#### OUTLINES.

Gov. Hampton has reason to believe the troops will be removed very soon; the President is opposed to having garrisons of Federal troops in the State House of any State. - Gov. Hampton, Stanley Matthews and Judge Cartter had a consultation on Sunday. - A coalition by which Foster, Garfield or Banks is to be Speaker is gaining strength. - Nothing new as to Louisiana. - At a Cabinet meeting the Secretary of War was directed to prepare an order transferring the troops from the State House at Columbia, S. C., to their camp. - War in Europe is considered inevitable; debates in Turkish Parliement leave but little hope for peace. --- 30.000 volunteers have offered themselves to the Pope. - 30,000 persons are charitably relieved in the Madras Presidency. - The feeling in Paris and Berlin is not more hopeful since the signing of the protocol. - It is stated positively that papers have been prepared to institute proceedings against President Hayes' title to the Presidency; they are in the hands of Hon. R. T. Merrick, of Washington; as soon as troops are removed from South Carolina proceedings will be begun. - Formal orders to Gen. Ruger are being prepared to remove troops to their camp; they will not be sent until to-morrow or made public; Chamberlain says that ends the struggle, and makes Hampton practically Governor. - New York markets: Money easy and offered at 4 per cent; gold steady at 1042@1043; cotton quiet at 114@115 cents; spirits turpentine a shade firmer at 371@38 cents; rosin quiet at \$2 05@2 10.

### THE PIVOTAL POINT.

There is much speculation just now as to the future of parties in this country. There is even talk of a Republican Speaker for the next House of Representatives at Wash-

While we do not intend to engage in any insane agitation of this question, we wish to say this: If the Democratic party, with a decided and unquestioned majority in the next House of Representatives, shall sel out to either Foster, Garfield or Banks, and thus make him Speaker, that party will not only deserve, but it will receive, the execrations of al true, honest and conservative Democrats in this country.

And not only this: It will result in the utter dismemberment of the Democratic party in the United States.

So far as THE MORNING STAR is concerned, we announce our position now-and it is this: If the base surrender [see our telegrams of this morning now in preparation is consummated, we shall no longer "pin our faith" to the Democratic party, but we will look to some new organization that promises to stand by principle; to stand by North Carolina; to stand by the South.

We regard the organization of the next House of Representatives the pivotal point in the future of parties in this country.

## THE CITY

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. "J."-Board wanted. Munson & Co.-Clothing. Annual meeting Compress Co. VICK & MEBANE-Ship notice. HALL & PEARSALL-Hav and butter. S. G. NORTHROP-Bananas at auction. WRIGHT & STEDMAN-Mortgagee's sale WRIGHT & STEDMAN-Postponement sale

- Five persons were immersed at the First Baptist Church Sunday night. three of whom were ladies and two gentle

Local Dots.

- The regular monthly meeting of the Wilmington Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, has been postponed until next Monday evening.

- The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington Cotton Mills will be held at the Bank of New Hanover on Tuesday next, the 10th inst., at 11 A. M.

- Eva Harris and Susan Mary Franks, both colored, were arrested yesterday on the charge of keeping a disorderly honse. They were locked up for a hearing this morning.

- Local rains, partly cloudy and cooler weather, winds shifting to northeast and northwest and stationary or slowly rising barometer, are the indications for this section to-day.

- The anniversary dinner of St. George and St. Andrew's Society will come off this evening. It will no doubt, as usual, be a very interesting and enjoyable occasion to those present.

- Messrs. Samuel Northrop and T. C. DeRosset have associated themselves together under the firm name of DeRosset & Northrop for conducting the business of General Insurance Agents.

- The Ladies' Benevolent Association will meet this afternoon, at 4 o'clock. at the school house of Misses Kennedy and Hart. All visitors are earnestly requested to be present and to recollect the change of place.

seemed to grow out of the soil. They

resulted in a great measure from the man-

ners and customs of the people. There

was a very small portion of them that

seemed to exist in any one community. In

the chapter on crimes in Battle's Revisal

there were 150 violations of the law enu-

merated, and they were not all. He said

it was not necessary for jurors to be learn-

ed in the criminal law; they were not ex-

pected to be. At the same time they could

call on the Court for instructions. The

Judge then went on to explain the four

capital crimes known to the laws of North

Carolina: Murder, arson, burglary and

rape. The Judge explained the different

species of homicide, and instructed the

Grand Jury in regard to their duty in

He regretted that burglary and house

presenting a case of homicide.

in the discharge of their duty.

Five true bills were found by the Grand

Jury during the day, and one case was se

The Fire Yesterday Afternoon-Nar

row Escapes, &c.

The alarm of fire yesterday afternoon

between 5 and 6 o'clock, was caused by the

burning or a two-story dwelling house on

Second, between Church and Castle

streets, the property of Mr. Wm. L. Beery.

The first alarm was given by some small

attract the attention of three young colored

men, 'Lewis Davis, Thomas Furlong and

Anthony Howe, Jr., who, after being con-

vinced that it was not intended in sport

hastened to the spot and found the house

in flames. The building was occupied by

Mr. Sol. Hunt, who is employed at Mosore

Northrop & Cumming's mill, and who

was absent from home at the time

When the three men alluded to endeavored

to enter by one of the doors on the lower

floor they encountered fire and smoke in

such profusion that they were driven back.

Having been informed that there was some-

body in the house, and being unable to

effect an entrance on the lower floor, two

of the men, Lewis Davis and Thomas Fur-

long, managed to climb the pillars support

break the sash and glass with their clenched

fists, cutting their hands pretty severely in

doing so. The two ladies were then re-

moved from the room, which was filled

with smoke, and placed on the roof of the

piazza. The man with the ladder had not

yet arrived and the condition of the ladies

and their rescuers was getting extremely

critical, when Lewis Davis, who had no-

ticed two double-barreled guns in the room

from which the ladies had been removed,

and within reach from the outside, thrust

his hand through the window and secured

one, both barrels of which he discharged

the same time shouting "murder," &c., so

as to attract attention, there being no male

persons in that vicinity at the time. Wait-

in the air in rapid succession,

comprehensive one.

for trial this morning.

the police.

Special Announcement

LIUS SAMSON.

SUCCESSOR TO J. & H. SAMSON,

WHOLE EASED TO SEE HIS OLD FRIENDS AND PUBLIC GENERALLY,

pulpit of the First Bap WHERE HE WILL OFFER, morning and evening on Su-

tions. Dr. Broadus is an auworks have been favorably notice Notions, Trimmings, &c.,

preached to large and attenti of Cost, a Large Lot of Dress

man of real learning, and has but fewOODS, at PRICES LOWER THAN EVER

periors as a Greek scholar in this country. e Citizens of Wilmington.

preacher of America."

John Davis, colored, was arrested yesterbreaking were of such frequent occurrence day on the charge of stealing an ox from in this community. It denoted a want of George Watson, colored, of Wrightsville efficiency on the part of county officers and Sound, which he brought to this city and endeavored to sell. Justice Gardner, who He touched at some length on larceny, issued the warrant, ordered defendant to libel, forgery, and counterfeiting bank bills enter into a justified bond in the sum of and coin, bigamy, fornification and adul-\$200 for his appearance before his Court tery, disorderly houses, neglect of duty on to-day at 12 o'clock, in default of which he the part of public officers, bribery at elecwas committed to jail. After his incarcetions and with jurors, gambling and lotration some of the friends of the accused informed the magistrate that he had got the The Judge then closed his lengthy charge wrong man, but the 'Squire refused to rewith an injunction to the jury to be diligent lease him until he could have an opportunity of showing that he was not the John The court room was thronged during the Davis concerned in the robbery.

delivery of the charge, which was uni Larceny on Shipboard. versally considered a very strong, able and

Peter Anderson, one of the crew of the British bargentine Elizabeth Taylor, which arrived here a few days since and now lies at the wharf of the Cotton Compress Company, was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing a silver desert spoon, a meerschaum pipe, belonging to one of the crew, some articles of clothing belonging to another of the crew, and a coil of rope, the property of the yessel. When it was discovered that the articles had been stolen Detective Carr was put on the track and soon recovered the spoon at a house where He was ordered to give bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance before Justice Gardner's Court this morning at 10 o'clock, in default of which he was lodged in jail.

Mutual Insurance Company. The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Wilmington Mutual (fire) Insurance Company was held last evening, when the President and Secretary submitted their annual reports, showing a very flattering and satisfactory condition of the

The following gentlemen were elected as directors of the company for the ensuing year, viz: W. A. French, J. Kent Brown, R. J. Jones, R. E. Heide, F. W. Foster, Wm. Larkins, Dr. W. E. Freeman, B. F. Mitchell, John London, R. S. Radcliff, H.

ing the shed to the piazza, getting on the roof of which they went to a window and - Some excitement was created in peeped in, when they discovered two ladies the neighboorhood of McRae, between in the room, apparently almost suffocated Green and Fanning streets, yesterday, by with smoke and holding their aprons the fact that a little colored child, only five to their faces. The two men. Howe months old, distinctly articulated a word, having in the meantime been sent for repeating it several times, very much to a ladder, could find nothing with which to force the window and finally had to

which should be in every family; it costs

The supreme importance of Dooley's Yeast Powder can be established by logic. For instance: Bread is the staff of life; Dooley's Yeast Powder is indispensable to good bread. Therefore this baking powder is of great value to life. If you don't like the logic see if the practice don't remedy the

No DANGER need be apprehended from an attack of Pneumonia, severe Coughs, Consumption, and

KEEP'S SHIRTS. Always the Best ! Always KEEP'S SHIRTS. Always the Best! Always the Chespest! An elegant set of Genuine Gold Plate Collar and Sleeve Buttons given with each half dozen of Keep's Shirts. Keep's Patent Partly Made Dress Shirts, six for \$7.00. Keep's Custom Shirts, made to measure, six for \$9.00. No express charges to pay—delivered free on receipt of price. Keep's Shirts are only made in one quality, the very best! We invite every reader of this paper to send his address and receive samples and full directions fer self-measurement.

KEEP MANUFACTURING CO.,

165 and 167 Mercer street,

New York.

Dr. Schenck's Standard Remedies. -The stan-

dard remedies for all diseases of the lungs are Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup, Schenck's Sea Weed Tonie, and Schenck's Mandrake Pills, and if taken before the lungs are destroyed a speedy cure is ef-

To these three medicines Dr. J. H. Schenck, of Philadelphia, owes his unrivalled success in the treatment of pulmonary diseases.

The Pulmonic Syrup ripens the morbid matter in the lungs; nature throws it off by an easy expectoration, for when the phiegm or matter is ripe a slight cough will throw it off, the patient has restand the lungs begin to heal.

To enable the Pulmonic Syrup to do this Schenck's Mandrake Pills and Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic must be freely used to cleanse the stomach and liver. Schenck's Mandrake Pills act en the liver, removing all obstructions, relax the gall bladder, the Philadelphia, owes his unrivalled success in the

ver. Schenck's Mandrake Pills act en the liver, removing all obstructions, relax the gall bladder, the bile starts freely, and the liver is seon relieved.

Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic is a gentle stimulant and alterative; the alkali of which it is composed mixes with the food and prevents souring. It assists the digestion by toning up the stomach to a healthy condition, so that the food and Pulmonic Syrup will make good blood; then the lungs heal, and the patient will surely get well if care is taken to prevent fresh cold.

All who wish to consult Dr. Schenck either per-

All who wish to consult Dr. Schenck, either personally or by letter, can do so at his principal office, corner Sixth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, every Monday.

Schenck's medicines are sold by all druggists throughout the country.

DIED.

TAYLOR —In this city, at 6 o'clock P. M., on the 2nd instant, CATHERINE M., relict of the late John A. Taylor. The funeral will take place from the First Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 8 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wilmington Compress & Warehouse Co. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPA-ny will be held at 11 A. M., on WEDNESDAY, the 4th instant, at the Bank of New Hanover. The new Charter will be submitted for approval.

This eminent Baptist the Old Stand, 43 Market Street.

of the British Quarterlies. He is a g.

His style of preaching is simple, thoughtful and lucid, sometimes rising into the picturesque and earnest. He preaches without notes. The late Dr. McGuffle, of the University of Virginia, a distinguished Presbyterian scholar, was wont to refer his scholars to Dr. Broadus as "the model

Arrested for Stealing An Ox.

VonGlahn, R. E. Calder.

the surprise and alarm of its mother.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed." Such a friend is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, only 25 cents a bottle, and may save many a doctor bill.

CITY ITEMS.

various other Throat and Lung diseases, or even Croup and Wnooping Cough among your children when Boscher's German Syrup can be obtained of any Druggist in the United States. One 75 cent bottle will cure any case. It is a great blessing for our people to know that they can buy this preparation in Wilmington. Sample bottle 10 cts.

when it whe Most Skaighest bidder, at the Co. Horses, MULES, ... IS, HARNESS, and all PERSONAL PROPERTY, at Stables, Red-Cross and 7th Street, on same day, at 12 e'clock, M. Mortgagee's Sale.

By VIRTUE OF THE PROVISIONS OF A certain deed of mortgage made by "The Wilmington and Seaboard Railway Company" to John W. Leak, R. S. Ledbetter, and "The Bank of New Hanover," dated 3d day of August, 1875, and duly registered in the proper office, in Book L.L.L., at page 432 and following, the undersigned, as the Attorneys of said mortragee, will, on THURSDAY, 22D OF MARCH NEXT, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the door of the Court House, in the city of Wilmington, cause te be sold by public auction, for cash, all and singular THE VARIOUS LINES OF RAILWAY, including the Rails, Sills and Superstructure of every kind connected therewith, lying in the City of Wilmington, owned by or belonging to said Wilmington and Seaboard Railway Company, together with the leasehold interest and estate of said Company on the Lot at the southeastern intersection of Seventh and Red Cross streets, on which its stables are standing; and also all and singular the Rights, Privileges, Easements and Franchises of said Company in any way connected with the use and enjoyment of said lines of Railway, and the receipt of the issues and profits of the same. And at 12 o'clock, M., of said day, will cause to be sold as aforesaid, at the Stables referred to, all and singular the Horses, Mules, Cars, Wagons, Carts, sets of Harness, and other Personal Property of said mortingagor, "The Wilmington and Seaboard Railway Company."

Wilmington, February 20th, 1877.

WRIGHT & STEDMAN, feb 20-td By VIRTUE OF THE PROVISIONS OF A

POSTPONEMENT.

The above sale is postponed until TUESDAY April 3d, 1877, at same time and place.

WRIGHT & STEDMAN.

Mortgagee's Sale. By VIRTUE OF THE PROVISIONS OF A certain indenture of Mortgage, made by John Mc-Coy and his wife Mary Ann McCoy, to William F. Potter, dated the 11th day of May, 1876, and duly registered in the office of the Register of the County of New Hanover, in Book M.M.M., at page 64 and following, the undersigned, as Attorneys of said of New Hanover, in Book M.M.M., at page 64 and following, the undersigned, as Attorneys of said Mortgagee, will, on SATURDAY, the 5TH DAY OF MAY NEXT, at 11 o'clock, A.M., at the door of the Court House, in the City of Wilmington, cause to be sold, by Public Auction, for cash, the following described PIECE or PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the City of Wilmington, in the County of New Hanover, viz: Beginning in the Eastern line of Fifth Street, at a point thirty feet Southwardly from its intersection with the Southern line of Nixon Street, thence running Bouthwardly with said line of Fifth Street thirty feet; thence Rastwardly in a line parallel with Nixon St. seventy-five feet; thence Northwardly in a line parallel with Fifth St. thirty feet; and thence Westwardly in a line parallel with Nixon Street seventy-five feet to the Beginning—the same being part of the Western portion of Lot number "1," on the Block numbered "324," as designated on the plan of said city.

WRIGHT & STEDMAN, ap 3-tds

M. CRONLY. Auctioneer. BY CRONLY & MORRIS.

Administratrix' Sale, ON TUESDAY, MAY 1st, 1877.

I will sell, at the late residence of Silas N. Martin. deceased, all of the

HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE therein contained, belonging to the estate of Silar

mh 30-2t mh 30&my 1

Bananas at Auction. L'OURTEEN BUNCHES

Just received from Savannah, will be sold at AUCTION TO-DAY, at 10 o'clock, by CRONLY & MORRIS, at their Sales Room, South Water St.

S. G. NORTHROP, Ship Notice.

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY cautioned against harboring or trusting any of the Crew of the British
Barquentine "ELIZABETH TAYLOK," as no debt of their contracting
will be paid by Captain or Consignees.
VICK & MEBANE.

Board Wanted.

A GENTLEMAN WANTS BOARD WITH USE of Piane. In private family preferred Address

Our Stock

OF CLOTHING WILL BE OPENED THIS WEEK.

MUNSON & Co. Clothiers and Merchant Tailors. Eastern Hay.

200 BALES PRIME EASTERN HAY,

For sale low by ap 3-D&Wtf HALL & PEARSALL.

Western Butter

FINE LOT OF For sale low by

> HALL & PEARSALL A Card.

BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT THE UNDER-SIGNED has this day assumed control of the Insurance Business of NORTHROP & CUMMING. and has associated himself with Mr. T. C. DE-ROSSET, for the purpose of the transaction of a GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS, and respectfully solicits the patronage of the public.

SAMUEL NORTHROP. ap1-2t Review copy.

Casks, Glue, Hoop Iron, &c.

200 SPIRIT CASKS,

100 Bbls A No. 1 GLUE.

20 Tens HOOP IRON, 1 inch, 1% inch and 1% inch, 200 Papers RIVETS,

# THE MORNING STATONSUMERS OF DRY GOODS

WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1877.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

VOL. XX.--NO. 10.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. Proceedings of the Board in Regular

The Board met in regular session yesterday evening, at 71 o'clock. The first business in order was the draw ing of the regular venire of jurors for the April term of the Superior Court, which resulted as follows: Halifax Leonard, Moses D. Mott, Samuel Davis, John E. Leggett, William Bradley, B. S. Munford, J. A. Hewlett, F. M. Wooten, J. M. Henderson, James L. Tucker, Wm. K. Price, James Walker, Hiram Hankins, James D. Munds, Edward Howard, A. H. Morris,

Elvin Artis, A. C. H. Fincken, Johnson Hooper. On motion, it was ordered that the Chairman and Commissioner I. B. Grainger be a committee to make suitable arrangements for an office for the use of the

G. Prigge, Joshua G. Wright, Thomas

Evans, John Hewlett, Joseph Sternberger,

Clerk of the Criminal Court. The bid for attending to the County Poor was, on motion, awarded to Dr. A. E. Wright, until the 1st of January, 1878.

It was resolved that a committee of two be appointed by the Chairman to wait on the Committee of Audit and arrange with them as to the mode of issuing audited certificates for warrants, and to have the

necessary blanks printed. It was ordered that the Clerk of the Criminal Court be authorized to purchase the necessary furniture and stationery for the use of his office, subject to the approval of the Judge of said Court, and present a bill of the same to this Board.

retail spirituous liquors, be granted, on the condition that the same be approved by the The annual reports of the various justices of the peace were received and or-

It was ordered that the applications of

R. A. Price and A. B. Cook, for licenses to

dered spread on the records of official re-J. Hewlett, Treasurer for Masonboro' township, all township taxes collected by him for said township for the year 1875,

The Easter Elections. The annual election for Wardens and Vestrymen of the various pricopal churches took place vesterday and last

and take proper receipts for the same.

evening and resulted as follows: ST. JAMES' CHURCH .- Wardens-Dr. A. J. DeRosset, James Anderson. Vestrymen. -Alfred Martin, Dr. W. G. Thomas, Col. J. G. Burr, A. H. VanBokkelen, Col. W. L. DeRosset, J. L. Boatwright, R. E. Cal-

der, Clayton Giles, Z. Lattimer, James St. John's-S. L. Fremont, Senior Warden; Jas. A. Willard, Junior Warden. Vestrumen-J. L. Holmes, T. C. De-Rosset, Jno. C. James, C. D. Myers, W. H. Green, J. E. Lippitt, I. B. Grainger, M. A. Curtis. Del gates-S. L. Fremont, James A. Willard, C. D. Myers, W. H. Green. Alternates-T. C. De-Rosset, Jas. W. Lippitt, J. C. Munds, M.

A. Curtis. ST. PAUL'S .- Wardens-Col. John W Atkinson, DuBrutz Cutlar. Vestrymen-R. E. Heide, R. G. Rankin, F. H. Mitchell,

Wm. B. Giles, W. H. Bernard. ST. MARK'S (COLORED) - Ward:ns-Alfred Howe, Wm. Phinney. Vestrymen-Jno. D. Nixon, Treasurer; C. W. Avant, Secretary; A. Morgan, S. Capps, Jno. G. Geyer, George Jackson, M. C. Hill. Delegates - Jno. G. Norwood, George Jackson, Henry D. Sampson, Washington Howe, Alternates-Richard L. Hutchins, Jno. G.

Geyer, Valentine Howe, Sylvester Capps.

New River Canal. There will be a meeting held to-night at the Court House to take into consideration very important matters in connection with the construction of the proposed canal, or, in other words, to define and ascertain the wish and line of action that the people of Wilmington will adopt in the matter. We learn that it will be at least twelve months before any financial aid will be required of the citizens. At the same time it is of the utmost importance that such action be taken as will secure to Wilmington local rates over the canal when constructed. As the enterprise originated in Wilmington, it is very necessary that it receive from the community the attention it merits. In the counties along the route of the proposed canal, meetings have been held, land and money subscribed, and the time has now come when the people of Wilmington must define their action, as any further delay on their part might, in the end, militate against their interests in the proposed

Mayor's Court.

The following cases were disposed by the Mayor yesterday morning: Hannah Brown, charged with making isturbance on the streets about 12 o'clock Saturday night, was ordered to pay a fine of \$20 and costs or work for thirty days on

the streets. John Smith, charged with the larceny of a raft rope, the property of Judge Merrick, was ordered to give a justified bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance at the present term of the Criminal Court, in default

Four cases were continued over for future hearing.

of which he was committed to jail.

2d Lieutenant; J. A. Ashe, Ensign.

Military. At a meeting of Company A, Wilmington Rifle Guards, colored, to re-organize under the new law, the following officers were elected: J. S. W. Eagles, Captain; Peter Durand, 1st Lieutenant; J. J. Hill, EASTER SUNDAY.

Easter Services and Decorations. Easter Sunday opened bright and beautiful, and the attendance at the various

churches was large. At ST. JAMES' CHURCH the day was ushered in by the singing of Easter carols by the children of the Parish from the top of the church tower. The decorations, though not elaborate, were very tasty and beautiful, being confined mostly to the chancel. Over the chancel was a most exquisite cross, the basis of which was composed of living plants in full bloom, while suspended above was a handsome crown, composed entirely of flowers. The arches over the chancel were also beautifully trimmed with vines, ever-

greens, &c., Calla lilies entering largely

into the composition of the decorations. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH was not elaborately, but it was most beautifully and neatly decorated for the Easter services. The recess of the chancel was one mass of flowers and evergreens. The bamboo-vine hung gracefully from its walls, while the altar, prayer desks, choir stalls, lectern, pulpit and fold stool were beautifully decorated with flowers and crystallized moss. There is always a superior taste displayed in the decorations of this holy sanctuary, and upon this great Easter tide, commemorative of the resurrection of our Saviour, there was that same neatness and originality which has been observed for years. We noticed over the altar the words "Abide with Me." and near to the body of the church, and under the beautiful corona, was suspended upon an invisible cord or wire, the words "Christ is Risen"-the letters being formed of cardboard covered with bright flowers. This last, we learned, was the "floral offering" made by the Sunday School children at their choral services in the afternoon. Many of the windows in the body of the church were decorated with texts and It was ordered that A. R. Black, late Tax | flowers, by individual members of the con-

> gregation, "in memoriam" of deceased relatives and friends. The services at this church, morning and night, were well attended and the character of the music was in keeping with the joyful occasion, and well rendered. The Sunday School services in the afternoon

were well attended and the children acquitted themselves very creditably. ST. PATL'S EVANG. LUTHERAN CHURCH. This edifice was again the recipient of the most careful attention from the ladies and the committee appointed to assist them. We have on former occasions alluded to its beautiful decorations, but it is freely admitted that on this occasion it surpassed in this respect all previous Easter Sundays. We can give only an imperfect outline of the many handsome decorations: Upon going into the church it was noticed that the chandalier at the entrance was twined and wreathed with flowers and evergreens. In the vestibule the sentence "The Lord is Risen Indeed" was suspended on each side of the centre door and the walls hung with garlands, while in the building on each column was twined a garland of evergreens and over each of the large stained windows a wreath of cedar and flowers. On the right of the altar was suspended the words "Mighty Victor" and on the left "Live Forever," while both pulpits were handsomely decorated with garlands and the most beautiful wreaths and boquets of flowers. In the rear of the elevated pulpit a beautiful cross and crown made of cedar and flowers rested on a bed of roses, and suspended overhead was another cross and crown. The large columns on the side, as well as the small gallery columns, were hung with garlands and wreaths; also the organ gallery, while the organ and gas fixtures were festooned in a similar way. The gas fixtures on the sides, as well as the large centre light, were draped with garlands and wreaths of evergreens and flowers. A most impressive sermon was preached by the Pastor, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, from Romans

1st chapter, 3d and 4th verses, after which the sacrament was administered to sixty-one On Good Friday the decorations were as usual, consisting of drooping moss and crape. On one side of the pulpit, in black

letters, were the wards "Es ist Vallbracht,"

and on the other "It is Finished." ST. THOMAS' CHURCH. The interior of this edifice appeared resplendent, the feature of decoration being the main altar that bore several gas jets and innumerable candles, which, contrasting with the immaculate whiteness of the beautiful marble structure, with just a sufficient number of flowers upon it to render the entire thing pleasing and attractive, formed a picture at once beau-

tiful and solemn. On either side of the

main altar were the small altars of the

Virgin and of the Sacred Heart, which

were also attractively arrayed in lights and

ST. PAUL'S (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH was also handsomely decorated, the main feature being a beautiful cross erected in the font, and composed entirely of Calla

lilies, which had a very pleasing effect. ST. MARK'S. The decorations of this church, we hear, were also very handsome and tastefully arranged, suited to the interesting occasion.

RIVER AND MARINE ITEMS.

- The Steamship Pioneer, Wakely, ar

rived at Philadelphia from this port on the

30th ult. - The Schooner James O'Donohue, Warren, sailed from Belfast for this port on the the moral sense of the community was in-24th ult.

The First Session of the New Criminal Court for New Hanover County. The first session of the new Criminal Court for this county opened yesterday

morning at 11 o'clock, His Honor, Judge Meares, presiding. His Honor thereupon administered the oath of office to Maj. John W. Dunham, the Clerk, and Col. B. R. Moore, the So-

The organization of the Court being thus complete, the Grand Jury were duly drawn as follows: M. M. Hankins, Foreman; T. J. Southerland, Sylvester Petteway, John Pleasant, Watson McNeill, John C. Smith, Seth W. Davis, Dan. O'Connor, Nicholas Morris, Geo. N. Harriss, Abraham Mosely, Isaac W. King, John Waddell, Jas. K. Cutlar, Geo. W. Hewlett, W. H. Cotton, Sam'l Howland and John D. Hancock. The usual oath was administered to the members of the Grand Jury, and Judge Meares then delivered a lengthy and exhaustive charge to that body. We are enabled to publish only a brief and imperfect synopsis of it. He charged the Grand Jury that they stood as the representatives of the moral sense of society. They were a wall or barrier between virtue on the one side or vice on the other. It is a remarkable fact, he said, that crime has been on the increase in the county of New Hanover. Even the casual observer must have come to that conclusion. There are reasons for such a state of things. It must either arise from a defective criminal code or from the want of concurrence between the judicial and executive officers of the county, which is necessary. There may have been too much sickly sympathy, and if so it is a source of mortification, to see sympathy for convicted felons and rogues. Where is there a county that had suffered more from criminal offences in the past decade than the county of New Hanover? It had suffered more than ninety counties (with three or four exceptions and they even doubtful) in the whole State. The overburdened tax-payers, the honest sons of toil, the intelligent of all classes of society,

self interest itself, appeal in unmistakable language to the Grand Jury to perform their duty. They had an additional incentive in being bound by one of the most solemn and comprehensive oaths that could be framed to suit their positions. He said that coming to the position of Judge of the Criminal Court now for the first time in many years, he felt it to be his duty to make known to them his sentiments and his rule of action. He wished the bystanders to understand (for it has been remarked, he said, by greater lights of the law than he need ever expect to be, that the bystanders come up to learn and to receive instruction) that he had no sympathy for those convicted of infamous crimes, in due form of law. He who does sympathize with such is acting the part of a bad

terror to the hearts of evil doers. What benefit is derived, if the defendant in due course of law is convicted and then the Judge listens to appeals in his behalf? When before him a murderer is convicted his sympathies will be with the cold victim in the grave, with public interest. The laws of God say that the man who commits murder should die. His opinion is that he ought to die, and he would not prevent it. Take the larcener; he was one whose business it was to despoil the energetic and thrifty in the community. That is his occupation. When such a one is convicted, do not tell him, he said, of the punishment of the larcener. His sympathies would be with the despoiled, not with the convicted. We have the criminal code created for a purpose, and we must take men as we find

them. The corruption of all mankind

citizen. The object of the criminal code

is to protect the citizen in his life and prop-

erty. It is not only that the criminal should

be reformed, but that the law should strike

carried out by the Grand Jury, by sheriffs, their deputies and the police. Some men are opposed to capital punishment. They had read the Bible and come to a different conclusion from what he did. If there is any rule inculcated in Holy Writ it is that the murderer should die. The laws of North Carolica inflict the death penalty for such a crime. The opposition to this seeming severity of the law, he said, was not indigenous to the soil, but was of foreign importation. The common law of England and the law of this country favors the death penalty for certain crimes. The county of New Hanover has a right to complain of the abuse of the pardoning power in numerous instances. He had known the Chief Executive of the State, who has lately vacated the gubernatorial chair, to pardon a man who, in his opinion, was guilty of a most cold-blooded murder; with no other flowers. The entire scene was one highly excuse for so doing than that a petition, nubefitting the solemn grandeur of the occa- i merously signed, had been sent to him for | Weather Conditions for March, 187 that purpose. If he had it in his power he would abolish the pardoning power. It had been introduced in many other States-It makes a bad impression upon the evildoers of the community. He had known Gov. Vance for many years, and entertained the hope that criminals who may hereafter commit crimes and have the hope of being pardoned will be mistaken. The day of the undue use of the pardoning power is at an end. It is a dangerous power. He then told the Grand Jury that many

of them, at least, had been frequent visitors to the Court Room, and had heard

rendered communities corrupt, and this ing a few moments and no one appearing community was no exception, and it is to render any assistance, Davis seized the therefore required that the law should be other gun and fired it off in a similar manner, and soon had the satisfaction of seeing a crowd gathering, and, among the rest, young Howe with the much coveted ladder. The ladies were then assisted to descend and reached the ground in safety. Much credit is due the colored men alluded to for their noble efforts in rescuing the ladies who must have perished but for their assistance. They also managed to save a good portion of the furniture on the second floor. The fire originated from a stove-pipe, the two ladies, who were the only inmates of the house at the time, being in the upstairs and thus cut off from escape by the stairway by the smoke and flames below. There was an insurance of \$1,400 on the house and \$100 on the kitchen, in the Continental of New York, represented by Messrs. Atkinson & Manning. There was a small insurance on the furniture, also, in a company represented by Messrs. Northrop & Cumming. From Sergeant Robert Seyboth, in charge of the Signal Station at this port, we have the following statement of the weather conditions during the month just closed:

dictable. Crimes were like plants; they ber of miles traveled, 8,732.

Mean temperature, 53.4 degrees-about 0.7 (7-10) degrees below average. Highest perature, 32 degrees; mean monthly humidity, 61.9 per centum; mean monthly barometer, 30.036 inches; highest barometer. 30.59 inches; lowest barometer, 29.40 inches: number of rainy days, 12: clear many charges, and it was therefore not necessary to go into a minute explanation of days, 13; total amount of rain fall, 4.52 inches; prevailing wind, southwest; hightheir duties. Almost any act that violates

thermometer, 78 degrees; lowest do., 28 degrees. Monthly range of temperature, 50 degrees; mean daily range of temperature, 20.5 degrees; greatest daily range of tem-

est velocity, 52 miles per hour; total num-

WM. L. DEROSSET.

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