THURSDAY APRIL 1, 1875

TO CORRESPONDENTS:

CLOSE OF SIST VOLUMB. stee the thirty-first volme of the N. C. Aruga, Nearly two years ago, when we became the proprietors of this paper—it then had a circulation of bont 200. For two or three years previous to opr purchase of the press, material, &c., of the Amous, it had been changing ands and its circulation and run down as hove stated. Our present weekly issue is ver 500, and has a circulation nearly twice as large as any other paper in the county, and in constantly on the increase. Operationally a subscriber, for reasons satisfiactory to himself, stops his paper; but his ed into a town.

The tornado direction and we stillness in the of the 62 per nonum—but it makes as fear by a load rearing we have said something, or failed to say something which has given offence. We, that we have codesvored to do our duty.

With the next number we commence on

the 32d sear of the Austs. There are same names on our books which we found ooks of the 32d valume unless we bear

a gredit for printers material, or work a newspaper. Then, every man will see me absolute necessity of keeping Wis subscription paid up. We have resorted to danuing four patrene set little as any newspaper men we know of and we are ad to say that the most of them need no. sking for their subscription—they keep even on our books; and we are as thankful r their punctuality as it is possible for us to be. We do not mean any of that class—we only refer to such as are pagear or more in arrears—and we have charley onigh to believe that they mean no wrong by their neglect. Wehope all such will come ip and pay off the old score and go on with us again. We do not want to loose a single one. We have been visiting you for ars, and desire to keep up our friendly lations, hoping you will realize as much good by so doing as we shall. Wadesboro has at length taken a start to improve and grow, as she ought, and we hope the houn is no spacehodic effort that will soon die out, but that she will continue to spread out un-

dispulses a votal and Language We wrote the foregoing two or three ays ago, and have changed our purpose far as to strike off no name until court. see ws wrote the above some of our friends arrears have come forward and paid all ears and one year in advance. We all hid be glad all who owe us back rations ed.

til she covers all har hills with fine house

and gardens, and becomes a great city with a large mercantile and manufacturing in-

[EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.] DEAR ARGUS,-The Convention bill has nesed the Legislature, and it is the duty of

ry Conservative, paper in the State to fairly and squarely. 'Fis too late o discuss its merits or expediency.ng it through successfully by skating lass of the right stamp f. No Conserva-lass ever doubted the successity of a to in our organic laws. The only difence between us has been the poly

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it will retard the spirit of progress that has manifested Itself in the late elections all over the country. To sum it all up, it will face us for the next ten years in the hands of the feul miscreants that have beggared and buggered us for the last decade. Then all our hopes for the feture, all our fond aspirations for our good old State, urge u in rally as one man at the ballot hos, and Sect true and tried Conservations. Let the maurentive press keep before the people he tremendous issues at stake. Let them invass all the grounds of constitutional will be fired that will reverberate over the victory that will go up to the very welkin, from huzzas of millions of disenthralled freezen in the Presidential election in 76. ERCELDOUNE.

AN AWPUL TORNADO-GREAT DE-STRUTCION TO LIFE AND PROP.

The following necessuts of the terrible ornado which passed through portions of North and South Carolina and Georgia on he evening of the 20th inst, we take f.om our exchanges:

NORTH CAROLINA.

"C.," writing to the Raleigh News from Pittsboro', N. O., under date of March 21st, sye: Yesterday evening, about 5 o'clock the little village of Pittsboro' was visited by the severest tornado ever known in these parts, and on this bright Sabbath morning desolation and ruin as it has never seen

The tornado came fom a westerly direction and was preceded by a fearful stillness in the atmosphere, soon followed by a loud roaring as of distant and continnous cannonading. It lasted for the space of two minutes and was accompanied by a water spout, which broke over the town, deluging everything for a short time.

Judge McKoy was holding the session hurricane struck the Court House. It rip or the blank paper, here of workmen, about thirty feet from the ground below. on several parts of his person. All the outagain it ore the roof can be repaired the building will be a complete rain.

> The Presbyterian Church, the only brick house of worship in the place, and the prettiest Church edifice in the county, is one huge rain. The steeple was carried away and fell upon the roof, crushing it through into the body of the building. The belfry to the baptist church, togeth-

> er with the bell, window glass and sashes, were swept in all directions, parts being found 50 and 75 yards away from the build-

> Seven large caks on the premises of Capt. Denson were torn up by the roots and his kitchen and other out buildings were entirely demolished.

The roof of one large dwelling was taken away entirely, together with two chimneys of the building. Hon. John Manning had one large chim-

ney to fall on his house, crushing in the roof. Another dwelling had four large himneys overthrown. the lowest calculation 25 kitchens

and were destroyed, and about 40 or box have shared a like fate. rails and carpened some in demand.

The damage all a though the country about here is incalculable, one man, west of Gasque, badly, though not dangerously

town, had his dwelling house completely demolished, and his wife sustained severe The mail boy, coming from Morrisville on

horseback, had a narrow escape; the mail bag was torn from under him and carried several hundred yards and lodged in a tree -he recovered it after the storm had pass-

No lives have been lost so far as heard from, though a great many small casualitics have been reported. There is no tellisis dwelling. Then struck the premises ing the destruction done any distance from here, though it is supposed to have been away everything, from the bottom rails of many everything.

It is estimated that \$15,000 will hardly It is estimated that \$15,000 will hardly his fences to a new and s. oly built gin-repair the damage done in this immediate house. It is a wonderful plG, once that

Judge McKay was forced to adjourn it in account of the damage done to the

In the vicinity of Louisburg great damhas been sustained throughout the whole country.

In the neighborhood of Morrisville great amage was done.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Murion Mar says: hay, of George W. Reaves and Col. Har-On the afternoon of last Saturday (the rington, continuing its course North, crossoth inst.) about 4 o'clock, a must fearful ing Little Pee Dec opposite the plantation of destructive tornado passed from West of Mr. W. L. Lewis near Brock Lake and East through our county, leaving in its going into Horry in the Elliott settlement, naught but destruction and human still carrying destruction in its course. We

West side, near the plantation of Mr. Wilto Great Pee Dee River, leaving behind a destroyed. Not a fragment of Nazarone, a devastated territory averaging about 400 the plantation of Mr. E. B. Owens was left cards wide. After entering our county it to mark its original site. The benches were carried forty or fifty yards and toru herson, destroying his mill and all of his late splinters. We are informed that it cusises of Mr. T. W. K. Head, carrying Back Swamp, a distance of about one mile away his residence and inmates consisting and a quarter. From the most correct data of himself, wife and children, none of whom that we can get, this tornado entered, passhad been found at dark Sunday night. reform, and next August the signal gun Mr. Head was one of our best and most worthy citizens, and it is feared that he and many persons have been left homeless and his family are lost. It next struck the in a suffering condition. Without prompt and immediate assistance many farmers entire wattinent, until its echoes will be his family are lost. It next struck the described by the grand triumphal burst of plantation of the Hun, R. G. Howard and levelled to the ground all of his fences and buildings except his dwelling house. One a crop. It becomes those who have not oclored man was killed here. It next de- been subjected to this infliction to extend molished all the houses of the Rev. T. the hand of charity to their fellow-sufferers Thompson, Paster of Hopewell church, except his residence, and injured a colored man residing with him, it is feared, mortally. Mr. Thompson was absent from home, but at a point where he could view this extremely terrific storm as it passed almost directly over his head. He gave a most vivid and interesting description of the angry and sullea cloud to his congregation on Sunday, and among other things descriptive of the violent burricane in the upper regions, he said there was a bright spot, funnel shaped in which he saw at a distance of at least 300 feet, fragments of trees, planks, rails, &c. Everything was levelled on the plantations of Dr. Miller, A. W. the ancient village presents such a scene of Ross, and Mrs. Gadsen Gregg, who had her collar bone broken and was otherwise insince its humble dwellings were incorporat- jured. A colored man was killed on the plantation of Mr. Ross. The large two Crawford's landing, and we heard no more of it until it struck the plantation of Dr.

J. W. Singletary, about for the trace of the trac story residence formerly belonging to the the river. Here all the houses were all his wife and five children were in the house, T. C. Kneller, conductor of one of the but were only slightly injured Mrs. Jane trains of the Macon and Augusta Railroad. such was the terrific force of the wind that of the Superior Court at the time the a board was driven into a pine tree from which it could not be taken by human and out houses were laid level with the was crushed in and one arm broken. He when we commenced the publication of the ped every particle of the tin off the roof, power. From here it swept over the plantations of Mr. T. W. Boatwright and W. It alight injury. The team of another fireman, crawled out from among or subscription. The first number of the ter of a mile. Haif of the roof fell in, and the C. Fogworth with electric speed, levelling 32d volume will be sent to all such; but Judge, losing his presence of mind for a to the earth everything in its wake. The their names will not be carried to the mail moment, only exclaimed: "Gentlemen, we largest trees crumbled before it like green will feave the verdict in this case in the corn stalks, but the track had narrowed to om they before the issue of the 2d num- hands of God," and immediately went to about 100 yards. The dwelling house of one of the jury room windows to jump out, Mr. Bontwright was instantly blown down We knew the mest of the pessons they but the fully of the attempt then flushed over the heads of his wife, Mr. Dill, his o in fine circumstances and ought to on his mind, and by resisting the inclina- son-in-law, and his little granddaughter, beir subscriptions, only \$2 a year. | tion, he saved his life, as the court room is all of whom miraculously escaped a terrivent from each subscriber would not on the second floor of the building, and ble death. Mr. Dill was painfully bruised

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house, levelling everything in its track.

its destructiveness until it struck the pub-

lie road leading from Mariou to Gilchrist's

Bridge, near the Levi Gerald place, going

in an Easterly direction, passing a little to

strength and violence, and opening an

avenue from one-half to Aree fourths a

mile wide, and laying wasts everything in

Gasque had driven his horse and cart into

his lot, and before he could release the ani-

where the bulk fell, the horse on Mr.

mashing him. His family was moved and

the plantation of Mr. H. H. Lambert, and

swept down eight or ten houses-all ex-

cept his dwelling. It next struck the

premises of Jesse Thompson, whose new

residence was lifted off of the blocks, car-

ried some five feet and left on the ground.

the family of Mr. Owens escape NC hurt.

From this point the tornado changeden

Swamp near the old H mill seat. Thence it followed Little Per Dec Back

Swamp through the plantations of Col.

Multius and Mrs. R. McDaniel, destroying

all of her hay shelters and about 150 bales

Rhouse rent, &c., all of which has to The where top of the building is honey- houses on Mr. Boatwright's plantation as its duration about one minute. It is after senger train to perfect the well as those on the plantation of Mr. W. ly impossible to describe its terrible effects, was completely blocked by the overthered but to give an idea of its wate, on the C. Foxworth are among the debris that Darlington road in a space of two bundred mark the trail of this violent and destrucand fifty yards, seventy-tres were haid tive hurricane from Dr. Sif ary's to seross tije road. As far us the eye can Catfish, which it crossed neat planta-

cation in the Florence Pioneer, dated Florence, March 221, and written by J. E.

church, a distance of about five hundreno yards, stood as dense a forest of as fine pine timber as one ever sees in this country! -This was completely demolished so much so that there is not left standing sufficient timber trees to fence the land occupied by the forest, if every tree were split into rails. course nearly North, laying bare every At Timmousville pieces of ice varying in Old from a lady's thimble to a goffee cup,

THOMASON, March 20,-At a quarter to I o'clock to day, thick clouds were sign gathering in the northwest, which in a very lew minutes became so angry looking as attract the universal attention of the citiizens of our town. Our people were not cloud, for while groups out the watering its movements. through our county, leaving in its going into Horry in the Elliott settlement, and but destruction and human g. We can only give a crude state- learn that the Elliotts' did not have a single house left standing. A large number when messengers began to arrive from dif-

ed over and out of our county, a distance of near forty miles in about fifteen minutes. Thousands of property was destroyed, and were killed and several seriously injured Mr. Dorsey, of Columbia, S. C., was killed whose plantations were swept over by this destructive wind, will not be able to make We therefore earnestly call on our citizens to hold meetings in their respective townships and devise means for the relief of their

Mr. Theo. J. Cannon, writing to the Darlington Southerner, from Effingham, under date of March 20th, says:

unfortunate fellow beings.

Last Saturday evening the 20th of March between three and four o'clock, a terrible tornado, crossed Sparrow Swamp, near John D. Sansbury's, ever-turning every house on his place, he, it is thought is mortally wounded, no one else was hurt. Next in its course was James. H. Oliver's steam mill, which was thrown down. Camak, when the storm denotished i Crossing the public road near Mrs. Abel killing three and wounding twenty-five Crossing the public road near Mrs. Abel killing three and wounding twenty-five. Jones, the tornado opened an avenue to Residences and out houses were demotished Mrs. Martha Kerby's where it felled every on many plantations in Warren, McDuffie house except the dwelling house, as well as all the out houses of Dublic Pigot. Farther on, the dwellings as well as all the out and Barnwell counties, S. C. In some houses of Peter Johnson, Jacob Timmons places persons were blown a distance of and Jacob Frierson were blown down, also sixty yards. the colored school house, fortunately no one was seriously hurt. Crossing the public road at Mount Tabor church, a complete grind-stone, some of his clothing was blown miles from Augusta, was washed up by the a mile and a half from the house. Pervis, flood, caused by the tremen loss rain storm, his wife and five children were in the house. T. C. Kneller, conductor of one of the Turner's houses were next blown down, and was painfully burt. Mr. S. B. Fielding, she and two children slightly hu John the telegraph operator, was also injured. Langston and Mrs. Meggs' dwelling ouses. The skurl of Mr. Edward Skinner, freman, caped with slight injury. The team of another fireman, crawled out from among Messrs. J. H. Blackwell & W. H. Fountain the debris of the falling building and eswere at work, the terrible falling of trees caped with a few bruises. Two negroes instantly killed three mules and badly took refuge under the depot when the storm wounded another, Mr. Fountain parrowly commenced, and were not seen afterwards. escaped death, a mule's body saved him It is supposed that they were buried under from being crushed in the earth, six trees the runs. Just as the tornado struck the were necross the wagon and mules. Cross-place, Mr. Thos. Goesling, watchman for ing the North Eastern Railroad one and a the railroad company, got under a freight half miles ab ve Effingham depot it con- car, loaded with guano. Toe car was over timed its destructive course into Marion, turned and fell upon Mr. Gesting, killing but'so far there has been buly two deaths him instantly. Every freight car at the

stretch each way, in its ourse, everything is felled to the earth.

The following we edip from a communi-

From this point we have heard nothing of Wingste: On yesterday I visited one point near the Southern boundary of our county, where course. The scene of my visit was upon ces's Brower Lynch's creek, about 15 miles from orence. The tornado swept across the result right angles, and exten-The tornado swept mile wide, and laying waste, everything in its way. After crossing the public road it first struck the premises, of Mr. Wesley Gasque, levelling every house on his place to the ground. At this moment Mr. Gasque had driven his horse and cart into standing. His yard and garden feace was b'own down, and a portion of if were curmal from the cart, the tornado picked up ried some distance. The shingles of his Gasque, horse and cart and carried them dwelling were scattered in various directen or fifteen yards into an adjoining lot, thousafor hundreds of yards. The clothing house had been exposed to the blast, were taken by the wind and carried in some justauces three hundred yards and lodge cared for by a neighbor. It next struck tree tops, where I saw them hanging about the plantation of Mr. H. H. Lambert, and late our yesterday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Purvis and six children were in the house when the disaster occurred; and not one was killed, and but (slightly injured-Mrs. Purvis being struck by a piece of the slight bruise on the face. The down every tree in the yard, and the dwelling, and tore up almost every at It next struck the plantation of Mr. Hugh dwelling, and tore up almost ever tree of considerable size in the orch. Between Mr. Purvis' house and Tay 50

thing in its course till it struck White Oak came down with fearful force.

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cept the dwelling and gin house; two negre

Additional disasters are constantly being were wreeked in Haucock county. Rumors from Glascock county are affoat but it is impossible to get the details. It is rumored that from eight to thirty were killed and fifty wounded. Hount Merin camp ground was demolished, and it ported that out of a family of city oring there, seven were killed.

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AUGUSTA, March ed fearful destruction along its track, laying persons and stock. The Baptists were holding a meeting at Elam Church, near

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NOTICE

May 1, 1875, to April 30, 1876

he Revised Statutes of the Unit

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U.S. INTERNAL REVST

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In Columbia county, Georgia, three negroes were killed and twenty five persons wounded. Ten houses on Dr. Hamilton's

A portion of the track of the Charlotte Columbia and Augusta Railroad, about two

station was overturned and blown across The course of the tornado was west to the track. Some time was spent in cleareast and six or seven hundred yards wide, lieg the road sufficiently to allow the pascars, tim sers from the wrecked houses, and other debris.

CUOUSLY IN HIS EST OR PLACE OF BUSIN Augusta, Murch 23 - Fight counties in denoting the payment of Georgia and three in South Carolina need TAX for the Special- Ing relief from the effects of the torna to. The May 1, 1875, before cor li t of ki led and wounded is apalling. tinging business after A

NEW OBLEASS, March 22. - The papers report a destructive torindo la Quachita Valley, on Friday, at Smithland and Ray's Point. The loss of life and the destruction of property are very great. Mrs. James Adair and child are among the killed. the violent tor advo. Saturday (March 20) | Smithland is level ed to the ground, and at swept along in its furious and disastrous Ray's Point the plantation buildings, fences, horses, mules, and cattle were scattered the left of Gapway church, gathering the road leading from Darling to Lawren- for miles. The track of the tornado was over Lynch's creek, about 15 | three hundred yards wide, and extended a distance of fifteen miles.

For the Argus. Den and Now.

Soliloquy of a darkey, sitting on a fence hattess, and shoeless, his rags fluttering in the March wind: I remember, I remember, some twenty year

When I had a califa of my own; my axe and weedin' hoe;

Wid a garden round my house, and a fac pig in my pen.

I remember, I remember, when de rain did

Retail dealers in leaf tol And on sales of over \$1,000 nc ty cents for eye y dollar in excess Dealers in manufactured tobacco And for each worm manufacture Manufacturers of toon. Manufacturers of Peddlers of b than ty CADI horse or other Peddlers of t foot or public