THE NATIONAL IDEA AGAIN. The Newbern Times quotes our articl on "The National Idea," as it says, "in order to answer fully." Did some space permit, we would return the compliment of our contemporary in order to answer him fully. We will quote from the Times' reply enough to answer our purpose and do

that paper full justice. The Times interrogates: ask the STAR in how much, and to what degree did the 'New England Colonies' to which it refers rock, nurse, fight for and maintain the child of freedom and liberty born on English soil, and transplanted by the Pilgrim Fathers to the sterile coast on which, they, the real Hathers of this Republic landed? "And the Times claims that all this rocking, nursing, etc., is "sufficient answer to any charge of a spirit of the right sort of immigrants who don which they naturally enough it

Now as to this grandloquent interrogation and the "claim" with which the New, bern editor imagines he has clinched his argument and parried any thrust we might make at the weak points in his armor, we have just this much to say: If the men who came over in the May Flower were the only real Fathers of this Republic, then what were the Calverts of Maryland, the Smiths of Virginia, the Drummonds of North Carolina and the Oglethorpes of Georgia who assisted in the foundation of pioneer settlements which afterward became warring colonies and independent States? What does the Times editor, whose patronymic is suggestive of Yankee wisdom and smartness, make of the Alexanders and Averys and Phifers who assisted at the birth of political liberty on this continent—the immortal signers of the immortal North Carolina Declaration of Independence, which preceded by more than thirteen months the great Declaration of Jefferson? What does he make of Jefferson who wrote the Declaration of ?76, who said in his last days that the only epitaph he desired to be placed ever him was: "Here lies for Religious and Civil Liberty?" Were not these men Fathers of the Republic? And Washington and Henry Lee and Morgan and Pickens who fought, and Madison and Pendleton and Patrick Henry who legislated the new Republic into existence; were they Fathers, or only sons, or still less aliens in the eyes of this writer who sees no beauty or loveliness or grace in any thing but the Pilgrims of Plymouth

The Times whitewashes Senator Morton and President Grant as " large hearted, progressive and well-balanced Americans and so recognized and endorsed by the whole people except perhaps a few prejudice-blinded, jaundiced, and we are (he is) pained to say, un-American writers." This is enough. No comment on this remarkable passage is needed. Here is the stamp of the subservient spirit that

"Bends the supple hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning." The "empiric" tendency to which the Times alludes is hastening us on to ruin, social and political. This is indeed an age of empiricism, an age of quackery and charlatanism. The Times gives us a clue. His empiricism will lead sooner or later to the Empire.

So much for the National Idea as it exists in and not of the brain of the Newbern Timerrianas Jant COMMODORE MAURY'S SUGGES-

Trons. The pith and marrow of the Commodore's recommendations, which have received the endorsement of our Legislature, and we believe that of the Legislatures of several States, is the necessity of concert among the Southern States to bring about immigration. Without concert the action of any single State in the present destituresults. Any immigration scheme, to comof capital. Every plan that has been inaugurated at the South has failed, for the reason that sone of them has been backed by the requisite funds.

The scheme of Commodore Maury contemplates appropriations by the Legislatures of the Southern States sufficient to turn the tide of immigration new flowing so steadily to the North West to the South-

ern States. In clar T T One of the principal means to be employed in bringing about this desirable result, the Commodore thinks, is a physical survey of our section and a full topographical, geological, mineralogical and climatical description of the country. This will deto light the most astounding facts per-

in hand, these discoveries must have a re flex action on the practical business of life and enhance the comfort, profit and plea-sure of living at the South. We look for the most beneficial results to accrue from arrying Prof. Maury's scheme into execu-

We think that a combination of Mau ry's plan with the one suggested by us some days since will be productive of nappy state of things in our down-trodden and impoverished section. A half million of dollars well invested and under the control of a live, energetic immigration company would, in a few years, fill the land with a class of steady, hard working laboring men and excellent citizens. We insist that the scheme of an immigration mion, embracing in its operations all of the cotton and border States, be formed as soon as possible; that the most sensible and active of our business men and farmers be put at the head of it; that they be furnished with enough to start a first class newspaper in the city of New York, and to defray all the expenses of competent agents abroad and at home, including also sufficient funds to transport any number

Probable Fatal Shooting Affray of Main Street.

The Main street entrance to the customhouse was the scene of a probable fatal shooting affair yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The parties concerned were Messrs. John Snellings and Andrew Monteiro, who were until recently engaged in ing poison, has been fined five dollars, a partnership business, with the termination of which ended the good feeling which had existed between them for a long period. Both of these gentlemen were widely known here and throughout the State, and were equally popular in the circle in which they moved. A group of gentlemen composed of

Messra. Henry T. Hungerford, Andrew Monteiro and George C. Wild, and two others, were standing together on the steps of the postoffice, or in the door leadng up stairs to the custom house, when Mr. Soellings walked down the street, smoking. Taking the cigar in his left the same time, in the presence of his sishand, he approached the five gentlemen, and saying, "I have you now !" or words to that effect, struck at Mr. Monteire : the blow, however, having no more effect than the potion, his sister forced her finger to knock off the hat of the assailed party and take him completely by surprise; fol-lowing quickly with another lick. Mr. Monteire lost his balance and was knocked down. Falling on his side, with his face to the stone flagging, his head struck the iron sill, which completely stunned him. Here he lay, apparently for a minute, when, quick as lightning almost, up he Thomas Jefferson, the Author of the Act sprang, and extending his arm from his side fired a Derringer, which no doubt had been taken from his pocket after the first blow was received. The parties to the affray were standing close together-so close that Mr. Snellings's clothes took fire from the explosion of the powder. The ball from the Derringer entered his left breast and pierced one of his lungs. As soon as shot Mr. Snellings exclaimed, "I am a dead man!" and drawing his own revoluer, and avored to fire. But the effect of the shot he had received began to show itself almost in a moment. A friend stand ing close at his side extended his arm to give him support, and another who was approaching at the time saw the change of color in the cheek of the wounded man, and came quickly to give his own aid. Reeling to and fro, he staggered, and at last, succeeding in cocking his pistol, he fired two shots at Mr. Monteiro, who now retreated across the street towards the office of the North America Life Insurance Company, where he remained until taken in custody by policemen Shea and Depriest, of the second district, who carried him to the second police station.

Mr. Snellings, meanwhile, had lapsed into a state of unconsciousness, but was surrounded by many of his friends, who in a few moments took him to his lodgings, on Main street, near Ninth. Drs. Beale, Manson, Walker, and McGuire were summoned to his side, and did all that was possible for his relief. At a late hour last evening his condition was critical.-Rich. Dispatch.

The Execution of Cremieux at Mar-

seilles, France. Gaston Cremieux, who was shot at Mar-seilles, was a barrister, practicing in that town. In September last he was one of the leaders of the mob which took possession of the Hotel de Ville, and proclaimed the Commune of Marseilles. He was tried by court martial, and with three other leaders of the Commune—Etienne, Pelissier and Roux—was condemned to death; but in his rese alone has the sentence of that kind.—

Poultry Standard. but in his case alone has the sentence been executed: Upon being informed that the tastal bour had arrived, he replied, "I will disaster of the present year. The Chinese show you how a man dies." After having floods, of which we have had brief acof any single State in the present destitution prevailing in this section would be feeble, and would doubtless be barren of results. Any immigration scheme, to comfiring party, exclaiming, "Fire! Vive la the people might perhaps have stopped it, Republique!" He had not completed the last word when he fell a corpse. the officials sent to sacrifice to Yuen Shen,

More Independent Voting. Boston and Worcester, Mass., are to be added to the list of American cities which have repudiated party lines in the consideration of their local affairs, having both just chosen their principal municipal offi-cers independent of party. Boston has a good mayor, and because he is a good one he has been re-elected by the suffrages of a considerable number of his Republican opponents. The roll of "independent" cities is rapidly increasing; and if the city of Philadelphia had considered the munivelope the boundless wealth of our States to European eyes, which have been tutored to find the El Dorado of their search in the wilds of the Western and Northwestern States and Territories. Such a physical history as that contemplated will bring to light the most astounding tests. to light the most astounding facts per-taining to the field of scientific discovery.

As science and the practical arts go hand

The Citizens' Association is rapidly becoming as strong in numbers as it has shown itself to be in courage and indomitable energy.

Philadelphia Ledger. STAR BEAMS.

- New York has a ing " clock. - A 1793 cent brought \$67 50 at a recent sale in New York.

- A Cincinnati boy sues his fath er for \$50,000 for ill tres - A Boston man has thirty-six out peddlers in his employ

- An iron and steel factory at Trenton, N. J., employs 550 men. - Lace handkerchiefs are for sale n New York at \$50 to \$500 apiec

- A Philadelphia firm will soon supply Russia with 500 locomotives. - A Scotch minister refused bap tism to the child of a man who sells milk

- A national convention of juvenile base-ball players has just been held

in New York. - The Alabama Conference is in ssion at Mobile, the venerable Bishop

- A man in Taunton, Mass., has been fined \$6 for spitting tobacco juice on a church carpet. - Hon. Inc. A. Bingham, M. from Ohio, is a new candidate for Sen-

ator from that State. - The Russian officials with the Duke Alexis are purchasing many books relating to the United States.

- York, England, is to have the largest railway station in that kingdom, its cost being one million dollars.

- A man in Detroit who unsuccesafully attempted to kill himself by tak-

An Unsuccessful Attempt to "Shuffle

Early vesterday morning a young man, aged about 22 years, named George Phillips, formerly employed as a barkeeper at the St. Mare Hotel, repaired to his residence, at the corner of Tenth and C streets, evidently the worse for liquor. Soon after arriving at his room, he announced his intention to take his life, at down his throat, which caused the wouldhe suicide to vomit the soothing dose and
placed him out of danger.

It appears that Phillips has been paying
his addresses to a young lady, who of late

has received him coldly, and aided with bad whiskey, and the effects of his rejected suit, thus endeavored to end his career.

Late last night the young man had fully recovered, and does not desire to renew the attempt.— Wash. Patriot, 10th.

A Princely Gift.

The Grand Duke Alexis, through Admiral Poisset, has forwarded to Wm. H. Aspinwall the sum of \$5,000 for distribution among the poor of New York, wishing them to teel that wish which has afforded so much pleasure to him has been the occasion of some slight relief to them. Mr. Aspinwall has very judiciously appropriated \$1,000 of the imperial gift to the Society for the Relief of the Destitute Children of Seamen-a graceful recognition of the profession to which the Grand Duke belongs. The remaining \$4,000 he has placed at the disposal of the Society for the Improvement of the Poor of New York. This liberal act of our imperial visitor is well timed, and is not the least pleasing incident of his visit as an indication that, in the midst of the gayety that surrounds him, he does not overlook the fact that every great city has its full share of suffering and poverty.- N. Y. Herald, Dec. 14.

Value of Eggs.

During the war many experiments were made by medical men and others interested in the subject, to see in how small compass the most nutriment could be got; and after all the experiments of physicians, physiologists, patent rights men, savans and investigators on scientific subjects, they all had to knock under (to use an expressive, though vulgar, phrase) to an old hen, or a young one either for it was fround that an egg contained a greater amount of nutriment, of life-preserving food, in the compass it occupies, than of any other known substance. True, there

arranged his papers he was taken to the counts, submerged 20,000 square miles of a friend to complete a theatrical play palling nature of the catastrophe will bet-which he had partly written. Upon reach ter be appreciated. The flood occurred in ing the place of execution, he firmly placed the northern part of the empire, and was himself against the stake, and, taking off occasioned by the breaking of the banks his coat, unfastened his shirt, faced the of a river. When the first break occurred the officials sent to sacrifice to Yuen Shen, a fabulous tortoise or fish, who is supposed to control the waters. When their devotions were through, the damage was past remedy.— Cin. Gazette,

The Catholic Bishop Barclay, of New Jersey, who lately delivered a temperance address before the Catholic Total Absti-nence Union of that State, is reported to have declared that he has " ordered the clergy to refuse Christian burial to those who die of the effects of liquor as well as those who sell it to drunkards." He does not believe in prohibition laws, and thinks it best to fight the vice by the influence of moral suasion and religious opinion.

There is a man in Decorali, Ill., so senurious that, when shelling corn and a kernel flew into the wood-pile, he removed seven cords of wood to find it. A neighbor standing by dropped a kernel where the searcher was looking, but when he found it he said: "You can't fool me with that small kernel; the one I lost was a large one How as bear a . .

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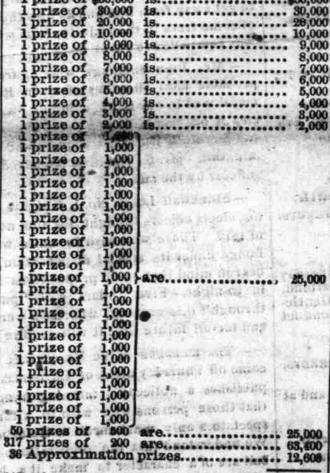
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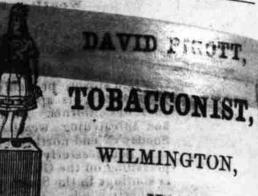
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