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Office at the corner of Bow and Green streets.
Feb'y 3, 1856.

J. A. SPEARS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,

ATTENDS the Courts of Cumberland, Harnet Wake and Johnston.
Address, Toomer, Harnett Co., N. C.
Feb. 16, 1856. 85-y

BARTH'W FULLER,
Attorney at Law,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.,

May be consulted at the Law Office of Jese G. Shepherd, Esq., on Green Street.
July 19, 1856. 7-tf

ANDREW J. STEDMAN,
Attorney at Law.

Having removed to PITTSBORO, N. C., will attend regularly the Courts of Chatham, Moore and Harnett Counties.
April 14, 1856. tf

JOHN D. SHAW.
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Rockingham, Richmond County North Carolina, will practice in the Courts of Richmond, Anson and Robeson. All business entrusted to his care will receive strict attention. July, 11, 1y-58

FOR SALE.

844 Acres of Land, lying on Cape Fear River—Store, Dwelling, Out Houses all in first rate order. The Store is at a fine business stand at the Cross Roads and the land is not to be excelled by any in North Carolina.

Any person desiring to purchase can obtain further particulars respecting the property by calling on either of us at Willis' Creek on the Wilmington Road 15 miles from Fayetteville.

SARAH WRIGHT.
Oct. 4. 18-tf JAMES WRIGHT.

FOR SALE.

Five sevenths of the FARMING AND TURPENTINE LAND in Harnett county, known as the Parker and McNeill lands, joining Wm. Harrington's land on Upper Little River. There is some 200 acres of the best quality of low grounds on the River. The up lands are heavily timbered with pines, and within six miles of the Fayetteville and Western Railroad.

For particulars apply to D. McARTHUR.
J. P. ROPER.
J. W. McKAY.
Nov. 1856 29, 26-tf

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

MARBLE FACTORY.
BY GEO. LAUDER.
Nearly opposite to E. W. Willkings' Auction Store
Fayetteville, N. C.
Oct. 1. 1856. y

Fall Stock, 1857.

B. F. PEARCE & CO.,

ARE now receiving a large and well selected stock of **DRY GOODS,** consisting in part of:

Black and Figured Silks;
English and French Merinoes;
Plain and Fig'd DeLanes;
French all wool Plaids;
Alpacas of all qualities;
Black Bombazine;
English, French and American Prints;
Chenille Shawls, (beautiful patterns;)
Ladies' Cloaks of every description;
Jaconet Edgings and Insertions;
Collars and Undersleeves;
Hosiery, Gloves, Belts;
Ribbons, Trimmings, &c.;
Cloths and Cassimeres;
Tweeds, Jeans and Sattinets;
White and Colored Flannels;
Bleached and brown Shirtings;
Allendale 10-4 Sheeting;
Bleached and Brown Drillings;
Plaid Linseys and Kerseys;
Marlboro' Stripes and Plaids;
Brown and Bleached Table Cloths;
Towellings of all kinds;
Negro Blankets;
Extra quality Bed Blankets;
Spiral, Brass and Whalebone Hoops;
Good assortment of Hoop Skirts;
Yankee Notions of every variety, kind, and quality;
Silk, Leghorn, and Straw Bounets;
Moleskin, Cassimere and Wool Hats;
Boots, Shoes, Umbrellas, &c.

—*ALSO*—

A large and fashionable stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

All of which will be sold low for CASH, or on our usual time to punctual customers either at Wholesale or Retail. All persons are respectfully invited to give us a call.

B. F. PEARCE. J. W. PEARCE, Jr.
Sep. 12 1857 67-tf

A CARD.

THE undersigned would respectfully inform his old friends and customers that he can be found at the Store of C. E. Leete, where he will be glad to see them.

J. R. McDONALD.
Jan. 17, 1857. 33-tf

THE MAGNOLIA RESTAURANT.

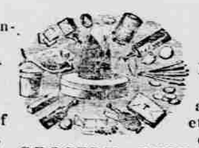
They say the Magnolia Tree is the handsomest growth south of Mason and Dixon's line, and it is evidently a fact. It is also said the Magnolia Restaurant on Green Street, between Dr. B. W. Robinson's Medical Establishment, and Mr P. Taylor's Store, and nearly opposite the Shemwell House, is the Finest and best kept of any other establishment in the South. Persons wishing to find cannot well miss it: it is the YELLOW BUILDING.

The subscriber would take this method of thanking the citizens of this place and the surrounding country, for the unprecedented liberality they have bestowed on him, and would solicit a continuation.

He has always on hand the VERY BEST LIQUORS, WINES and CORDIALS, that can be found in the United States, either by the quantity or otherwise.—Also, Cigars, Pickles, Sardines, Cheese, Preserved Fruits, Lemon Syrup, and many other good things, and flatters himself that he has the most polite, obliging, accomplished and *FRANK*, vender to attend to his establishment, that can be found either North or South. Temperance drinks put up at the shortest notice. He would call attention particularly to his private rooms up stairs, which are large, comfortable, and in good order.

R. JONES.
Yellow Building, Green St., Fayetteville, N. C.
May 16, 1857. 50-tf

R. E. HEIDE,
DEALER IN



Confectionaries, Perfumeries, Bread, Crackers of all kinds, Fruits' Nuts, Fancy Articles, and a variety of articles in the GROCERY LINE.

Foot of Haymount, Fayetteville, N. C.
Oct. 24. 1857. 73-y

LIQUORS!
FOREIGN & DOMESTIC.

C. E. LEETE has on HAND at present a SELECT ASSORTMENT OF LIQUORS, Consisting in part o

5 Bbls - - OLD NASH BRANDY
5 do - - PURE old Rye Whiskey
3 do Scuppernong Wine; Vintage 1855

—ALSO—

50 Bbls - - - - - Domestic Whiskey
5 do - - - - - - N. E. Rum
5 do - - - HOLLAND GIN

73-tf.

"LOOK OUT FOR THE LOCOMOTIVE!"

J. W. LETT

Has just received a large and general STOCK OF GOODS suited to the Fall and Winter trade, consisting of a choice selection of

Staple and Fancy DRY GOODS,

Boots and Shoes, with almost everything desirable in that line.

PRIME FAMILY GROCERIES always to be had

AT LETT'S.

Goods sold at the lowest prices for CASH, or exchanged for country produce.
Sept. 26. 1857. 1y-pd

NOTICE.

Persons indebted to Jas. C. McEachin, as Guardian of the heirs of John Morrison, dec'd, are hereby respectfully informed, that said guardian has in a great majority of instances endorsed and transferred their notes to the undersigned. Also, that our urgent necessities, apart from the requirements of the endorser compel us to collect as speedily as possible. All those indebted will therefore oblige us, and themselves too, by paying up immediately. We must and will sue where the money is not forthcoming.

A. D. MORRISON.
J. M. MORRISON
N. A. MORRISON.
Laurinburgh, N. C., March 7, 1857. 40-tf

J. S. BANKS,
COMMISSION AND FORWARDING
MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
January 1, 1856. 1y-pd

GLASS AND EARTHEN
SELF-SEALING JARS.

For preserving Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. Pints Quarts and Half-Gallons, at $2 40, $3 40, and $5 25, per dozen, respectively. For sale at the Crockery Store. W. N. TILLINGHAST.

Also, Fresh Supplies of CHINA, GLASS-WARE and Table Knives.
June 20, 1857. 55-tf

JAMES C. SMITH. MILES COSTIN
JAMES C. SMITH & CO.,
Commission Merchants,

Have removed their office to the second story of the building formerly occupied by the Telegraph Company where they are prepared to attend to all business in the Commission line.

All business entrusted to them will be punctually attended to.
Wilmington, October 1, 1856 y

SECOND STOCK!
STARR & WILLIAMS

ARE now receiving THEIR SECOND STOCK FOR THIS SEASON, embracing,—

Dry Goods,
Hats, Boots, Shoes,
AND MADE-UP CLOTHING,

To which they invite the attention of Wholesale buyers generally.

J. B. STARR.] [J. M. WILLIAMS.
Oct 10. 71-tf

FRESH TURNIP SEED.

FLAT DUTCH,
RED TOP,
ENGLISH NORFOLK,
LARGE GLOBE,
RUTA BAGA.

Just received and for sale by
July 11, 1857. tf S. J. HINSDALE.

PROSPECTUS
OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN.

The Presbyterian Church in North Carolina has long labored under a serious disadvantage from the want of a journal to advocate her claims and represent her interests. It is estimated that only 1000 Presbyterian Weeklies are taken in the bounds of our three Presbyteries. We have 13,000 Communicants, and it is safe to infer that there are 30,000 Presbyterians in principle in the State. Our Synod stands fifth in the Union in point of numbers, and her membership is greater than that of any Synod South or West of Pennsylvania.

Our sister States on the North and South, neither of which has a membership so large as ours, publish the Central, and the Southern Presbyterian, for the benefit of their people.

The time has come when the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina should likewise do her duty to her children. It is a conceded and important fact, that hundreds of our members will take a State paper who will take no other.

The Paper is needed to be the organ of our Synod and Presbyteries—to elevate and enlighten the piety of our membership by diffusing evangelical knowledge—to promote the cause of Education—to develope the talents of our Ministry, and to strengthen the attachment of our people to the soil and sanctuaries of their own State.

If our Church in other States, and other Churches in this State, can supply their members with a religious journal, why may not we?

Are North Carolina Presbyterians inferior in talent, energy and patriotism to their neighbors on the North or South, or to Christians of other denominations at home? With the same or better opportunities of accomplishing this work, shall we leave it undone? In the language of one of our most able and useful Ministers, an adopted son of our State, "It ought to have been undertaken 20 years ago, but it is not too late to begin to do right."

In the last two or three months, a fund of about $5000 has been subscribed as a permanent capital. At a meeting of the contributors held at Greensborough on the 14th of May,—Rev. A. Baker, Chairman,—the Paper was unanimously located at Fayetteville, under the name and title of the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. Wm. N. Mebane and Rev. George McNeill were elected Editors: Rev. Messrs. George McNeill, Wm. N. Mebane, A. Baker and C. H. Wiley, and Messrs. George McNeill, Sr., John H. Cook and David Murphy were appointed an Executive Committee, to establish the Paper and manage its business affairs

It is our wish and design to make the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN a journal of the first class, equal to the best in the country in typographical appearance and in adaptation to the wants of our Churches. Its columns will afford the latest intelligence, both foreign and domestic, and special care will be taken to give a full and accurate summary of State news. The name of the Paper is designed to be an exponent of its character and contents. From conviction, it will advocate the conservative, orthodox, Old School doctrines and order of the Church.

Our first appeal is to our own people—to N. C. Presbyterians. Whilst we rely confidently upon their favor, we trust that the native sons of North Carolina who have found homes in other States, and the adopted citizens of our State who form so important an element in our Ministry and membership, will take a deep interest in this enterprise, and give it their hearty support.

TERMS: $2 per annum in advance, or on delivery of the first number; $2 50 in six months $3 at the end of the year. To clubs of 25 or more, paying in advance and when the Paper is sent to one address, a discount of 10 per cent. will be allowed. Our Ministers and Elders are earnestly desired to act as Agents, and all others friendly to the cause will please assist in procuring as many subscribers as possible, and forward the names, by *August 1st*, to this Office. As soon as 1500 subscribers are obtained, the first number will be issued. If a faithful and vigorous effort is made in the next two months by those who take a lively interest in this work, we will without doubt, be able to begin the publication at the end of that time with a paying subscription list of at least 3000.

☞ Address, Editors of the North Carolina Presbyterian, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fayetteville, May 20, 1857

FOR SALE.

Heavy 4-4 Beaver Creek Sheetings.
Cotton Yarn, Warp and Filling, Nos. 5 to 10.

ALSO,

Belt, Picker, Roller and Lace LEATHERS.
Oils and Manufacturer's Findings.
Winter strained, Sperm, Lard and Linseed Oils.
Shuttlie's Isinglass, French Glue, Emory, Roller Cloth and Glass Steps.

J. H. HALL, Pres. B. C. M. Co.
July 26, 1856 8-tf

10,000 lbs. Tallow wanted,

For which the highest cash price will be paid.
Oct. 1, 1856 A. M. CAMPBELL.

A. A. McKethan

respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has built up large substantial Brick Buildings at his Old Stand, expressly for manufacturing Carriages. Thankful for the very liberal patronage he has received for the last 21 years, he hopes by strict attention to business, with a desire to give satisfaction, to merit a continuance of the same. He warrants his work to be made of the best material and by experienced workmen in each branch of the business. His work will compare favorably with any made in the United States, for neatness and durability.

He is determined to sell and do any work in his line on as good terms as any work done elsewhere that is as well done. He now has on hand, finished, the largest stock of CARRIAGES, BAROUCHES, ROCKAWAYS, AND BUGGIES, ever offered in this place, and a very large stock of work nearly finished, which will be sold very low for Cash, or on short time to punctual customers. ☞He has on hand more than ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY Vehicles finished and in course of construction.

☞All work made by him is warranted 12 months with fair usage, and should it fail by bad workmanship or material will be repaired free of charge.

Persons wishing to buy would do well to call and examine for themselves.

Orders thankfully received and promptly attended to. Repairing executed at short notice and on very reasonable terms.

Fayetteville, Oct 1, 1856.

TROY & FULLER,
Attorneys and Counsellors
AT LAW.
LUMBERTON N. C.

ROBERT E. TROY & JOHN P. FULLER, have formed an association for the practice of their profession in Robeson co., only—R. E. Troy will also attend the Courts of Bladen and Columbus, and J P Fuller those of Cumberland.

Their Office in Lumberton will be kept open at ALL times.
January 9, 1858. 83-tf

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the Estate of William Blount, deceased, by Notes executed to said William Blount in his life-time, to Joseph Thompson and Charity Blount his Administrators, at the sale of the Personal Property of said Estate, made on the 19th and 20th March last, and to Joseph Thompson, Guardian for the hire of slaves; are notified that I am directed to bring suit on all remaining unpaid on the 20th inst

R. S. FRENCH.
Lumberton, Jan. 9. 83-4t

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber under authority of the County Court of Cumberland, will offer for sale at the Court House in Fayetteville on the Monday of the Special Term of the Superior Court in February next, A valuable tract of Land containing one hundred acres lying on the east side of the Cape Fear River joining Waddill's & others about a mile from the Clarendon Bridge. Said land belongs to the estate of Kinon Branch deceased, and is WELL WOODED and convenient to market. Terms at sale.

D. G. McRAE, Adm'r.
Jan. 9 83-ts.

FAYETTEVILLE HOTEL.

FRANK N. ROBERTS. & CO., having leased this Hotel, will be pleased to see their former patrons and friends, assuring them that they will use every exertion to please

F. N. Roberts.] [J. G. Smith
Jan. 9, 1858. 83-tf

40 HANDS WANTED.

The subscribers wish to hire 40 colored hands to work on the Railroad from Fayetteville to the Coal Fields. The highest prices will be paid by the month or by the year. Apply to the subscribers at the Fayetteville Hotel.

EMO O'BRYAN & Co.
January 9th, 1858. 83-3t.

1000 ACRES LAND FOR SALE.

The subscriber having determined to move West next fall, will sell on Tuesday of January Court, on 6 *months* credit, his valuable tract of land, containing one thousand acres, lying immediately on the Wadesboro road, 1 mile south of Carthage, in Moore Co. Said land is well adapted to the cultivation of Corn, Wheat, Oats and Cotton. There is a first rate dwelling-house on the premises, containing six rooms with five fire places. There is also a first rate barn, ginhouse, stables, negro-houses and all other necessary out-houses, with fine spring water, and a well in the yard. The beauty and proverbial health of this place with its nearness to Carthage, where there is a good male and female school, renders it one of the most desirable country residences to be found to persons having families to educate.

Jan 9, 83-3t J. J. ALSTON.

HOWARD ASSOCIATION.
PHILADELPHIA.

A Benevolent Institution, established by special endowment for the relief of the sick and distressed afflicted with Virulent and epidemic diseases

The Howard Association, in view of the awful destruction of human life, caused by Sexual diseases and the deceptions practised upon the unfortunate victims of such diseases by Quacks, several years ago directed their Consulting Surgeon, as a CHARITABLE ACT worthy of their name, to open a Dispensary for the treatment of this class of diseases, in all their forms, and to give Medical Advice Gratis, to all who apply by letter, with a description of their condition, (age, occupation, habits of life, &c.,) and in cases of extreme poverty, to furnish Medicines Free of Charge. It is needless to add that the Association commands the highest Medical skill of the age, and will furnish the most approved modern treatment.

The directors, on a review of the past, feel assured that their labors in this sphere of benevolent effort have been of great benefit to the afflicted, especially to the young, and they have resolved to devote themselves, with renewed zeal, to this very important but much despised cause.

Just Published by the Association, a Report on Spermatorrhœa, or Seminal Weakness, and other Diseases of the Sexual Organs, by the Consulting Surgeon which will be sent by mail, [in a sealed letter envelope,] Free of Charge, on receipt of two Stamps for postage.

Address, for Report or treatment, Dr. George R. Calhoun, Consulting Surgeon, Howard Association No. 2 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

By order of the Directors.

G. FAIRCHILD, Sec'y E. D. HEARTWELL, Pres.
Jan. 9, 83-3m pd

CAMP HILL
HALL INSTITUTE

THE first Session of this Institute will commence on the 2d Monday in January, 1858. This Academy is located in the lower portion of Moore County, in the neighborhood of Lick Creek. The settlement is exceedingly healthy,—the citizens moral and intelligent. Being a very desirable locality the subscriber hopes to merit a liberal patronage from abroad, as well as from the neighborhood. Parents and guardians sending to this institute may rely upon his undivided attention to advance the students in their text books. Another chief design is a moral training The school will be conducted in the school house at the Poplar Springs until the new Academy is in a condition to go into—which is now being pushed to a speedy completion—and supposed will be finished in eight weeks. As many as may come from abroad can get board within a mile and a half of the Academy in the most respectable families. Board of the best quality not higher than $6 per month.

Terms of tuition per session of 20 weeks. $7 50 for English elementary; $10,00 for reading, writing and Emerson's 1st part; $12,50 for English grammar, geography and Emerson's higher arithmetic; $15,00 for Latin, Greek and Algebra, &c.

For information address the subscriber, Long Street, Moore County, N. C.

WILLIAM RHODES, Principal.
Jan. 16, 84-5t

A FRESH SUPPLY OF
Currents,
Citron,
Raisins, and Nuts,
of all kinds just received at,

BANKS'S Confectionary.
Jan. 16, 84-2 t Green Street.

25 BOXES New York State CHEESE and a few Firkins choice GOSHEN BUTTER just received and for sale cheap for *CASH* at

BANKS'S Confectionary.
Jan. 16, 84-2t Green Street.

NOTICE.

WANTED—Three first rate Workmen, for which the best of prices will be given, and study work. The price for making Boots, 3.75; for footing, 2.75; Shoes, 1.50. Wanted immediately.

Dec. 31, 82-tf M. FAULK.

NORTH CAROLINIAN.
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

COURTING IN IOWA.

The following circumstances happened in Cedar Co., Iowa:

A certain young man being out on a courting expedition came late on Sunday evening, and in order to keep his secret from his young acquaintances, determined to be at home bright and early on Monday morning. Mounted on his horse, dressed in his fine white summer pants, and other fixins in proportion, he arrives at the residence of his inamorata where he was kindly received, and his horse, properly taken care of, being turned into the pasture for the night. The night passed away, and three o'clock in the morning arrived. Three o'clock was the time for him to depart, so that he might arrive at home before his comrades were stiring. He sallied forth to the pasture to catch his horse; but here was a difficulty—grass high and loaded with dew. To venture in with white pantaloons on would rather take out the starch and lead to his detection. It would not do to go in with his white unmentionables, so he quickly made his resolve. He carefully disrobed himself of his valuable "whites" and placed them in safety on the fence, while he gave chace with unscrened pedals through the wet grass after the horse.

Returning to the fence where he had safely suspended his lilly white unmentionables. *O! Horrible Dictu!* what a sight met his eyes! The field into which his horse had been turned was not only a "horse pasture," but a "calf pasture," too, and the naughty calves attracted by the white flag on the fence, had betaken themselves to it, and calf-like, had eaten them up; only a few well chewed fragments of this once valuable article of the wardrobe now remained—only a few shreds—just sufficient to indicate what they once had been! What a pickle this was for a nice young man to be in!

It was now near day-light, and the farmers were up and about, and our hero far from home, with no covering for his "traveling apparatus."

It would not do to go back to the house of his lady love, neither could he go to town in that plight. There was one resource left him, and that was to secrete himself in the bushes until the next night and then get home under cover of the darkness.

Safe hid, he remained under the protection of the bushes for some time, and it may be imagined that his feelings towards the calf kind were not the most friendly character; but ere long, his seclusion was destined to be intruded upon. By and by the boys, who had been out to feed the calves, returned with the remnants of the identical white garment which adorned the lower limbs of their late visitor. They were mangled and torn to shreds! An inquest was immediately held over them. Some awful fate had befallen the unfortunate young man. The neighbors were summoned to search for the mangled corpse, and the posse with all speed set out with dogs and arms. The pasture was thoroughly searched, and then the adjacent thicket, when lo! our hero was driven out from his lair by the keen scent of the dogs all safe-alive and well, minus the *linen*.

An explanation then ensued at the expense of our hero, but he was successful in the end, and married the lady, and is now living comfortable in one of the flourishing little towns of Iowa.

A Greenhorn on the Locomotive.

Mr. Snodgrass, Junior, has been "scoting around" at the West, and as some of his experiencing are rather amusing, we copy an extract as follows:

"When we get to the depot, I went around to get a look at the iron hoss. Thunderation! it warn't no more like a hoss than a meetin' house. If I was goin' to describe the animule, I'd say it looked like—well it looked like—darned if I know *what* it looked like, unless it was a regular he devil, snortin' smoke all round, and pantin,' and heavin;' and swellin,' and chawing up red hot coals like they was good. A feller stood in a house like, feedin' him all the time, but the more he got the more he snorted. After a spell a feller catched him by the tail, and great Jerecho! he set up a yell that split the ground for more'n a mile and half, and the next minit I felt my legs a waggin', and found myself at t'other end of the string o' vehicles. I wasn't skered but I had three chills and a stroke of palsy in less than five minuits, and my face had a curious brownish-yeller-green-bluish color in it, which was perfectly unaccountable, "Well," says I, "comment is supper *fluuous*," and I took a seat in the nearest wagin, or car, as they call it—a consarned long, steamboat loo'ing thing, with a string of pews down each side big enough to hold about a man and a half. Just as I sat down, the hoss hollered twice and started off like a streak, pitchin' me head first at the stomach of a big Irish woman, and she gave a tremendous grunt, and then catched me by the head, and crammed me under the seat; the cars was a jumpin' and tearing' along at nigh onto forty thousand miles an hour, and everybody was a bobin' up and down like a mill-saw, and every wretch o'em had his mouth wide open and looked like they was laffin', but I couldn't hear nothin,' the cars kept such a racket. Bimeby they stopped all at once, and then such a another laff busted out of them passengers, as I never heern before. Laffin' at me, too, that's what made me mad, and I was mad as thunder, too. I rise up, shakin' my fist at 'em, says I, "Ladies and gentlemen, look a here! I'm a peaceable stranger—" and away the darn train went like small-pox was in town, jerkin me down in the seat with a whack like I'd been' thrown from the moon, and their cussed mouth's flopped open, and the fellers went to bobin up and down again. I put on an air of magnanimous contempt like, and took no more notice of 'em, and very naturally went to bobin' up and down myself"

THE NEW ORLEANS NEW CUSTOM HOUSE.—CAVEAT EMPTOR.—The New Orleans Bee has a long and minute discription of the Custom house now building in New Orleans. It says that it is the largest structure of the kind now under roof in the world. The corner-stone was laid by Henry Clay in 1848. The cost of the building will, it is thought, reach four million of dollars, and nearly all the costly material in this costly house has come from the North—the granite and marble from New England, and the iron from Pittsburg. An important matter in relation to the work is thus alluded to by the Bee: The question now arises, is the foundation of the building strong enough to sustain the immense weight that will press upon it when the building is stored with merchandise? When the building is completed, its weight by itself will be twenty pounds to the square inch—what will it be when the house shall be running over with products of the four quarters of the globe? It has been calculated by the civil engineer in this city that the soil of Louisiana should not sustain more than ten pounds to the square inch. We are not surprised, therefore, to learn that the building has settled eighteen inches since the foundations were laid.

The Bee says further, that the settling is not uniform, and that the top of the building is already six inches out of level.

STEAMBOAT AND RAIL ROAD ACCIDENTS IN 1857.—The number of steamboat accidents on the rivers and lakes in 1857, each attended with loss of life, has been thirty, in which 322 persons were killed and eighty six wounded. In 1856 the number of these accidents was twenty-eight, and 358 persons were killed and 127 wounded. The number of rail road accidents, attended with loss of life, in 1857, has been 126, in which 130 persons were killed and 530 wounded. In 1856 the number of accidents was 143, in which 165 persons were killed and 629 wounded. No accidents has been recorded which was not attended with loss of life or injury to persons; neither do the figures include the great number of persons who have been killed and maimed by jumping from moving trains, attempting to get on moving trains, attempting to get on cars while they were in motion, being run over, &c.

SPOT ON THE SUN.—A correspondent of the Charleston Courier says: "A large spot has recently made its appearance on the face of the Sun. It is 40,000 miles in diameter, of rather triangular figure, along the borders of the penumbra, within which are four or five nuclei, and several smaller ones in the form of dots and lines.—The diameter of the spots 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."

☞ The statement of the United States Treasurer for the week ending Thursday, January 7, was as follows:

Amount of deposit,	$7,108,592 94
Drafts drawn but not paid,	2,093,887 19
Amount subject to draft,	5,014,705 74
Reduction from last week,	636,971 28
Receipts,	326,565 88
Drafts paid,	886,325 34
Drafts issued,	963,587 16

☞ The receipts at the New York custom house on Wednesday was greater than on any previous day since the beginning of the financial pressure, amounting to over $74,000. The receipts of the few preceding days averaged $30,000. The report of the Assistant Treasurer at New York for that day was as follows:

Total receipts,	$118,834 16
" payments,	184,293 43

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.—Gen. Piobert, of the French artilery and a member of the Institute, has made a discovery by which the explosion of gun powder in magazines may be prevented. It consists simply with mixing the gunpowder with coal dust.—When the gunpowder is required for use it is only necessary to sift it; the coal dust falls through the seive and the gunpowder resumes its original qualities. Experiments have been tried on a large scale with complete success. A magazine filled with gunpowder so mixed was set on fire. "No explosion took place," says the Moniteur de l' Armee.—"The gunpowder burned like any other combustible matters, as pitch or tar, and the fire was extinguished with the common pumps."

A VEGETABLE SERPENT.—A new organization of nature, being pronounced by naturalists the connecting link between animal and vegetable life, has been found in the interior of Africa, in the form of a serpent with a flower for a head. This singular freak of nature is spotted in the body, drags itself along, and the flower forming its head is bell shaped, and contains a viscid fluid. Flies and other insects, attracted by the smell of the juice, enter into the flower where they are caught by the adhesive matter. The flower then closes, and remains shut until the prisoners are transformed into chyle.—The indigestible portion, such as heads and wings, are thrown out by the aspiral opening. The vegetable serpent has a skin resembling leaves, a white and soft flesh, and instead of a bony skeleton and cartillageous frame, filled with yellow marrow.—The natives consider it a delicious food.