

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 22, 1867.

LOCAL MATTERS.

JON WENK—We have now completed our office to be used in the shortest possible time ALL KINDS OF JOB WORK, and we most respectfully ask the patronage of our friends.

Post Office Notice.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 6, 1867.

Hereafter, until further notice, the Northwestern Mail will close at 1:15 P. M., and arriving at the Depot at 9:45 A. M., will be ready for delivery at 12 o'clock. On Sundays the Post Office will open at 12:30 P. M. for one hour.

The Mail for South Carolina Railroad will continue to close daily at 6 o'clock A. M., and for the Savannah and Charleston Railroad at 6 A. M. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

STANLEY G. TROTTER, P. M.

IMMIGRATION.—We direct attention to the very interesting address of General JOHN D. WAGNER, to be found on the fourth page of to-day's News.

RIVER BAPTISM.—The Ordinance of Baptism will be observed by the members of the Calvary Baptist Church, on Sunday next. They will proceed to Daniel's Island, on the Wando River, where the candidates for immersion will receive the ordinance. The steamer *Planter* will leave Venerning's wharf, at the foot of Calhoun street, at 10 A. M., and will take all who may desire to attend.

PIRENE'S PIC-NIC.—May has been called an outdoor month, i.e., the time to commune with nature and leave the briar and mortar prisons of the city. This is well known to our gallant firemen and they have a time now, instead of spending one day on a maroon or pic-nic, at some piazza suburban retreat. The German Fire Company will today visit the Schutzenplatz, and from our past knowledge of their capabilities, we feel warranted in saying that their pic-nic will be a pleasant and agreeable entertainment.

ACROSS THE SIXTH INFANTRY BAND.—The Post Band who have made themselves deservedly popular with the Charleston public, have determined to be in the fashion, and will give a grand picnic at the Schutzenplatz, to-morrow, the 23d inst. The band have made extensive preparations for this picnic, and it will be one of the best of the season. Music, dancing and refreshments, will be furnished with care, we predict that the Schutzenplatz will be well attended, and the picnic a success.

ELECTRIC FIRE.—Mr. WILLIAMS' hat store in Broad street yesterday attracted many of our citizens, curious to hear further particulars of the accident on Monday night under the porch of St. Michael's. Mr. W., the gentleman whom we mentioned as having been hurt into the street, had his boot and stocking torn off his right foot, without seriously injuring his foot. The boot, however, which was on exhibition yesterday at the store, was very much injured, the upper leather being torn from the sole, and the boot leg split all the way up—one of the most singular freaks of lightning we have ever heard of.

THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.—The advertisement of Mrs. NICHOLS, offering to instruct pupils in the French language, will be seen in another column. Mrs. N. has a number of pupils in Europe, and is quite conversant with all the leading modern language. Russian even not excepted, having lived nearly eight years at Saba steps. She, however, can't promise to teach French for the present. As she has seen many distinguished men in her travels and many places of renown, her lessons bid fair to be more interesting and instructive than those of a more untravelled master à la langue. We hope Mrs. Nichols will be successful in her endeavor, and secure many pupils.

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THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, to whom the bill authorizing the purchase of the Fire Department, that is to say to be allowed to make a selection of a steamer to be traded in 1864, recommended that this account be referred to the Committee on Accounts with power to act. In the same manner as when other bills are adjusted.

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THE HANCOCK, favorably known as a Savannah and Georgetown Packet, and commanded by Captain J. K. BONNAZON, was advertised for an excursion trip around the harbor. Unfortunately the threatening aspect of the skies kept a few timid characters at home, but those who were not afraid of a little shower boldly made the venture, and as to reward their faith, the clouds were soon dispersed and the evening was in every respect charming, and the trip was enjoyed by all on board.

The Hancock was equipped according to the standing regulations, and the music of Mulligan's Band brought the past more vividly before the mind; and the imagination pictured James Island and the different fortifications as they were three years ago, and the change was hardly realized. Mr. W. L. LEX, the author of the *Hancock*, soon made the passengers feel at home, and took pleasure in pointing out any of the beauties of the scenery.

The *Hancock* left Accommodation Wharf at 4 P. M. and reached past Sumter and Morris Island, and crossed the narrow channel up to the Ashley to the New Bridge, from there to her wharf. The ruined walls of Sumter attracted universal attention, and the grand old fortification had stood the memorable stormy ledges grand ruins, Mulliken, Wagner, and the Federal fortifications, were also noted, and the work of the steamer Ethan Allen, which was, unfortunately, pointed out by her late Captain, Mr. W. T. McNALLY, who was among the guests on the *Hancock*. Off Morris Island a curious machine attracted attention, and it was stated to be known to be intended to raise the wreck of the monitor *Knockout*.

To name the different points of interest in the harbor, would be impossible, and we can only advise those who wish to pass a pleasant afternoon, to be prepared for the next excursion party. We understand that this will not be the only trip of the season, and many who were kept at home on account of the threatening weather, will have an opportunity to breathe the sea air.

DOWIE & MOORE, Agents.

GOODRICH, WINEMAN & CO., Agents.

TO THE LADIES.—STOLL, WEBB & CO., No. 287 King street, beg to inform the ladies that they will open, this morning, another lot of those best quality prints, slightly damaged, which they will sell at 12 cents at retail only. Come early and secure a good selection.

MR. OLIVER, a colored man, who was arrested for being drunk and fighting in the street, and who was extenuated in that he had fallen overboard, and had taken a little too much anti-fouling to keep out the cold, when a fellow laughed at him, and a scuffle came on, when the other one ran off, but they took him. He was fined \$5.

A man who was taken drunk from the side walk, but who was making superhuman efforts to get a sober hold in the middle of the street, was fined only \$5, as he said with great truth and candor that it was the first time.

Three individuals who undertook to settle a business transaction, according to the rules of the prize ring, were fined \$5 each.

A man who was very drunk, and found on the pavement in the middle of the day, unconscious of the "busy life" by which he was surrounded, and who attempted to excuse himself by saying that the day before was "pay day," was fined \$5.

A white man, by the name of GEORGE SIMONS, well known in Elliot street, was brought up on the complaint of John JACKSON, a colored pilot-boat hand, for taking his watch from him under false pretense.

It appears that SIMONS who is a runner for a boarding house in Elliot street, and who carries about with him a badge, indicating his high position, deceived John on Monday night last, by pretending that he was a "police protective," as he expressed it, and showing the badge, demanded his watch as the property of another. JACKSON gave it up with a protest, and immediately calling on Detective LEVY, and stating the circumstances pointed out SIMONS as the individual who had committed this contemptible offence. He was arrested and denied the act, but yesterday morning admitted it, saying that he intended it as a jest. His Honor ordered the case turned over to a magistrate.

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