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gree to receive their paper regularly, Cotton manufacturing has reached great proportions in Russia, the annual imports of raw cotton being about \$43,

000 000 in veine. While Gens, Sherman, Sheridan and Rosecrans were riding together at the dedication of the Garfield statue some one in the crowd cried out : "A battle of whiskey would stand a migaty poor show with that trio." And the warriors laughed and nudged each other.

Ralph Disraeli, nephew of the late Lord Beaconsfield, will soon be gradu-Queen, it is said, will push him at once into public life. He bears a steat name and is an able youth and seems to bave a future of prominence before bim.

The Invalide Russe, the official jour nal of the minister of war gives the elfective forces of the Czar on the 1st of January, 1886. According to this ac count the Russian regular army numbered at that time 824 762 soldiers and 30 655 generals and officers. The reserves amounted to 1,600 815 men The militia of the first call counted 2,160 000 men. And this without counting the Finland regiments.

The total number of persons killed by wild animals and venoenous snakes in the ten divisions of Bengal during a diever and ague, it is without a peer. the official year 1885-86 was the highest in the last five years, and amounted to 11,823. As is usual nine tenths of these deaths were caused by snakes But of 12,223 buffaloes, oxen, horses and ponies destroyed, only 311 were killed by snakes. These annual returns do not take account of sheep, goats. pigs and monkeys, the destruction of which is very large. The hyena is credited with the destruction of 773 head of cattle.

The exploring expedition sen to investigate the late Mexican earthquakes confirms the accounts of their destruc tive effects and though it has not yet penetrs ed the mountain region, revives the stories of volcanic disturbance by stating that smoke, which, from the nature of the country, can hardly be indicative of anything else than volcanic eruptions, continues to pour from sever al mountain peaks. If, indeed, a range of active vocanoes has broken out in the Sierra Madre range, the event is of great scientific importance, and the further reports of the expedition will be looked for with increasing interest.

A prominent Chicago capitalist has formed a partnership with a citizen of Stannton, Va., for the operation of a bark extract factory in the latter city. and a site has already been secured for completed will turn out sixty barrels of bark extract per day, and consume from 6 to 10 carloads of bark. Some filly hands will be required immediate-If at the works, besides the barrelmakers, and au army of workmen for getting out the bark and timber. The average consumption of bark will about 80 cords per day, which at \$4.50 per cord will be \$360 paid out in money on each working day, besides the wages of the employees. A large number of persons, of course, will be indirectly benefited by the outlay.

The Opera Comique, at Paris, was burned to the ground on Wednesday evening. It was during a performance and the theatre was full of people. The fiames spread rapidly and the disaster was a terrible one. The house bad a seating capacity of 1,500. In all 63 others yet to be recovered There is also a large list of injured, some of them frightfully .

The following particulars are from a profanity. special cablegram to the New York

The widely known Opera Comique was burned to the ground this evening. at the first alarm a rush was made for the exits. The fire spread with from the windows to the ground to that day. avoid being caught by the flames, only to meet death by contact with the paye-

Fourteen of the persons who threw themselves from the windows were in-The probability that a large number of persons have been crushed to death in

the galleries and on the stairway is most cordially. very great, but this is as yet uncertain. It is, however, beyond question that a great many occupying seats near the stage were caught by the fire and burned to death. Little attention is being paid to saving the building. all efforts

hale inmates, whose cries fill the air. scenery which was being shifted into of Mr. H. P. West.

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position for the second act of "Mignon' the first act being then in progress. The flames borst forth like a flash of powder, and the whole interior of the

theater was almost immediately ablaze. The audience were, of course, panic stricken, but through the heroic and systematic efforts of the ushers and exists without trampling upon each erty other.

The dead bodies of five persons have been taken out of the front part of the graphs of Sections 2 and 3 of the City theater. They were horribly burned. Tax Ordinance were amended by sub and it is doubtful that they can be identified Two of them were those of a woman and a little boy, the woman ated at Cambridge, England The clasping the child tightly in her arms. The total number of persons killed and injured so far as known, is sixty seven. It is impossible to state whether any are still in the ruins.

Clear the Way

Without loss of time, when the intestinal canal is blocked up by reason of constipa ion, chrouic or emporary It should be bone in mind that this ailment is : rose to become for current expenses and interest on lasting and obstinate, and breed other and new debts. worse complaints. Postetter's Stomach Sittera is the pr'cise remety to remove the ob struction effectually, but without drenching or weakening the blockaded bowels, a con" seq ence always to be apprehended from the Hon. George Davis for his opinion. use of or viol at laxactves, which are among the ost pernicious of the cap nostrums swellowed by the credulous and misinformed. the flat of experience, and of the medica fra ernity sanctions the claims of this stand ard aperient. Not only as a source of relief and permenent regular ty to the bowels, I ver and stomach, out as a means of remedyin. and pre enting kidney and madder troubles

LOCAL NEWS.

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Cotton was on the boom again in New York to day.

Strawberries were being sold to-day at five cents a quart.

Fifteen cents per dozen was the price asked at the stores to day for eggs.

tools of all kinds at JACOBI'S Hdw.

Next Monday (the 30th inst.) will be Decoration Day, in consequence of which there will be no Chicago market reports on that day.

The crops are growing finely in the country, is the general remark of those who have had an opportunity of seeing and knowing the condition of things,

Capt. Harper's family excursion on the Passport, the first of the seasou, was well patropized to da . There was a the new enterprise. The works when good crowd and they have had a beauti ful day.

> The annual meeting of stockholders of the Homestead and Loan Association will be held on Thursday night, June 2d, in the City Court Room.

> We hear very little talk about base ball now a days. In other Southern cities there is much enthusiasm regard ing the game, but the subject seems to have died out, so far as Wilmington is

> The pupils of Misses Burr & James School will have their regular May pienie to morrow, at Carolina Beach, going down on the Passport, at the usual hour, and spending the day at the Beach, returning in the evening.

A party of colored men, who had apparently imbibed too much whiskey. were noisy and profane on Seventh bodies have been found and there are street at a late hour last night, much to the annoyance of people who desired to sleep and whose ears were not pleased with the sounds of such gross

services, neither in the morning nor at ring the question to the City Attorney. night, next Sunday in the Temple of with instructions to compare the Tax The fire broke out during the perfor- Israel. Rev. Dr. Yates will be in Ordinance with the Machinery Act. The theatre was crowded and Smithville and the regular Jewish cons and report to the conference committee gregation worshipping in the Temple what changes, if any, are required to treat rapidity and many persons sprang will hold confirmation services there on make the former conform to the State

Phoenix Hose Reel Company No. 1, colored, paid their respects to Mr. J. G. Oldenbuttel. Chief of the Fire Dea stantly killed and forty-three were partment, last night, by marching to picked up more or less injured, some of his house in a body. The Chief was of the colored firemen and treated them

Personal

Messrs. M. M. Katz and A J. Howell, who have been in attendance on the meeting of the Grand Chapter, in Charbeing directed to rescuing the untortus lotte, returned to the city yesterday.

The City Taxes.

The Board of Aldermen and Board of Audit and Finance met in joint session yesterday afternoon to consider the tax ordinance

The city tax this year will be \$2.76 onsome of the cooler headed of the spectar | each poll, and \$1.75 on the \$100 valutors they were kept moving toward the ation of real estate and personal prop-

The second, third and fourth para-

stituting therefor the following: For the payment of interest on debts contracted prior to the year 1868, 80 cents on the \$100 valuation.

\$100 valuation. For the payment of current expenses of the city government and interest on debts contracted since 1868 92 cents on

For the Sinking Fund, 3 cents on the

the \$100 valuation. SEC 3 There shall be levied for the

In April last pending the election of a City Attorney, the "poll tax question" was submitted by the city authorities to whether the taxes levied by the city are to be governed as to equation and limitation by Section 1. Article 5, of the State Constitution, as prescribed therein, as follows: "The General Assembly shall levy a capitation tax on every male inhabitant of the State over twenty-one and under fitty years of age, which shall be equal on each to the tax on property valued at \$300 in cash."

Mr. Davis, in his opinion, says that the Supreme Court decided that it did not and could not apply to taxes levied for the purpose of paying old debtsthat is to say, debts contracted prior to the adoption of the Constitution in 1868, "The reason of the decision," Mr. Davis says, "was that any limitation or restriction upon the powers of taxation would diminish the security of the creditors by lessening the ability of the municipality to pay, and so it would impair the obligation of the contract, and would be in violation of the Con-You will find hoes, forks, shovels, stitution of the United States. This spades, scythes, swaths and farming decision has been followed by a long live of cases affirming the same doctrine, and that construction of our Constitution is now the firmly settled law. The result is, that in levying so much of the city taxes as is intended to meet the principal or interest of its debt, contracted prior to the year 1868, the Board of Aldermen are not bound all the sections through which he has or restricted by any constitutional equation or limitation whatsoeyer. They are not compelled to levy any poll tax if they deem it inexpedient. They are at liberty to impose that portion of the taxes upon such subjects in such products are growing finely. Mr. amounts or proportions, and in such way, as they deem best, with these city's charter; and second, that all taxes Texas. upon property must be uniform and advalorem, as prescribed by Article 7, Section 9 of the Constitution. Second. In levying that portion of the taxes which is intended to meet new debte and current expenses, a poll tax must be imposed and the equation between the tax on polls and the tax on property prescribed in Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution, must be observed and

maintained." Several additional sections of the Tax Ordinance, relating principally to the manner of collecting taxes, bad been read and passed without amendment, when lurther consideration of the matter was abruptly suspended by some one calling attention to the fact that the Machinery Act passed by the last General Assembly of the State requires that all sales of real estate for taxes shall be made by the sheriff of the county. After discussing the mat-Grace M. E. Church will not hold ter, the meeting adjourned, first refer

Found her Home.

The little colored wait who was brought to the City Hall vesterday, mention of which we made in yester them fatally and many very seriously. glad of this token of esteem on the part to her aunts at Orange and Thirteenth is \$5,775; provided, that the W. & W. stree's, where the child had formerly lived. It seems that the child was well and kindly treated, but that she has a and in equity the said company ought, habit of wandering off, without asking to bear the whole cost of maintaining permission. She seemed quite glad, however, to get back to her old home

Organized.

At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Messenger Publishing Company, held last night Mr. J. A. Bonitz was elected president and managing editor: Messrs. D G. Worth, F. Rheinstein. Wm. Calder and G. H. Smith directors. Mr. Wm Calder was elected Secretary

and Treasurer. It was decided to begin the publication of the paper on or about the 234 of breakfast and, as no response was

Ciry Court.

Widiam Coloralogue, who said that he was a ship carpenter and had been working in the city since January last, was brought before the Mayor this morning charged with being drunk and down. He was found asleep under a dwelling and when arrested by the offiyear 1887 two dollars and seventy-six cer he attempted to resist, but was too cents on each poll, to be appropriated drunk to do much barm The judgment of the Court was a fine of \$10 or 20 days in the city prison.

> One party who was arrested for failure to pay the liquor tax submitted and ingdment was suspended upon payment of the tax, which was \$15

New Buildings.

We learn from a gentleman who has taken pains to ascertain the fact, that since last Christmas 18 buildings have been erected in that part of the city North of the railroad, and 25 have been erected on the South side of the rail road; making a total of 43 buildings in the city within that time. Of these four are of brick, many are already completed, while some are in course of construction, and a few have just been begun. It this rate continues, more than 100 new buildings will have been erected by next Christmas, and from present indications we have but little doubt that such will be the result.

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Southern Crops. Mr. J. A. Hollingsworth, who formerly lived at Point Caswell, Pender county, returned this morning from a three months' trip through Texas and New Mexico. He reports the crops in travelled as looking remarkably well In Texas, where the cotton crops have been pinched by drought for the past two years, there have been good and frequent rains, and all sorts of agricultural Hollingsworth left for Point Caswell on the steamer Lisbon this afternoon exceptions only: First, That they must but is undetermined whether be will not exceed the powers contained in the remain in North Carolina or return to

Boney Bridge.

The Board of Audit and Finance met in special session yesterday to consider a proposition from the Board of Aldermen for the construction of an iron bridge over the railroad cut on Fourth

The matter was discussed at some length. All the members of the Board were agreed as to the importance and desirability of baving an iron bridge built in place of the wooden structure that now spans the cut. Mr. Jones. the chairman, thought that the railroad company ought to pay one half the cost. but he had had a conversation with Capt, Divine, of the railroad company, who said that they would agree to pay \$4,000 towards building an iron bridge. He wan ed to see a good bridge put up-one that would enhance the value of property in that part of the city. He would vote for it on condition that the railroad company would pay bers of the board were of the same opinion in the matter, and the following resolution was adopted unanimous-

Resolved. That this Board concurs in the action of the Board of Aldermen authorizing the construction of an iron bridge on Fourth street over the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, the full width of said street, on the offer of the Smith Bridge Co , of \$15 200, and also the necessary masonry sbutments for the same, the estimated cost of which R. R. Company will agree to pay onethird the cost of the same it being the opinion of this board that both in law a proper roadway over their tracks, and the chairman of this B ard is authorized to confer with the railroad au-

The fire originated in one of the city, accompanied by his wife, coming into contact with some of the contact with some contact with some of the c I you with the best and save you money t lished in this place at Heinsberger's.

thorities in regard to the same

Found Dead.

Mr. Renjamin F. Bryant, for a num-

ber of years a policeman of this city. was found dead in his bed at the residence of Mr. Samuel Hail, on Fourth street, between Walnut and Red Cross. at about 8 o'clock this morning was in his usual health yesterday and at a late hour last night was apparently well This morning he was called to made to the call, the door was opened and he was found dead as above stated A physician was soon in attendance, who stated, after making an examination of the case, that death bad occurred several bours previous to the discovery The coroner was notified and a jury of inquest was summored, consisting of Thomas H. McK.y. J. D McEachern, J. M. McGowan, J. H Harriss, S Hill and T. E Scott, who returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from natural causes Mr Bryant was a native of Brunswick county, but had made this city his home for many years He was 56 years of age, and was a widower and childless, his wife having died about two years ago without leaving children He served during the war in the famous Washington Artillery of New Orleans La.. in which he did gallant duty

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