

THE DAILY NEWS.

Largest Circulation.—THE DAILY NEWS BEING THE NEWSPAPER OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS HAVING THE LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON.

THE DAILY NEWS will be served to subscribers in the city at six dollars a year in advance, or at FIFTEEN CENTS a week, payable to the carriers.

LOCAL MATTERS.

AUCTION SALE THIS DAY. J. A. ENSLOW & Co. will sell at 11 o'clock, on Palm-tree Wharf, fifty barrels of molasses.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE NEWS dropped into the iron advertising box at the corner of Hayne and Meeting streets, before 11 o'clock P. M., will appear on the following morning with as much certainty as if they were left at the office.

CHANGE OF THE BELL.—On and after to-night, St. Michael's bell will be rung at eight and ten P. M. instead of seven and nine, as heretofore.

THE MARINE'S CHURCH.—There will be services in the Marine's Church, Church-street, tomorrow, Sunday, at half-past ten o'clock in the morning, and half-past three o'clock in the afternoon.

ACCIDENT OF THE ROAD.—A Mr. Crawford and another gentleman procured a horse and buggy yesterday and went up the road on a pleasure ride. When about three miles from the city the horse dashed off throwing the gentlemen out and slightly injuring them. The horse and buggy returned to the Charleston Hotel, leaving the parties up the road to get down the best way they could.

THE STATE COURT.—Hon. R. B. CARPENTER, President.—In the Common Pleas.—The action of Mayor Clark to the alternative writ of mandamus was read, and the further hearing of the cause postponed until this morning.

In Equity.—The court continued the call of the docket, and was so engaged until the hour of adjournment.

THE UNITED STATES COURT, MARCH 19.—Hon. Geo. S. BAYAN, Presiding.—The court was occupied yesterday in hearing the libels of D. Boyle and T. Hayward against the steamer Volunteer, and Charles Heinrohn, Dan'l Dupre and M. Dunn vs. the same, her engine, tackle, &c. for wages. Doas & Burnett for libellant and Dingle & Barker for respondents. The case was continued over until Tuesday next.

THE RICE TREASURY.—In noticing yesterday the mooted question of taking off the charge usually made in this market for storing in selling rice, we wrongly said that the principal factors had agreed to abolish the charge. The truth is that the buyers of rice are the movers in favor of the abolition, the firms who signed the circular which we printed being the principal dealers in this city. We have no doubt that the factors will consider the propriety of making the change, and we trust that they will soon declare that to be the positive fact which the news announced a little ahead of time.

We learn that a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held next week to consider and determine the whole question.

ANOTHER SENSATION.—On the night before last several government water carts and an ambulance were found in Queen-street after hours, contrary to ordinance. They were taken to the Guard-house, and early yesterday morning there were the most startling rumors afloat that ammunition wagons and artillery had been secretly carried to the Guardhouse to be in readiness to blow the "wool" of the head of the Republican "faithful" who should show their noses during the day. Political "love knots" formed on the corners and in the byways, and the matter was seriously discussed and weighed, much to the distress of some of the "braves" who smuffed considerable discomfort in the impending result. Mid-day the truth was ascertained, "the laugh came in," and the exorcised "musicians" beat to a loss excited police.

CLUBS AND STAYS.—The following are the cases disposed of at the Mayor's Court yesterday: Mary Boper, colored, drunk in King-street; had to be carried to the guardhouse on a furniture cart. Fined \$5; couldn't pay—"went up."

Antoine Wagner, white, drunk and carried to the guardhouse on a cart. Fined \$5; couldn't pay—"went up."

Patrick Donovan, white, drunk in Broad-street. Fined \$5; paid.

Mr. McConey for obstructing the sidewalk with ladders. No case—discharged.

James Melvin, contractor, for leaving a dead dog in the street. No case—discharged.

Robert Jackson, colored, selling fowls without a license. Fowls forfeited.

Mr. Scanlon for allowing the government wagons and an ambulance to obstruct the street at night. Carts and ambulance ordered to be delivered to the agent of the government.

Maxwell Fields, charged with the larceny of money from Henry Draine, colored, was up before Magistrate Mackey, yesterday, and the case continued for further hearing.

Henry and Joseph Mills, colored youths, were arrested, yesterday, by Lieutenant Coates and Officer Gray, for breaking into the trunk of Salls Greco, colored, Ruddle Avenue, and stealing therefrom \$30 in currency, and some specie.

James Waterfall, colored, was arrested, yesterday, by Lieutenant Coates and Officer Gray, for having in his possession a lot of lead piping and a copper pump, which he could not properly account for.

A suspicious looking white man, with a Roman nose, dyed mustache, in top hat, and seedy clothing, calling under the aliases of Augustus Oppenheim, Charles De Costa, and — Henricques, was picked up in King-street, yesterday, by Lieutenant Coates, for imposing on the charity of several highly respectable Israelite families, and obtaining from them assistance under false pretences.

REPORTERS' CRUMBS.—Tickets for the Magnolia this evening will be sold at the office, corner of Line and Meeting-street, twelve for a dollar.

Right Rev. Bishop Lynch made an appeal last evening to the congregation of St. Michael's church, Philadelphia, in behalf of the impoverished Catholic Churches and religious institutions in Charleston, and the result was a collection of \$1300.

THE CONTESTED ELECTION.

Since the beginning of the contest between the Mayor and Aldermen of Charleston and the Pillsbury party, no claim to have been elected at the November elections, the public have become familiar with the ordinary course of legal proceedings, and there scarcely a colored man in town who does not know that a writ of mandamus means GET OUT!

The Acting Mayor and Aldermen were represented by the Hon. W. D. Foster, City Attorney, Theo. G. Barker, Esq., and O. Richardson Miles, Esq.; the claimants being represented by the Hon. D. T. Corbin, United States District Attorney.

The return to the writ of mandamus was read. The respondents say that they do not surrender their offices because they are in possession of said offices, having been admitted and sworn under appointments and elections duly made, and that the mandamus is not the proper remedy; and, further, that by the acts of the present General Assembly, they are entitled and shall be elected and qualified until their successors are elected and qualified according to law, and that Gilbert Pillsbury and the other petitioners have not been elected and qualified according to law. They then recited the well-known circumstances of the election, the contest, the finding of the Board of Aldermen, and say emphatically that the validity of the election of Pillsbury and the other petitioners has never been judicially determined otherwise than by the Acting Board of Aldermen; that the Supreme Court expressly declared that they did not mean to express any opinion as to the rights of the petitioners to the offices claimed by them, and that the petitioners are entitled to have the same determined by a due process of law. They also say that they are advised that the act to confirm and declare valid the recent municipal election is contrary to the charter rights of the corporations of the city, and also to the 12th, 14th and 26th sections of the first article of the Constitution of the State, and to the 20th section of article 2d of the same, and to the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States. In conclusion, the respondents admit the demand of Pillsbury and the other petitioners for the offices and properties of the city, but say that they have no right or title thereto, and that inasmuch as the respondents have been admitted, sworn, and are actually in possession of their several respective offices, the proceeding by mandamus is not the proper remedy for the petitioners, and they pray that the same be quashed." Signed by G. W. Clark, Mayor, and Aldermen Giddings, Putter, Lindstrom, Deseef, Cade, Oiler, Honour, Walden, Marshall and Voigt.

The plea to the writ of mandamus is to the effect that proceedings under a writ of mandamus were depending in the Supreme Court at the time of filing the information and issuing the rule in this case, and that the information should be quashed. The counsel stated that all the Aldermen were appointed by General Canby, save Messrs. Honour, Whilden and Olney, who were duly elected in 1868, and that they are bound under the city charter and the act of the present General Assembly to hold their offices until those offices are filled by the election and qualification of their successors, and that no successors have been elected and qualified. They admit that the demand was made by Pillsbury and others for the offices and the property belonging to them, and that they did not surrender the same because the claimants have not been duly elected and qualified, and are not entitled to the offices of Charleston. The plea is signed and verified by the Hon. W. D. Foster, City Attorney, and Theo. G. Barker, Esq., counsel for defendants.

After the reading of the returns, Mr. Corbin said that in view of the new issues and questions brought up in the returns, he would ask a postponement of the hearing of the case for a few hours. Judge Carpenter then postponed the further hearing of the case to this morning.

HOLY WEEK.—To-morrow will be Palm Sunday, the opening day of Holy Week. The religious exercises of the week in the Catholic Churches will be as follows:

Cathedral.—The office of Tenor will begin at 7 P. M. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening. Sermons at 7 o'clock of Tenor, on Wednesday by Rev. F. J. Shadler, Thursday Very Rev. T. Bermingham, Friday Rev. Dr. Moore.

HOLY THURSDAY.—(Holiday of obligation this year.) The morning offices will begin at half-past 10 o'clock P. M., at which time the consecrations of the Holy oils will take place.

GOOD FRIDAY.—The Mass of the presanctified will commence at 9 A. M. Stations of the Cross in the evening at 5 P. M.

HOLY SATURDAY.—The offices of Holy Saturday will begin at 8 A. M. St. Mary's—Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Mass at 7 A. M.

St. Patrick's—Palm Sunday, Mass at 7 A. M. Blessing and distribution of palms at 10 A. M., followed by High Mass. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Mass at 7 A. M. Thursday, Mass at 7 A. M., and High Mass at 9 A. M. Friday and Saturday, Mass at 8 A. M.

St. Joseph's—Palm Sunday, office of blessing palm at 10 A. M. Holy Thursday, first Mass at 7 A. M.; second Mass at 9 A. M. Good Friday, service at 9 A. M. Holy Saturday, services at 7 A. M. St. Peter's—Holy Thursday, Mass 6 1/2 A. M. Good Friday, exercises of the Holy Agency, 3 P. M.

THE LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.—We publish this morning the advertisement of the Life Association of America, a company which, in the course of nine months, has secured an annual revenue of half a million of dollars. This, as we understand it, is but the natural result of the system upon which the company was established. A well tried and popular plan was adopted. The first step, and the most difficult, was the selection of the best and most successful men of the mercantile and capitalist of St. Louis insured their lives to put the company upon a sound basis. So the company obtained a large paying business without the expenses for agents and advertising, which in the first year press so heavily upon new companies. We may add that it is a part of the system of the company to invest in each district the premiums received in that district, so that no man may pay to this company for premiums will be drained out of the State.

The following extract from an article published by the "Insurance Monitor," the independent and respectable organ of insurance interests, will show the estimation in which the company is held:

LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. The advertisement of this company will attract unusual attention; not that it has been an uncommon thing for a life insurance company to be formed in the past year, but because it is uncommon for any company, East or West, old or new, to secure such substantial success from the first year of its business. The success of this company, for December, 1868, is the result of the system of the company, and not of the premium paid to the company for premiums will be drained out of the State.

The company attributes its remarkable success to the fact of its being a purely mutual company, dividing all its profits among policy holders; and that its plan is a good ground for popularity; our observation has been that the plan of the day are mutual, and it remains to be seen whether any other plan will ever command itself to the American public.

We understand it to be the intention of the association to extend its plan to other cities, and that at once a branch office in this city, where it will compete with the well established Eastern companies for the honors of the district.

The office of the Charleston department is at No. 40 Broad-street, where all desired information may be obtained.

THE PROMENADE CONCERT AND GIFT ENTERTAINMENT. In aid of the widows and orphans of those members of the Charleston Riflemen who fell in the war or died from its effects, promises to be an exceedingly popular and agreeable entertainment. Good music has been engaged, and the best of refreshments will be provided. Among the prizes to be distributed are those now on exhibition at Mr. A. H. Hayden's, King-street, corner of Esel-street. They consist of: One tea service valued at \$36; a kettle richly embellished \$25; two pair castors \$35 and \$10; an ice pitcher \$12; a cake basket \$12; a butter dish and knife \$10; a table \$5. All of these articles are silver. Also, six blue and red fans with ivory handles. Each ticket will draw something. Nothing is being taken in preparation to make the festival second hand and equal to any that has ever been given here, and the preparations making warrant the belief that it will be a success in every particular.

HOME INSURANCE COMPANY.—Messrs. A. L. Tobias, G. W. Williams, Francis J. Pelzer, Henry Cobia and Henry Buis, the commissioners, will on Monday morning open books and receive subscriptions to the capital stock of the Home Insurance Company of Charleston, at the office of A. L. Tobias, No. 169 East Bay. This is altogether what its name conveys—a home enterprise, and the high standing and commercial reputation of the gentlemen concerned with it are guarantees that its affairs will be managed with intelligence and foresight. At this time about \$100,000 is paid out from this State monthly for premiums of fire and marine insurance, and it is the object of the new company to retain and use this capital at home. Before the war local companies were very prosperous, paying for many years dividends ranging as high as twenty per cent, while their shares sold at fifty per cent premium. There is no reason why a similar good fortune should not attend the Home Insurance Company, to which, as a Charleston company, managed by Charleston men, we wish a full subscription list, a large business and most abundant prosperity.

INSURANCE. LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. A PURELY MUTUAL WESTERN AND SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

OFFICE OF CHARLESTON DEPARTMENT, No. 40 BROAD-STREET.

UNPARALLELED SUCCESS!

THIS ASSOCIATION WAS ORGANIZED ON THE 22d of June last, only nine months ago, and has already secured an annual revenue from premiums on existing policies of nearly \$500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars). Its new business for the month of December was \$72,385 36, insuring the amount of \$1,157,000. Its new business for the month of January was \$86,224 71, insuring the amount of \$1,642,000.

One month's business being greater than that done by the largest and wealthiest life insurance companies in the United States during the entire first year of their existence.

The Association was first started by the most wealthy and influential citizens of St. Louis, for the purpose of changing the current of Life Insurance and Life Insurance capital from the East to the West and South, and as its plan is liberal and just to every section, State and district, the wealthy men of the West and South generally are insuring their lives in it, to the exclusion of other companies.

This is shown by the fact that the policies issued during the months of December and January are of an average amount of \$7,338 47, drawing an average annual premium of \$418 28.

The largest average attained by any other company in the United States is about \$480 to each policy, while the average size of all policies existing in this country is only about \$2500.

These facts speak for themselves, and show that the business men of the country, who have money to invest, select this Association in preference to all other institutions.

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It is a better investment than a Savings Bank. Information cheerfully given at Agency.

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DESPERATELY INFORM THEIR FRIENDS and customers that their stock of the present and coming season, consisting of the most fashionable DRESS GOODS, SILKS, LINENS, WHITE GOODS, SHAWLS, LAMA LACE PRINTS, GLOVES, HOSIERY

DRY GOODS! DRY GOODS!

LOUIS COHEN & CO., No. 248 King-street,

BEG LEAVE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC TO THEIR VERY EXTENSIVE AND WELL ASSORTED STOCK OF Fresh and Fashionable Dry Goods, JUST OPENING.

CONSISTING OF: DRESS GOODS, WHITE GOODS, SILKS, EMBROIDERIES, LACES, RIBBONS, NOTIONS, HOSIERY, GLOVES, HANDKERCHIEFS, DAMASKS, TOWELINGS, DIAPERS, IRISH LINENS, CALICOES, GINGHAMS, SHEETINGS, SHERTINGS AND PILLOW CASING, in Bleached and Brown.

We invite especial attention to our large Stock of Dress Goods, Cloths and Embroideries, Which will be found very complete and reasonable. A call is respectfully solicited.

LOUIS COHEN & CO., No. 248 KING-STREET,

BETWEEN MARKET AND HAZEL STREETS, MARCH 20, 1869.

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LORD & TAYLOR

HAVING MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO EXTEND their WHOLESALE BUSINESS, would respectfully inform their stock during the coming season will be LARGER AND MORE COMPLETE than ever before, and an inspection of it before purchasing elsewhere is solicited.

Having their own buyers in each of the principal European markets, they will be able to obtain the most reliable goods of the house for keeping desirable, salable goods, of which, their long experience as successful retailers is ample guarantee. The several departments are, viz: SILKS, DRESS GOODS, CLOTHS, SHAWLS, CLOAKS, UPHOLSTERY, LINENS, WHITE GOODS, HOSIERY AND GLOVES, LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, in each of which will be found goods selected especially to meet the demands of southern customers. Samples of New Goods sent upon application.

LORD & TAYLOR, No. 461, 463, 465 & 467 Broadway, New York. WHOLESALE WAREHOUSES: No. 461 to 467 Broadway, on corner on Grand-st. New York.

Miscellaneous. THE ACTS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF THE General Assembly OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PASSED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF 1868, TOGETHER WITH THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND MILITARY LAWS RE-ENACTED.

For sale by DENNY & PERRY, Printers and Stationers, No. 181 Meeting-street. March 15

LONDON AND PARIS EXPOSITIONS. PRIZE MEDALS!

THE GEORGE A. CLARK'S O. N. T. SIX CORD, SUIT FINISH SPOOL COTTON.

This favorite Thread being Six Cord to No. 80, purely Soft Finish, is recommended for its great superiority for Hand and Machine Sewing.

FOR SALE BY THE Principal Wholesale and Retail Dry Goods and Notion Dealers.

JAMES ENOX, JOHN GILL, W. E. MARSHALL, AT THE BROAD-STREET BARBER SALOON, No. 51 (UP STAIRS), December 8

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C. F. PANKNIN, Apothecary and Chemist. No. 123 Meeting-street, CHARLESTON, S. C.

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UPON THE DISPENSING DEPARTMENT OF his business he bestows the utmost personal care and attention, and guarantees the PURITY of the MEDICINES used in compounding.

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SPECIAL AGENCY FOR THE SALE OF SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS, MANUFACTURED BY Messrs. GEO. TIEMANN & CO., OF NEW YORK.

His STOCK OF Hair, Tooth and Nail Brushes, PERFUMERIES, &c., IS LARGE AND WELL SELECTED.

Agency for the sale of the celebrated Rockbridge Alum Spring Water. A supply of which is always on hand.

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Which have established for themselves a reputation surpassed by none. Through constant effort and attention he hopes to meet a continuance of the public patronage which has hitherto been extended to him.

DRUGS CHEMICALS PATENT MEDICINES PERFUMERY FANCY GOODS PAINTS OILS SPIICES, &c. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

DR. H. BAER, (LATE H. KELLES & CO.) No. 131 MEETING-STREET, NEAR MARKET, HAS ALWAYS ON HAND, AND WILL SELL AT THE LOWEST MARKET RATES:

HOSTETTER'S BITTERS PLANIANTIA BITTERS HUFELAND'S GERMAN BITTERS STOUGHTON BITTERS WINE BITTERS

IODIDE POTASSIUM BROMIDE POTASSIUM CHLOROFORM ETHER QUININE MORPHINE, &c.

AYER'S PREPARATIONS JAYNE'S ALTERNATIVE, EXPECTORANT, PILLS, &c. RADWAY'S MEDICINES BELMORB'S BUCHU WRIGHT'S ELIXIR PAINKILLER VERBAFUGUE DEAD SHOT, &c.

HALL'S SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER CHEVALIER'S LIFE FOR THE HAIR LYON'S KATHALON BARRY'S TRICHOPEPERON CHALFANT'S COCOA CREAM, &c.

NO CURE! NO PAY! FORREST'S JUNIPER TART. H. BAER, No. 131 MEETING-STREET.

TO BAKERS. JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL: CARBONATE OF AMMONIA PRIME HOPS CREAM OF TARTAR.

H. BAER, Druggist, No. 131 MEETING-STREET. March 4

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

THE UNDERSIGNED CALLS THE ATTENTION of both city and country purchasers to his large stock of DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES, PERFUMERY, FANCY GOODS, &c., all of which he offers at the lowest market rates.

H. BAER, No. 131 MEETING-STREET, NEAR MARKET-STREET. March 4

Auction Sales.

Unreserved Sale Malacca. BY J. A. ENSLOW & CO. THIS DAY, the 20th inst. at 11 o'clock, A. M., will be sold on Palm-tree Wharf, fifty barrels of molasses, 50 lbs. Clayed MOLASSES. Landed from the schooner Willie Martin, from Cardenas March 20

Handsome Parlor and Bedroom Furniture, consisting of Chairs, Tables, Sofas, Bedssteads, Bedding, &c., at Auction. BY G. McBRIDE SMITH. On TUESDAY, the 23d inst., at the residence No. 26 George street, at 11 o'clock.

The Residence No. 26 George-street, will be sold at auction on THURSDAY, the 25th inst. See advertisement. March 20

Positive Sale of Two Lots on the north side of Allway-street, near Spring street, at Auction. BY G. McBRIDE SMITH. On TUESDAY, the 23d inst., at 11 o'clock, at the Old Postoffice.

The above LOTS, known in T. N. Gadsden's plat as Nos. 40 and 47, measuring each 33 1/2 feet front by 100 feet deep, more or less. Terms made