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Christmas.
We extend the compliments of the season to our patrons and friends, and hope that before another Christmas rolls around our National difficulties will be settled, and all will be enjoying peace, quiet and prosperity.

Reconstruction in Congress.
It will be seen by the proceedings of the House of Representatives that that body has passed resolutions resolving to stand by the reconstruction measures already adopted and to take no retrograde steps.

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The Labor Question.
J. Bonfort, of New York, advertises in the Wilmington papers to furnish German and Irish laborers for plantations, saw-mills, distilleries, &c., at from \$8 to \$10 per month for the next six months, and \$12 per month for the balance of the year.

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Congress.
This body adjourned on the 20th till the 6th of January. Nothing was done of importance during the past week, except the passage by the House of some resolutions resolving to stand by the Reconstruction measures already passed, and a bill permitting a majority of registered voters to adopt any Constitution that may be prepared by the Southern Conventions.

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North Carolina News.
UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCE.—On Saturday last, a party of citizens from this county, who had been to Charlotte, crossed Lane's Creek, at Lanesboro', and turned out at the forks of the road, just this side the creek, to rest their stock and take a snack of dinner.

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Latest News.
MARKETS.
New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton quiet—Upwards 15 1/2. Gold 133 1/2.

FROM WASHINGTON.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In the Senate, the repeal of the Cotton tax was resumed. Wide and wild views were expressed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The President sent a message to the House, to-day, covering the report of H. G. Sharp, who was sent to Europe, last January, to investigate whether any citizens of the United States, implicated in the assassination of Lincoln, were in Europe.

MARRIED.
In this city, at the Chapel of the Mecklenburg Female College, by the Rev. G. D. Barnham, assisted by Rev. A. G. Stacy, Prof. J. F. Ruebeck, formerly of Baltimore, to Miss Emma L. Bernheim, daughter of the late Rev. John H. Bernheim of Penn.

DIED.
At the residence of her son-in-law, Seaton Gales, Esq., in Raleigh, on the 16th inst., Mrs. Isabella S. Cameron, relict of the late Dr. Thomas N. Cameron of Fayetteville, aged 67 years.

TAX NOTICE.
All persons owing Taxes for the years 1866 and 1867 are hereby notified that their property will be returned to the January Court for an order of sale to satisfy said taxes.

WILL REMOVE.
On the first day of January, 1868, the fine Store now occupied by Messrs. Brown, Brown & Co., at the Hardware Store, opposite the old Charlotte Hotel, where we will be found anxious to sell Goods.

PLANTATION FOR RENT.
A desirable Plantation, capable of working about six hands, situated in a good neighborhood, is offered for Rent for the ensuing year.

Strayed or Stolen.
On the 17th instant, a dark (nearly black) Horse MULE, with gray nose and flanks, with left eye out, and white saddle spots on his back, broke away from a wagon four miles from Yorkville, S. C., and was seen by the undersigned at the residence of the Village, on the road to Tuckasee Ford, coming towards the Ford.

GROCERIES.
50 BOXES FINE CHEESE.
Coffee, all grades and quality.
Sugar, Molasses and Salt.

NOTICE.
Rev. L. P. O'CONNELL, one of the Executors of Edward and Light's Estate, \$500, Trustee, \$10 to \$20; Piano Lessons, \$20; Incidental Fee, \$2; Latin and Singing free. Location beautiful, retired, healthful. Buildings ample and convenient. Boarding unusually good. Teachers experienced, competent, faithful. Rates very low. Come to Leard's Station.

BINGHAM SCHOOL,
MEBANEVILLE, N. C.
The Spring Term of the Session of 1868, opens March 4th. Course of instruction Classical, Mathematical and Commercial.

THE UNION HOTEL,
At Monroe, N. C.
This Hotel has been opened by the undersigned, and he will be pleased to accommodate travelers and others who visit Monroe. It is the House formerly kept by Jas. Richards, in front of the Court House. Every effort will be made to give satisfaction.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC SALE.
At Auction.
On Tuesday, the 21st day of January, 1868, I will sell, at the late residence of James H. Davis, dec'd., on a credit of six months, the purchaser giving bond and security, all the personal property of said deceased not sold at the recent sale, consisting of Nine of his best Hides, One good Saddle and Brood Mare, Twenty Head of Cattle, a few fine Essex Shoats, about

Sixty Bales of Cotton.
1,500 bushels of Corn. Two Thousand bushels of Cotton Seed, large quantity of Hay, Oats and Fodder, a Thrashing Machine and Molasses Mill, a Buggy and Harness, Two Wagons, the Library of the deceased, the remainder of the Household and Kitchen Furniture, Fifty Boxes of Lime, Three Cotton Gins, and many articles not mentioned.

LAST NOTICE.
All persons indebted to the undersigned by Note or Book Account, are earnestly requested to settle immediately. I need money and must have it from those who owe me. This is the last call I intend to make on debtors through the newspapers.

REMOVAL.
D. H. BYERLY has removed from Springs' Corner Building to the Basement immediately opposite, under the Mansion House. He has on hand a fine assortment of Cooking and other Stoves, and Tin Ware.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!! CHRISTMAS!!!
Will soon be here, and
The New Book Store
Is just in receipt of a large and well selected assortment of Christmas Gifts, comprising Gift Books which are instructive as well as interesting, a few of which we name below:

Gifts for the Little Folks.
Alphabet Books, Toy Books—a large supply.
We have also just received a supply of Letter Copying Books, Bill Books, Scrap Books, Note Books, Draft Books and Blank Books of all descriptions.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO FARMERS.
LIME!
We can deliver Fresh STONE LIME for Agricultural purposes, by the car load of 50 barrels, if ordered within a short time, to the following named Stations on the N. C. R. R., at prices adixed:

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YARBOROUGH HOUSE,
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Raleigh, N. C.
The Proprietor, in returning his sincere thanks to the traveling public for the liberal patronage extended to him during his connection with this Hotel, takes occasion to assure them that no effort or expense will be spared to retain the present reputation of the Hotel as one of the very best in the South.

CHARLOTTE MARKET, December 23, 1867.
Cotton—Last week the market opened steady on the basis of 10 1/2 cents for middling, (tax paid by purchaser,) and continued firm without much variation the entire week, closing as above on Saturday. Sales for the week 478 bales.