

Entered at the Postoffice at Wilmington, N. C., as Second-Class Matter.
A plague of rats has appeared near Dagueaux, in France. Innumerable swarms, which come from the direction of Lyons, have invaded many communes, doing great damage to the crops.

Few items will be read with more interest than the announcement that between June 15 and July 15 798 miles of New York streets were cleaned, and that in the same period there were 331 deaths less than in the corresponding period last year.

It is reported that one reason why the death rate in New York is high, as compared with some other cities, is because its floating population is disproportionately large.

The Herald says that the great Brooklyn bridge is rapidly approaching completion. The chief delay is caused by the tardiness of manufacturers in supplying the steel suspenders.

Sarah Bernhardt is quite as much of a social favorite in London as ever, and receives more invitations for dinner parties and breakfast parties than she can possibly accept.

The New York sugar refiners, say the Baltimore Sun, have agreed to continue this week the plan in operation last week, with a view to the curtailment of production one-third.

The Chicago Tribune indignantly declares that if Hancock had been elected, all the letter-carriers in Chicago would have been turned out; that the people care nothing for the "politics" of letter-carriers.

A double-headed Washington letter in the New York Sun says: "Could every thing be laid bare relating to appointments in Washington, to say nothing of what exists elsewhere, the unsuspecting portion of the people would be appalled."

A Workingman says: "Debt, poverty and suffering haunted me for years, caused by a sick family and large bills for doctoring, which did no good. I was completely discouraged, until one year ago, by the advice of my pastor, I procured Hop Bitters and commenced their use, and in one month we were all well, and none of us have been sick a day since; and I want to say to all poor men, you can keep your families well a year with Hop Bitters for less than one doctor's visit will cost."

rolls of one of the departments? Let it be repeated, this is not a single case. There are many and many! Well may the virtuous-minded Ohio boy from Minnesota lift up his hands in amazement in view of practices and facts which he need make no effort to find out.

A reporter of the Philadelphia Times, who has been making some inquiries into the condition of iron manufactures in that city, writes that all the large establishments are run down with orders with no prospect of a falling off in their business.

A DEADLOCK IN MAINE. There is a nice little side-show now in progress in Maine, consisting of a deadlock between Gov. Plaisted, on the one side, and an advisory body, called the Executive Council, on the other.

The deadlock was in full force on July 13th, when the Governor and Council met as usual. Among the nominations to be acted on was that of Albion Little for trustee of the Reform School.

The Governor took the insults with a good deal of nonchalance. At the close of Mr. Bowers' speech, and before putting the motion, he said that he had seen Mr. Little on the subject of his reappointment, and that the latter had given him to understand that the nomination would please him, and would be accepted.

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To Builders and others—Go to Jacob's for Sash, Blinds and Doors, Glass, &c. You can get all sizes and at the lowest prices.

Moonshine. "At Bordeaux," said one, "if you let a match fall to the ground, the next year there will grow a forest."

The publication of weather predictions is of great benefit to the community. It enables the mean man to appear generous by promising to take his wife on a pleasure trip the day he is certain that a heavy rain will postpone the trip.

I like to take my charmer to the sea, I like to have the trees there blow free, I like to hear the music of the band, I like to see the fireworks quite grand, And watch the Roman candle and the rocket;

There were half a dozen ladies and gentlemen in a street car, when the driver stopped the car and said: "There is somebody in this car trying to beat me out of a fare."

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