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NOTICE. I shall be absent from Charlotte during the

Lectures and Hospitals in New York and Phila-My Notes and accounts previous to the year 1856 are in the hands of Wm. A. Owens, Esq., for collection.

ROBERT GIBBON, M. D. Charlotte, Oct. 20, 1856.

NOTICE.

IN CONSEQUENCE of having lost by the fire which occurred in this place, on the morning of the 27th of May last, various Notes and claims against numerous persons in this and adjoining counties -which notes and claims, be-UNE & Co., and others, which were placed in my hands for collection: All persons, therefore, against whom any of such claims are still standing unsettled, are hereby duly notified, that unless they appear immediately and close up the same, by note or cash, I shall be compelled to file, ter'hwith, Bills in Equity, thereby subjecting such Plaintiff's petition. persons to additional and unnecess, y costs.
S. W. DAVIS.
Charlotte, June 10, 1856.—tf

The Charlotte Butual Fire Insurance Company,

CONTINUES to take risks against loss by Fire on Houses, Goods, Produce, &c., at usual rates. Office in Brawley's Building, up DIRBUTORES

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Packing warranted. Nov. 11, 1856.

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Dr. Wayt prepares and inserts artificial palates and obturators, and attends to the correction of congenital and accidental deformities of the artificial teeth, after the mest approved methods Office on Tryon Street, in Carson's new building, up stairs. Nov. 18th.

Notice.

The copartnership of Glen & McKoy was dissolved on the 22d of July last, J. G. McCoy having purchased Mr Glen's interest in the Marble Yard and Notes and Accounts. All contracts must be made with J. G. McCoy. Charlotte, October 7. 14-tf

Wanted.

2,000 BUSHELS of dried Peaches the HIGHEST CASH price will be paid by Dec. 9, 1856-tf T. M. FARROW

Notes of Hand, UST PRINTED and for sale at the Office of the "Western Democrat." STABLES TO RENT.

T OFFER for Rent the Stables on the American Hotel Lots, excepting the Stalls recently erected and now occupied by Mr. D. H. Robinson. RUFUS BARRINGER. Charlotte, Dec. 27, 1856.

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE. I will sell, on Monday of January Court, the STORE-HOUSE and DWELLING attached,

4 Unimproved Lots in the Town of Charlotte, and

500 Acres of Land in Union County.

Terms made known on day of Sale. H. B. WH.LIAMS, Trustee.

New Store.

AVING removed to their New Store on Main-street, below Young & Williams' Hotel, and opposite Boone & Co.'s new Shoe For announcing Candidates for office, Store, where they now have on sale a large stock

> and such other articles as are usually kept in such Houses, including their Domestie and

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Now in Store 300 Sacks Salt. 40 Bbls. New Orleans Molasses. 5 Hbds, best Portorico do.-5 hhds. West India do. 5 hhds. Cuba. 5 hhds. of good Brown Sugar. 40 bbls, Extra do. 15 bls, Crushad do. 100 bags good Coffee. English dairy and common Cheese, Bagging, Rope and Twine, Adamantine and Tallow Candles North Carolina and Western Whiskey.

All at the Lowest Prices. We respectfully solicit a call from buyers J. & E. B. STOWE. Dec. 9, 1956-tf

State of North Carolina, LINCOLN COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. April Session, 1856. J. W. Lowe, Adm'r, and others, Rufus Ballard and others.

Petition to sell Real Estate for assets in the hands of the Administrator. It appearing from the affidavit of Petitioner J. W. Lowe, that Rufus Ballard, David Ballard Presley Cox and wife Epscy, the defendants i

this proceeding, are non-residents of this State evend the ordinary process of this Court. It is the efore ordered that publication be made in the Western Democrat for six weeks, notify ing the said defendants that they be and appear ing the property of E. C. STEELE, A. BETH- at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Lincoln at the Court House in Lincolnton, on the 2d Monday in Janpary, 1857, then and there to plead, answer of mur to Plaintiff's petition, or Judgment, pro confesse, will be taken against them, and a de made exparte according to the merits of In testimony whereof, I have this, 4th Dec. 1856, signed my name and affixed the seal of said

> J. A. HUSS, Clerk, By W. R. CLARK, D. C.

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CANDIES-Assorted and Pancy. CRACKERS-Butter and Soda PICKLED SALMON, Mackerel, Tongues

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A good Stock of PRIME CIGARS. of the Washington, O. R. Salbana, Don Pedro

and other Brands All of which will be sold low for CASH, by THOMAS M. FARROW. 23-11

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General Commission Merchants, Adger's North Wharf. CHARLESTON, S. C.

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Ty I reights as follows: When; 6 cents per bushel. flour, in barreis, 2) cents. in sacks, 10 cents. The drayage, whartage, insurance, and forwarding commission, per bushel, for wheat, - - - - 41 cts. lou , per barrel, - - - 16% cts. Florr, per sack, - - - 13 cts.

Freight on all cases, boxes, &., &c., 1:om New York to Charleston, per ubic foot. - - - 4 cts. We measure every thing, to prevent over harges. Every thing shipped by the "Palnetto Line" of vessels (Dollner & Potter, w York agents, and Holmes & Stowry, of

Charleston) and consigned to us, shall be freighted for the above prices. Produce and Merchandis consigned to us will have the best attention. WYATT, STOGNER & LLOYD.

1 August 12, 1856

TO RENT.

TUESDAY,

The subscriber will rent on the 26th day of January, 1857, at public anction, the STORE ROOM and WAREHOUSE formerly occupied by C. H. Elms, one door south of the Court House, possession to be given until the first day of Jan'y Charlotte, Jan 13.

J. H. MAXWELL.
2t-pd 1858. Apply to C, H. Elms.

IN CHARLOTTE, For Sale.

BY virtue of a Deed of Trust to me executed, I will offer at public sale, upon the premises, at I o'clock, P. M., on the 27th of January next, is being Tuesday of County Court, the Hotel

RAIL ROAD BOTEL situated contiguous to the depots of the Charlotte and South Carolina and the North Carolina Rail Roads in Charlotte. The Hotel building is entirely new, commodious and tasty in appearance, and so located as to g've commanding advantages for the patronage of the through travel of both

TERMS-The purchaser will give notes with sproved security, due one half in six and the December 23, 1856.

Notice. I will sell at public auction on Wed-nesday of County Court, my HOUSE and LOT situated on the Plank Road, corner of Church and Ninth Streets. JAMES BRIAN.

To Exchange, TOWN Lots-improved or unimproved-for egrees. Apply at this office. Dec. 23, 1856.

December 22, 1856. 25-6t

WATCHES OF ALL KINDS & QUALITIES. SOME VERY CHEAP. RETHA Of all kinds and NEV

CLOCKS Of all kinds, for sale at very low prices. Spoons, Knives & Forks, Of every destription. Also, CASTORS AND CANDLESTICKS OF ALL KINDS. Port Monies and Wallets,

Ladies and gentlemen's POCKET KNIVES of all kinds & prices. WALKING OANES. silver, ivory, and bone heads, also with crooks The above articles are offered low for cash. THO. TRO!TER & SON.

Charlotte, Dec. 30, 1856.

The subscriber effers for sa'e one va'uab'e Tract of Land, lying within one mile of Statesville, N. C., adjoining the lanes of A. K. Simonton, P. H. Dalton and others, containing about

230 Acres. One hundred acres of which is well t mbered There is an excellent meadow, and a quantity of good upland in a high state of cultiva-

tion; there is also a good DWELLING HOUSE. and all nec ssary out buildings. For further ville, or the subscriber at Oak Forest, J. R. B. ADAMS. December 23, 1856. 26 3t

EDGEWORTH FEMALE SEMINARY

Greensborough, A. C. I'HE next Session of this Institution will commence on Friday, January 2d, 1857. The course of study is designed to embrace ornamental Education. Great prominence is given to the SOLID BRANCHES. Neither labor nor expense has been spared to secure Instructors of the highest qualifications in their various departments, and to make Edgeworth second to no Institution in the country. in everything necessary to a complete Educa-

struction, &c., apply to RICHARD STERLING, Principal. Dec. 23, 1856.

EXCHANGE & COLLECTION OFFICE. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Office Up Stairs in new Brick Building opposite Boone & Co's shoe store. Drafts on New York and Charleston, S. C. Gold and Silver, and uncurrent Bank Bills BOUGHT AND SOLD. And special attention paid to the collection of

JOHN McRORIE & CO., Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Common Schools.

WE, the "Common School Committees" for the two districts in the town of Charlotte. inform the citizens that we have unitedly emwill be opened at the Common School-house | ton or Cambridge cattle market. in this place on Monday the 5th of January, E. H. ANDREWS, R. M. JAMISON, A. GRAY, C. OVERMAN,

J. RIGLER. Dec. 16, 1856-5w

Servants to Hire. I have two Servants to hire by the day or week, at 50 cents per day. They cook, wash and iron well, and are good house servants generally. Also, a boy 18 or 19 at 75 cents per day.

A. C. WILLIAMSON.

E. GRAHAM,

27-3t The friends of R. H. Maxwell announce him as a candidate for the office of Constable for the Charlotte Beat. Election 3d Saturday in Januaгу, 1857.

WESTERN DEMOCRAT

JANUARY

CHARLOTTE. ADVANCE IN COTTON GOODS .- In the N. York Daily News of the 7th inst., under the head of review of the dry goods trade,

we find the following in reference to the

advance in cotton goods: "Nearly all kinds of goods are opening higher, and especially domestic cottons; the raw material is about three cents per lb. higher than at the same period last year, and manufactures will have to undergo a corresponding advance to protect manufacturers from actual loss."

EMIGRATION FROM GEORGIA AND ALA-BAMA.—The Claiborne (Ala.) Southerner of Saturday last, says:

"We have observed this Fall an unusual number of emigrants moving through this place. Sometimes thirty or forty white persons are in the company. They seem to be mostly from Georgia and the southother in twelve months, bearing interest from date.

JOHN A. YOUNG, Trustee. | east counties in this State, and are generally bound for Texas."

> HON, HENRY W. HILLIARD IN ALA-BAMA CONFERENCE.

We find in the True Union of the 25th ult., a notice of the proceedings of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal keegee, Ala., which concludes as follows:

We conclude this hasty notice by recurring to one of the most impressive and thrilling scenes of the Conference, and to which we have heretofore slightly alluded. Mr. Hilliard had been a luded to in connection now indulging. with a proposition, which was before the ty. Mr. Hilliard prose and announced to the Bishop of the Conference, and the whole andience, a life-long purpose to return to the work of the ministry; and turning to Bishop Pierce, said, with deep emotion, solemn, moving, and pathetic emphasis:

"I give you my hand, my brother, in this great work! Hence forward our paths of life shall not diverge! I come, in the maturity of my manhood, deliberately to lay my heart, intellect, and whatever of trophies I may have won in other walks of life, professional or political, humbly at the foot of the Cross, with motives which befit the service of my Master.

"Let it be distinctly understood, that no vote which this Conference may take upon the pending proposition, can affect my resolution to give myself to this work. At home and abroad -in my solitary journeyings-or standing in the palaces of kings, I have never forgotton my early vows. I have seen the beginning and the end of religious ceremonies in groves and woods. earthly greatness.

first living statesmen of this age and coun- the deluge and more settled governments. part culars ap ly to A. W. Jamison of States. try, I have seen them pass away from this | Some of them practiced inoculation and used earth! Sir, I know the vanity of earthly quinine, and all were eager for trade, being things! I come humbly; but I come pre- entirely dependent on English calico for serving that self-respect without which I clothing, a small piece of which would pur-

my personal account. Let the vote have no reference to me. No, no, sir! I have the whole, were not well treated, a man my self-respect, but I desire to achieve somewhat that will enable me, when this world burns up, to be recognized by the Great everything necessary to a substructial and Head of the Church, as a friend of Christ, fond of show and glitter, and as much as and to take my place, however humble. among Martyrs and Saints who have loved On the arid platena of the interior, waterand served him on earth!"

This is the substance of his remarks, delivered to the spell bound audience. May he find grace equal to his noble resolution ! For circulars containing Terms, Course of In- | Long may he live to edify the church; and finally win and wear the crown of endless joy and glory.

SOMETHING NOVEL .- A Frog Supper was given in Boston on Thursday evening friends. 'The Times says the "game" was of his own procuring, and of the right kind -having a proud manor of the same near Chelsen. The frog business is becoming one of importance, and the Times hear that as many as 1000 fat green hides are procured a day, by good sportsmen. They sell at \$2 50 per hundred; and when they become better known as a table delicacy, they well command a still higher price. No taste has to be cultivated to enjoy them, when properly cooked. The time will come when the quotations of the frog market will be teeth and jaws. He is also prepared to insert Line. By that they are permanent. The "Palmetto ployed Mr. E. C. Elms for the ensuing year, artificial teeth, after the mest approved methods. Line." has ten fine first class Brigs and and that a School under his superintendance

> ----THE WAY THE MINISTER TOUCHED THEM. -We are indebted to an exchange for the following good one:

"A renowned gentleman, not a thousand miles from this city, lately preached a rather long sermon from the text, 'Thou are weighed and found wanting.' After the congregation had listened about an hour, some began to get weary and went out; others soon followed, greatly to the annoyance of the minister. Another person started, whereupon the parson stopped in his sermon, and said: 'That is right, gentlemen, as fast as you are weighed pass out.' He continued his sermon at some length after that, but no one disturbed him by leaving.

DR. LIVINGSTONE'S DISCOVERIES IN AFRICA.

20, 1857.-

The discoveries of Dr. Livingstone in Africa, are considered of great commercial value. He lived with a tribe of Bechuanas for eight years, and in co-operation with Mr. Oswald, discovered Lake Ngami. He traced by himself the course of the great river Zamhesi, in Fastern Africa, extending two thousand riles.

This immense stream, whose discovery is the great fruit of the journey, is in itself an enigma without parallel. But a small portion of its waters reach the seacoast. Like the Abyssinian Nile, it falls through a basaltic cleft, near the middle of its course, which reduces its breadth from 1000 to 20 yards. Above these falls it spreads out periodically into a great sea, filling hundreds of lateral channels; below it is a tranquil stream of a totally different character. Its mouths seems to be closing. The southernmost was navigable when the Portuguese first arrived in the country, 300 years ago, but it has long since ceased to be practicable. The Quillimane mouth has of late years been impassable, even for a canoe, from July to February, and for 200 to 300 miles up the river navigation is never attempted in the dry season. And in this very month of July, when the lower portion of the river, after its April freshets, has sunk to a mere driblet, above the falls the Church which recently assembled at Tus- river spreads out like a sea over hundreds of square miles. This, with frequent cataracts, and the hostility of the natives, grinders down his throat-after three quarwould seem to be an effectual bar to the ters of an hour, the left hand, which had high hopes of fat trade and fillibustering, in been doing manful duty in the lower subwhich English merchants and journals are urbs began to fail and sent fer a reinforce-

Conference, to establish a Methodist news- and among savages, to whom a white face keep it quiet in the interval, scampered to paper in Montgomery, as its probable edi- was a miracle. Dr. Livingstone was com- the rescue, only stopping by the way to betor; and the prospect of acquiring him as a pelled to struggle through indescribable stow upon the middle C. a couple of punch member of the Conference was urged as a hardships. The hospitality of the natives es by way of a remainder-then the player reason for the establishment of the paper. he conquered by his intimate knowledge of with both hands, both feet, and both knees. The argument was responded to by the Rev. | their character and the Bechurns tongue. T. O. Sumners, in a seeming spirit of levi- to which theirs is related. He waded rivers and slept in the spenge and cozes of marshes, being often so drenched as to be compelled to turn his armpit into a watch-pocket. His cattle were destroyed by the terrible tsc-tse fly, and he was too poor to purchase a canoe. Lions were numerous, being worshipped by many of the tribes as the receptacles of the departed souls of their chiefs; dangerous, too, as his crushed arm testifies. However, he thinks the fear of African wild beasts greater in England than in Africa. Many of his documents were lost while crossing a river, in which he came near losing his life also, but he has memoranda of the latitudes and longitudes of a multitude of cities, towns rivers and mountains, which will go far to fill up the "unknown region" in our atlasses.

Toward the interior he found the country more fertile and more populous. The natives worshipped idols, believed in transmigrated existence after death, and performed They were less ferocious and suspicious "Intimately associated with some of the than the scaboard tribes; had a tradition of should not be meet for the Master's service. chase a slave. Their language was sweet "I ask nothing from this Conference on and expressive. Although their women, on never lowered my crest when facing political having as many wives as he chose, they parties in the day of battle. I preserve were complete mistresses of their own houses and gardens, which the husband dared not enter in his wife's absence. They were \$150 had been given for an English rifle .melons supplied the place of water for some months of the year, as they do on the plains of Hungary in summer. A Quaker tribe, on the river Zanga, never fight, never have consumption, scrofula, hydrophobia, cholera, small-pox, or measles. These advantages, however, are counterbalanced by the necessity of assiduous devotion to trade and raising children to make good their loss last, by a distinguished bon vivant, to a few | from the frequent inroads of their fighting

MARRIAGES IN BOSTON IN 1856 .- During the year 1856 the Registrar of Boston, Mr. Appolonio, has issued certificates of intentions of marriage to 3,013 parties. In 1855, 3,061 intentions were issued. Decrease in 1856 (leap year) 44. The oldest person married was aged 72. It was his fourth marriage, his intended being 39. A lawyer of Concord N. II. 67 years of age, obtained a certificate of his intention to make a second marriage and several other bridegooms were over 60. The youngest female married was under 15, and another was about | 15. There was a considerable number of third marriages. In a number of cases the age of the bridegroom was double that of the bride. There were also some four or five marriages of colored men with white women but not a case of the marriage of a white male with a colored female.

ONE THOUSAND PERSONS KILLED BY A STROKE OF LIGHTNING .- Accounts from Rhodes state that the lightning struck the immense store of gunpowder which was placed in the vaults belonging to the Ancient Knights, destroying the whole Turkish quarter so completely that only three children were saved. One thousand persons are said to have perished.

CHURCH MUSIC.

BY Q. K. PHILANDER DOESTICKS, P. B. "The organist here made preparations to gyrate, he rolled up his coat sleeves as not | man Morgan Stallion who became very to interfere with his fingers-then he rolled up his pantaloons so as not to trouble his loosed his vest. At this instant a very muscular man disappeared from the rank had a litter of four kittens. When the in the gallery, vanished through a chubby young cats were large enough to run about hole, and was instantly out in the anatomy of the organ-then there was a great rattling in the bowels thereof as if it couldn't digest the muscular man, but had a great deal of wind on its stomach.

This was the preparation. Then the organist commenced a violent struggle with the key board, as if he regarded the unfortunate organ as a fisticuff enemy whom it would require his utmost strength and dexterity to overcome-so he went in-he hammered him on the white keys, and pelted him on the black ones, he punched him on the semitones, he kicked him on the double bass, he put a series of tlemen went to the stall to see the horse, running kicks on his chromatic scale, he pelted him on the flats, he battered him on the sharps, he smote him on the high keys, he hit him on the low notes then he grabbled both hands in his octaves and shook him until he squealed, then he ferociously jerked out the stops on one side, as if he was pulling half his teeth out of his head, then he savagely jammed in those on the other as if he was knocking the rest of his ment; whereupon the right hand after bit-During this unprecedented march, alone ting the chord of G. sharp a furious dig to went at the poor instrument and belabored

> he lost his wind and cried, "enough," in the roar of agony. This was the prelude. The singing commenced; the opera folks higher than the one behind him, but fellback and his voice subsided into a discontented growl low down in her ribs. At last after five trials, each one of which ended in an attenuated squeak, a female with a mouth like a hatchway loosened her bonnet strings and made a desperate scream and went so high that she got a firm hold-and they all stopped.

This was the singing.

And the muscular man came out of the bowels with the perspiration dripping from his coat tails, and as he hadn't another suit handy he sat down in the draught to dry. This was the finale.

HORRIBLE SUPERSTITION

The Brownsville (Texas) Flag notices a case of superstitious barbarism, which al most surpasses belief. It is said to have occurred in Matamoras, Mexico, about a month ago :

It seems that a young lady of Matamoras was taken sick, and an old lady of the neighborhood, reported to have skill in the virtue of herbs, was solicited to visit and administer to the patient. From some cause or other the old lady failed to attend, and suspicious reports were circulated that the old lady had bewitched the young one .-The authorities were petitioned to compel the attendance of the old one. Officers were sent to take her before her supposed victim and these miserably ignorant wretches reported that they, on several occasions, repaired to her domicile and could not find her at home, but found instead a suspicious looking black cat. After several efforts, however, they found the old woman at home, instead of her cat, and she was taken to the presence of the invalid.

But her herbs failing to restore the sick to health, and the meddlesome black cat persisting in following its owner and being by the neighbors found in the room of the invalid instead of her mistress, fixed the opinion fast in the minds of these ignorant people that the old woman and black cat were one and the same person-that she being a witch could take the form of the cat and assume her own shape at will-that the invalid was a victim to her diabolical art. With these convictions, it is said they sought out the unfortunate old creature and actually tied her up and with thongs cruelly flogged her to death as a witch.

In justice to the civil authorities of Mata moras, we are happy to state that they were not a party to the tragic part of this singular transaction, and that they were prompt in arresting the actors. But what a mournful picture does it present in this enlightened age!

A farmer once hired a Vermonter to assist in drawing logs. The Yankee, when there was a log to lift, generally contrived to secure the smallest end, for which the farmer rebuked him, and told him always to take the butt end. Dinner came, and cannot consider himself particularly hard with it a sugar loaf Indian pudding. Jonathan sliced off a generous portion of the the eagle and the lion can make common largest part, and giving the farmer a wink, cause, and take atonement for the many inexclaimed, "always take the butt end !"

ANIMAL INSTINCT

A writer to Porter's Spirit of the Times. says: A few years since, I owned a Shermuch attached to a cat and her kittens. The eat, to avoid being worried by the toes, then he unbuttoned his cravat and dog, chose for her nest a place under the manger where the horse stood, and there she they would come out and play about the horse and with bim, and he with them, for hours at a time, and the kittens would run up his legs and scratch him; he would then take up his foot and hold it up till the kittens were out of the way. He never hurt one of them, and guarded and protected them from the dog till they were grown up. This horse was a very intelligent one, and

> knew who treated him well and kindly. In the fall of 1850, I sold him to go into Otsego county, N. Y. In September, 1852, he was exhibited at the New York State Fair at Utica, and I with a number of genand as soon as I spoke his name he recognized my voice, and by every motion and action plainly showed that he knew me, and those present said the horse knew me, and were surprised that he should manifest so much attachment for his former owner.

> > KENTUCKY RIFLEMEN.

The renown which Kentucky Riflemen have obtained for precision and skill in handling the rifle, has become world wide, and excited the attention and wonder of the warriors of other nations. In battle they have stood as cool and collected, although the first time in action, as the oldest veterans of Europe; pouring in their fire with unerring aim.

"I shot that officer," exclaimed a riflenan, as he saw an officer fall at New Or-

"No, no-I shot him said his comrade at "I shot him in the right eye," replied the

him, so unmercifully in the lower pipes that "And I shot him in the left eye," was the

After the battle, it was found that this stood up to earn their money; they sung as officer had been shot in both eyes. This if the musical scale had been greased on unerring precision can only be obtained by this occasion; they would go up a note and long practice and thorough drilling. At then slip back-each one went a notch the first settlement of the State, they were compelled to be constantly under arms, as it were, to guard against the wild Indians, and the murderous tomahawk. As the father, so the children grew up, taught, in the earliest infancy possible, to poise the rifle and direct its aim. As ammunition was not always convenient to be had, the father would dole out to his son a certain number of cartridges for his rifle, for each one of which he must bring home some sort of game or get a taste of hickory for every

missing shot. Many years ago I was conversing with my father on the wonderful skill of the Kentuckians, when he related the following

"I was out in the wilds of Kentuck, some years before the war, on a surveying expedition, and had the opportunity of studying the character of the earlier settlers for a considerable length of time. It became necessary for me to stop a few days at a log tavern, and to while away the time, I took my rifle and explored the wood for game, of which there was an abundance .-The landlord had a little son abount ten years of age, who accompanied me with his rifle, and always had extremely good luck. On one occasion the fates seemed to be adverse to him; for, perceiving a squirrel on a very high branch of a tree, he up with his rifle and blazed away, and down came the squirrel. The look of dismay with which he viewed his game I shall never forget .-Dropping the butt of his rifle on the ground he burst into tears. In the utmost surprise, I inquired what the matter was. He an-

swered: "Daddy'll lick me." "Lick you!-what for?"

"Because I didn't hit him in the head." I soothed him all I could, but the day's pleasure was over. On returning to the travern, I interceded for him all in my power to save him from the hickory, but it was of no use; the application must be made, if only for an example.

a standing rule of our State, I was never let off, and what was good for me is good for him. He must shoot right or put up with what he gets." The hickory was applied, but no bones were broken. Such training as that, which

"No, no stranger; if I let him off I break

was universal in those parts, tells the secret of Kentucky rifle shooting." -----A CHINESE "OUTRAGE." -- President Pierce's message before the last was duly presented to the Viceroy of China by Dr.

Parker, the American commissioner. The

Friend of China, of Oct. 31st, says : The communication appears to have been sent to Pekin in due course, but the pleasure of opening it was declined by his majesty. who had no relish for converse with outside barbarians, and has been returned. Of course, after similar rejection of a letter from the Queen of England, Mr. Pierce used, and will wait patiently the time when sults passed upon them by the dragon.