IP AT THIS OFFICE. Oil. Shady situating will be on that will said. Mone has a solar, independent with

un of the Mails.

en mails falled to arrive yesterday, and

are are two mails due here, from the North. name the failures have been caused as stated by the Dismatch.

New Banover Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions r December, 1854, convened this morning-Jas. T. Her. Eng., in the Chair.

The Legislature,

4

In the SENATE, on Thursday, the 7th inst., Mr. use introduced a bill to provide for the issue of al stock to the Sea Board and Roanoke Railned. Referred to Committee on Internal Improve-

Received a mossage, transmitting a report of N. C. Mr. Fisher, from the Committee on Internal Im-

ents, introduced a resolution, authorizing and g the Treasurer of the State, as soon as praccable, to pay over to the Treasurer of the North arolina Rail Road Company, the balance of the half

Mr. Fennell introduced a bill to re-charter the nk of Cape Fear. Referred to the Committee on anks, and ordered to be printed.

bir, Jones introduced a bill to incorporate a Comto construct a Canal to connect the waters of the Northern Sounds of this State with Chesapeake Referred, and ordered to be printed.

Bay. Referred, and ordered to for the improvement Mr. Fonville introduced a bill for the improvement Bing in the couply of the ship navigation in New River, in the county exports, and the freights earned by our ships in forof Onelow. Referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements, and ordered to be printed. Mr. Tayloe introduced a bill to incorporate the

Washington Savings Institute, in Beaufort county .-Referred to Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Graham's bill proposing to submit to a popu lar vote the question of calling a convention to amend the Constitution, was made the order of the day for Monday, the 11th. Mr. Hoke offered a preamble and resolutions upon

the subject of the differences of construction of the constitutional question, as to whether the speakerhip of the Senate is vacated by the powers and du-to the Supreme Court. On motion of Mr. Eaton, laid on the table.

Mr. Wilder introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on the Judiciary, to enquire into the exthat have issued bills, bonds, notes or certificates of a cas amount than three dollars, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

In the House on Thursday, Mr. Lancaster from the Committee on Private Bills, reported unfavourably on a bill relative to Tales Jurors in Onslow co. Laid on the table.

Mr. D. F. Caldwell introduced a bill to incorporate the People's Bank of North Carolina.

In the course of some discussion with regard to the

the doubt of their Preserv Erring, a rep-and the State of Kentheley; and appro-ta having here mode by Hesers. Themp-may, and Balger, the continuary resolu-dopted and the Senate adjourned until Monday next.

House or REPAINTATIVES -Mr Hou sion reorted two bills from the Committee of Ways and main fulled to arrive yesterday, and array from that source, save the men-rour telegraphic head. The cars Arguin Creek last evening, about seven the year ending the 30th of June, 1856. The death of the Hon. Presley Ewing, of the State of Kentucky, and by ing in the giver - Kickmond Disputch, 9th tions suitable to the occasion were then adopted, and the House adjourned to meet on Monday next.

Duron

Report of the Secretary of the U.S Treasury.

We find the following Synopsis of this report in the Washington Union, of the 7th inst :-

The report opens with a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the past year, which have already appeared in the President's message.

The estimated receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1855, are put down at, including the balance in the treasury on 1st July, 1854, \$66,266,404 62. and the estimated expenditures at \$51,060,277 12.

The amount of the public debt outstanding on the 1st of July, 1853, was \$67,340,628 78 On the 1st day of July, 1854. it was \$47.180,506 05- thus showing a reduction in the public debt of \$20,160.122 73. The receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 18-56, are estimated at \$62,500,000, and the expenditures

at \$60,869,833 37. The balance in the treasury on the 1st of July, 1856 is estimated at \$21,392,212 The Secretary says that the large importations du-

ring the last three quarters of the past year were Read three times, passed, and ordered to be scarcity in England and France; but he auticipates a falling off in the customs in consquence of the reciprocity treaty and short crops. Under the reciprocity treaty, articles now paying a duty of \$1,524.457 are maile free.

> During the past year the tonnage of the country shows an increase of 395,892 tons.

The imports of the year shows an excess of \$26, 321,317 over exports ; but this excess the Secretary thinks is apparent, not real, as the profits on our eign trade, ought more than cover this excess. In the exports, it should be recollected over \$38,000,000 in specie are included.

The satisfactory condition of the revenue, in connexion with our rapidly increasing commerce, are used as arguments for a further reduction in the tariff. The Secretary objects to the eight schedules or different rates of duties under the present tariff, as collections are attended with great difficulties. The bill, he says, prepared at the Treasury Department last year, and submitted by the minurity of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, contained but two rates of duty ; the first of 100 per cent., and the second of 25 per cent He is of opinion that no more money should be collected than is required for the economical administration of the government. An addition to the free list is recommended.

Under the act of 1853, over filteen millions of silver pediency of instituting legal proceedings against all have been coined and circulated at Philadelphia. Banka or Trust or Insurance Companies in this State. New York, Boston, Baltimore, Washington, Detroit, Chicago, Richmond, Norfolk, Charleston, Savannah, New Oileans, St. Louis. Cincinnati, Pittsburg, and San Francisco, and furnished to citizens at various other points. It is believed that the full benefit of silver coinage for change can never be realized while small bank notes are encouraged and made current by the patronage of the community.

The total amount of gold and silver coin in circu lation on the 1st of October last is estimated at \$241. 000,000, against which there is a total bank note cir

requestion parties obtaining. by grant minupre-mation, and empiricate, and influencestly throwing man dy Sectors of a failure on their part to sell the ame as a profit A reasedy for this fraud is sugges-

During to causes not within the gostonl of the deariment, the expenses of the current year will great-anceed these of the past year. They are estimated at \$0,841,021 33. This increase will be owing to the niditional compensation of postmasters and the enhanced prices domanded by contractors to the last lettings.

A uniform plan of registration is warmly recommended as an additional protection for the safe delivery of letters of value. The want of such a safeguard has long been felt; and as the cost of its maintenance will fall directly upon those who will cheerfully hear the expense, we see no good season why it should not be incorporated into our postal system as one of its principal features.

During the three years commencing July 1, 1851, \$5,507,022 03 postage stamps and stamped envelopes have been issued by the department, of which \$5,c92.501 were sold.

For the last year the cost of the service on the various United States mail stramship lines, and across the isthmus, was as follows : Chilins line, twenty six tound trips, \$858,000 ; New York and Bremen, eleven round trips, \$183,333 26; New York and Havre. elexen round trips, \$137,500; Astoria and Panama, via San Francisco, twenty four round trips, \$348 .-250: New York and New Orleans to Aspinwall, \$289,000; Charleson and Havang, \$50,000; New Orleans to Vera Cruz, twenty-four round trips, \$37,-000 ; Aspinwall to Panama, \$119,727. Total, \$2,-023,010 29

The service performed by the several lines of ocean mail steamships is treated at large. The Postmaster General is of opinion that the compensation now received is too large, and that the present system is calculated to drive off private competition. He also states that the Nicaragua company have offered to carry a weekly mail between New York and California for the sum of \$600,000 per annum, which he thinks is the highest rate of pay which ought to be demanded The cost this year for a semi-monthy mail, by the isthmus route, is \$757.977 03.

No progres has been made since the last report in the pending negotiations with Great Britain relative to the admission of France into the arrangement, as contemplated by the provision in the 12th article of our postal convention No postal convention has as yet been effected with France ; but one is about being made with Mexico.

Arrangements have been made with the Australia cash line of monthly packets to convey mails regularly between New York and Australia. The rates on all outgoing matter have been fixed at five cents a letter, two cents each for newspapers, and one cent as ounce for pamphlets and magazines These rates embrace both the United States inland and sea postage.

The fines and deductions fluring the past year amount to \$110.486. The amount for the previous vent was \$37.920.

The appendix which accompanies the report contains a vast amount of useful information, which will well repay the trouble of a careful perusal.

Washington Union

Destructive Conflagration at Columbia, S.C.

Convenies, December 7 - A fire broke out at about two o'clock this morning in the Grocery store of Mr. Spigener, on Main-street-half a square below the ourt House. The wind being strong, the flames spread with great rapidity until the entire block, with the exception of two small frames at the south west corner, was consumed. On the west side, among the buildings destroyed, were Miot's Drug store, Sprigen er's grocery, Peckham's Gunsmith store, the Exchange Coffee House Crawford's Clothing store, Carolina Hall, Squier's and Bower's Furniture stores. On the north side a number of offices were burnt,

as also Combs & Co.'s Express office, the Carolinian

ning below last sight way Nuw traren scorements - The Pressing and "To-Day," a temperante paper, both at Richmond, Virginia, bays supported.

FREE LECTURE.

DR. C. P. CRANE of New Orlan, will define a firm Lecture on Tuesday evening, Der. 12th, in Monart Hall, commencing at 7 o'clock, on the "Subject and ireatment of licenses of the Threat and Longs," by the new and survey But system of Inholution, as a cure for Concumption and all Estaves of the Throat, Lungs, and air passages, such as Asthma, Fulliculitis, (or Clergy man's sure threat.) Brunchitis, Scridala, and all affections arising from impurity of the bluet

Ladies and Gentlemen are respectfully invited to attend Dr. Crane, respectfully informs the eithens of Wilmington and vicinity, that he will (for the purpose of introducing his method of treatment by fabulation, &c.,) remain a few days at Holmes' Hotel, to afford those of the afflicted, who may . desire it, an opportunity of availing themselves of this only reliable, philosophical and rational process of sure.

For further particulars, circulars, certificates of cure and treatment, &c., apply to De, Crane at his rooms, Holmes' Hatel, from 9 A. M., till 9 P. M. And if desired will visit families at their residences. Dec. 11, 1854. 82-1t

ACRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ar The regular monthly meeting of the NEW HANO-VER. AND BRUNSWICK AGRICULTURAL SOCIE-TY, will take place at the Court House on Tuesday evening, 12th December, at 7 o'clock.

Subject for discussion-THE APPLICATION OF MA NURES. A full attendance of Members, and of those desirous of joining, is requested. D. MellAE, Rec. Sec'y 77-15

(Town papers copy.) Dec. 5, 1854

MR. JOHN H. WHITNEY, an accomplish-ed Pianist, of Boston, has been invited to remain with us. Should Mr. Whitney meet with sufficient encouragement, he will bring a Vocal Teacher here, also --Mr. W. is sustained by endersements from very high and competent sources, and has given great satisfaction in Bosion and Rochester, where he has had large classes. We bepeak for him that amount of attention and patronage the bject in view so well deserves. If any of our ladies would

like to have their Planos tuned, they can have it done by sending in their address to the Carolina Hotel 64-tf

ONLY TEN PER CENT ABOVE COST

All who are in want of a fine WATCH chean, ... any other article in the JEWELRY line, would do well to examine my Stock of WATCHES AND JEWELRY, SILVER AND SILVER WARE, PISTOLS, &c., &c., as I now offer the entire stock lower than can be bought, North-or South, for

Also, Watches and Clocks repaired and warranted to keep time or no charge. Near the Carolina Hotel and opposite Scott a Baldwin, Clothing Store. 1.8 IVES 70-3m Nov. 25th, 1854

NOTICE.

The Subscribers, as Successors of JOHN DAWSON & CO., having, on the 12th inst , entered into partnership for the purpose of carrying on the DRY GOODS AND HARD-WARE BUSINESS, in the Town of Wilmington, under the firm of A. MACLEAN & CO., they will conduct the business at the Store occupied by the late firm, and solicits for

267-tf

Burdon Burrow's Elixir Vitte.

Its virtues have been endorsed by DIVINES, EDITORS, LAWYERS, CHEMISTS, and other eminent individuals. By the MASONIC AND ODD FELLOW'S LODGES of Norfolk By ,000 citizens of the city of Norfolk, and town of Portsmouth and every one of their 25,000 inhabitants, are living witness of its extraordinary virtues upon themselves or some friend and acquaintance Remember certificates of cures perform ed in this city, where the medicine is prepared, are alone published. Numerous persons take it every Spring and Fall, and all who have adopted so wise a course require no other medicines, and the testimony of all after using a few hottles is. I have derived more benefit from its use than from all the medicines I ever drugged my system with. If there are worms in the body it will kill and expel them. It will remove and cure the worst carbunkle, and if drank freely during inflammations, mortification can never ensue.

Burrow's Elixir Vite

tree We at R. R. R. C. Reveal Trans

H. LANE

an 1115, 1934, [82-17] tiffice South Carolins Hall Root.

BALLSON, DECEMBER 6th, 1854 Oferther motions a Passenger Train will resident.

Leave Goldsboro', 10 A. M., artive " Baleigh. 2 P. M., " Det. II, 1951 [Com. copy]	at fiabigh 1 P. M.
Pec. 11, 1861 [Com. copy]	BB-ti

NOTICE.

FTHE Subscriber at December Term 1854, of the Court of This Substantian Section for Conlow county, having duly qualified as Excenter to the last will and bestament of tico. H. McMillain, deceased, hereby mutifies all persons in-delated to the estate of the said Geo. H. McMillan to make immediate payment, and all persons having chains against the same, to present them within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. D. McMILLAN, Executor.

Dec. 11, 1854 82-11-15-34

TO REAT.

WILL rent on the 2nd of January next, to the high-est hidder, for the year 1855, the plantation, known as Auburn and Exchange situated on the North-West River in Branswick county, about 10 or 12 miles from Wilmington But one half of land to be cultivated and only timber enough to be used for plantation purposes. Persons desirons of rentog can visit the place and see for themselves. HENRY II. WATTERS, Trustee

Dec. 18th, 1854

NOTICE.

A LL persons indebted to the estate of the late James L. McKay, are requested to make payment by the 1st of January 1835. These failing to do so will find their notes in the hands of an officer immediately after that day.

JAMES ROBESON, Adm. with the will annexed. Dec. 11, 1854. 82-41-15-31

TO RENT FROM THE 1ST OF JANUARY NEXT, the comfortable House at present occupied by Geo. Fer-guson, known as the Cantwell House, on the corner of Fourth and Ann streets. A good cooking Stove and a of Fourth and Ann streets. A good closure of Apply to portion of the Furniture will also be disposed of. Apply to Mrs. Ferguson on the premises, to M. Cronly, or to Dec. 11. [82-6t cod] P. W. FANNING.

FRANK LESLIE'SLADY'S GAZETT, for Dec., received and for sale at S. W. WHITAKER'S, S W. WHITAKER'S.

THE GREATEST GOLD PEN YET -- The Fountain Peu, which we have just received is, by a simple ar-rangement, so constructed that a whole letter of ordinary usiness length, may be written with one dip. The assort ment too of fine and round hand, hard and soft points is so raried that the most fastidious can be suited. For sale at S. W. WHITAKER'S Dec 11th.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MONEY. CHANCE to make a small fortune, by any person. It A CHANCE to make a small for peddling, and bat little expenditure. This is no book agency or receipt. Address (enclosing, post paid, \$1,) CHARLES T. MELT, Dec. 9-81-51* Baltimore, Md.

TO REAL.

EIGHT OR TEN ROOMS elegantly situated. For particulars apply to Dr. A. O. BRADLY. Dec. 8th. Her'd copy. 81-tf 81-tf

OVERSEER WANTED.

WANTED, -An Overseer for a Rice Plantation-a com-petent man can get good wages. Apply at Dec. 8, 1854.-80-6t HERALD OFFICE.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS-Published by E. Dunigan & Bro. O'ramaika, an Indian story ; Thornberry Abbey, a Tale of the Times ; the Shipwreck or the Deserted Island ; the Governess or the effects of Good Example, an orignal tale, being a leat from every day life. Also from the same pub-lishers : The Douary Bible ; Ursaline Manual ; Flower of Piety; Key of Heaven; St. Vincent's Manual; Catholic Poetry, &c. For sale at S. W. WHITAKER'S.

THE RHYME AND REASON, of Country Life, ar se-I lections from Fields Old and New, by the author of Ru-ral Hours, (Miss Cooper.) Just published. For sale at S. W. WHITAKET'S 140.8

DREPARED UTTRATE OF MAGNESIA, an agreeable I Refrigerant and Laxative. This preparation is extensively used in the form of Salution or liquid Citrate, and has given at applications fo neral satisfaction paration in the form of rownen, of similar nature and proprties, have suggested the advantages that might result from ts introduction in that form, especially when the bulk and weight of the *liquid Cutratr*, (an article so justly esteemed both by physicians and in private families wherever it has been used) would interfore with its being sent to great distances; it is destitute of bitterness, and by its pleasant ac-cidity of taste and its effervescing character, is rendered a ery agreeable and refreshing drink, at the same time, that it is a good substitute for Epsom salts or other saline purgatives. Soldby

themselves the patronage of the public ANDREW MACLEAN JAMES I. MCCALLUM. July 17, 1854

reference of the bill, Mr. Caldwell said that it was culation of \$204,689,209 In 1850 there were 879 for the purpose of increasing the revenue of the State. banks in the country, with a capital of \$227.807,-The capital of the Bank is to be four millions of dollars. [We presume it is something on the scheme proposed in the communication to the Greensboro' Patriot-a sort of Safety Bank, Rail Road Company stitution, intended to revolutionize the currency of the State.]

Mr. Shepherd introduced a bill to re chaster the State Bank. Read and referred to the Committee on Banking.

Mr. Cunningham was elected one of the Trustees of the University.

A report from the Merchant's Bank of New Berne was received.

In the Senate, on Friday, the 8th inst., Mr. Boyd introduced the following preamble and resolutions, which were passed :

Whereas, there is a manifest inequality in the present mode of assessing the lands within the State for taxation; for remedy whereof,

Be it Resolved, That the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire, whether, one or more assessors, to be appointed by the County Courts (of the same court the taxes are laid) whose duty it shall he, to act with the justice who takes the tax list, as a board of valuation to value all the lands of their county and certify the same under oath, and in case of disagreement between the assessor and justice, the same referred to the Committee of Finance of their county, subject to an appeal to the county court. Resolved, further, The finance Committee inquire

into the propriety of causing the assessment to be made every five years instead of eight, as now provided by law.

Resolved, further, That the Committee on finance inquire into the propriety of so amending the reve-nue laws as to provide, that the taxes be laid. listed and collected within the same year.

Mr. Fisher reported a bill to incorporete the Yad kip Plank Road Company. Mr. McDowell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported the bill to incorporate the Bank of Clarendon, in Fayetteville, with mmendation that it pass. Mr. Faison introduced a resolution for the loan of money, by the Literary Board, to Clinton Female Institue, in Sampson county. Read and referred to the Committee on Edn and the Literary Fund.

Mr. Hoke, from the Committee on the Judiciary, asked to be excused from the further consideration of that portion of the Governor's Message relating to the ele ction of Judges and Justices of the Peace by the people. Concurred in. This is equivalent to an

in the House, on the 8th, Mr. Dortch, from the Committee on the Judiciary, introduced a substitue of Jurors, (not to exceed \$2 00 per day,) and a like

sum for every thirty miles travel. Mr. Causler, from the Committee on Internal Imsents, reported favorably upon a bill incorporing the Cape Fear and Waccamaw Plank Road ampany; also, the Chatham Rail Road Company. Mr. Jankins introduced a bill in relation to the

destruction of live stock on Rail Roads. (Makes their destruction prima facte evidence of negligence.) r. Humphrey, of Onslow, a bill incorporate a tral Rail Road from Beaufort Harbor to Fayette-

Mr. Meares, a bill to create a Scientific and Mili-ry School in North Carolina. Referred to Com-tion on Military Affairs.

TABLE PROPERTY .- The supreme court of Indiin just decided that all Railroads, with their of construction, rolling stock, and buildings, are taxable property. The aggregate amount of revenue witch will accrue to the State will be from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

TTE DY THE STORM .- The New York Times

yeays : form which was so severe in this city and storm which was so severe in this city and inspatches this morning, equally severe over inspatches this morning, equally severe over in the fall of snow if heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy both at the East and West, and very is heavy as any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of them and assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of the mand assess it upon is heavy any price demanded of the mand assess it upon is only was arrested this morning. In this out of the Market is a converter the factor of the M

533, and in 1854 this number has been increased to 1.208, with a capital of \$301,756,071.

In regard to the workings of the independent tieasury, the Secretary says that in receiving and paying for the last fiscal year more than seventy-five millions in the current coin, it has kept up the demand for the precious metals, and has prevented the large bank circulation from obtaining the mastery and driving the constitutional currency from the country. The heavy export of specie during the past year is in part accounted for by the large redemption of the public debt held abroad.

The Secretary is of opinion that the present pressure in the money market is not owing to the specie drain. but to heavy importations, the failure of so many banks, and the curtailment of the circulation and discounts of others, which, in the last six months, have reached the enormous sum of nearly fifty millions.

The continuance of the coast survey and the lighthouse heard is recommended. Further aid is asked for protecting human life from shipwreck on the coast. and the report suggests whether the law should not provide greater security in the construction of steam passenger vessels, or to leave them, as now, to the ship-owners. From the 1st of January, 1854, to the 1st of June, sixty three steam vessels have been lost. Allusion is made to the loss of the emigrant ship New Era Experiments are now making for throwing mortars more effectually.

The Secretary calls for such additional legislation as may be deemed necessary to guard against frauds v collectors of the customs.

The remainder of this very able report refers principally to the operation of the United States mint and brunches, as well as the operations of the various departments of the treasury.

Postmaster General's Report.

We give this morning the annual report of the Postmaster General. It is a long, ably and carefully prepared document, and cannot fail to excite a was occupied by Mr. Bowers as a furniture store, feeling of admiration, if not surprise, at its clear ex. and he was insured for \$1800. hibit of the successful workings of a postal system without a parallel in the world for simplicity and extent. For the convenience of the reader, we make up the following abstract :

There are 23,548 post offices in the United States : the annual compensations of 257 of which amount to \$1,000 and upwards. During the last year, 1.842 valued at \$8000, was insured for \$3000. The rolloffices were established and 614 discontinued. Num- ing stock, however, was saved. ber of postmasters appointed during the same time, 8,618. Removals, 1,977. Number of mail routes, 6,697. Number of mail contractors, 5,167. Total for the bill increasing the pay of Jurors in the coun-ty of New Hanover. The substitute leaves it discre-tionary with the County Courts to designate the pay miles by coach, at 6 cents per mile : 15,433,389 miles by railroad, at 12 cents 4 mills per mile : 5,795,483 miles by steamboat, at 8 cents 4 mills per mile. Increase in the transportation during the past year 21 per cent.

The expenditures of the department during the past year were \$8,577,424 12, and the revenue \$6,955,586 22. To the former must be added \$133,483 33, bal- sured. ances dus foreign offices, which would leave the total defficiency for the year 1854 at \$1,755,351 23. The defficiency for the year 1853 was \$2.117.078 20-leaving a difference in favor of 1853 of \$361,756 .-The increase in the revenue of 1854, compared with the revenue of 1853, is \$970,399 48-or about 19 per cent.

The Postmaster General alludes at considerable length to the difficulties between the department and railroad companies relative to the rates of compensation for carrying the mails. The companies, he says, allege that the government should not ask or expect them to perform for it any service at a less rate than that paid by individuals for similar services. This principle, he contends, he has always been willing to recognise in the adjustment of prices .-What is now required, he believes, is, that the rail-

office, and Boatwright & Co's Coach Factory R W. Gibbes & Co., proprietors of the South-Carolinian and Palmetto State Bonner, lose about \$40,-000 by the destruction of their large newspaper and job-printing office, which was uninsured.

Mr. Boatwright saved nearly all his caroages. A gentleman had just opened a fine collection of paintings at the Carolina Hall, valued at from \$5,000 \$6,000, which were entirely consumed.

Subjoined is a brief summary of the losses and insurance thereon, although it is impossible with any certainty at present, to ascertain the entire loss. ON MAIN STREET.

C. H. Most, Druggist-loss \$5,000, insurance \$3,-000. A portion of the stock and the books were saved

T. J. Lamotte, Book Bindery-loss \$1,000; no insurance. The building was occupied by the above named gentleman, and it, together with the offices in the rear and the house adjoining-which was unoccupied-was owned by Dr. Fitch, who was insured for \$3,000.

The next building was occupied by S. P. Ogier, and owned by James Wright. The building was insured for \$1,000, and the stock, which was valued at \$8,000, for \$5,000. The books and a portion of the stock were saved.

The Exchange Restaurant, owned by the estate of William Beard, was uninsured. The stock, belonging to the estate of James Rawls, deceased, was valued at \$6,000 and insured for \$2,000. Nothing was saved

Carolina Hall, occupied by James Peckham Crawford, clothier, and Mackie, gunsmith. The building was owned by James Peckham. It is not known for how much he is insured. Crawford's stock was not insured. A portion of it, however, was saved -Mackie was insured for \$800.

A. C. Squier's building and stock of furniture were insured-the stock for \$4,000, and the building for \$3,300

The three story brick building owned by James Boatwright, was insured for \$6,000. The first story

ON SUMPTER STREET.

The dwelling owned by Mr. Peckham-was insured for \$900.

CORNER SUMPTER AND WASHINGTON STREETS J. S. Boatwright's Carriage Repository. The building was insured for \$2000. The stock, which was

ON WASHINGTON STREET.

E Bellinger's Law Office was insured for \$500 A portion of his valuable Law Library was consumed. A small office adjoining the above, was insured for \$500.

The house occupied by Mrs Packenham was insured for \$500

On the South Carolinian and Palmetto State Banper office, owned by Messrs. F. W. Gibbes & Co., the loss is \$37,000," on which there was no insurance. Nothing was saved but the books and a lot of paper The aggregate loss by this calamity is estimated at \$100,000, one third of which only is said to be in

GRAND LODGE -The Grand Lodge of Masons convened in annual session in this city, on Monday ders. last, and after a harmonious session, closed on Friday. We learn that the following grand officers were elected :

H. Jordan,	Grand	Master,	
		Senior Warden,	
oseph Green,	64	Junior "	
W. D. Hutchings		Treasurer,	
V. D. Hutchings V. T. Bain,		Secretary,	
C. R. Stanly,		Senior Deacon,	
. J. Lutterloh,	45	Junior "	
lev. James Reid,	1.5	Chaplin,	
I. W. Dunkley,	84.00	Lecturer,	
ames S. Terrell,		Tyles.	
	1	Raleigh Star, 9th inst.	

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 .- Ex-Governor Wood, of Cleveland, Ohio, has concluded to resign his office as United

McQuicken, the defaulting teller of the Ocean

Extracts from an Editorial notice in the Portsmouth, Va. Globe, July, 13, 1854.

The Editor says: In this community this medicine scarce-ly requires a notice, it has been so often tested and its vir ues so well known from the numerous cases of its successful use, that it is sold now just as readily without prescription or recommendation for the diseases for which it is recom mended, as quinine is for chills

Mer In the local column of the Norfolk Daily Courier, the Editor in speaking of this preparation says :- It is certainly a great medicine, and within our own knowledge has restored those who were considered beyond all human aid. Time would fail to enumerate those cured of the various Chronic Diseases, Nervous Disorders, Ulcers, Putrid Throat, Fevers, Syphilis Dyspepsia Incapacitated Youths, Ague and Fever. ad infinitum.

• The genuine is for sale in Wilmington, by A. O. Brad ey, and by all dealers in Medicines. 1)5,-d&w-2w Oct 24th, 1854

THE Brazilian Remedy for Diarrhea and Dysentery HT. -Hundreds can testify to "a virtues. Prepared and nly by & D. D. PRE. sold only by

[Com. copy.] June 15th, 1854 241-tf ar Rheumatism, Pain and Aching of the Bones and Joints Mercurial Affections, Neuralgia, and all diseases of

the blood, are cured by CARTER'S SPANISH MUXTURE. Hun dreds have been effectually cleansed of disease by using it -You can be cured by using the same remedy. For sale at W. H. LIPPITT, Wilmington, N. C.

NEWELL'S PATENT SAFETY

LAMP & LAMP FEEDER. A NEW ARTICLE, warranted to prevent all Accidents

from the use of Burning Fluid, Camphene, and other Explosure Compounds, used for the production of Light .-This Invention is applied to all common Lamps and Lamp Feeders, also, to Solar, Camphone Lamps, Lanterns, &c. ALSO, Burning Fluid, Camphone, and Rosin Oil. For sale by C. & D. DuPRE, Druggists, Market street, Wil-

mington, N C The following Certificates are a sufficient guaranty of the entire safety and efficiency of the Safety Lamp and Feeder-

CERTIFICATES. 16 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, 21st Nov., 1853 PROFESSOR BENJAMIN SILLIMAN :- Dear Sir,-1 take the iberty of asking you if any circumstance has occurred, tend-

ing any degree to diminish the full confidence you have felt in the protection afforded by Newell's Patent Safety Lamp With high respect, truly yours, A. A. HAYES BOSTON, Nov. 21, 1853. Todia A. A. HAYES :- Dear Sir,-Inreply to the inquiry

contained in your note of this date, I can now state that "Newell's Patent Safety Lamp," after a considerably ex-tended experience in my family, has fully justified the favorable opinion which I expressed of it about a year ago. Until this protection was presented, I never permitted the

so-called hurning fluid to be used in my house. Now it constantly employed by the domestics, and it has been ocea-sionally burned in the parlor and study. The house being The house being lighted by gas, there is little occasion for its general use in the family ; but with the protection named above. I should have no hesitation to use it wherever there is occasion for artificial light, and I do, with entire confidence, recommend it to my friends and others who consult me on the subjectalways protesting, however, against the unguarded use which has produced so many distressing and fatal results. I remain, dear sir, very respectfully and truly yours,

B. SILLIMAN, Senior

WH.MINGTON, N. C., June 15th, 1854. I hereby certify that I witnessed the experiments of Mr Newell, with his patent Safety Lamp, for burning "fluid" and am perfectly satisfied of the safety of the same.

JAS. H. DICKSON, President of the N. C. Medical Society This is to certify that I have used Newell's Patent Safety

Lamps, for more than twelve months, and they have given merfect satisfaction. GEO. R. FRENCH. June 23d, 1854.

Having purchased the right for the State of N. C., from the Patentce, we are prepared to fill all Orders at short noice, for every description and variety of Lamps, &c. All persons are cautioned against infringing upon the above patent, as, the law will be rigidly enforced against all offen-

C. DUPRE, D. DuPRE, Jr. A. C. DICKINSON. June 20th, 1854 245-t! New Arrangement of the Northern Mails. POST OFFICE, WILMINGTON, N. C. ? Dec. 8th, 1854. The Mails from the North are due at this office at 9 A. M and 71 P. M., daily. The Mails for the North, which heretofore closed at 2 P M., will, on and after to-morrow, close at 1 P. M.

POSTPONEMENT. THE sale of the lands of the late Col. John D. Jones, has been postponed until MONDAY, the 18th inst., at 12 o'clock. There is one tract containing 882 acres neck lands. Another tract containing loca aeres need taking. Another tract containing 1070 aeres Pine Lands. Another tract of Pine Land, number of acres not yet as-certained, which will be sold on the following terms : one fourth of purchase money payable in six months, the ba-lance in four equal annual instalments, with interest from date. THE EXECUTORS. 82-ts Dec. 1854.

Dr. A O. BRADLEY, Druggist. Her. and Com. copy. Dec. 9th

ZERMAN'S ANTLSCORBUTIC TOOTHWASH. TO THE LADIES.

N OTHING adds more to beauty than clean, white Teeth, and Gums of healthy color. The most beautiful face and vermillion lips become repulsive, if the latter, when they open, exhibit the horrible spectacle of neglected teeth. All who wish clean, white Teeth, healthy Gums, and a sweet breath, should give ZERMAN'S TOOTH WASH a trial C. & D. D. PRE, Agents Wilmington, N. C. For sale by Sept. 29, 54--21] Herald and Commercial copy.

A BANTER.

A S Christmas is nearly at hand, and as a little fun could not be objectable. I propose to stake one hundred (\$100) dollars that I have a boy [ANDREW,] that can beat any negroor white man on a foot race, on Christmas morning, there in the Counties of Sampson or Duplin. The race to be ran at Strickland's Depot. Any person wishing to indulge can find the subscriber at or near Strickland's, with the dir Nov. 25. 70-tf WHITEHEAD.

VALUABLE NEGROES FOR SALE.

W11.1, sell at public auction, in Goldsboro', on the 2nd day of January, 1855. 1 WENTY-EIGHT VALUABLE NEGROES

In the lot are several superior TURPENTINE HANDS, COOKS, FIELD HANDS, &c. These negroes can be seen at Goldsboro', on the first day of January, by calling on the subscriber.

Terms of Sale .- One half cash, and the balance in four and ight months. The deferred payments to be secured by notes with approved securities. Nov. 25th, 1854 J. J. HOOKS. 70-13-ts

NEW GOLD PEN, Charles E. Peddie's patent Gold A Pen, of various sizes just received. This is a splandid article-offered for the first time in this market, and warrented,-come and try them. J. T. MUNDS

TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

THE subscribers will receive estimates for the erection of a TOWN HALL and THEATRE in the town of Wilmington, until Wednesday, 20th inst., at noon.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Messrs. R. H. COWAN, Commit-D. MACRAE, tee. & D. MacRae & Co.

Dec. 6th, 1854 78-120

A N ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF STATIONERY, A per schr. Lamartine -Blank and Receipt Books, Bills of Lading, Patent Adhesive Files, Diaries, Memorandums, Scrap Books, Bills Payable and Receivable, Checks, Drafts, Foreign Notes, Ink Stands, Rulers, Letter Clips, Bill Heads, Post Offites, Card Racks, Faber's Peneils, India Rubber, Quills, &c. &c. Just received, and for sale by D6 J. T. MUNDS.

BUCKSKIN GLOVES AND GAUNTLETS-A new sup-ply at THE CITY CLOTHING STORE.

PARIS KID GLOVES-A few dozen just received at the Dec. 5. CITY CLOTHING STORE. DRESSING GOWNS-Will be open during the week, a suitable presents for Ladies to their "lords." Call at Dec. 5. SCOTT & BALDWIN'S City Clothing Store

ADIES CARPET BAGS-A few dozen handsome style, at SCOTT & BALDWIN'S. TRAVELLING SHAWLS.-1 dozen heavy, just opened at SCOTT & BALDWIN'S

Dec. 5th, 1854 City Clothing Store. TALMAS AND OVER SACKS .-- Per Adams & Co.,

this day opened 20 new styles at Dec. 5th, 1854 SCOTT & BALDWIN'S. WANTED.

A SMART NEGRO BOY. Enquire immediately at WHITEHURST'S DAGUERREAN GALLE RY. December 5th, 1754 77-tf LARD-LARD.

UST ARRIVED from Edgecombe county, a superior lot J of LARD, in kegs. For sale by o Dec. 4, 1854-76-17 J. A. WILLARD, At the office of W. H. McRary & Co.

FOR SALE.—Cotton Yarn and Shesting, Flour, Feathers, and Mountain Butter. W. P. ELLIOTT.

FOR PHILADELPHIA.

TO SAIL ON SATURDAY, DEC'R 167H, 1854. THE new and splendid steamship "NORTH CAROLINA, J. W. SYMMS commander, 1,000 tons burthen. The above Steamer will be despatched on Saturday, the 16th instant, at — o'clock, from the wharf at the foot of Princess street. For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommo-detions, apply to GEORGE HARRISS.

