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YATES & JOHNSON.

MARBLE FACTORY,
BY GEO. LAUDER.
Nearly opposite to E. W. Willkings' Auction Store.
Fayetteville, N. C.
Oct. 1, 1855. y

FOR SALE
AT REDUCED PRICES,
For CASH or on Short Time,
250 Carriages, Barouches,
ROCKAWAYS & BUGGIES *of every description.*
Many of which are finished, and the balance being finished daily; among which are many *new* and *beautiful* styles, and one *very fine Carriage.* Some of them very light, and all made in the best manner and of the best materials. My facilities for doing Carriage work are *greater* than any establishment south and I can afford and am determined to sell work of the *best quality* as low as it can be built for by any one.

☞ Those who are indebted to me will please pay up as my business requires my outstanding debts to be collected. A. A. McKETHAN.
August 25, 1855. tf

DRESS UP!
ON WITH YOUR CLOTHING.
Wake up old Cumberland & the rest of mankind.

A. J. WOODWARD
Respectfully informs his friends and the public generally that he has just returned from the North where he purchased and is now receiving a LARGE ASSORTMENT of
GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHING
Of the latest styles, which he will sell cheap for CASH. His stock consists of Talmas, Over Coats, Frock Coats, Business Coats, Pants, Vests, Shirts, Collars, Stocks, Gloves, &c. &c. —ALSO—
A large and varied assortment of
BOYS' CLOTHING,
Fitting sizes, for youths from 4 to 16 years old.

☞ I will manufacture Pants and Vests and cut for persons wishing it done.

N. B.—I have made arrangements with a house in New York to have Clothing made to order, and those desirous of having their garments manufactured in New York will please call at my store and have their measures taken.

☞ Examine my goods at the store one door east of J. C. Thomson's hat and cap store, south-west corner of Market Square.
A. J. WOODWARD.
Fayetteville, October 10, 1855 3m

Cider Vinegar, a good article,
for sale by W. H. CARVER.
Nov. 10. 71-tf

GROCERIES AND HARDWARE.
The subscriber has in Store a good assortment of Goods in the
GROCERY AND HARDWARE LINE;
all of which will be sold wholesale or retail, or bartered for country produce, on terms the most reasonable. A small lot of SADDLERY for sale cheap.
Give us a call. G. W. I. GOLDSTON.

N. B. Any of my friends in the country having business to transact in this place, such as renewals, &c., can have it done on the usual terms, by sending same to my care. G. W. I. G.
Fayetteville, Sept. 29, 1855 tf

Buckwheat Flour in 12½ lb Bags for sale by
W. H. CARVER.
Nov. 10. 71-tf

TURPENTINE AXES.
20 Doz. superior Turpentine Axes, for sale by
COOK & JOHNSON.
Dec 20, 1855. 77-4t

Connell, Ray & Co.,
HAY STREET, FAYETTEVILLE,
Are now receiving their FALL STOCK of STAPLE and FANCY
DRY GOODS,
In which may be found FOR THE LADIES: Plain colds, Plaid, White and Black DeLAINES; CASSIMERES and MERINOS; Plain and Fig'd Fancy and Black SILKS; Cloth MANTLES and CLOAKS; Cloak CLOTH; SKIRTS and SKIRTING; Merino VESTS; BONNETS; EMBROIDERIES, &c.
FOR GENTLEMEN:
Hats; Boots and Shoes; Vestings; Cassimeres; White, Black and Fancy Stocks and Cravats; Ready-Made Clothing, &c.
—ALSO.—
Linseys, Kerseys and Plaids, Blankets, Brogans, Table Cloths and Covers, Allendale Sheetings, Children's Kid Gloves, Wool Sacks and Comforts, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, English and Italian Crapes, Dimity, Embroidery Silks and Braids.
A good assortment of Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's BOOTS, SHOES, and GAITERS; GLOVES, HOSIERY, &c.
Sept. 20. 64-tf

FISH.
25 Bbls Mullets, in Oak Bbls., just received and for sale by W. H. CARVER.
—ALSO—
Mackerel and Herring for sale by W. H. C.
Nov. 10. 71-tf

MEDICAL CARD.
DR. MACRAE has removed his Office to the building two doors west of E. W. Willkings' Store, Hay street, where he may be found when not professionally engaged, or at his dwelling on Rowan street.
Dec. 8, 1855. 3m

JAMES D. NOTT,
DAGUERREAN ARTIST.
[Successor to J. S. Wear.]
ROOMS on Hay street, over the Jewelry store of Messrs Beasley & Houston, where he will be happy to wait on all those who wish to procure a
GOOD LIKENESS
of themselves or friends.
Fayetteville, October 27th. tf

FALL GOODS, 1855.
PEARCE & FERGUSON
Are now Receiving their Fall and Winter Stock of *Foreign and Domestic, Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Bonnets, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes,*
With a general assortment of READY-MADE CLOTHING, to which they invite the attention of Merchants, the Ladies and all, and which they offer at LOW PRICES for CASH, or on Time to punctual customers at Wholesale or Retail.
B. F. PEARCE. J. B. FERGUSON.
Sep. 1, 1855. 61-tf

FALL OF 1855.
We are now Receiving our stock of Fall and WINTER GOODS,
DRY GOODS.
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
HATS, CAPS,
BOOTS AND SHOES.
Having determined to relinquish the Hardware Trade, we offer Our STOCK at greatly reduced prices for Cash.
Our friends who are behind hand in their payments, are earnestly requested to pay up.
HALL & SACKETT.
Sep 1, 1855. 61-tf

NEW GOODS.
STARR & WILLIAMS
Are now receiving the largest Stock of Dry Goods HATS, BOOTS, SHOES, AND READY-MADE CLOTHING,
Ever offered by them, which they will sell at a small advance on first cost, for Cash, or on the usual time to prompt paying customers.
J. B. STARR. J. M. WILLIAMS.
Sept. 1, 1855. 61-tf

FIFTY TONS GUANO.
The Subscribers are receiving their Fall Stock of GROCERIES, embracing a large and General assortment in their line, which they offer to wholesale buyers at the lowest market rates for cash. Country produce, or on the usual credit to prompt paying customers.
ALSO,
Fifty Tons Best PERUVIAN GUANO,
for Cash, at 3 cents per pound.
GEO. W. WILLIAMS & CO.
Sep. 1, 1855. 61-tf

TO TRAVELERS.
The Subscribers convey the Mail between Fayetteville and Barclaysville in a Buggy, and can accommodate one or two passengers. The route is by way of Kingsbury, Bunn's Level, Summerville and Neill's Creek. The days for leaving Fayetteville are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 6 o'clock, a. m.—Returns Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Fare from Fayetteville to Summerville $2.
J. R. HARRIS,
Aug. 25, 1855. A. PARKER.

FOR SALE.
TWO THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND, nine miles from Fayetteville, lying directly on the Southern Plank Road, and on each side of Big Rockfish. One of the best Turpentine sections in the county, with convenient improvements for a family residence; with a small corn mill on a never failing stream, and a first rate situation for a Turpentine Distillery and Store.
A. A. McKETHAN
Feb'y 9, 1855. tf

WE ARE NOW RECEIVING AND EXPECT TO KEEP UP A LARGE STOCK OF GROCERIES.
WE OFFER
150 Bags Coffee—Rio, Laguira and Java,
15 Hhds. Sugars,
50 " Molasses,
1,000 Sacks Salt,
75 Bbls. Sugars,—coffee, crush'd & powder'd
125 Bags Shot,
45 Kegs Powder,
20 Hhds. Western Bacon,
3,500 Lbs. N. C. "
50,000 Segars, assorted qualities,
100 Boxes Cheese,
With every other article in our line. All of which we will dispose of low for CASH, or exchange for produce or naval stores.
D. & W. McLAURIN.
June 2d 48-tf

1855.
DRUGS, MEDICINES AND CHEMICALS.
DR. J. F. FOULKES,
Hay Street, near the Fayetteville Hotel.

I respectfully ask the attention of my customers and friends to my large and complete stock of *DRUGS, MEDICINES AND CHEMICALS,* which I am now receiving, and which I am determined to sell at such low prices as cannot fail to give satisfaction. It will be my aim to sell Medicines that can be depended upon. Give me a call before making your purchases.
September 22, 1855.

☞ Just received, a few doz. genuine East India CASTOR OIL, (for my retail.) Also, Citrate of Magnesia and Congress Water.
J. F. FOULKES
Sept 22, 1855.

J. N. SMITH,
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
DRUGS,
MEDICINES AND CHEMICALS,
Paints; Oils; Dye-Stuffs;
Varnishes; Window-Glass and Putty; Glass-Ware; Perfumery; Fine Soaps; Fine Tooth and Hair Brushes; Paint Brushes; Field and Garden Seeds; Spices and Snuffs; Surgical Instruments; Patent Medicines; Pure Liquors for Medical Purposes; Fancy Articles, &c., &c.
Orders from Country Physicians and Merchants respectfully solicited and perfect satisfaction guarantied, both in regard to quality and price.
J. N. SMITH, Druggist.
Nov 2, 1855. 70-tf

6,000 Acres Land for Sale.
We offer for sale, a body of fine Turpentine Lands, containing about 6000 Acres. There is now thirteen crops of Boxes, a portion of which has been worked one season, and balance two seasons. One twenty-five Bbl. Still, with all the necessary arrangements, buildings, &c., to carry on the Turpentine business—situated in Cumberland County, about twenty miles from Fayetteville and from one to three miles from Little River. We will sell the above Lands for $6,500.
TROY & MARSH.
Dec. 5, 1855. 75-6t

GEORGE McDUFFIE,
INSPECTOR OF TIMBER AND LUMBER,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
All business entrusted to him will meet with prompt attention.
Nov. 24, 1855. 6m

Negro Blankets, Kerseys and Shoes
for sale by W. H. CARVER.
Nov. 10. 71-tf

SEED RYE.
100 Bushels Seed Rye for sale by
Dec. 22d. W. H. CARVER.

CORPORATION BONDS
Of the Town of Fayetteville for Sale.
Agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, ratified Dec. 25, 1852, authorizing the Town of Fayetteville to issue her Bonds to the amount of $100,000, in the aggregate, for the purpose of paying her subscription to the Western Rail Road Company.
Therefore, it is ordered by the Commissioners of Fayetteville, that the Treasurer of the Town receive sealed proposals, until the 1st of November next, for the purchase of $50,000, in sums of $500 each of said Bonds, or any part thereof. Bonds to run twenty years, with Coupons attached.—interest payable semi-annually. The said Bonds shall be under the seal of the Corporation, and binding on the faith of the same.
WM. WARDEN, Town Treasurer.
Sept. 26, 1855. tf

FALL, 1855.
JAMES KYLE has just received a large and general assortment of
Dry Goods,
Among which are,
650 pieces Dress DeLains,
French and English Merino,
Plain Merino, real French,
Persian Cloths,
Black and Colored Silks,
Irish Linens, all Flax,
Table Cloths and Napkins,
Carpeting, very cheap,
Calicoes, well assorted,
Kerseys and Linseys,
Silk, Woolen and Cotton Hose,
Ladies' Twisted Silk Mitts,
Dress Trimmings, &c., &c.
All of which being purchased by the package for Cash, will be offered at the lowest market price for cash, or on time to paying customers.
Sept. 27, 1855. tf

D. W. C. BENBOW, D. D. S.,
Graduate of the Baltimore College of
DENTAL SURGERY.
Office hours from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.
" " " 3 P. M. to 5 P. M.
DR. BENBOW may be found at his Room near the Market, where all who are in need of the services of a Dentist are respectfully invited to call. All operations performed upon the latest and most approved plans. To those in need of **Artificial Teeth,** he would simply say that he is behind in no improvement. He inserts from one to an entire set upon fine Gold or Platina plate, which he guarantees to be equally as serviceable as the natural organs.
He spends nine months of each year in this place, (from first of October to the first of July.)
September 29, 1855. tf

A. M. Campbell,
AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION MERCHANT,
East side of Gillespie street,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
October 1, 1855.

Rio and Java Coffee, for Sale by
W. H. CARVER.
Nov. 10. 71-tf

ALWAYS ON HAND AND FOR SALE
CHEAP,
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
DRY GOODS & GROCERIES,
Together with a general assortmeng of
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC WINES AND LIQUORS,
Which I am anxious to sell or exchange for Produce of any kind usually sold in this Market.
W. H. CARVER.
Hay Street, near the Market.
Nov. 10. 71-tf

THE UNIVERSITY'S FAMILY MEDICINES:
Issued under the seal, sanction and authority of THE UNIVERSITY OF FREE MEDICINE AND POPULAR KNOWLEDGE, chartered by the State of Pennsylvania, April 20th, 1853, with a capital of $100,000, mainly for the purpose of arresting the evils of spurious and worthless nostrums; also, for supplying the community with RELIABLE REMEDIES wherever a competent physician cannot or will not be employed.
This Institution (located in Philadelphia, Home Dispensary, and Office No. 68 Arch street, where applications for new Agencies will be received,) has purchased from Dr. John R. Rowand his celebrated
ROWAND'S TONIC MIXTURE,
Known for upwards of twenty-five years as the only sure and safe cure for Fever and Ague, &c. and his inestimable remedy for Bowel Complaints, Rowand's compound SYRUP OF BLACKBERRY ROOT, which highly improved and popular Remedies, together with the University's remedy for complaints of the Lungs; the University's remedy for Dispepsia or Indigestion; the University's remedy for Costive Bowels; also, the University's Almanac may be had.
☞For sale in Randolph county, N. C., by
Dec 22. 2m-pd DAVID MERRILL.

TAKE NOTICE.
ALL DEBTS due me prior to this date must be settled immediately or they will be placed in an Officer's hands for collection.
C. W. ANDREWS.
December 22, 1855. 77-4t

S. M. THOMAS,
DEALER IN
FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS,
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
Hats, Caps, Bonnets, Boots and Shoes, Sheetings, Cotton Yarns, Kerseys, Blankets, &c., &c.
Corner Market and Gillespie St., Fayetteville, N. C.
Dec. 22. 77-tf

IMPROVED HAVANA PLAN LOTTERY.
By authority of the State of Alabama.
SOUTHERN MILITARY ACADEMY LOTTERY.
CLASS Y.—To be drawn January 8, 1856,
In the city of Montgomery,
When prizes amounting to $30,000 will be distributed according to the following unparalleled schedule:
Remember! One Thousand Prizes!
Capital Prize, $10,000!
CLASS Y.

1	Prize of	$10,000 is	$10,000
2	do	2,000 are	4,000
3	do	500 are	1,500
11	do	250 are	2,750
10	do	110 are	1,100
17	do	75 are	1,275
43	do	50 are	2,150
83	do	25 are	2,075
200	do	10 are	2,000
630	do	5 are	3,150
1,000 prizes, amounting to			$30,000

Only Ten Thousand Numbers!
Tickets $5—Halves $2 50—Quarters $1 25.
SAMUEL SWAN, Agent and Manager.
Address orders for Tickets to W. H. HUTCHINSON Montgomery, Ala. [Dec 26—2m-pd

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J. C. POE,
DEALER IN
STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS,
HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, AND *Ready-Made Clothing.*
Particular attention paid to Ladies' Dress Goods and Trimmings.
HAY STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
November 3d, 1855. tf

FREIGHTING ON CAPE FEAR RIVER.
At a meeting of the Boat owners interested in navigating the Cape Fear River between Fayetteville and Wilmington,
On motion, D. McLaurin was called to the Chair, and R. M. Orrell was appointed Secretary.
On motion of James F. Marsh,
Resolved, That from and after the 1st day of January, 1856, *Cash will be required upon the delivery of all freights* at Wilmington and Fayetteville respectively.
On motion of J. D. Williams,
Resolved, That each of the Steamboat Companies on the Cape Fear River, from and after the 1st of January, 1856, will carry Guano from Wilmington to Fayetteville at 10 cents per bag; Lime at 25 cents per cask, and ground Plaster at 30 cents per cask, and that a **REDUCTION OF 20 PER CENT.** from the printed and established rates on all other articles will be made from and after that date, all Cartage and Drayage being paid by the shippers.
On motion of James Banks,
Resolved, That the foregoing be published in the papers.
D. McLAURIN, Chair'n
R. M. ORRELL, Sec'y
Dec. 24, 185 . 78-tf

CARTHAGE INSTITUTE.
SCHOOL will be resumed in this Institution the 7th of January.
A. R. BLACK, Principal.
W. M. BLACK, Assistant.
Carthage, Dec. 19, 1855. 78-3t

ROCKINGHAM HOTEL.
The Subscriber having rented the above named premises of George B. Wetmore, in the town of Rockingham, for the ensuing year, informs his old friends and the public generally, that he will continue to keep a house of entertainment, and endeavor to please those who favor him with their patronage.
JOHN C. KNIGHT.
Dec. 23, 1855. 78-3t

WESTERN RAILROAD OFFICE,
Dec. 29, 1855.
An instalment of 5 per cent. upon the Capital Stock of this Company is called for, payable on the 1st day of February next; and also, Monthly calls of 5 per cent., until the 1st day of January 1857, when the whole amount will be due.
By order of the Board of Directors,
JNO. M. ROSE.
Treas'r W. R. R. Co.

CAUTION.
I am informed recently that J. W Clemons has a note in his possession against me, made payable to N. S. Upchurch, for some hundred dollars. This is to caution the public from trading for said note, as I am determined not to pay it, as I have proof that it has been paid.
Also, all orders, notes, judgments and accounts are all invalid.
R. F. MURPHY.
Dec 23, 1855 78-4t

SOUTHERN PLANK ROAD.
The ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders in the Southern Plank Road Company will be held in the Town Hall, in Fayetteville, on Thursday the 17th day of January, at 12 o'clock, M.
W. McL. McKAY, Sec'y.
December 27th. 3t

NOTICE.
At December Term, 1855, of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Cumberland County, the last Will and Testament of Henry Elliot was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the testator are requested to make an early payment. Those having claims must present them in proper time or this notice will be pleaded in bar.
ALEXANDER ELLIOT, } Executors.
J. G. SHEPHERD, }
December, 6th, 6t

SOAP FACTORY.
The undersigned having purchased the SOAP AND CANDLE FACTORY from Messrs. Smith & McRae, and formed a partnership for the purpose of carrying on the same, offer the most favorable inducement to the trade for the supply of SOAP AND CANDLES of their own manufacture, of a superior quality. They will guarantee their Soaps, both soft and hard, to be equal, and at prices as low as can be bought in any other market. Their Candles will be found equal to the hardest mould Tallow Candles from any Factory in the country. They respectfully solicit the patronage of the trade, and families of the town.
GREASE, GREASE.—The highest market price will be paid for GREASE, or taken in exchange for Soap or Candles. Families in town would do well to save their Grease and exchange it for Soap.
MILES COSTIN.
JOHN GAFFORD.
Wilmington, Dec. 1 1855. 3m

CUMBERLAND
SUPERIOR COURT OF LAW.
Fall Term, 1855.
His Honor, J. W. Ellis, Judge presiding: It is ordered by his Honor, that a SPECIAL TERM of the SUPERIOR COURT of LAW and EQUITY be held for the County of Cumberland, the week beginning with the Second Monday in FEBRUARY, A. D., 1856, and that the Clerk of the Court give six weeks' notice thereof in each of the newspapers in the town of Fayetteville.
Suitors, Witnesses and others, having business to transact on the Civil Docket are required to attend punctually, on the Second Monday in February next, at the Court House in Fayetteville.
Witness, Jesse T. Warden, Clerk of our said Court, at Office in Fayetteville, the Seventh Monday after the Fourth Monday in September, A. D., 1855.
77-6w] JESSE T. WARDEN, C. S. C.

NOTICE.
The undersigned have this day entered into a Copartnership under the name and style of Andrews & Odum, for the purpose of carrying on the mercantile business, at the stand lately occupied by Davis & Willis, where they intend to keep a general assortment of
DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES
They earnestly solicit a share of public patronage, and promise that they will earnestly endeavor to make it to the interest of their friends to deal with them. Call and try us.
ANDREWS & ODUM.
Robeson Institute, Dec. 24, 1855. 3t
Argus copy.

BOOK AGENCY.
The subscribers have established a Book Agency in Philadelphia, and will furnish any book or publication at the retail price free of postage. Any persons, by forwarding the subscription price of any of the $3 Magazines, such as Harpers,' Godey's Putman's Graham's, Frank Leslie's Fashions, &c. will receive the magazines for one year and a copy of a splended lithograph portrait of either Washington, Jackson or Clay; or, if subscribing to a $2 and a $1 Magazine, they will receive a copy of either of the three portraits. If subscribing to $6 worth of Magazines, all three portraits will be sent gratis. Music furnished to those who may wish it.
Envelops of every discription and size in large or small quantities furnished. Seal Presses, Dies, &c. sent to order.
Every description of Engraving on Wood executed with neatness and despatch. Views of Buildings, Newspaper Headings, View of Machinery, Books Illustrations, Lodge Certificates, Business Cards, &c. All orders sent by mail promptly attended to. Persons wishing views of their buildings engraved can send a Daguerreotype or sketch of the building by mail or express.
Persons at a distance having saleable articles would find it to their advantage to address the subscribers, as we would act as agents for the sale of the same.
BYRAM & PIERCE.
50 South Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
J. H. BYRAM. T. MAY PIERCE.
December 24th. y-pd

Why is the Minority of the House so Powerful?

The seventy-five democrats who vote for Col. Richardson for Speaker, in a full House, are expected to achieve wonders by the many-named opposition. The one hundred and fifty representatives, who do not agree with the minority of seventy-five, and who are in the majority, have been declaiming to the country for weeks past that this minority is the cause of all the trouble, and that if only it would agree to disagree, everything would be satisfactory. The democrats came to Congress to do their duty according to their principles They came, according to the know-nothings, an utterly ruined party. They came, according to the abolitionists, an utterly annihilated organization. Well; acting under a sincere sense of their minority—we will not say "acquiescing" in the depreciating judgment of their adversaries—they did all that such a minority could do: they modestly nominated their candidate and quietly asserted their opinions. Taking their places in the House, they proceeded modestly to vote for their choice for Speaker; but hardly had they demonstrated their principles and their purposes before they were assailed with contumely and reproach from all quarters by the dissenting and fragmentary majority! It was the democrats who would not allow a Speaker to be elected! It was the intolerable democratic platform that was an obstacle to harmony! It was this calm, courageous, and uncomplaining minority that made everybody outside of it angry and fretful! Such is the comment upon the attitude of the democracy by those who control the opposition majority in Congress.

And why is this so? We think we have at last found the secret. It is because the democracy, a minority in Congress, is a majority before the people; it is because the democracy, unable to elect a Speaker, is certain to elect a President. The opposition see that this minority is to be dreaded, and that its unity and power in the House, if not broken or impaired by the skilful machinations of southern know-nothings and northern abolitionists, will certainly sweep everything before it in the coming presidential campaign. And this is the plain and simple solution of all the mystery which has troubled so many wise and cautious heads. —*Washington Union.*

IMPORTS OF DRY GOODS.—The Journal of Commerce publishes its usual Statement of the Imports of Dry Goods at the port of New York. The history of this trade for the last three years, is unusually interesting. The year 1853 witnessed the largest imports at this port ever entered since the country was settled. The receipts of dry goods, alone, for that year, reached $93,704,211, an increase of over 50 per cent. upon the total for the preceding year. In the beginning of the year 1854, the imports fell off, but with some fluctuations, and the decrease was not very strongly marked until September of that year, when the falling off became rapid and uninterrupted, continuing monthly, without exception, until September, 1855, a period of 12 months. Part of this decrease was of course included in the last year's summary, the total imports of dry goods for 1854 being only $80,842,936 against $93,704,211 for 1853. The decrease, as we have said, continued until September, 1855, when the trade turned, and each month since has shown a comparative increase, leaving the total for the year 1855, $15,868,874 below the total for 1854, $28,730,149 below that of 1853, but $3,319,918 greater than for the year 1852, when the total was only $61,654,144.

AMPUTATING A LEG AT HIP JOINT.—Last Saturday, says the Cincinnati Commercial, we witnessed a very extraordinary surgical operation at the Commercial Hospital, performed by Prof. Blackman of the Ohio Medical College. It was no less than amputating a man's leg at the hip-joint. This operation is very rarely performed; and we are informed by those more familiar with surgical statistics than ourselves that this is the first instance of a case in Ohio. Of course it is only in extreme cases that it would be undertaken, and then only as a *dernier* resort. It would be difficult for persons who know little or nothing of the science of the profession, to estimate the responsibility felt by the surgeon who undertakes to perform an operation so critical.

The operation performed by Dr. Blackman was on the person of a young man. The thigh bone was affected with cancer, which was rapidly ascending toward the hip joint, and the only hope of saving his life was by this operation. The patient was under the influence of chloroform, and exhibited very little evidence of pain during the entire operation. The limb was entirely severed from the body in two seconds.

STEAMBOAT AND RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.—According to a table in the New York Herald, there were during the past year 27 steamboat accidents in the United States, whereby 176 persons were killed and 107 wounded. Last year there were 48 accidents and 587 persons killed and 225 wounded. This large decrease is no doubt owing to the good effect of the new steamboat law passed by Congress.

The Baltimore Sun says there were in the United States during the present year 142 railroad accidents, killing 116 persons and wounding 539 others. Among the killed were 20 engineers, 19 firemen, 6 conductors, and 16 brakesmen. Last year there were 193 accidents, and 186 persons killed and 589 wounded.

THE DEMOCRACY STAND FIRM.—The democratic phalanx in the House of Representatives, stand firm and fast. There is no wavering. On the evening of the 28th another caucus was called, and was attended by a majority of the democratic members, there, and after a full and harmonious interchange of opinions, they unanimously decided as follows:

"*Resolved,* That we will adhere to our platform and our nominee."

This is the sentiment of the democracy of the Union. Everywhere the firm and united action of the democrats is applauded, and the slightest faltering now would mortify the noblest party that ever existed in any country Let the answer be to all proposals from our opponents, that of Paul Jones in one of his conflicts, when asked if he had surrendered; and truly may we use his words in view of the great issues and contests upon which we are only entering: "Surrender!" said the hero; "Never! *The battle has only begun.*"—*Union.*

Gambling in Paris.

The sprightly, gossiping Paris correspondent of the Boston Post furnishes the following instructive disclosures in regard to the gambling houses in that city:

"Paris at present is full of gambling houses. They exist in every street almost—in principal hotels even—who has not heard of the one in the *Maison Doree!*—and strangers are fleeced with all the impunity which ignorance and inexperience permit. One passes a respectable-looking, well-lit window, with large guilt letters, signifying 'TABLE D'HOTE,' inscribed upon its pane; between the white, cleanly muslin curtains, he can peer into a spacious room, where he beholds a table covered with dinner furniture, plates, goblets, baskets of fruits, &c. and, desiring to economize, or wishing to avoid the bustle and clamor of a boulevard cafe, or tired and hungry, or what not, he enters the door near the window, places his hat and coat in a place designated by a civil man in shirts, and seats himself in the waiting-room, anxious for the signal to put himself at the table which attracted his observation. Guests arrive; two or three, to all appearances, strangers and newcomers like himself; middle-aged, dignified men, dressed in coats buttoned dangerously tight, and decorated with red riband, or more likely some foreign order; everything appears decorous, quiet, and respectable. A matron of honest exterior, a host astoundingly cordial and well-whiskered, together with servants overwhelmingly polite, make the stranger chuckle at the good fortune which conducted him hither. While partaking of the palatable fare in his merriment and good nature he goes a bottle of good wine—the price is so reasonable he thinks he can stand it—and he finds the chatty young woman whom chance undoubtedly has made his neighbor, and whose toilette has previously excited his admiration, is quite disposed to take the last sip with him, since she feels already acquainted, so winning have proved his powers of conversation and so intelligible his French. During the periods of soup, fish, and meats, up to the attack upon the pears, apples, and raisins, she has engrossed his attention. He becomes interested in the pretty *voisine,* and, yielding to Anglo-Saxon inquisitiveness, he urges her into details of her condition in life, her parentage, pursuits, place of abode, &c. All that she replies seems so candid and naively spoken, and so engagingly simple, that he is charmed at the further good luck which has furnished the opportunity for so agreeable an acquaintance. He would have another bottle were it not for the breaking up of the society, which he sees commencing and the termination of the dinner that has been almost forgotten. As he soon after passes out, madame, at the *comptoir,* who receives the modest compensation, pleasantly and frankly invites him to mount and take his coffee in a room above with the other guests; a proposition which is the more readily accepted from the glimpse which he gets of the retreating figure of his table-friend, evidently skipping in that direction. Dominoes are there first produced; other innocent games entered into, until at length some bolder members of the society suggest a party for *lansquenet,* or a little *chemin-de-fer,* or the more plebeian method of taking up less than you put down, known as *bouillotte.* Parties are quickly formed, doors and windows are closed by the indulgent host, who blandly takes an active part in the proceedings, and merrily commences the sport 'with a clear fire and all the rigor'—the stranger and his little friend, by another singular chance, becoming partners. Unless accustomed to Parisian games and the lively manner of playing them he is not apt to overburden himself with winnings. But in any case, experienced or tenderly verdant, no mortal, be he gentlemen or blackleg, or Robert Houdin himself, has any chance whatever against a Pole, where 'advantages' are mutually being played. A Pole will cheat twice where anybody else cheats once and knows more shuffles and stackings than the 'Reformed Gambler' mentions in the whole of his books."

THE DEAD MEN'S TRAIN ON THE OLD COLONY ROAD.—The Old Colony Mermaid, published at Plymouth, Massachusetts, narrates an incident which is sufficiently marvellous to please the most ardent believers in "signs and wonders."

It states as a matter of common notoriety in Plymouth, that during the last summer months, between three and four o'clock in the morning there was regularly and distinctly heard upon the railroad the whistle as of an approaching train. As it was well known, however, that no train passed over the road at such a time in the morning, four gentlemen at the Samoset House determined to investigate the mystery. Accordingly, unknown to any one, they one morning, about two o'clock, stationed themselves on the railroad tract, about a mile from town, and awaited the arrival of the supernatural visitor.

They did not watch long, nor wait in vain, for immediately they distinctly heard, far off in the north, the sound of a railway whistle and presently "the distant clatter of wheels was heard—louder, nearer, nearer, still it came—the click of the rails in their chairs; the rush of steam was as plain in their ears as if the lantern glared before them—the shriek of a demon whistle close at hand made them leap from the track, as the train thundered down the grade—the hot breath of the panting steed was in their very faces as it passed; as the unearthly scream ceased, they heard the brakeman screwing up their brakes, the tinkle of a bell and a sound of a meeting cars, as if the invisible spectre monster of the road had reached his journey's end."

The Boston Journal says that in that city, a spiritual circle, while sitting, held a conversation with the spirit of an engineer, who, while living, run a train on the Old Colony Railroad. The spirit said that the train was for the purpose of conveying the spirits of the dead.

A FIVE-HUNDRED-DOLLAR BIBLE.—Among the many costly and really beautiful works of art offered for sale, (says the Philadelphia Ledger,) there is nothing in the book line that approaches in richness the $500 bible exposed in Peterson's window, 102 Chestnut street. The paper, printing, binding, and, in fact, the whole finish of the book, it is believed, exceeds that of any other in the world. The ornaments are solid gold, and very heavy. This book is worth some little trouble to see. It will be exposed where it now stands all the week.