORN—50a60c.

BREWSAX—20c. per lb.

HONEY—60c. per gallon.

BEEF—On foot, 5c. to 7c.

COUNTRY HAMS—12c. per lb.

LARD—10c. per lb.

EGGS—20c. per dozen.

FRESH PORK—6c. per pound.

PEANUTS—60a75c. per bushel.

PODDER—75c. a \$1.00 per hundred.

ONIONS—\$1.56a2.00 per bbl.

FIELD PEAS—

HIDES—Dry, 10c.; green 5c.

TALLOW—5c. per lb.

CHICKENS—Grown, 40a50c.; spring
20a30c.

MEAL—60c. per bushel.

OATS—45 cts. per bushel.

TURNIPS—50c. per bushel.

WOOL—12a17c. per pound.

POTATOES—Sweet, 25a50c.

FURS—Coon skins, 30c.; fox, 50c.
mink, 50c.; otter from \$3a6.

SHINGLES—West India, dull and nom-
inal; not wanted. Building, 5 inch,
hearts, \$3.00; saps, \$1.50 per M.

AT AUCTION.

A Valuable House and Lot on George Street.

Will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION,
TO-DAY, corner of South Front and
Middle street, my House and Lot, situ-
ated on George street. Possession
given at once.

SALE AT ELEVEN, A. M.
P. TRENWITH,
WATSON & STREET, Auctioneers.

W. P. BURRUS & CO.,

GRAIN AND COTTON
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
NEW BERNE, N. C.

FRENCH SPOILATION CLAIMS.

Having associated myself with W. E.
EARLE, Esq., of Washington, I have full use
of the Causten papers, the most important
body of documentary evidence in existence,
touching these claims, and am fully prepared
to present and prosecute them.

Hon. GEO. S. BOUTWELL will act as
my Counsel. A. E. ALLEN,
OFFICES: 246 Washington St., Boston; 125
Tribune Bldg., New York; 149 New York
Ave., Washington, D. C. dec21 dwtm

Notice.

By authority, I will receive at my
office proposals to haul the shells for the
City of New Berne, until Saturday,
February 21st, at 12, m.

Right to reject any and all bids re-
served.
S. R. STREET, Jr.,
td Ch'n Com. Streets and Pumps.

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The Best and Cheapest

Pure Carbonate of Lime

A Natural Fertilizer.

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