

From the Norfolk Herald.

Shipwreck with deplorable loss of life and thrilling tragic consequences. The following letter from a correspondent, whose name we withhold, (at his request) communicates in a few words a volume of two. We give it as we receive it.

PLYMOUTH, (N. C.) Jan. 14, 1846. Messrs. Editors:—Will you give the following a place in your paper? On the night of Tuesday the 6th instant the schooner Comet, of this place, was wrecked on the North Point of Breakers, near Ocracoke, and all on board perished. Besides the crew, there were two young men, the sons of Mr. Stephen Long, of Williamston, promising, interesting youths, in the very morning of Manhood, the pride and hope of their heart-stricken, unfortunate parent.

But, O! sir, how shall I describe the awful calamity which the effects of the news of the death of our unfortunate commander, Captain Thomas S. Chase, our townsman, has brought on his poor disconsolate widow and two helpless babes; so intense and overpowering was his distress, that the unhappy fate of her affectionate husband, that it is presumed reason must have been overthrown in the dreadful trial; she arose from her bed, and though severely cold, plunged into the river with both her children. The body of Mrs. C. has been recovered, but as yet neither of the poor innocents.

PORT OF CHARLESTON. 10 o'clock at night, Jan. 20, 1846 Steamer Wilmington.

This boat left Charleston on yesterday afternoon at 2 1/2 o'clock, with 11 passengers, myself being one of the number. The wind was strong from N. E., and at about midnight, E. N. E. I never witnessed so severe a storm in my life. The Wilmington struggled hard to make Smithville, but in vain. We were within about 50 miles of Oak Island at 6 o'clock this morning, but we could do nothing; the waves were pitching mountains high, and such rolling and tossing to and fro, I never experienced before. Nothing could be kept in its place on board. We were all too sick to eat and even had to be able to do so, the dishes could not be kept on the table long enough. All day we have been striving to get over this bar, and have only succeeded in doing so at 6 o'clock this evening.

Let me assure you that all of us are fully satisfied that terra firma is rather more preferable in a storm than the dominions of Neptune. The Hon. Mr. Towns, (member of Congress from Georgia,) expressed himself as being of the same opinion as myself—that he never saw a storm to equal this. The white caps were to be seen every where. We think great credit is due to Capt. Wade for his skillful management—for, without a prudent commander to guide us, God only knows where else we could have gone, except to the bottom.

Put this down as a fact, that the steamer Wilmington is not only sea worthy, but I believe one quite as substantial as any that now belongs to the line. I speak with certainty when I say that no boat could have rode 24 hours successfully in a similar storm, amidst breakers, without either going to pieces or swamping, unless she be, indeed, an extraordinary boat for strength.

In haste, your friend, F. S. BRONSON, M. D. We, the undersigned, concur in opinion with Dr. F. S. Bronson, in his statement respecting the storm through which we have passed, from yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, up to this evening at 7 o'clock. And we take pleasure in returning to Capt. Wade our acknowledgments for his courteous deportment, and particularly for his skill in managing the boat in so critical an hour as it has been our lot to experience.

GEO. W. TOWNS, Talbot, Ga., W. NICHOLS, Connecticut, E. B. MARSH, Eaton, Geo., RUFUS GALLOWAY, Smithville, N. C., E. B. STODDARD, Massachusetts, HORACE PARKER, New Hampshire, HENRY STRYBING, New York.

SUPERIOR COURTS.

The Judges of the Superior Courts will ride the ensuing Spring Circuits, in the following order: 1. Edenton, Judge Bailey. 2. Newbern, " Manly. 3. Raleigh, " Battle. 4. Hillsborough, " Settle. 5. Wilmington, " Dick. 6. Salisbury, " Caldwell. 7. Morganton, " Perdew.

Arrivals at the Carolina Hotel since last Thursday.

Table listing arrivals at the Carolina Hotel, including names like C. P. Clay, R. R. Smith, James Barney, etc.

Arrivals at the Hanover House since last Thursday.

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MARRIED.

In Jones county, on the 14th inst., Mr. Edward F. Sanderson, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Simmons, both of that county. In Newbern, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Mr. Thomas P. Gooding, to Miss Olivia H. Hargett. In Craven county, on the 16th inst., Mr. John N. Benners, to Miss Rebecca Jane Perkins, daughter of Wm. B. Perkins, Esq. In Wayne county, at Spring Bank, on the 8th inst., Mr. George C. Moore, to Miss Eliza Thompson, daughter of Wm. Thompson, Esq. In Fayetteville, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Burton, Lieut. Francis Willow, of the U. S. Navy, to Miss Mary S., daughter of the late H. G. Nelson, of Fayetteville. At Chapel Hill, on the 24th ult., by Wm. Nelson, Esq., Mr. Samuel S. McCauley, of Anson county, to Miss Elizabeth Ellen McDade.

DIED.

In Newbern, on the 12th inst., Capt. Alexander Wicks, in the 33d year of his age. On the 18th inst., Mrs. Margaret Scott, in the 60th year of her age, widow of the late Dr. A. Scott. In Wake county, on the 11th inst., Austin Hood, aged 64. In Wadesborough, recently, John A. McRae, Attorney at Law. In Bladen county, on the 6th inst., Alexander Evans, son of Daniel G. Patterson, aged 2 years and 3 months. In Cumberland county, on the 10th inst., Permelia, wife of Thomas Hendricks, aged 23 years. In Montgomery county, Mr. Wm. McCollum, aged about 40. In Philadelphia, on Wednesday the 21st inst., of Small Pox, Mr. Stephen Sneed Green, son of Prof. Wm. M. Green, of the University of North Carolina.

AT A MEETING of the board of Commissioners of the Town of Wilmington on the 6th day of January, 1846, the five following gentlemen were appointed to act as fire Wardens in the Town until the first Monday in January, 1847.—E. B. Dudley, T. H. Wright, O. G. Parsley, Thomas W. Brown, and A. J. DeRosset, Jr. At a meeting of the Fire Wardens on the 9th day of January, 1846, they appointed E. B. Dudley, Chf. Fire Warden, O. G. Parsley, Assistant Chf. Fire Warden, and P. W. Fanning, Chf. Engineer.

Extract from an Act passed by the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1806, entitled "An Act for the further regulation of the Towns of Newbern and Wilmington." Section 2. And be it further enacted, &c., That the Commissioners of said towns respectively shall have, and are hereby declared to have, full power and authority from time to time, to make such rules and regulations for the division of the towns into wards, and the government of said wards in case of fire happening in said towns, as they shall judge proper; and shall and may authorize and empower the said wardens under such rules as they may establish, to direct the pulling down, demolishing, or blowing up any house or building which they, the said wardens, (or such number of them as the said Commissioners may authorize,) shall judge necessary to pull down, demolish or blow up, for the purpose of preventing the further spreading of any fire which may happen in said towns.

And during the continuance of any fire, the said fire wardens, or in their absence the Commissioners of the towns, or any one of them, shall have power to require assistance for extinguishing the same, or for demolishing, pulling down or blowing up any building, or for removing any goods, wares, and merchandise from any building on fire or in danger, to some place of safety, and to appoint guards to secure the same. And any and every person failing to obey any command or direction of any of the said Commissioners or fire wardens given for the purpose aforesaid, shall, if a free white man, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five pounds, to be recovered in the name of the Commissioners of the said towns, respectively, before any jurisdiction having cognizance thereof to the use of said towns; the warden or Commissioner giving such command or direction, shall be deemed a competent witness to prove the same, in any trial to be had for the recovery of the penalty for disobeying such command or direction. And in case the person so disobeying shall be a person of color, he shall, on complaint and conviction before any Justice of the Peace, receive such number of lashes, not exceeding thirty-nine, as the said Justice shall direct.

H. JAMES, T. C. Jan'y 29, 1846 20-1t

DAUGUERRETYPE MINIATURES.

MR. HUMPHREY would respectfully announce to the citizens of Wilmington, that he purposes remaining in this place a short time, and of giving all an opportunity of procuring a correct likeness of themselves and friends in his superior style. Having connection with three of the most successful Daguerretype Rooms in the State of New York, he has advantages which but few artists can realize. Portraits taken in a superior style, perfectly true to nature, of very fine tone, gilded and colored so that no climate will effect them in the least. Daguerreotypes taken by the old process, gilded and colored so as to render them equal to those taken at the present day. Portraits of sick or diseased persons taken at their residences if required. Particular attention given to those wishing to engage in the business. Instruction with all the latest improvements, apparatus and stock, furnished on reasonable terms.

For further information inquire at his room, on Front street up stairs adjoining Dr. Ware's, directly opposite the Chronicle Office. January 30, 1846. 20-1t

CHARLESTON MARKET.—Jan. 24.

Cotton.—The receipts of the week reach 6200 bales, and the sales in the same time are 2000 bales. The market is inactive, quotations of last week are referred to, which, however, an nominal. Rice.—There has been a good inquiry for the article, particularly for the better qualities, but holders would not yield to the demands of purchasers, and the transactions have been limited.—About 900 tons, have been sold since our last, at prices ranging from 4 to 4 1/2. Prime parcels are held at 4 1/2 and 4 3/4 per hundred. The prices of the previous week have been fully sustained, but we are unable at present to give quotations, in consequence of the conflicting opinions of dealers on the subject. The receipts are 2070 tierces, and the stock on hand, it will be seen, is estimated at 10,518 tierces. Rough Rice.—The receipts since our last reach 43,000 bushels, a portion of which has changed hands. We quote the market value for ordinary crops 60s a 115; shipping crops 118 a 125, and would remark that some 12,000 bushels have been taken at the latter price. Grain.—The arrivals of Corn during the week have been very heavy, and prices continue to decline. Of North Carolina, about 18,300 bushels have been received since our last, 10,500 of which has been sold at 65 a 70c. The receipts of Maryland are 3500 bushels; and some 6000 bushels Western have also reached the market—the former is still unsold; a portion of the latter was sold to arrive, at 75c, including the sack; sales have also been made of this description at 70 and 73c on the above terms. Some 3200 bushels Virginia Oats have also been received, but which have not yet changed hands; market value 68 a 70c. Several parcels of Peas have come to hand, a portion of which has been taken by a dealer. A lot of 900 bushels Virginia Corn, held over from the previous week, brought 70c per bushel. Bacon.—No transactions except in small parcels of Hams and Sides. Salt.—The receipts of the week are 1331 sacks Liverpool, which we have been told have not yet changed hands; and 1900 bushels from St. Martin's, unsold. Sugars.—There has been a fair demand for Louisiana description, during the week, and near 200 hds have been sold at prices ranging from 6 to 7c, according to quality, and a small parcel at a fraction above our outside figure. The receipts have been 325 hds.

NEW YORK MARKET.—Jan. 24.

The news by the Hibernia had not reached the city up to the above date, and consequently, the market had not been effected, either one way or the other, so far as regards prices of Naval Stores.—Turpentine is held firmly at \$5 for 280 lb at which a lot of 500 bbls. Newbern has been taken. We notice some farther sales of Spirits Turpentine, in lots, at 62 1/2 cents, cash, and 64, 4 mos. Tar is again very scarce. Rice.—The market is very dull, and since our last, the sales only reach 100 tierces, at \$4, 87 1/2, cash.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

Table of Wholesale Prices in Wilmington, Jan. 29, 1846. Includes items like Bacon, Hams, Middles, Shoulders, Western, etc.

BANK RATES OF EXCHANGE, WILMINGTON.

Bank checks on Philadelphia, 3/4 pr. ct. prem. " " New York, 1/2 " " " Boston, 1/2 " " "

RATES OF FREIGHT HENCE TO NEW YORK.

Naval Stores, 38 cts. Spirits Turp 60 per bbl. Rice, 12 1/2 cts. per hundred. Cotton, \$1 13 1/2 per bale. Cotton goods and yarns, 50 cts. pr. bale. Tobacco, \$2 50 per hoghead. Lumber, \$6 a \$6 50 per m.

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AUCTION SALE!

ON SATURDAY morning, at 11 o'clock, on Messrs. Brown & DeRosset's wharf, will be sold, on account of whom it may concern, THE SAILED, (new) RIGGING, ANCHORS, and FURNITURE, of Pilot Boat Cape Fear. At same time will be sold, the HULL (newly coppered and copper fastened) of the PILOT BOAT CAPE FEAR, as she now lies stranded near New Inlet Bar. RANKIN & MARTIN, Auctioneers. Jan'y 30, 1846 20-1t

To the Lovers of Natural Heads of Hair.

MR. QUIRK of New-York, has made arrangements to visit Wilmington on or about Monday, 2d of February, when he will be pleased to receive the calls of all those who may see fit to honor him with their commands in the way of his professional services. Stock of WIGS and TOUPEES is large, curious, and beautiful. To the young, who are losing their Hair, the same may be restored and brought to its original state, by applying to him before the scalp is divested of its roots. Jan'y 30, 1846 20-2to

Notice of Copartnership.

THE subscribers most respectfully inform the citizens of Wilmington and vicinity, and the public generally, that they have entered into Copartnership under the firm of MATTISON & THOMAS, On Front Street, near the Bank of the State, for the purpose of carrying on the CARPENTERING BUSINESS, IN ALL ITS VARIOUS BRANCHES, One of the firm, lately from the North, having had great opportunities of acquiring a correct knowledge of modern Architecture, as practised in the large cities both in regard to the strength and durability of Buildings, as well as the neat and chaste style of their finish, they feel confident that they will be able to make the INTEREST of gentlemen intending to BUILD, to give them a call. Their system of framing timbers for Factories, Mills, &c. and for Roofs of large Public Buildings, cannot be excelled, and offers great inducements to citizens of other States where Timber is scarce, to procure Frames ready to raise, of the best Timber in the world. They will also make to order, Circular and Common Oval Sash; Circular and Fancy Gothic do; Frames and Sash in the perpendicular Gothic style, for Churches, &c. They will also furnish to order, Metal Sash with heavy plate glass for fancy shop fronts; Metal and Gilt side lights, and Transoms; Plain or Fluted Mantle and Portico Columns; imitation Grecian and Egyptian Mantles; imitation heart yellow pine Frontispieces, or any other work in their line of business. All orders will be thankfully received and promptly attended to. J. B. MATTISON, R. S. THOMAS. Wilmington, N. C., Jan 30, 1846 20-3t

PATENT MACHINE

FOR DIGGING GROUND NUTS. THE subscriber, having invented a machine to be worked by horses for the purpose of digging Ground Nuts, for which he is about to take out a patent right, would take this method of warning the community, that he will oppose by all lawful means, any other person from obtaining a similar right, as he is the sole inventor. He would also inform the public, that he expects to be able in a short time to supply those who may desire it, with specimens of this labor saving machine. He used it the past season in getting out his own crop, and can candidly say, that it is at least a saving of one hundred per cent on the old mode of getting out Ground Nuts. D. R. GORNTON, Front Street, 12 miles East of Wilmington, N. C. January 23, 1846 19-4\*

1200 BUSHELS Turke Island Salt.

Salt, 103 bags coarse fine Liverpool Salt, 50 bbls white Planting Potatoes, 270 Beets, 15 bbls Turnips, 15 " Carrots, 60 " N. E. Rum, 5 " No. 1 Mackerel, 5 " No. 2 do 100 bales Hay, 111 bags Rio Coffee. For sale by BARRY & BRYANT. J23

FOR RENT.

THE subscriber offers for rent the unexpired term of his lease of the HANOVER HOUSE, which terminates on the 15th February, 1847.—To an enterprising person who has experience in Hotel keeping, a splendid opportunity is hereby offered. The Hanover House is well known as a Hotel. Its locality is fixed on Front street, directly opposite the Cape Fear Bank. The House is sufficiently commodious to accommodate from 40 to 50 boarders. The subscriber would expect, of course, to sell the furniture and hire the servants to whoever takes the House. The furniture is all new, and the servants competent. JOHN S. JAMES. Wilmington, Jan'y 23, 1846 19-3t The Charleston Mercury and Fayetteville North Carolinian insert three times, and forward bills to this office.

Just Received.

300 lbs Fayetteville Flour, 200 lbs Live Geese Feathers, 100 boxes, 20 lbs each, superior Chewing Tobacco. AND DAILY EXPECTED. 50 bbls Apple Brandy, 50 bbls Whiskey. For sale by C. D. ELLIS & CO. J23

Just Received.

20 DOZEN Steel Weeding Hooks, assorted sizes, 40 cast Ploughs, Nos. 10, 11, and 12, extra Bars and Shears, 6 dozen "Collins" boxing Axes, 6 " Kentucky do 12 " Georgia long Bits, 4 " Ames' Spades and Shovels, A general assortment of Cooper's Tools. ALSO. 30 bags Leguira Coffee, 50 " Rio do 10 " Java do 25 " St. Domingo Coffee, 2 hds best St. Croix Sugar, 2 " Porto Rico do Woolsey and Woolsey's Lost Sugar, beets, Tea, Canal and Fayetteville Flour, &c. HALL & ARMSTRONG. J23

Salt Afloat.

543 SACKS Liverpool coarse SALT, afloat, and for sale by BARRY & BRYANT. J16.

Real Estate at Auction.

THE Lot and Wharf on the South corner of Market street, will be sold at auction at Shaw's corner, on the first Monday in February next, if not before sold at private sale. The lot is 33 feet deep, running from Mr. Peders's store to the river. P. E. DICKINSON. January 23, 1846 12-b

PORTRAIT PAINTING.

As F. THOMPSON. ROOMS at the corner of Second and Pine streets, opposite the Jail, where he will thankfully receive the visits of all who may see fit to patronize him. As his mornings are chiefly devoted to sittings, it may be more agreeable to persons not on business to call in the evening, when he will have leisure to wait on them. Jan'y 9, 1846 17-5d

TO RENT.

A STORE HOUSE at Taylor's Bridge, for this year, on low terms. A good stand to barter Groceries, &c., for Naval Stores.—For further particulars apply to the subscriber. Address by letter to Taylor's Bridge, Sampson County, N. C. P. MURPHY. Jan. 16, 1846 18t

FOR SALE.

THAT beautiful blooded horse, MARMADUKE, raised by William B. Meares, Esq., will be sold on the first Monday in February next, at the Court-house in Onslow county, on a credit of six months, purchaser giving approved note. His pedigree, well authenticated, will be exhibited on the day of sale, showing him to be a horse of good blood as any in the United States.—His colts are very fine. WILLIAM ASHFORD, THOMAS I. FAISON. Jan'y 9, 1846 17-4c

Boarding House.

THE SUBSCRIBER would inform his friends that he will remove on the 10th of October next, to the house adjoining to and one door North of the Hanover House, on Front street, where he will be prepared to receive those who may favor him with a call. His terms will be moderate, and he will endeavor to make transient boarders as comfortable as if they were at home. He can always accommodate those who may have horses. He would also inform his friends and the public at large, that his

Livery Stables

are in good order, and that careful hostlers will always be ready to take charge of Horses. He keeps constantly on hand, HORSES and BUGGIES for hire. DAVID THALLY. N. B.—Drivers can be well accommodated. September 26th, 1845. 2-12m

LIVERY STABLES.

SINCE my LIVERY STABLES were destroyed by fire in August last, I have erected on the same lot on Second st., and have now in use, another large, comfortable, and convenient lot of Stables, fully equal, if not superior to any in this State. For the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon me by my friends and the public, I return my most grateful thanks, and hope by diligent and proper attention to my business, to insure a continuation of the same. I have also a large dry and comfortable lot, with good sheds, and comfortable stalls, for the accommodation of drovers. All of which, are situated in the most public part of the town, and convenient for trade or business of any kind. R. H. NIXON. Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 25, 1844.—(64f)

FRESH BEEF.

JAMES PETTEWAY RESPECTFULLY announces to the citizens of Wilmington, that he keeps for sale at the Market-house, the best of FRESH MEATS, of every description, and he solicits a share of public patronage. Hotels of families can have their purchases sent to their houses if desired. Drovers will please always give him a call before disposing of their live stock, as he will give the highest price the market will afford. Jan'y 2, 1846 16-1f

SHOES.

CASES Shoes and Bifocals, assorted, just received and for sale by BARRY & BRYANT. J2

GREAT ATTRACTIONS.

THE subscriber has just received from the North, at his old stand, one door from the corner of Market and Front Streets, a large supply of

BOOTS and SHOES

of every description, which he offers for sale lower than were ever before offered in Wilmington. Ladies and gentlemen wishing Boots, Breeches, Slippers, and Shoes of any kind, will do well to call and examine his stock, as he is determined to sell cheaper than such goods have ever been offered in this market. He will also make to measure, and repair Boots and Shoes of every description in the best and latest styles. ALSO—A large supply of NEGRO BROGANS, JAS. PUNDEKORD. Dec. 12, 1845. 13y

ROTARY PUMPS!!!