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THE undersigned has been appointed Agent for the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company for Charlotte and vicinity.

Persons wishing to insure their own lives or lives of their slaves will please call on

THOS. W. DEWEY, Agent.

Jan. 13, 1857. y

Oxford Female College.

The Fourteenth Session will commence on the FIRST MONDAY in January, 1858. The Teachers employed are of the first order of ability. The course of instruction is unusually thorough and extensive.

EXPENSES:

Tuition in Elementary Branches	$15 00
" " College Classes	20 00
" " Music	20 00
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" " Painting	20 00
" " Embroidery	5 00
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☞ No extra charges will be made.

For particulars, address

J. H. MILLS, Oxford, N. C.

Nov. 3, 1857. 81-12t

The Charlotte Mutual Fire Insurance Company,

CONTINUES to take risks against loss by Fire on Houses, Goods, Produce, &c., at usual rates. Office nearly opposite Kerr's Hotel.

President—M. B. TAYLOR.
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M. B. TAYLOR, C. OVERMAN,
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J. H. CARSON, S. T. WRISTON,
F. SCARR.

April 28, 1857. tf

NOTICE.

Having obtained an order of Court for the purpose, I will sell at the late residence of Robt. Hunter, dec'd, 10 miles North-east of Charlotte, on TUESDAY the 29th of DECEMBER, 1857,

13 NEGROES,

consisting of Men, Women and Children, Boys and Girls, mostly young and likely.

Also, at the same time and place, I will sell a Scholarship in Erskine College, Abbeville Dist., S. C. ☞ Terms made known on day of Sale.

B. H. GARRISON, Adm'r.

Dec. 1, 1857. 85-5t

DISSOLUTION.

THE firm of WILLIAMS, GILLESPIE & CO., was dissolved by mutual consent on the first day of July, 1857. The Notes and Accounts for 1856 must be paid forthwith. The Accounts for 1857 can run as usual and will be settled at the end of the year by L. S. Williams who will continue to carry on the business the old stand.

The late firm return their thanks to the public for the liberal patronage heretofore received, and their successor hopes, by manifesting a spirit of accommodation, to merit a continuation of the same.

WILLIAMS, GILLESPIE & CO.

Charlotte, Aug. 4, 1857 tf

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the late firm of WILLIAMS, GILLESPIE & CO., will present them to the undersigned for settlement.

L. S. WILLIAMS.

August 4, 1857

500 Head of Beef Cattle Wanted.

Also, 500 HEAD OF SHEEP & 100 Head of HOGS,

And 12 or 15 No. 1 Milch Cows.

I DESIRE to purchase the above amount of Stock. Those having any for sale will do well to give me a call, as I am willing to pay the highest market price. Farmers will find it to their advantage to sell their Beeves, Sheep or Hogs to me instead of butchering themselves, as I think I can remunerate them as well if not better than if they butchered themselves.

W. A. COOK.

Charlotte, July 14, 1857. Town Butcher.

New Millinery and Mantua Making ESTABLISHMENT.

MRS. P. M. SMITH would inform the public that she intends carrying on the above business at her residence, next to the new Episcopal Church. She would also inform the ladies that she has just received a supply of Bonnet Trimmings, consisting of Flowers, Feathers, Rouches, &c., &c.

Oct. 27, 1857. 80-tf

Negroes for Sale.

The subscribers, as Administrators of Silas Todd, dec'd, will sell on Friday the 15th of JANUARY, at the late residence of the deceased,

Eight Likely Negroes,

One man and the balance women and children.

Terms, 6 months credit with note and approved security.

JNO. L. TODD,
ADAM H. TODD,
Administrators.

Nov. 17th. 83-9t

SCARR & CO.,

DRUGGISTS & CHEMISTS,

No. 4, Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C.,

Invite the attention of Physicians, Planters, Merchants, &c. to their new and complete stock of *DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c.* The extensive patronage they have received from the Physicians of Charlotte and its vicinity is the best guarantee of the purity of the Drugs sold by them. Sept. 1st.

Pure White Lead.

A superior article, warranted pure, *at 10 cents, cash.*

For sale by SCARR & CO.

September 8, 1857.

PATENT

MEDICINES.

Just received, from the Warehouse,

Ayers' Cherry Pectoral.
Rogers' Liverwort and Tar,
Guysott's Sarsaparilla and Yellow Dock,
Wistar's Balsam,
McLane's Pills,
Strong's Pills,
Ayers' Pills, &c. &c.

SCARR & CO.,

September 8. DRUGGISTS.

Quinine, Quinine.

A full supply of Powers & Weightman's Quinine, low for cash.

SCARR & CO.,

Sept. 1st. *Charlotte Drug Store.*

For the Toilet.

Just received a choice lot of Perfumery and Articles essential to the Toilet.

Ivory, buffalo horn, shell and fancy Hair Brushes; tooth, nail and shaving Brushes; buffalo horn, india rubber and horn Combs; French, English and American Pomades, for the hair; odor boxes, toilet bottles, Lubin's extracts in great variety; Glenn's toilet waters; German, French and American Colognes; toilet soaps in great variety; hair dyes, rice powder, meen fun, tooth pastes, &c., at

Sept. 1st. Scarr & Co.'s Drug Store.

For the Bath.

SPONGE of various qualities,
Turkish Bathing Towels,
Flesh Brushes,
Hair Gloves and Belts.

at SCARR & CO'S,

Wholesale and Retail Drug Store.

Sept. 8, 1857.

Potash! Potash!!

For making Soap,—a fresh barrel opened at

Sept. 8. Scarr & Co.'s, Druggists.

EXTRACTS FOR FLAVORING

Creams, Puddings, &c., of the following varieties:

Lemon, Vanilla,
Pine Apple, Almond,
Rose, Orange, Nutmeg,
Celery, Banana, &c. at

Sept. 8. Scarr & Co.'s Drug Store.

MACCARONI,
Tapioca,
Sago, &c. for sale at

Sept. 8. Scarr & Co.'s, Druggists.

Oswego Corn Starch.

A superior article of diet for Invalids. at Scarr & Co.'s Drug Store.

Sept. 1st.

CHOCOLATE.

Schmitz's Sweet Chocolate, for sale at

Sept. 1. *Scarr & Co's Drug Store.*

Robinson's Patent Barley.

Strongly recommended by the Faculty as a nutritious and cooling food for Infants, and is excellent for thickening soup.—sold at 25 cents per packet, at

Sept 15. Scarr & Co's Drug Store.

Varnishes, Varnishes,

To be sold low for cash:

Damar crystal white,
Coach body.....No. 1.
do. do. .....No. 2.
Furniture.....No. 1.
do. ..... No. 2.
Black leather varnish,
Drying Japan. by

Sept. 1. Scarr & Co., *Druggists.*

Prime White Vinegar,

White and black Mustard Seed,
Mace, cloves,
Nutmegs, allspice,
Ginger, &c., &c.,

Sept. 1. At Scarr & Co.'s, Charlotte.

☞ Cox's refined sparkling Geletine, A very superior and easy mode of making Jellies.

Sept. 1. Scarr & Co., Druggists.

Segars! Segars!!

A large lot of Havana Segars, various brands, for sale at *Scarr & Co's Drug Store.*

Sep. 29, 1857.

CONGRESS WATER, CONGRESS WATER,

A fresh case just opened at

Scarr & Co's Drug Store.

BLUE STONE, BLUE STONE.

Just received, a large supply at

SCARR & CO'S

Sept. 8. *Drug Store.*

☞ Effervescing Citrate of Magnesia, an agreeable and refreshing aperient, for sale at *Scarr & Co's Drug Store.*

German Sand Crucibles,

In sets of eight each, for sale at

Sept. 8. Scarr & Co.'s Drug Store.

ROBERT GIBBON, M. D.,

PRACTITIONER OF

MEDICINE & SURGERY,

Office No. 5, Granite Row,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

HOUSE & LOT FOR SALE.

I will sell at public or private sale the House & Lot on which Jos W. Ross now lives, on B. and 5th Streets, in the town of Charlotte, containing one Lot and a half. An excellent

Dwelling House

and other buildings are on the premises; also, Garden, Stables, Well, &c. Persons desirous of examining the premises can call on Mr J. W. Ross, who will show the same.

☞ I will sell at public sale on the 1st of January, 1858, if not sold before.

S. H WALKUP.

Nov. 10, 1857. 82-4f

ATTENTION! HOUSEKEEPERS.

If you wish to supply yourselves with

China, Glass or Crockery-ware

of any kind, go to

CHINA HALL,

where you will find the *BEST ASSORTMENT IN THE STATE.* Also, a variety of housekeeping articles, consisting of

Knives and Forks, Spoons, Soup Ladles,
Castors, Chafing Dishes, Oyster Dishes,
Buckwheat Cake Dishes, Egg Beaters,
Oyster knives, Pickle forks,
Mustard spoons, Salad spoons
and Forks, Butter knives,
Teakettles, Andirons,
Waffle-Irons, Shovels and Tongs, Bellows,
Gridirons, Coffee Mills, Candlesticks,

LOOKING GLASSES

in every variety of frame.

Also, LOOKING-GLASS PLATE.

A splendid assortment of eight day Alarm and thirty hour CLOCKS.

Also, a good assortment of

Wood and Willow Ware,

consisting of clothes, traveling and work Baskets, Tubs, Churns, Buckets, Bread Trays, Brooms, Brushes, Feather-dusters, Knife Boxes, &c. &c.

JAMES HARTY & CO.,

Oct. 12, 1857. tf *China Hall.*

Notice.

THE fourth session of Concord Female College will close with an examination on the 15th instant. There will be a meeting of the Trustees on the day preceding the examination, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

H. KELLY, Sec'y.

Dec. 8, 1857. 5w

N. B.—The next session will commence Wednesday, the 6th of January, 1858. H. K.

BREM & STEELE,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers

IN

Dry Goods,

Hardware, Hats, and Shoes,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

May 5, 1857. 44-tf

Land and Mills FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale ONE THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND lying on both sides of the Charlotte Railroad, fourteen miles from Columbia; One Hundred Acres in cultivation, with a neat DWELLING HOUSE and all necessary out-buildings.

ALSO,

Another tract two and a half miles from said Railroad, containing ELEVEN HUNDRED ACRES, lying on Crane Creek, about Two Hundred Acres in a high state of cultivation, with a comfortable DWELLING HOUSE with seven rooms; and other necessary outbuildings.

ALO,

A SAW and GRIST MILL propelled by water power.

ALSO,

A Twenty-five Horse Power Circular STEAM SAW MILL that cannot be excelled in the State, recently put in operation, and an abundance of fine Timber.

ALSO,

Another tract of land containing about SIX THOUSAND ACRES, running in about a quarter of a mile of said Railroad, with THREE SAW MILLS on it; two of them lately erected; one of them about a mile and a half from said Road, a Circular Saw which will cut from four to six thousand feet of Lumber per day; another Mill with Grist and Sash Saw, two and a half miles from said Road. Also, another, three and a half miles from said Road, with a twenty-five feet backshot Water-Wheel Circular Saw, which can saw more lumber than any Mill in the State. The above Mills have a never-failing water power, and any quantity of good Timber. The lands will be divided off to suit purchasers.

ALSO,

Will sell MULES, OXEN, amd WAGONS, belonging to said mills, if purchasers wish them

The above will be sold on accommodating terms to suit purchasers. A small amount of cash paid on sale. Any persons wishing to engage in the Lumber business would do well to call and examine the Mills. I can be seen at my residence 14 miles above Columbia, and will take great pleasure in showing the premises to any person wishing to purchase.

☞ My old customers will please take notice that all accounts must be settled, either by cash or approved bank notes, as I have a great many accounts which should have been settled long ago. If the above is not complied with, I will be compelled to put them in the hands of an attorney for collection.

LEVI T. SHARP.

October 1, 1857. 3m

Fresh Confectioneries,

Fruits, Family Groceries, &c.

The subscriber takes pleasure in announcing to his friends and the public generally, that he is now in the receipt of a

FRESH SUPPLY OF

CONFECTIONERIES,

Fruits and Family Groceries,

Consisting of

Candies, Oranges, Raisins, Currants, Citron, Nuts of all kinds, Cheese, Sugar, Coffee, &c., at his old stand, one door north-east of Springs' corner, and opposite J. W. Osborne's office, where he solicits a call from all his old customers, and he will by no means refuse any new ones who may find it to their interest to give him a call.

Having purchased cheap for cash, he will consequently be enabled to sell cheap for cash.

M. D. L. MOODY.

October 20, 1857. tf

WANTED,

AN OVERSEER to manage 30 or 35 Hands on my Plantation on Rocky River. Good wages will be paid to a man of first rate qualifications. Apply to

W. F. PHIFER.

Dec. 1, 1857. 85-tf

IMPORTANT RUMORS!!!

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

AGAINST THE STATE.

BLUE STONE.—It is stated, and from the authority of Dr. H. M. Pritchard, who has just received from the manufactory, for which he is agent, several hundred pounds of the finest article ever offered in the town of Charlotte, to be enabled in a short time to supercede in quality and sale any imported article, and at a less price. Call and see it.

Nov. 17, 1857. IRWIN'S CORNER.

Tanners,

OR TRAIN OIL.—For Tanners and Planters use in dressing and preserving Leather and Harness. For sale by

H. M. PRITCHARD,

Nov. 24. Irwin's Corner.

Physicians, Take Notice!

Having taken advantage of the pressure of the times, I am receiving, by cash purchases, an immense and selected stock of Medicines, Chemicals, Instruments, Chests, &c., to which I most respectfully invite your attention.

All orders by mail or otherwise, put up with neatness and dispatch.

H. M. PRITCHARD.

Nov. 17, 1857. Irwin's Corner.

600 Gallons

CAMPHENE AND BURNING FLUID, just received from the manufacturers. Also, Lamps and Wicks for burning them, 100 per cent. cheaper and more brilliant than any other light.

H. M. PRITCHARD,

Nov. 17, 1857. Irwin's Corner.

30,000 SEGARS

Just received and for sale at $1.25 per hundred, by

H. M. PRITCHARD,

Nov. 17. Irwin's Corner.

Pure French Brandy,

Holland Gin, Whiskey, Sherry and Port Wines, London Ale and Porter, for medical use. Sold by

Nov. 17. H. M. PRITCHARD.

Starch,

Black Pepper, Ginger, Baking and Washing Soda, Cream Tartar, Nutmegs, Mace, Cinnamon, Cloves and Flavouring Extracts of every kind. For sale at wholesale and retail, by

H. M. PRITCHARD,

Nov. 17. Irwin's Corner.

Saponifier,

OR CONCENTRATED LEY.—Warranted to make soap without lime, and with little trouble. The best and cheapest article in use. Price 25 and 50 cents a can. Sold by PRITCHARD,

Nov. 17. Irwin's Corner.

Citrate Magnesia.

An agreeable refrigerant and laxative, as pleasant to the taste as soda water. Sold by H. M. PRITCHARD,

Nov. 17, 1857. Irwin's Corner.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,

Wistar's Balsam and Lozenges, Royer's Syrup Tar, Hive Syrup, Syrup Squills, Syrup Ipecac and all kinds of Pectoral and Cough medicines. For sale by

H. M. PRITCHARD,

Nov. 24. Irwin's Corner.

SNUFF.

Scotch, Mackaboy and English, Gentlemen's SNUFFS, just received, 600 lbs. in bladders and jars. Sold low for cash by

H. M. PRITCHARD

Nov. 24, 1857 Irwin's corner.

Fresh Congress Water,

In pint bottles—just received from Saratoga Springs, by

H. M. PRITCHARD,

Nov. 24. Irwin's Corner.

300 gallons of pure **Linseed Oil,** Just received and will be sold low for *Cash* by H. M. PRITCHARD,

Nov. 17. Irwin's Corner.

HENDERSON & AHRENS

Are daily receiving, and have now on hand, an excellent assortment of

Fancy and Staple

DRY GOODS.

The cheapest stock of BOOTS, SHOES and CLOTHING in this section of country.

HARDWARE, GROCERIES,

HATS, CAPS,

AND Bonnets.

A large and very cheap stock of

LADIES' CLOAKS, &c.

We offer the following goods at the annexed low prices:

Men's stout Shoes, whole leather,	$1 37½
" Boots, Kip and Heavy,	$2 75 to $3
Ladies' calfskin Boots,	$1 00
" Morocco and goatskin Boots,	$1 to $1 25
Men's Coats from $3 to $15.	
Raglans and Overcoats at all prices.	

ALSO,

A large lot of Pants, Vests, Shirts, Ties, Cravats, Drawers, Undershirts, Hats and Caps; a large variety of Blankets, Linseys, Brogans, pant Stuffs, &c., a large assortment.

Families and others in need of any Goods this fall would do well to give us a call before making their purchases, as we are offering unusual inducements, particularly to Cash buyers.

☞ Store at Springs' Corner.

HENDERSON & AHRENS.

Oct. 12, 1857. tf.

☞ We have also a good assortment of Goods at our Store at MORROW'S TURNOUT, where we offer Goods at Charlotte Prices.

HENDERSON & AHRENS.

Wil. Charlotte and Rutherford RAILROAD COMPANY.

It is ordered by the Board of Directors of this Company, that for the ensuing year the following installments be called for, viz:

Third installment of TWENTY per cent. to be due and payable on the 1st of December, 1857.

Fourth installment of TEN per cent. to be due and payable on the 1st day of February, 1858.

Fifth installment of TEN per cent. to be due and payable on the 1st day of May, 1858

Sixth installment of TEN per cent. to be due and payable on the 2d day of August, 1858.

This Call is applicable only to those Counties East of the Pee Dee, and to those West of Charlotte.

H. W. GUION, Pres't.

Nov. 3, 1857. 81-2m

WESTERN DEMOCRAT.

Charlotte, N C.

SPOT ON THE SUN.

A large spot has recently made its appearance on the surface of the Sun. Its size, and the rapidity of its formation, renders it remarkable. During the course of observations, on Saturday, the 12th, nothing like it was seen; and on Monday, the 14th, it was large enough to be perceived by the unassisted eye, protected, of course by a colored screen. It is 40,000 miles in diameter, of rather triangular figure, along the borders of the penumbra, within which are four or five large nuclei, and several smaller ones in the form of dots and lines. The diameter of the spot being five times that of the earth, its surface must be more than six times the whole surface of the earth, or fifteen times greater than the habitable portion of the globe. As the spot is near the western edge of the Sun, it will be visible only three or four days longer, the rotation of the Sun carrying it out of view, not to be seen again until about the new year, if it remains permanent so long. L. R. G.

College of Charleston, Dec 15, 1857.

ALBEMARLE AND CHESAPEAKE CANAL.—The State of North Carolina has become interested in this great improvement to the amount of *three hundred and fifty thousand dollars*, and, during the past year, has paid in coupon bonds, bearing 6 per cent. interest, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars on her subscription. The mortgage on the Canal and its appendages, together with a hypothetication of the profits of the Canal to the amount of $2,500 a year, have been annulled—so that the company now own the property free from every incumbrance. Such is the credit of the company with capitalists, that it has but little difficulty in raising funds necessary for the prosecution of the work. The length of the Canal is about fourteen miles—of this about five miles are in North Carolina, and a fraction over eight miles in the State of Virginia. The length of the line of navigation under the control of the company is about sixty-five miles. The ship lock will, perhaps, be one of the most stupendous works of the kind on the continent, if not in the world. This lock is situated at the junction of the Canal with the Elizabeth River, and will be the only lock on the Canal. Its length will be 220 feet, and breadth 40 feet in the clear. Mr Parks says there are but two similar structures in the United States that will compare with this in size. Being merely a tide lock, its average lift will be about twelve inches, and its capacity sufficient for vessels of 500 tons.—*Petersburg Express.*

CHARLOTTE

FEMALE ACADEMY.

This School is now open for the reception of Boarding and Day Pupils, under the direction of the Rev. Robert Burwell and Lady—teachers of long experience.

The Principal is happy to announce that he has secured the services of DR. J. ECKHARD as Professor of Music and Modern Languages, who will also give instructions in Drawing, until other arrangements, that are in progress, shall have been consummated. Dr. Eckhard is a gentleman of high literary attainments, and a thorough teacher in his departments.

The School is now furnished with a full Corps of Teachers in all the branches of Female education; and as the building is now completed and furnished with every convenience, the Principal asks, with confidence, the patronage of parents and guardians who desire a school for their children and wards, where they may enjoy the advantages of a public school, and at the same time be in the bosom of a Christian family.

The Sessions will correspond with those of Davidson College.

Terms, per Session, payable half in advance:

Board (including every accommodation) and Tuition	$85 00
Tuition of Day Scholars,	$16 to $18 00
Music on Piano and Guitar.	20 00
Latin and Modern Languages, each,	10 00
Use of Piano for practice,	5 00
Drawing and Painting,	$10 to $20 00

Boarders will furnish their own towels and table napkins.

Pupils are charged from the time of entrance, and no deduction made for absence except in cases of protracted sickness.

After a short recess at Christmas, the exercises of the School will be resumed on Tuesday, the 5th of January, ☞ and this will be a good time for new pupils to enter. ☜

For further particulars, address

Rev. R. BURWELL,

Dec. 8. 1857. 86-4t Charlotte, N. C.

Town Property for Sale.

I will sell to the highest bidder on the 1st of January next, THE HOUSE AND LOT, situated on Tryon street, between the residences of J. H. Wilson and H. B. Williams, at a credit of twelve months, with interest from date. The lot is a desirable one for a family residence, being situated in a good neighborhood, retired, yet sufficiently near the business portion of town for all practical purposes. Persons desiring information concerning the property will please call on J. M. Hutchison, Esq., who is authorized to make sale, execute title, &c., in my name.

W. A. ARDREY.

Dec. 15, 1857. 3t

BLANKS

At the Western Democrat Office.

Warrants, Marriage Licenses,
Tax Receipts, Subpoenas, Jury Tickets,
Administrators' Bonds and Letters,
Guardian Bonds, Indentures,
Deeds for conveying Lands or houses,
Prosecution Bonds, Ca Sa Bonds,
Attachments, Delivery Bonds.
Fi Fas, county and superior court.
Constables' Bail Bonds, county and superior court Writs,
Commissions to take Depositions.
Witness Tickets.
Ejectments, Capias Bonds.
Scire Facias, Sheriffs Deeds.
Jury Tickets, &c. &c.

☞ Blanks of all kinds printed to order at short notice.

TERRIBLE WRECK OF AN EMIGRANT SHIP.

Late Sydney papers, by way of California, contain detailed accounts of the wreck of the emigrant ship Dunbar, on the Botany Bay Head, six miles from Sydney, with the loss of all on board except one man. The following extract will be read with interest:

Her officers and crew, including boys, numbered fifty-nine; her passengers were thirty-two in the cabin and thirty-one in the steerage; making 122 souls on board. There had been no deaths, no sickness or disasters on the voyage. She had not lost a spar nor a rope. All was pleasure at the termination of a delightful passage. In a few hours, the ship, it was expected, would be safe in Sydney harbor. The Botany light had been seen for some hours. A light wind was blowing, and all was passing happily on board. About 11 o'clock, on the night of August 20th, all hands were called upon deck to "wear ship." She was then going under easy sail. In half an hour afterwards the vessel struck on Botany Head, almost instant destruction following. In a few minutes the ship broke up.

The passengers had generally retired to rest at the time, and they and every soul on board, except a man named Johnson an ordinary seaman, perished. He was standing on the poop at the moment the ship struck, and was thrown down on the bulwarks by the shock. The vessel was thrown on her beam ends. Then first the mizzen went, and next the main mast. Johnson went below and got out of the skylight to leeward, and got up the side of the chain platee of the fore-riging. These being broken, he was thrown over, holding by the chain plates, which held some of the fore planks together. He next found himself on a shelf of a rock, obtained some shelter behind a projection, and there he slept! He remained on this rock about 30 hours before he was rescued. This man Johnson describes the scene on board when the ship struck as being of the most terrible and heart-rending description such indeed as may be supposed to occur in all similar cases, where the danger is deadly, and the destruction immediate. The Sydney Morning Herald thus describes Johnson's situation, after his sleep, on the second night, and when daylight appeared.

When the morning broke he saw the wreck and the bodies of his late companions. He endeavored to make signals, but was undiscovered. He uttered cries, but the boiling ocean prevented their being heard. A careful search was, however, making. Every spot was occupied by anxious spectators where there was a chance for seeing any object below. At last a voice was heard, "there is a man upon the rocks." A rope was lowered without delay. After some failures, it was brought within his reach. There was danger from the projection of the rocks, but having entwined the rope with a seaman's skill around him, he gave the signal, and he was drawn up some two hundred feet, and was received by the crowd with cries of gratulation and joy.

DESTITUTION IN NEW YORK.—Those who do not visit our police stations at night know but little of the vast amount of suffering now existing in the city. At every one of the twenty-two police stations may be found nightly from twenty to forty wretches, who are profoundly thankful for the privilege of being allowed to sleep on a bench or on the stone floor of the lodgers' cells. They are frequently crowded so much that there is not room for them to lie down at full length; and, when the places are thus filled to their utmost capacity, the homeless creatures may be seen on any night, crying when refused shelter, and thus forced to sleep in the open air. Many of them would starve but for the loaves given nightly at nearly every station house to those in extreme need. The persons thus suffering are not usually drunken vagabonds but are, in hundreds of cases, those who would work at any kind of labor for a mere subsistence.—*New York Sun.*

THE GREATEST CURIOSITY OF THE AGE.—The Mobile Mercury says, without question, the greatest natural living curiosity of this or any other country, is now on exhibition on Royal street, opposite Odd Fellows' Hall. It is a living negro child, with two heads, four arms and four legs. It is six years old, very intelligent, speaks with both mouths, sings well, waltzes and keeps time. This much the bills say, but the beholder cannot dismiss from his mind that he sees two children, though, strictly speaking, there is but one. The connection is with the spine, and the best physiologist of Europe and this country have pronounced it one individual child.

THE DUDLEY MANN SCHEME.—The Fredericksburg (Va.) Recorder states that Colonel Dudley Mann's scheme for the Atlantic Steam Ferry is progressing most favorably. Although but little mention has been made of this gigantic enterprise of late, yet subscriptions have flowed in freely; and the Colonel has now every reason to trust in the final and speedy success of his plan.

☞ The Legislature of Alabama has legalized the suspension of the Banks until the 15th of November, 1858.

A COMMENDABLE REFORM.

Hitherto, members of Congress have been in the habit of revising their speeches for the press insomuch as to change their language, structure, and sometimes even their very substance. Of course, by this process all the dramatic effort of debate was destroyed, and a Congressional report became a spiritless record of dull disquisitions, elaborated in the closet and in no way responsive to one another.

We observe with pleasure that Mr. John C. Rives is going to put an end to this practice. He announces through the Globe that he intends hereafter to print speeches as they are delivered by members. Now the discussions in Congress will exhibit the movement and animation of a genuine debate, Now a stupid member will have no opportunity to substitute the labored performance of some cultivated clerk, for his own clumsy and senseless harangue.

THE SEPOY SOLDIER.

A curious fact is brought to light in one of the late discussions of Indian affairs by the British press. It is a military investigation which was ordered in 1837 by the British Governor General, of the case of a high-caste Sepoy who had been converted to Christianity. The investigation took place at Meerut, the post at which the soldier was then stationed, and at which the late insurrection broke out. The object of the examination was to ascertain whether any undue influence had been exercised by the missionary at that post to convert the Sepoy, and he was himself subjected to an examination as to his motives in embracing Christianity, and every particular of interest connected with the occurrence. The missionary made a full statement, showing that the Sepoy had voluntarily sought him out, and earnestly and steadily persisted in his efforts to unite himself with the believers in Christianity. The answers of the Sepoy to the military tribunal were highly intelligent and manly; indeed, he is represented to have been a man of high character and fine sense, as well as an excellent soldier. But, upon the pretext that his conversion had caused serious discontent among the men, which was, however, expressly disproved before the Court, the Sepoy was dismissed from his regiment and put upon a pension, from which disagreeable & humiliating position he was never relieved. On one occasion, when an expedition of interest was undertaken, the gallant soldier petitioned to be permitted to fight for those whose salt he was eating, but his request was refused.—He had committed an offence in becoming a Christian which the Christian East India Company could not pardon. The insurrection which commenced at Meerut, may suggest the adoption of a different policy of ruling India than that which has borne such fruits.

When we find such facts as the above, illustrating the policy by which India has been governed; when, in a word we percieve that the government of that country has sacrificed Christianity for the sake of power, what can we think of the hypocritical denunciations of African slavery, which are so frefrequently hurled at America by the British press. Mark the difference, and let British Christians see if they are in a position to cast contemptous looks upon the poor publican on this side the water, and haughtily exclaim—"God, I thank thee that I am not as other men."—*Richmond Dispatch.*

LIFE IN NEW YORK.

A New York cotemporary of the 20th says: "It is truly alarming, and enough to make the stoutest heart quail. Within the past three days we have been called upon to chronicle the murder of no less than three persons, and mortal wounding of four others. Where the carnival of blood is going to end we know not. Citizens can no longer resort to the public highways after nightfall without the fear of sudden death beneath the bravo's steel."

The New York Times, of the same day says:

Yesterday was a day memorable for its outrages and crime. Early in the morning, in one of these loathsome dance houses with which Water-street abounds, and whose toleration in the city is a disgrace to our Municipal authorities, four persons were so seriously stabbed by visitors there that one man died instantly, and two men and one woman were seriously—two of them perhaps fatally—wounded.

A nameless outrage was perpetrated upon two young girls, who were returning from a dance house at the corner of Thirty-seventh street and Broadway, early yesterday morning.

A gang of Bowery boys, at a late hour Wednesday night, commenced smashing the furniture of the brilliant saloon attached to the Volks Garten, in the Bowery, when the proprietor, Mr. Behn, interfered, and was dangerously stabbed in the back.

Henry F. Hamilton, the young man who was shot on Sunday night in a drinking saloon in Canal street, has died from the effects of his injuries, and the Coroner's inquest in the case is to be entered upon to-morrow.

Some few years ago Mr. Kidwell was preaching to a large audience in a wild part of Illinois, and announced for his text, "In my Father's house are many mansions."—He had hardly read the words, when an old coon stood up and said: "I tell you folks, that's a lie! I know his father well. He lives about fifteen miles from Lexington, in Kentucky, in an old cabin, and there ain't but one room in the house." The meeting adjourned.