

vision of the Penitentiary Board. It is contemplated to work from three to five hundred convicts on the work of tunnelling the Blue Ridge.

CONVICTS SENT TO WORK THE ROAD.

On Monday evening\_37 convicts of the State Penitentiary, under Legislative enactment, were shipped to the Western Railroad, and will at once be placed at work at the mouth of the tunnel just west of Old Fort. It is intended that these men shall build a stockade for the security of the hundreds who are to be sent to work upon the tunnel with a view of completing the road through the moun-Lains.

#### BONDS FORWARDED.

The \$850,009 worth of W. N. C R. R. bonds necessary to relieve that road of all obligations, under the recent purchase made by the State, were on Monday forwarded to Treasurer D. A. Jenkins at Charlotte. Trustee of the road, to be used in in hanidating the debt of the road and enabling the present management to go ahead with the double work before them. The issuing of these bouds in the place of the present floating debt of the road will place that road upon a financial basis that it has not hitherto occupied.

## Spirits Turpentine

- Again, in Newbern, was the Bulgarian lecturer denounced as a vulgarian fraud.

- Dr. J. O. Wilson, late member of the Constitutional Convention, married Miss Maggie Henry, in Raleigh, on the 18th.

- One of the objects of interest at the State Fair was a tall clock manufactured in Raleigh by Mr. Edward Fasnach.

- News of Wednesday: The Sheriff of Bladen county yesterday denosited in the State Penitentiary two Radical (begro) voters for three years each, for larceny.

- The work of changing the gauge of the Atlantic & N. C. R. R. has commenced, the stockholders having authorized it in their meeting on Monday. The Journal of Commerce speaks of rumors about injunctions.

- Torch Light: A negro man by the name of John Taylor, living some seven miles northeast of Oxford, had his dwellong burned, including his crop of tobacco and furniture, on last Thursday night.

- Janet Stewart, a colored woman of Danbury, gave her cuild, which was suppoison oak and bathed it in a decoction of the same, after which it died, we are in-

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. ment among the crowd in front of the five thou and seven hundred (\$45,700) do lars of the principal of old bonds had settled with the State Treasurer. The Telegraph Company, at their office in New understand the case, no attempt is made to Goods of all Court House, much to the annoyance of York on several occasions, and also with do so. The force is employed in protecting Sheriffs will remember that under the ex-His Honor Judge McKoy who was lister- of the city, issued prior to the adopisting laws they are compelled to settle by For Liverpool. the representative of Mr. E. Holmes at the the business houses in the centre of the city ing to a very interesting cow case, involv- tion of the present Constitution, will fall Qualities and Prices the first Monday in December, or they will Fair of the American Institute, during a and along the water front. In this they due and payablein the month of Janust only forfeit all commissions, but \$1,000 and ten per cent, upon the amount THE FIRST CLASS' SWEDISH Fark Israel, Capi. T.din. will have ing some very nice points as to bits and unary, 1870, and which ought to be paid visit to that city some three years ago, since seem to be very successful at present, as out of the revenues of the city for the curbtores taken at lowest rates. Apply to ot 21 it WILLIAMS & MURCHISON. cases of robbery in these localities have of State taxes, as derbits in her right and left ears. which time we have had no communicarent year, were the same suffic ent for that of the laws of 1874-'75. been rare for some months past. We can tion with the parties and have heard of their oct 8-nac8wks - Weldon News: It is with no nurbese And the defendant further answering. scarcely expect much more from them un-Superior Court. continued success only through their ocordinary feelings of regret that we have to aunounce the death of Mrs. Alice Smith, MISCELLANEOUS. Four cases were disposed of by this tribusays that in order to enable the City Govder the present system, but can we not casional incidental mention in the telegrams ernment to discharge the duties imposed nal yesterday, and the fifth, which ' con-For Bremen. utilize their labor to better advantage by wite of Mr. Charles S. Smith and daughter to the public press. At that time the prinupon it by law, that is to say in paying the apon it by law, that is to say in paying the salaries of officers and employes, in main-taking the Police department, in repairing, cleaning and improving the streets, in re-pairing and keeping its public buildings, in sumed most of the time of the Court, was Bank Stock at Auction. of the Hon, Edward Conigland, at the resi cipal features of the instruments examined | bringing to their aid the telegraph ? Right THE FIRST CLASS NOR. BRIG dence of her father, in Halifax, at half past on trial at last accounts, the counsel having were graphically impressed upon our mem- , here, it will be said, we propose to add a three o'clock on Sunday morning last. On retiring Saturday night she complained of a pain in her head and never spoke again. She died of apoplexy. Lyna, Capt. Zacharaisen, will ha commenced their argument. The four cases ory, but other features were mentioned as great item of expense to the cost of the ON THURSDAY, THE 21ST INST., AT 10 pairing and keeping its provide outletings, it ory, but other features were mentioned as great item of expense to the cost of the interpret of its prisoners, in the custody and support of its prisoners, in lighting the city with gas and other lights, and in the absence of later opportunities a certainty of complete safety for their peralluded to comprised one for wilful abandispatch as above if freight is offered o'clock A. M., we will sell at Exchange Corner \$2,500 Bank of New Hanover, \$1.500 First National WILLIAMS & MURCHISON. donment, in which a verdict of gulity was Apply to oct 21 1t burdens. But not so. If people can have CRONLY & MORRIS, Auctioneers Bank. oct 20-2t rendered, and three for assault and battery; - The News learns that on Mondal, as the construction train on the R. & A. A. L. R. R., between Sanford and Camin which judgment was suspended on payin constructing sewers, gutters, and cross-inge of the streets, in digging ditches for draining of blacks, and books, stationery as a description of all the points embodied For Havre. cons and property they will be willing to BEG TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT I fer that our recollection should not betaken "pay moderately for their security. eron, was passing up the road towards Cam-eron, the flat cars being in front of the en-THE FINE NOR BARK A. O, Vinge, have sold my interest in my former Shaving and Hair Dressing Retablishment, and am now es-tablished next door to Brock's Exchange, Front Street, where I still retain my old workmen. Thanking my patrons for favors of the past, I will endeavor to continue their favors in the faure. oct 2-tr C. E. WARD. ment of costs. The number of true bills thus far returned We propose that our 12 or 15 night police and advertising pecessary for the use of the city and in maintaining, guarding, and treating with medical aid patients affected though it will doubtless still be found very within call from the City Hall, with a ser-Capt. Henriksen, will have dispatch threw some six of the flats from the trackby the Grand Jury is 18, of which 6 were as above if sufficient freight is offered recorded on the docket yesterday. Numcompletely demolishing the same and kill-ing a negro man (train hand) who, in at-FIOT WILLIAMS & MURCHISON, Apply to ber of not true bills 5, of which 3 were rewith small-pox and other contagious or in- nearly exact. The charge for messenger geant or captain to go the rounds and see tempting to jump from a flat, was caught between the cars and killed. Sale sal sur turned vesterday.

the fun-loving portion of our population on Friday.

-- We learn that a disease among the poultry is playing sad havoc in "Brooklyn."

- The repairs upon the steamer Emma Dunn have been completed and she is expected to resume her duties as a suc tion dredge on the river Monday.

- Some harsh and naughty words were said by the young man whose princi pal corn was hurt a few nights ago over the broken | avement at St. James' church corner.

- Our young friend, J. D. Bellamy, Esq., who was admitted to the Bar on

Monday, delivered his maiden speech before the Court the following day and won his case. He also appeared as counsel in a case yesterday, and in both instances, in his addresses to the jury, he made a very fine impression upon those who heard him.

- Leah Poisson, an old colored resident, well known and respected by the eldest white citizens of this place, died on Sunday evening last and on Tuesday afternoon the funeral services were performed at the Front Street Methodist E. Church, South, to which for at least forty years past she had been attached as a member and from whose pale she had never separated

## County Commissioners.

herself.

The Board met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in accordance with the call of the Chairman; present, John G. Wagner, Esq., Chairman, and Commissioners Morris and

VanAmringe. The following preamble and order were passed:

WHEREAS, The order passed by this Board revoking the order authorizing the Tax Collector to receive county orders in payment of county taxes, is, in many respects, burdensome to the tax-payers of this county.

Ordered, That the order passed October 4th, 1875, revoking the order previously passed, be revoked, and the l'ax Collector be authorized to receive County orders in payment of all county taxes, and that the Clerk of this Board be instructed to furnish the Tax Collector with a copy of this order. The Board then adjourned.

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A Runaway. A horse attached to one of Wheeler & there will fail due interest on the bonded attaches now numbers 25, classed as fulaction. That the threatened point may be debt of the city amounting to the sum of Wilson's Sewing Machine wagons became No. 38 Market Htreet, thus readily known will at once be perlows: seventeen thousand four hundred and sevfrightened yesterday morning, somewhere enty-two (\$17,472) dollars, most of which Cause, spark from a chimney. Day-Marshal and Captain, 2 sanitary ceived by any one familiar with the use of on Third street, and ran away, but for-OPENED (nearly three-fourths) is the interest upon officers, janitor in charge of Guard House, HAS the bonds of the city issued prior to the the ordinary needle-index and resistance, tunately made for Capt. Southerland's livand 3 patrolmen-8. ad option of the present Constitution, that i iben un co.ls. ery stables, where he boarded, and was 10.2 11 posed to suffer from dropsy, a tea made of Night-Captain, 3 Sergeants, junitor and an entirely new and select as wrtment of the same ought to be paid out of the reve-In order to a correct approheusion of the stopped without injury to the vehicle and nues of the city for the current year, if the 19 patrolmen-17. f cts we have herein collated and set forth with very slight damage to the harness. said revenues were sufficient for that pur-**Boots and Shoes.** It is useless to expect 12 men to patrol a it only remains to be said that we met and formed by the Danbury heporter. pose. And that in addition to the interest The runaway created considerable excitecity of so great extent as ours, and, as we - On Tuesday only two Sheriffs conversed, with the officers of the District due and to become due as aforesaid, forty-

V. The defendant denies the allegation contained in the 11th and 12th articles of the complaint.

VI. The defendant denies the allegation contained in the 13th article of the complaint, and avers that besides the bonded or funded debt of the city aforementioned and the coupons for the interest thereon outstanding and unpaid, it does not owe

any floating debt whatever except about the sum of \$3,450 for unpaid bills incurred for the necessary expenses of the city government incurred during the present year. And the defendant further answering, says that the entire bonded or funded debt of the city amounts to the sum of five hundred aud sixty-four thousand and two hundred dollars of which the sum of four hundred and tifteen (\$415,000) thousand dollars was for debts contracted prior to the adop-

tion of the present Constitution, and the bonds were issued prior to the year 1868; of the balance, one hundred and thirty-eight thousand (\$138,000) dollars in bonds were issued in January, 1872, under an act of the General Assembly entitled "An act to authorize the city of Wilmington to fund

the city debt and to issue bonds,"ratified the 5th day of January, 1872, and were issued in exchange for bonds of the city issued prior to the adoption of the present Constitution and in payment of the then outstand ing debts of the city, most or nearly all of which was contracted prior to the adoption of the present Constitution; and the balance of said bonded debt, amounting to eleven thousand and two hundred (\$11,200) dollars was issued on the 1st day of Janua-ry, 1869, and the 1st day of January, 1870, under the authority of a private act of the

General Assembly entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Wilmington," ratified the 18th day of December, 1868, and were used in accordance with the requirements of said act, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the city. And the defendant further answering, says that the annual interest upon the bond

issued prior to the adoption of the present Constitution first above-mentioned, amounts to the sum of thirty thousand and thirty-three (\$30,033) dollars and the annual interest upon the balance of the bonded debt of the city above mentioned amounts to the sum of eleven thousand five hundred and forty-two dollars in gold, or allowing for the depreciation of currency at the rate of 1-12 per cent. amounts to the sum of twelve thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (\$12,927) dollars, making the entire annual interest upon the bonded debt of the city amount to the sum of forty-two thousand, nine hundred and sixty (\$43,960) dollars. That in addition to the annual interest upon the bonded debt for the current year there is still outstanding and unpaid a balance of interest on the said bonded debt for previous years amounting to about twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, much the largest portion of which is upon the bonds issued prior to the adoption of the present Constitution outstanding and unpaid. That in the months of January and February, 1876,

of real property within the city to such an

extent that the valuations thereof for the ycar 1875, together with the decreased valuation of personal property, will show that there is a deficit of thirteen hundred thousand (\$1,300,000) as compared with the year 1873, and twelve hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$1,260,000) as compared with the year 1874.

And the defendant further answering, says that the revenues of the city for the year, amounting as before stated to the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, is wholly inadequate and insufficient to pay the necessary expenses of the city and the interest past due upon the bonded debt of the city contracted prior to the adoption of the present Constitution of the State and for creating the sinking fund for the payment of the principal of its debt contracted prior to the adoption of the present Constitution hereinbefore men-

tioned.

WRIGHT & STEDMAN, O. P. MEARES. D. L. RUSSELL, JNO. L. HOLMES, DUBRUTZ CUTLAR, Defendants' Attorneys.

William P. Canaday, Mayor of the City of Wilmington and one of the Board of Aldermen of said city, being duly sworn, says that he has heard the foregoing answer read and is familiar with the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to those matters otherwise stated and these he believes to W. P. CANADAY. be true. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of October, 1875.

JAMES HEATON. Clerk of Superior Court. J. BISHOP, Deputy Clerk.

The Question of Self-Defence, Again. In our article of yesterday under this head we neglected to state that the call for a messenger, the police or the fire depart ment is made by the householder pressing upon one of three knobs of the District Telegraph instrument, each of which sounds signal at the office different from either of the others, and the three cannot be con founded. To make the signals requires no more art than does the ringing of a doorbell. A house can be left unoccupied at any time and as long as desired; if anything goes wrong the instrument notifies the office. We should also state that the circuits are so arranged in connection with a galvanometer needle, etc., at the office, that in case a burglar should discover and cut the wire at any point as a preliminary to his operations, an alarm would be caused by the act and a force at once dispatched to the scene of

mains poor, or, at best, dependent upon the credit system. From what we have written it may be supposed that we proposed to advocate the formation of a corporation in this city on the plan of the District Tele graph Company of New York. Nothing could be further from our intention. We do not believe it would be financially suc cessful The inventors gave us an estimate to the effect that a company could be made to pay in a close population of 20,000. This was for Northern populations. In our section there would certainly not be a greater number of citizens able to pay the rates charged, out of a population say of 30,000 than out of a Northern urban population of 20,000. Neither is it our inten tion to urge that the city go to the expense of furnishing protection and conveniences at the public cost, particularly at a time when the finances are so greatly depressed community has an importance paramount Nevertheless, the fact remains that the city to every other! does owe something in the way of nocturnal protection to its humblest and most distant citizen equally with the most afluent and centrally located of us all. This it certainly does not give, and has never given, we may say, in whole sections of the city, though the tax-collector does not forget to impartially collect the rates from citizens of all sections. We might specify the First Ward as a portion of the city which we do not believe is ever visited by a patrolman on duty unless it be in the neighborhood of the stills and depots (though on that point we may be misinformed), but we do not mention the matter in any spirit of faultfinding. We should certainly not have brought the subject forward had we not believed the present condition of affairs might be amended without working particular hardship to any one or throwing increased burdens upon the people at large. A good many people are shocked at the great neglect of duty which they think is brought home and fixed upon the members of the police force by the prevalence of thievery and housebreaking during the past few months. Does it ever occur to them that our police force-never too large for the public protection-has been reduced

under the plea of economy and financial necessity until now little is left but the name of a police force, so far as the patrol is concerned? We have been informed that the entire force of the city with officers and

lars to the city, and rather than not have the system, a few public spirited citizens could earn the public gratitude and promote their own interests by getting up a private subscription to pay the cost. It is not our province to lay down the details and minutize of the numerous methods by any one of which the improvement might be secured. We have done our part when we have suggested the advantages it is calculated to secure to the public,

but there it will sleep unless citizens of means, or influence, or in authority take up the project where we are obliged to leave it, and push it on to success. To whom shall the people owe their deliver-

ance from the reign of domestic terror in the hours of darkness, and quick defence against the terrors of fire? It is the question of the hour, and for this thief-infested

Going, Gonet An amateur auctioneer was engaged in

selling off a variety of articles at the corner of Second and Princess streets, yesterday morning, when, just as he had completed the sentence "Going, going, gone" the bagatelle table upon which he was standing suddenly gave way or collapsed in the centre and our auctioneer found himself sink ing to the level of ordinary mortals, amid a crash of glass lamps, crockery ware, &c., with which he was surrounded. There was nobody hurt, but the affair created much amusement for a few minutes. The Minstrels. The Duprez & Benedict Troupe gave

great satisfaction to their audience at the Opera House last night. The farce and the extravaganza seemed alike to claim the general applause, the singing was good, and the clog-dancing particularly excellent.

## CITY ITEMS.

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