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RATES OF ADVERTISING:

CITY.

December.

The Court is lonely.

Bootblacks chime "hard times." Government bonds. The city jail bars.

Arnold opens his "Cosmopolitan" on the Why cannot a pillow case be called a

What table necessity resembles the sleeping twins? Why Nap Kins!

John Frost, Esq., kisses Madame Earth every morning. Naughty Jack!

The Raleigh Standard copies our remarks on "bolters," "Twas a keen Pike thrust, that; old "Pi-kuss."

Can the ladies who affect the sailor hat with "anchored,' ribbon, be classed among those who "hope on ?"

The trial of the officers of the "Cuba" takes place at this term of the Eastern Dis trict of the United States.

Hundreds of persons die annually in the city and suburbs and still we have no Register of vital statistics. Why is this?

WHEREFORE? - The mail route between this city and Onslow Court House cie Snead's Ferry, has been disestablished.

his office from now until the 1st of January 1870, for the collection of the annual taxes.

TAX ON KINDLING WOOD. Acting Commissioner Douglass has decided that the tax on kindling wood, as a manufactured ar ticle, shall not in future be levied.

Six million bushels of coal are lying in the Monongahela River awaiting sufficient water for shipment. Ex.

Thats coal comfort for our coal dealers.

That "Dorg" Cart was out again yesterday morning, and yetping canines and luckless goats succumbed to the "tangled web," wielded by ready hands. Alas! poor 'purps.".

COMMERCIAL .- On the 30th inst. 194 bales of cotton, 2,655 barrels of rosin, 556 spirits of Turpentine, 100 burrels of tar, and 91,000 feet of lumber were shipped from this port.

A fair illustration of "old Cape Fear Hospitality." The "hugh" banquest given by "Col." J. R. Davis to the Cape Fear Agricultural Association where only democrats were invited.

We were pleased to see in our sanctum Hon, O. H. Dockery looking in the finest kind of condition, and fully equal apparently to the assaults upon his health by the fair syrens at Washington.

One and two cent pieces are not now refive cent pieces, the five cent pieces being not given. Exchanges please copy. redeemable in currency.

OYSTERS. - Mr. Jas. M. Wise has succeeded in securing the market stalls required. and will therefore dispense those excellent New River Oysters to all lovers of the bivalve in any quantity, at all hours of the

The Sentinel in the ruins of secession, declares that the editor of the Post indulges in "ironical productions." Probably the iron that should have entered the sole of the editor of the Sentinel was he shod properly, troubles the said insane old cuss.

feit presentiments," and pretty "picters" of life; notifies all that he don't owe, to call one hundred thousand packages, containing and see him. "Van," is in the van of a specimen copy, large illustrated Show and as such should be largely patronized. ing twenty-five cent Books: Horseman's,

At a meeting of the Merchants and Mechanics Building Association, held last all who apply for them. We hope all our night, fifty-four shares of the stock were redeemed, as follows:

Average \$87 60 per share. 56 7-10 per

cent, discount. Twenty-five shares were sold as follows: 15 shares at \$1 75 bonus per share,

The Mayor sends greeting to the citizens of Wilmington, through the columns of the Post, and desires their very desirable company at the meeting to-morrow evening, to give expression as to the establishment or disestablishment of ye Special Court, Everybody and his wife are invited, especially his wife.

the market during the month of November, 1869:

Peanuts....

"U q H!"-This expressive aboriginal quiet. phrase could be well applied to the condition of our streets, yesterday. Dull, damp. the streets on every side. In truth where Raleigh that will engage him until it be e'et we waded we were reminded of l'addy's ejaculation. "That it was d-d fine walkin' ty at Washington; Hon. O. H. Dockery is

YOKED !- The number of marriages in the last month, in these days of stolid and uncompromising celibacy is indeed ominous, The Register exhibits as follows:

White, - 18 Colored, And still the quiet and gentlemanly Clerk "slings ink." May be still continue

Good. An ambitious youth who has been brought up with a sad misapprehension of facts, thus pours his soul into facts:

> If I was a lokle editor, Wouldn't I have a time? I wouldn't print a cussed word For lessen a \$ a line,

I'd get my grub and licker free, & tickets to the shows; I wouldn't pay for buggy hire, & wouldn't I wear good close!

The Ladies Benevolent Society will hold a meeting this morning at Masonic Hall. Ladies of Wilmington, Heaven born charity of which is "thrice blessed," calls upon you! Decrepit age; touching Senifity; and wan Poverty, mingle in the cry. Let each like unto the Widow, whose "willing mite," was made sacred by her Saviours blessing; give, it is only a "mite."

Our worthy Sheriff has obeyed "the letter of the law" by sending on the full amount of Our genial Collector, Durice, will be at | taxes due the State although the tax payers had not all paid up. It redounds to the credit of Major Schenck that he thus obeys a severe and unjust mandate by which he is compelled to lose the use of private funds until these dilatory debtors thre made to settle their indebtedness to the State.

> WICKED .- A young man, whose name at present we withhold, but whom we will not shield from public indignation much longer, has been to the iron works in this city, and solemnly inquiring of the propri Upon their replying yes, as of course they for him, and ran off before they had a chance

> Who is to Blame. Repeatedly we have had to go to press without our "State news" because the Railroad failed to bring to the city mail matter due here by 71 P. M. Something is rotten in Denmark, and we don't want the Post) Master General to kick up a fuss. Of course the remedy ex ists for such a crying evil and we call upon the vigilant Fremont to stir somebody up. 'Let it be recorded."

INFORMATION WANTED-Any one know ng anything of E. Del'orter would confer a favor upon his distressed family by addressing with information L. DePorter, Convent P. O., St. James Parish, Louisiana. When last heard from by them he was employed in a machine shop by Mr. Webster, deemable at sub-treasuries for currency, and referred his friends to a gentleman at but they are exchangeable for three and that time, Mayor of Chattanooga. Date

Shortly after the recent great rain storms and freshet in the New England States, a resident of Boston, who owned a mill property in Maine, dispatched an agent to ascertain the condition of his property, and report upon the damage. It turned out to be all dam-age. By due course of mail the owner received the following report:

"DEAR SIR: I arrived here this morning found the dam by the mill site, but no mill by a dam site."

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT FOR ALL .- The publishers of the American Stock Journal wishing to place a copy of that publication VanOisdell, he who taketh the "counter- in the hands of every Farmer, Planter and Stock Breeder in the country, have put up 'photo's," in fact the Brady of Wilmington, Bill, a premium list, and one of the follow-Hog Breeder's, Sheep Breeder's Dairyman's or Poultry Breeder's Manual. These packages they offer to send free and post paid to farmer friends will avail themselves of this generous offer, as the Premium list contains many articles, such as Blooded Cattle, Sheep 85 50 Hogs, Poultry, Potatoes, Seed, Agricultu-86 00 ral Implements, Sewing Machines, Books, Its pages, with its little tales, and attractive 89 00 Watches, &c., &c., that can be easily obtained by a few day's canvassing for this

low price of \$1 a year. Address N. P. BOYER & CO., Publishers, great work. Parkesbutg, Chester Co., Pa.

Scnator Abbott leaves Saturday [morning | weeki | This ably edited periodical has few for Washington.

"SINGISTS."-To the mellifluous toned gent on Dock street who nightly how wout Champagne Charley," we would say, we would rather champague ourselves, being under no obligations to Charley. To the lady on Front street who warbleth, "I Really PRODUCE - Number of carts arrived for Don't Think I Shall Marry," we don't care a "cuss" whether she does or not, only hush up, for heaven's sake! As for the "speoney son of - street, who hoarsely "chins it" with, "She Wore a Wreath of Roses," we respectfully ask if that was the extent of found at Parker & Co's, 98 and 100 Sumher attire; if not this howlist had better be mer St., Boston, Mass. To enable every

disagrecable, deleful and discouraging were to our readers, that owing to business in comes necessary to leave for the field of du- goods as Fancy Boxes, Desks, Glove Boxes, compelled to decline the very kind invitation extended to him by his Republican friends in this city. Col. Dockery however promises to give the good people of Wilmington "a talk" during recess, and until then his constituents must fain be content to read of him through the reported and best published books. They are giving debates in Congress.

> REPORT OF MARKET CLERK: -The num ber of animals brought to market Novem

Name of butcher.	Beeves.	Sheep.	Hogs.	Calves.	Venison,
Tilly & Bappler	14	12	13		
J. J. King & Son	28	23	28	4	6
T. J. Johnson & Bro	46	4	15	1	2
J. M. Jarrell	38	17	33	1	30
W. H. Davis	20		18		4
Douglas & Carps	15		57	Ī	
C. R. Hanchey	1	1	63		
Juo. Cowan	5		-1	1	
J. W. King	17	111	58		G 4. 4.9
J. W. Mills	7		2		
Redd & Eadens	15	17.1	13		
Tilly & Hays	32	5	22		

Our shiftless little neighbor, ye twinkling Star, attempts to gorge its readers with what "Dick Swiveler" would call "dousing the glim." Thuswise doth the beamer

The city is rapidly expanding itself in all directions. When this enlargement takes place we would earnestly impress upon our authorities the necessity which exists for a public park or square.

"Public Park!" While we delve knee deep in mud, besliming and befouling us; or sink knee deep in sand. Unpayed streets like unto that of the barbarous Turks, and talk of "public parks." Well-a-day! And this is journalism? God help us!

Notice to Subscribers.-All receiv ing subscriptions or sending in new names before January 1st will be entitled to the etors if they did all sorts of casting there? THREE DOLLARS PER ANNUM! Let all who claim to believe Republican ideas, did, he then asked them to cast a shadow and desire to show allegiance to the National Government assist the only true American organ in this section. To quote a distinguished writer: "It is the shame of any citizen owning allegiance to the flag that he subscribes for or assists the organs of treason and does not stand by the only National paper worthy of the name in North Carolina." The Post has been improved at much cost and is worthy the aid of all good | ceeding \$200.

> LIBERAL OFFER TO OUR READERS. - WC will send the American Agriculturist, price \$4, or Our Schoolboy Visitor, one of the best magazines for boys and girls published in the country, worth \$1.25 a year, and a magnificent steel-plate engraving, entitled "Help Me Up," worth \$2.50 per copy, all to any Oldham & Cumming, concerning tax on one who will send us \$1. The engraving lightermen. Referred to City Marshal. will be sent post-paid, secure from injury, and will make a charming ornamout for any on Front street between Castle and Church. parlor or sitting-room. Send in the names, and secure \$8 worth for only \$4.

To subscribers sending additional names, we will send a copy of the Agriculturist or Visitor, and to clubs of five persons we will agree to send five copies of the Post for strictly in advance.

Die Modenwelt for December has been received, and is undoubtedly the best illustrated fashion journal ever offered to the American ladics. The amount given for the small price charged is wonderful. This number alone contains 140 useful illustrations, mostly for cleaks; a highly colored steel engraving, and a large supplement containing nineteen full-sized patterns for ladies and children's cloaks, over-skirts, etc. Single copies thirty-five cents.

The daily increasing demand for this val uable journal has induced the proprietor to import it semi-monthly, commencing January, 1870, at the exceedingly low price of fifteen cents per copy, or \$3 per annum. Now is the time to subscribe and get up

S. T. TAYLOR. Importer, 391 Canal street,

The Schoolday Visitor. The December number of this sprightly juvenile has arrived and we need say little in its praise. pictures will commend it to all.

Zell's Encyclicopedia has reached cocos (a popular Journal which is published at the kernel.) There is a fund of information in these numbers. Mr. Zell is compiling a

Appleton's Journal is before us for this Unity to preach.

equals, no superiors among the weeklies. Hearth and Home, -lively, interesting and varied-for this week-is at hand.

For November we have Peter's Musical Monthly. This is an excellent number and reflects great credit on the publishers. Hitchcock's New Monthly Magazine, This brilliant little casket of choice music is with us, and for cheapness, and beauty, it is not surpassed. Only \$3 per year, or 25 cents a copy. B. W. Hitchcock, New York.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS FOR ALL.—can be person to provide themselves with handsome and useful holiday presents, from now until Col. Dockeny.-We regret to aunounce the 20th of January, 1870, these gentlemen will issue large eight paged Catalogues of all the newest and best novelties in such Albums in Morocco, Gilt and Velvet Bindings, real Morocco Shopping Bags, Furnished Reticules, Silver Plated Ware and Cuttery of all descriptions, the latest styles of Jewelry in Gold, Cornelian, Jet, Shell, Etruscan, Carbuncle and Hair, Dry Goods, &c., &c., &c., and hundreds of the latest ONE HUNDRED TICKETS to crery one who will become their Agent, without charging them 10 cents each as heretofore. Read the change in their advertisement in another column, and send for Catalogue.

DIED.

NAH, wife of John Kelley, age 41 years, Funeral (10 o'clock) Friday Dec. 3d at Red Cross St.

OFFICIAL.

In Board of Aldermen. WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 29, 1869.

The Board met in regular session. Present: - His Honor the Mayor, Aldermen Arnold, French, Howe, Kellogg, and

The reading of the minutes of the previ ous meeting were dispensed with. The Finance committee recommended a

reduction in the city expenditure. The committee on Streets and Wharves recommended the grading of Ann street

just above the wharf. The committee on Fire Department re ported action on petitions of F. W. Kerchner, and Worth & Worth, regarding the erection of wooden sheds on their respec-

tive premises. Received and filed. Petition of James M. Wise for the sale of bysters in market, at other than market hours, was referred to the Marshal with

Petitions for position on police force of city from the following named persons were received and referred to the Police committec, viz: Paris Jones, John W. Nash, John Post for 1870 at the exceeding low price of King, Joseph H, Sellers, Alexander Swazy, John H. Bell, Isaac Brown, Henry Smaw, John Conner, David Robeson and David

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Alderman Howe: That the deed for "Pinc Forest Cemetery" be signed. On recommendation of the Marshal, Alderman French, offered the following :

Ordered: - That the Marshal at once cause to be constructed, a Market with six stalls, on Brunswick street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, immediately, at a cost not ex-

By Alderman French:

Ordered :- That the Marshal place a street lamp on the corner of Fifth and

Recommendations to retail spirituous liquors were granted to John H. Haar, R. J. Scarboro, John G. Bauman. Communication was received from Messrs.

Petition of Joseph Pajay to shingle house

By Alderman Servoss:

Resolved, That the Marshal be authorized to consult counsel to ascertain if the city has the authority to enforce the ordinance in regard to encroachments by piazzas, &c., FIFTEEN DOLLARS! All payments on the public streets, and to report to this which exists among the Papago Indians re-Board at next meeting.

The Board of Supervisors reported back the bill of J. E. Lippitt for medicines recommending that the city pay half and Dr. J. E. Winants half. Report approved and Report of Market Clerk for the month of

October was received and filed. The Board then adjourned. BENJAMIN DURFEE,

City Clerk.

I never reared a young gazelle (Because you see, I never tried); But had it known and loved me well, No doubt the creature would have died.

My rich and aged Uncle John Has known me long and loved me well, But still persists in living on-I would be were a young gazelle ! I never loved a tree or flower;

But if I had, I beg to say, That blight, the wind, the sun, or shower, Would soon have withered it away. I've dearly loved my Uncle John From childhood till the present hour, And yet he will go living on-I would he were a tree or flower.

Quere-What two persons in the United States agree as to the solution of our financial problem? Find the two, and there is hope of a great and triumphant party Cincinnati Times. Two! We've found it!

Rev. Mr. Stebbens, of San Francisco, rcfused to go to the Boston Church of the in the prime of life. Then it was that the ble defender sacrificed twenty-five dollars

POSTLINGS.

Grant is hoarse. Skatists are jubilant. Rothschild is coming. Patti snubs Offenbach. Imperials are the thing. Chignons produce lunacy. Little pups are all the go. Silver jewelry is eschewed. Thermometer 72 yesterday Blaque Bey, is in a bad way. 451,355 Masons in the Union! 500 newspapers in the Union. Abolish spring balance scales. Harrisburg, Pa., has sick hens. Eel pics are the latest movelty. New York has sixteen theatres. Mrs. Lincoln says, " nary marry." Richmond has street letter boxes. Senator Fenton has seen the Pope. Plaids are still sought, and bought. The " Hub" has a champion eatist. The President's message is finished. The stone man, will petrify Gotham. Mme. Dejazet takes champagne baths. Philadelphia has premium false calves. Gen. M. W. Ransom is in Washington. Tribune stock is worth \$10,000 a share. The London Times has 12,000 advertisers The Pope, says smoke, after every meal. Woman's Righter Livermore is in Colo-

Brougham is "Micawbering" in Cincin-

Violet satin skirts adorn New York A quorum of Senators already in Wash

rado.

Sumner is "Casting the dye" in Phila Dickens' new serial will appear March

Balloonatic Jewett is "chinning" the The "Equinoctial Council" assembles next month, radamide bank wadt

Raw turnip, makes an excellent " grease Fred. Hudson will return to the editorship of the Herald.

Look out for a cold snap ! The sun has entered Sagittarius.

Prince Arthur is popping deers, and to dears" in Canada. Ford opens the new Charleston Opera

House, with "School." The Royal Wilton carpet has been laid in the President's Mansion.

The N. Y. Commercial Advertiser wil write its requiem New Years day. They have a "Golden Fleece Hotel" Sacramento. "Werry 'propriate!"

"The Living Writers of the South," by Davidson has appeared. Dead writers ? The novel, "Forlorn Hope," is by one of the Sorosis. Any reflection on the society? Walter Brown, after doing "brown" the English champion, now gives the deft to the

The "1st Excelsior Reserves" is the title of a new colored military organization in Philadelphia.

The next great meeting of the National Encampment of the G. A. R., will be held in Washington.

. The "Fat Men" of New York dance at Irving's ball on the 20th of December. We pity the manager.

The Gunboat Nipsic sails for Darien this week to survey the proposed Ship Canal, Commodore Selfridge, commanding.

"The reservation system is the only solu tion of the Indian question."-Ex. Yes; reserving the government funds to line your own pockets. Eh?

"Brady's Curriculum," in Jersey City, where many a muscle has " riz" to immense perfesser," is about to be turned into a cently moved a hundred thousand miles in skating rink!

An Indian Tradition -- The Story of the Deluge on this Continent.

The following rather singular tradition specting Montezuma, their founder, and the deluge, has, we believe, never vet appeared in print; at least not in its present shape. It was related by Captain Con Ouan, an aged and intelligent member of the tribe, and was taken down from his lips by an interpreter for Judge Henry T. Backus, of Arizona Territory, Judge Backus has visited many of the places mentioned in the legend, and has been an eye-witness of the quadrennial feast still celebrated at the cave. He Ot course the widow was now eager to curepresents the Papagoes as being nominally Catholic, yet clinging to their national traditions with great tenacity, and cherishing the memory of Mortezuma with even more than saintly veneration.

The tradition of the deluge is interesting in its relation to the origin of the Indians of the country, and especially the ancient tribes who lived in the twilight of civilization, until the Spanish Christians annihilated them. Did they bring this tradition with them from the Asiatic Continent? Or, did they come in contact with the people of | Biole in the public schools in Cincinnati, the old world, adtecedent to any historical | and those who do not, is assuming a very evidence of that fact, from whom they derived this tradition?

These are inquiries naturally suggested one old and respectable citizen met another by the following narrative. -Montezuma, it old and respectable citizen about church will be understood, is not the monarch of time, and gently inquired his views on the that name whom Cortes dethroned. It is Bible question. Oldend respectable No. 2. the generic term of their rulers, like Pha- was not in the best of humors and growled raoh, Cæsar, &c.

so that they lost their teeth and crept about | wrath of t'other old and respectable, that like children. After a time they would get he gave the irreverant citizen a facer that new teeth, and walk upright again like men stretched him on the payement. The Bi-Great Spirit created the mountains and peo- on the altar of justice, for excess of zeal.

mals talked like men, and were the first to tell of the approaching flood. About this time appeared Montezuma, who collected a large quantity of gum from a plant called chuchi, and with this gum, which is said to be insoluble in water, and with other materials. rials, he built a large vessel, in which he took refuge, closing and sealing the door behind him. In like manner a cayote or prairie dog crept into a large cane stalk and closed the ends against the water. The flord came up to the highest mountains, and reached even the birds, which cried like men, with fright. When the waters came down, Montezuma and the cayote landed at Cerro Prietta, which mountain some believe to be Montezuma's vessel.

According to the tradition they landed in the centre of the earth, and having come out of their vessels, Montezuma noticed the trail of a beetle, which he followed until he found the beetle fast in the mud. He then turned back, and meeting the cayote, they embraced each other in grief. Montezuma sent the cayote southward to find the sca, which it soon found and returned, when it was sent on the same errand to the northward but returned unsuccessful. They then lay down to sleep, when Montezuma dreamed that he should form men and women out of clay, which he accordingly did, making two for each nation. Meanwhile the cayote sat behind him also making men, but the latter were ill formed, so that Montezuma ordered them to be removed. His own people multiplied rapidly, and built a large city on the north bank of a river, supposed to be at the month of Salt River, in Arizona, where the remains of large ditches are still visible.

Montezuma next travelled southward, followed by large-numbers of people. In accordance with a dream, he thrust a rod into the earth, and water flowed thence which is the origin of the springs at Santa Rosa and elsewhere. After a time the Great Spirit appeared to Montezunia as an old man, and asked to baptize the people, that they might live beyond the sky after death, but Montezuma became angry and killed the Great Spirit. Then the latter arose from the dead by night and repeated the request, when Montezuma grew angry again, declared that he would take his people to heaven by a tower, and killed the Great Spirit a second time, leaving him on the ground, where he was dragged about as a plaything for four years. He then returned to heaven, removing the sun further from

the earth as he ascended. After a long interval he descended again with the same request as before. At this time Montezuma was living at the Casa Blanco, or white house, close to the Pimo villages on the Gila River. The inside of this house was overlaid with pure gold. A third time he slew the Great Spirit, but the latter now becoming angry, threw a louse into Spain, which led to an invasion by the Spaniards. Twice did Montezuma meet and repel the invaders, but before the 'third' engagement the golden ring flew from the fluger of his daughter to the fluger of the Spanish commander, and the silver ring of the latter flew to the finger of the former. Thus did she become leagued with the enemy and when they were out of provisions she prevailed upon her people to throw them tomales instead of arrows, and thus they were ted at Montezuma's expense. After many severe conflicts the Spaniards were victorious, when the traitorous Princess demanded the hand of the commander in marriage. He agreed to this on condition that an cagle which he set free should alight on a prickly pear tree. The eagle did so, and the commander started to celebrate the marriage at the pair tree, being followed by a large train of Papagoes; but under the pretext of getting violins, powder, &c., he traveled on and on until the Indians all de-

Henceforth, as the story goes, Montezuma made no improvements, and his people were scattered over the country. He after ward deposited the archives of the Papago and Pimo nations in a cave near Santa Rosa, and ordered that they celebrate a feast there every fourth year, which custom is still observed, The nation gradually diminished, and Montezuma wandered about until the indians have lost all traces of

Scientific investigation into mysteries of the sun's surface has been great this year. A great magnetic storm is predicted. An examination of the sun through new and powerful instruments has revealed new and wonderful appearances on its surface. Immense spots, millions of miles in extent are proportions under the tutorship of the said to have appeared. One of them rea second. We are told, too, that violent physical changes are going on; that the magnetic storms are regulated by fixed laws, and occur every eleven years. The next one is to be in 1870. Its effects upon the magnetic instruments will be noted with intense interest by the first scientific men of the day. What effects these storms will have upon the atmosphere, vegetation and the light of the sun, will afford plenty of food for speculation and thought.

At a so called spiritual sitting recently, there was present a woman who mourned the loss of her consort, and as manifestations began to appear, the spirit of the departed Benedict entered upon the scene. gage in conversation with the absent one. and the following dialogue ensued:

Widow-"Are you in the spirit world?" The lamented-"I am." Widow—"How long have you been there? The lamented—" O, some time."

Widow-"Don't you want to come back and be with your lonely wife?" The lamented-"Not if I know myself, It's hot enough around here."

The war between those who want the beligerent shape. From the police reports of that city we learn that on Sunday last out a profane expletive concerning the sa-Before the flood men lived to a great age, cred book, which so provoked the boly