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Improvements.

Several years of great p ospe ity has made it necessary for our citizens to pay more attention to improvements. Two years has wrought a great change in our town. The many houses that were then tenantless and decaying are now filled with people, and present a most cheerful appearance. Trade, then at a standstil' and almost stagnated by igactivity, has since become brisk, and increases with each succeeding day. Our merchants have fully demonstrated what activity and perseve ance can do; and by their untiring efforts pave made Louisburg a cotton market unrivaled by any place in the state of its size. This presperity in every branch of industry has made it necessary for our people to pay more attention to the building up of their town. There is an imperative need of new stores, commodious and substantial buildings that shall be an ornament to the town. They should be of brick as there would be less danger of fire in these days of incendiarism. The vacant lots where once magnificent buildings stood should not be allowed to remain waste places when they could be so profitably used. Neither should small inconvenient and homely looking; buildings be allowed to remain upon the most public corners, when a fine store would, be so much more valuable to the owner and be an ornament to our town. Our en terprising citizens have done much, but far more remains to be done. They have established a Cotton Gin. Mill. Foundry, Tanyard, College, Academy and Printing Office, but we must not stop here-progress is the word, so let us keep advancing. These things we have, let us keep them prosperous, and add to them as fast as circumstances will permit. A Bank we need more than anything else and we cannot but think how much better it would be to forget Railroad schemes and Road steamers, and direct our energies to the establishment of a bank which would add so greatly to the convenience of the whole country, and be of such lasting benefit to our town. Let the bright but deceitful visions of Railroads be forgotten and upon the ruin of our dreams let us attempt and push those things that we are able to perform.

Next week will bring Christmas, the nations universal holiday, and according to custom our printers will take an occasion to visit their homes and kindred to partake of the "cheer" that this day always brings to every member of the family. And in consequence of this there will be no paper issued. We therefore take the present opportunity of wishing our patrons a merry and a happy christmas, with the hope that the coming year may prove one replete with blessings, both socially and politically to our people. Before we shall again greet you the new year will have been ashered in and 72 with its many changes, its disappointments and joys, its lights and shadows will have become the past. And this new year that is soon to come may it be one in which honesty shall return and take up its abode among the officials of our land, and may their actions be charactorized by true magnanimity! May it be a year that shall raise up our beloved south out of the dust of humiliation and oppression, and restore it to its old position, the fairest and purest of all lands! May it bring immigration to our State and cause her wastesplaces to bloom under the hand of cultivation. Let old Father time give us these blessings and we ask nothing more.

On the night of the fire in Boston, a dealer in boots and shoes, finding that the fire had reached his rear store, said to a few strangers who had assisted him : "You might as well help your. selves to boots." One fellow took a pair the merchant handed him, and after glancing at them, said : "You havn't got a pair slim sevens, have you?" An explosion next door prevented a responce.

Il you would relish your food, labor for it; it you would erjoy your clothes, pay for them before you wear them; if you would sleep soundly, take a clear conscienc to bed with you.

Sanctum Uotes.

We have received a copy of "To Day," a journal published at Philadelphia. It presents a very neat appearance and contains the very best reading matter.

Many thanks to Miss I lise V. Ames for her contribution, with the hope that she may often thus favor the columns of the Courier.

The New York "Argus" is a paper that should have a place in every household. It is devoted to news, gomance, art, science, finance and commerce. It is thoroughly democratic and will be sure to make its way whereyer it is known. Give it a trial.

Rev. Paul J. Carraway of the Tar River Circuit has been appointed to this place. It is with much pleasure that we are able to make this statement, and in behalf of the citizens we bid him a most cordial welcome.

We were informed this morning that there were ten cases of small-pox at the residence of Mr. Reuben Rogers about eight miles south of Louisburg. If this be true our town authorities can not be too vigilant in guarding our tewn. Let every one see that the orders of the county Commissioners are strictly observed, lest this terrible disease should spread over our county, We would suggest that our county sa thorities establish a hospital in trat section of the County, and procure nurses. There is scarcly a county in the state that has not the small pox in it to a greater or less extent, and in view of what may be the result all possible care should be taken to keep it within bounds.

Clippings.

The wires tell us that the friesident, Dad" has been thrashed in a fist fight at Covi gton. We should say that man was very didayal to whip old

The New-York "post commences an editorial thus: Should debts be baid? The ques ion is so important one that Congress should appoint a committee of which Bea Butler would make a good chairman, to examine into the matter and report. Washington boarding-house keepers who lodge 'mem bers of congress are interested.

Judge Nelson has resigned from the Supreme Court. He is over eighty years of age. General B. H. Bristow wanted the vacancy, but as it is not military situation, the President very good-humoredly appointed Mr. Ward Hunt, of New York, to the post. Mr. Hunt is a particular friend of Mr. Benator Conking, and Mr. Conking, is perticular friend of General Grant .-

The Maryland Electoral College has given its vote to Mr. Hendricks, of Indiana. Mr Greeley being dead. "Any thing to beat Grant .- Ex

The Mo. Democrat says; The fol lowing "notis" is posted in Lincoln coun'y: "Ce hear. Eye don't want ennibode i that has hosses which has of the eppizutick inoflewerzes, or any oth r intprnal name, to come thru this gait under penalty of havin' of their. the hosses, tales cut off cloase behind their, the horses, years Keep shi .-Mountaineer."

The Charleston News says: General J. B Hond, who delivers the appiversary address be ore the State Survivors Association arrived last evening, and was waited upon by the committee of reception from the district association and welcomed to the hospitality of the association and of our city.-Jour-

There are in the South Carolina Lunstic Asylum, says the Charleston News, 284 patiant-, 126 males and 158 females. The amount of expenses during the past year inclusive of \$32.012.29 of liabilties due at the close of the last fiscal year, was \$151,297.78.

To the Patrons of Louisburg Female College.

We are in the midst of a prosperous session. But the want of money is very sorely felt by us. So little has been paid in that it is very difficult to meet current expenses. Could you not make an eff rt to pay up in full for the present session by the 1st, January ? It the College is to be kepr up, patrons must be prompt in the payment of dues. We are at heavy expense, and need every cent now unpaid to carry on the exercises successfully .- It is very desirable too that girls from abroad shou'd board in the College building. We charge no more than others do; and offer besides the sollowing advantages

le sons. We regulate their intercourse with persons outside of the family.

There is no time lost by bad weather nor is health sudangered by exposure

Au sally catain habits are cultivater which are as important as the literary training which they receive-Eve ything is conducted by us with orner at sys m. and girls subjected to one bescu, tie Insensibly acquire the habit of sitending to the duties in the same manner

ir us. We will do our best to serve Respectfulfy. WI LIAM ROYALL.

For the Courier.

BLIGHTED. bas laded. and the last leaf has Only an ugly back stem is left.

Gone is it s fragrance with all its bright And my beattof its treasure's bereft.

Sweetly it bugged in the bright Spring When the woodlands were all clothed n bloom:

But the Au ums winds came so cold. and dr. a.y. And 'toa wift don' its rich perfume. ni now in the .o. dark days of De

A stem is tossed in the wintry blast, Be each the snow-robe the roots ar

The Lude are saded, the leaves are

ou say in the bright, warm days of the s rieg ime. The buds win burst in the their beauly again,

An I no its roots long since have been By the drear ice-king and pitiless rain But I'l plant new seed which then will

be bors ing, ing a fi wer will come where th ol our graw; With fl wers mer regrant, and fruits far sweeter.

And the le will give place to the RLOISE V. AMES.

Our Portfolio

"John; my dear, run to the store and get some sugar" -aid a mother to precedious son of eleven years. "Excuse me, ms, I am somewhat indisposed this morning. Send father, and tell him to bring a paper of tobacco along.

The unmarried ladies of the Moquis tribe of Indiana of Arizona are a curiosity to us outside heathers. They wear their hair in such remantic style that there is no danger of a fellow mistaking one for a married woman .-As soon as they are marriageable they de their hair up on each side of their head, something in the shape of two great wings, or as it most reminds one or the wheels of a propellor. The dear reatures look as If they were just really to fly As for as they enter the holy bands of matrimony they drep their wings, and then their hair hangs in ong rolls by the side of the head.

The common custom of decking the bouses and curches at Chiistmas with evergreens is derived from ancient Druid practices. It was an old belief that sylvan spirits migut fl ck to the evergreens, and remain u nipped by trost tel a mil er season. The holly, ivy, rosco mary bays aurel and mistletoe, furnished the tay rite trimmings, which were not removed till Candlemas Chaplets of these were also worn about the head a practice to which the phrases to 'kiss under the rose, to whisper under the mistletor, are allusion, In old churchs calendars Christmas eve is marked: Templa ex rpantur' (adorn the temples). Holly and ivy still remain in England the most estermed Christmas evergreens, though at the two universi ties the w ndows of the college-chapels are decked with laurel.

It may not be generally known that Washington Irving was the author of the phrase, 'the almighty dollar.' He used it in a sketch entitled 'The Creole Viliage, published in 1867, and it quickly past into paiversal usage He himseli says of it: "This phrase, used for the first time in this sketch, 'The Creele Village,' has since passed into current circulation, and by some has been questioned as savoring of irreverence. The author, therefore wee it to orthodoxy to declare that no irreverence was intended, even to dollar itself, he is aware is daily bee ming more and more an object of,

TWO PICTURES. Pictures themselves have sometimes curious history. The story of the wo pictures at forence is old, but not wors out. An artist at Rome saw often. p'sying in the street near his window. a child of exquisite beauty, with golden hair and cherub tace. Struck with the loveliness of the boy, he painted a picture of him and hung it up in the studio. In the saddest hour that sweet, gentle face looked down upon him like an angel of light. Its presence filled the soul with gladness and longings for heaven which its purity symbolized.

We superint and the preparation of 'If ever I find,' said he, as a periect entrast to this beauteous face, I will paint that also, and hang it on the op posite wall sade the one I stall call heaven and the o her hell."

Years passed. Arlength, 10 another part of Italy, in a prison he visited. looking in through the grated door of a cell, he saw the most hide us obj-c that evar met his sight-a flerce, hag gard fiend, with glaring eyes and cheeks deeply marked with the lines of lust and crime. The artist remembered the promise he had made to himself, and immedia e's painted a picture of the losth-some culprit, to bang over ag. in t the portrait of the love'y boy. The contrast was perfect the two poles ef the moral universe were before him.

Then the mystery of the human soul gained another il ustration. He had two pictures, but these were likenesses of one and the same person. To his great surprise, on inquiring into his history of this horrid wretch; he learned that he was no other than the sweet child with golden ringlets playing in the streets of Rome.

Anmorons.

An Irishman, fresh from the sed, and anxious to secure a humming-bird. caught a large bee instead; it stung him, when Pat cried out, 'Houly! how hot its litt'e fut is-?'

Two Irishman were one day engaged in roofing a house, when one of them lost hold and fell to the ground The other bastened to him, and inquired, when he tound him prestrate and still; 'Mickey, Mickey, are you dead ?' 'No,' replied Mickey, 'not dead, but spacheless!'

An Irish sailor visited a city where he said they copper bettomed the topa of houses with sheet-lead. Berhaps it was the same man who saw a mile blackbird sitting on a wooden milestene eating a green blackb rry.

'Dear paps, look up: Restrain the hicenp. And tell me want alieth ma's forchead:

It's all black and blue-Oh, what could she do To cause a c ntusion so horrid! "Your mother, Mary Ann.

A newspaper man Amired, till I watned her she'd catch it Like Washington, I Cannot tell a lie-

did it with my little batchet."

The Zebra.

The zebra iz a striped hose, the wildest thing in patral history or his size, and az hard tew civilize az the hyens, and sz useless, when civilized, az the ostritch or rattlesnak. They don't inhabit the United States at large they might liv in Canda, if the hav a mind to-I never hav been there tew diskover. The are about the size ov a moderate mule, but the kant kik with the mule. There blint nothing that kiks for phus or tike for a livin that kan outkik a mule, except it ig an old fashioned, Continental, pevolpshionary war, Fourth ov July muckit. Put about 3 and a haff- inches ov powder intew one ov the ze old veterans of 1776 ram it down heavy, and lay it on a stump, and tutch it oph with a slo match, and I jest az leafs stand in front ov it sz tew stand in the rear ov it. There iz some ov the oldest and crossest ov theze muskets that will kik, and even squeal, if you go near them, whether tha are loaded or not. The zebra iz ov no use whatever only tew look at, at 25 cents a chapce, in sum circuss tent, but after tha are broke tha are spilte for ennything else. Thay are like all other wild animals-fleet only for a ghort distance; and civilization iz a grate damage to them jest az it iz tew an injun. Deth iz the only kind ev civilizasbun that an injun kan understand .- Josh Billings.

IN THE WRONG BOX

During the session of one of our courts, while the judge and jury were at dinner, a young man from the country, being somewhat anxious to see the manner in which justice was meted out, walked into the courtmont; and, as he afterwads expressed himself, 'took a squint at all the seats, and seeing that there wasn't nobody in the 'nice one, with a rallin' all around it I thought he would make sure of it before the fel got back from dinner. In ave minutes after the crowd entered the room, the judge rapped on the deals with the buts of his jeck-knife, and with a dignified frown cried: by E.

Silence in the court !. Silence in the court ? echoed the squeaking tone of the broad shouldered constable, leaning on the rate in front of his boner, who immediately resumed the occupation of pick his toeth with a pin.

"Silence in the court !" schood the squeaking and shrill tones of a small rad-nosed constable near the door, and the laster speaker commensed elbowing the crowd right and lett, to let them know that he was around.

"All ready?' asks the judge. 'All ready I' replied the attorney.

Command toe prisoner to stand up, says the judge, while the indictiment is

The broad shoulder coss able saiked up to the prisoner's box, during the apperent momentary absence of sheriff, placed his hands on the suoulers of the your g man and exc aimed;

'Stand up!' What furl' said the astonished

oung farmer. 'To heard the charge read ! said the constable.

Wall, I guess I can hear what is go ng on without standing, as well as he rest of them, was the reply.

fstand up ? rear-d the judge in a burst of passion ne had just bit his tongue while picking his teeth-young man stand up or the consequences will be on your head '

The victim came upon his feet as under the inflience of a ge Vanic battery, and looking around the court room and noticing that all eves were upon him with an expression of a rabid man toward a bewl of water, he nung his head in confusion and mornicas tions and was nearly deaf to the words of the indictment, but he heard enough of long, complicated, tangle ! sentences. to learn that he was charged with stealing, embezzling, or piltering som house, or simebody, he couldn't tel exactly which.

What does he say to the chargeguilty or not guiltyf inquired the judge, peeping over his spectacles with a lock cold enough p freeze a man's

blood-'guilty or not guilty?' The man ventured to look up, hop ing to find a gympathizing øye, but all were cold and friend'y

'Guilty or not guilty!' sgain vociferated the judge, in a tone that plainly in licated impatience.

Then the broad-shouldered consta ble, being rather a humane man steps pad up to the prisoner saying;

You had be ter say not guilty, of c urse If you say guilty, you don't stand no chance this term, that's sureand if you say not guilty, and wish at any future stage in this case : e change your plea to guilty, you can do so without any injury to yoursell. Thereors, I advise you to say not guilty, and stick to it is ling as there is any

Jonathan's feelings bad been sim mering some time, and now they fairly boiled over, and with a fook of inno cent and determined resolution, be swung his arms about his head and exclaimed:

What in all nature are you fellers tryin' to dew?' I hain't been stealing nothin.' I hain's sure!'

Just at this moment the front door opened, and the sher ff with the genu ine prisoner walked into the room and proceeded at once to the box.

The court saw at once its mistake, and tried to choke down its effic's with a frown-but it was no go! The crowd burst isto a loud laugh that fairty made the windows rattle, and the young man left the room exclaiming as he passed the door, 'I knowed all the time I hadn't stole nothin."!

Cook Book.

JUMBLEs. - One quart of four, one pint of sugar, one cup of butter, three eggs, the Juice and ripe of one lemon, one teaspoontul of sods stirred in quick ly ? roll out and cut in cakes.

MoLASSES Cuck Bs .- Oue cup of molassas, two-thirds of a cup of abortening, one teaspoonful of sods dissolved in a teaspoonful of water ; stir very stiff, roll thin, cut into cakes and bake.

DELICATE CARE.-Whites of three eggs, one cup of sugar, two-thirds of a cup of butter, one-half a cup of milk two cups of flour, one teaspoostul of cream tartar, one teaspoonful of soda.

SPONGE CAKE PUDDING .- Make a bat ter as torgood spunge cake. Bake on a flat square pan, so as to be an inch thick when done. When cold, cut it into pieces about three inches squarelice together as it was before you split it. Make a custard with four eggs and a quart of new milk, favor and sweeten as you like it, A|mond in the cake. and lemon or vanilla in the custard, is very good. Put the buttered slic s of cake in a baking-dish, so that when the custard is poured over them, the dish will be full. Bake half an hour; ast with or without sauce as pre

STAMPED AS THE LAW DIRECTS A gentleman from the country stepe ped into the store of Mesers. Jaques & Johnson, and took a seat on a convenient keg of whiskey. It happened that the United States gauger bad been there just shead and plac-d a stamp upon the keg. When the countryman arose to depart, the stamp adhere to the amplest part of his pantaloons; but was not discovered until he had gone into another store, some distance off and then he had some little difficulty in asogetaining where the stamp belonged. He says he felt very like a loyal titiges so long as the stamp adhered

to his pants; though at the time he was at a loss to account for the leeling .- A seon Te egraph

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