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| CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.-I see, being held at the north, for the putpose of forming associations witt the view of operat- ing upon poblic opinion in fogard to the aboling upon paticic opinion ition of capital puraishimeni. <br> I find that public opition is fast setling duwn upion this point. Many there are that mink, to take a widy human life for crince, is a relic of the bartarous ages. Others think that tiice should not be taken unless upon positive proot. They fear to fisk the awful respousi. pility upon circamstantial evidence. It is certainly always well to loan to the and side of mercy; and I am inclined to think that in the enlightentient of the nge prcgresses, we shall hear of no man's life being takent by a jury of twelve nien, except upon the most convinicing and positive proof; And perhaps it is best that it should be so. Peebpas it is better the <br>  sacrificed. When we conize to took at the great resporisithity of taking away the life of a himan being; of severing forever; the etid a human being; of severing forever; the ebid of life, which the Creator gave thin, if is enough to make us pause. To coolly and deliterately take away than which God alone can give, requires of man to be firmly con- vinced tbat he is right in so doing. And whien we look at the instances, well authentiwhen we look at the instances, well authenti- caled, that bave occurred, of innocent men having died the death of a felon, it is well calculated to deter men from shedding blond as the penalty of the law, where there is the least room for doubt. I ann one of those, however, that think that life should in have said, a mas becones a conimion enemy, justice, and there have heeu irrevocably fixed upon him, I say, instead of the law in upon him, I say, instead of the law stooping to shew retaliation and vengeance on a fallen brother of mankind, let it quietly put him avide fiom society, that he may no more anonoy it by his outrages. You will say that this is squinting at a Perintentiary, say bat that is not the cave. I am in favor of making them only henefit oue elasa of the community, and fort to all, and enhiance the lauds of the Some, futher forther and nourtish the commerce of the lowns and increase the reventie of our State gov- ernent. <br> I have <br> 1 have probably said enough now fur a newspaper atticle, but may herefter pursue the subject, and give some itea of a plan for making convicts work the roads. A. |
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|  <br> paper says: In he night of the Itt of September a fiophtut subterranean groaning filled the iut <br> fightfut subterranean groaning filled the iu habitants around it with terror. This con <br> tinued till nidday on the e.d., when the moun tain burst in two places with a horrible crash, <br> and vomited masses of fire. In former times ithese explosions came fiom the suimes <br> where Hecla has no reigutarly formed crater ; but this time forrents of liva flowed down <br> from two gorges on the flank of the mountain For the clouds of smoke and vapor the top o <br> the volcann could not be seen. The sheep on the beathis were driven dowr. to the plaind <br> but not till several of them were burnt. The <br> tion becarne so hot that the tish were killed, and it was innossible for any one to ford them |
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| Nuts por the Abolitionists.-From official documen:s of the State of Massachnsetts, compiled in 1S43, it appears that onn of the colored population in that State, called free, one in every twenty-four was in jait or scime other plice of continement for crime or misdemeavor. This must be a pileasing suate of things for those pious hypocrites, the abolitionists, as they seem anxious to get the race in the same exantied conditiou. |
| The United States Circuit Court for the District of North Carolina will meet in this City on the last Monday in this month, or, as the law has it, on the Monday preceding the first Mooday in December.- Ralleigh Sland. |
| Mr Riichie, of the Washingion Uvion, has been induced to leave the eral of Government for Virginia for a short time, iu consequence of bad health. |

