

The grandest ovation that was ever accorded any man will be that given to Grant on his return. It will begin at San Francisco and continue until he is defeated for President.

Hon. Samuel J. Randall was born October 10, 1828, in the city of Philadelphia. The present is the ninth Congress of which he has been a member, and he has been elected Speaker three times.

It is believed that during the February gales thirteen fishing vessels, belonging to Gloucester, Mass., went down, carrying with them one hundred and fifty-three men, making fifty-three wives widows, and leaving one hundred and thirty-seven children fatherless.

A large and fashionable audience listened to the music and singing of "H. M. S. Pinafore" at Norfolk. The papers of that place praise the sing ing, acting and orchestral accompaniment. The Richmond State says the last two performances in that city were exceptionally good and delighted the audiences.

The census of 1870 cost \$3,347,-096.74 to take it. The last Congress appropriated \$3,250,000 to take the census of 1880, but it is believed that more will be required. As the country has increased in population from eight to ten million it is probable that quite \$4,000,000 will be necessary. It is intended to take the most correct and elaborate census possible, and to that end the law is full and the machinery ample.

When the wandering Ulysses got to Calcutta he was the recipient of the most splendid honors such as are paid to royalty only. A telegram from Calcutta of the 17th says:

"On his landing at the port, which ex-tends ten miles slong Hugli, and which was crowded with men-of-war and merchant ships, he was received by a representative of the Viceroy and conducted to the official residence. Eminent native Indian citizens of the city, as well as English officials and prominent citizens, vied with each other in doing honor to the American

tion of the House committees. It is generally conceded that Mr. Randall will make but very few changes in the important chairmanships, and that the South will continue to monopolize them probably to a far greater extent than if Blackburn had been successful. - Washington special to Baltamore American, Rep.

We hope Randall will disappoint this expectation. Blackburn, to get votes, was going to give the North more of the chairmanships. Let Randall do the same. The South is entitled to a part, but not to two-thirds. As to Tilden gaining a victory in Randall's success, that is all bosh. Some of the strongest anti-Tilden

Democrats voted for Randall.

The struggle over the Speakership was very intense and the vote in the Democratic cancus was very close. Randall came very near being defeated. Here was the vote: Randall, 75; Blackburn, 57; Cox, 4; McMahon, 3; Morrison, 2. Total vote, 141; necessary to a choice, 73. One more ballot, and, it is said, he would have

been beaten. The Blackburn men now say they made a mistake in chosing him instead of some other man. The Richmond State's Washngton correspondent says: "Randall seemed to be dized at first by his narrow escape. He had eighty-seven

votes pledged, and somebody had proven falseito promise. His majority was nine, but he had only two more than was necessary to nominate, and had a second ballot been taken no doubt he would have been defeated. He says this has proved to be the severest contest of his life. He had some strong friends in the South. We do not know how our North Carolina delegation voted. In the caucus, Capt. Jo. Davis offered a resolution that the decision of the

caucus should be binding, and it was adopted without dissent. Gen. Scales was one of the tellers. In the vote in the House the contest was even closer. Randall receiving but one ma-

A Shower of Sulphur.

jority.

READING, PA., March 17 .- It com menced raining here last night and continued until about noon to-day. All over the city can be noticed a strange yellow deposit, resembling sulphur, supposed to have come down with the rain. It has neither taste nor smell. ALLENTOWN, PA., March 17.-

neath the snow which fell last night a substance, in some places half an inch deep, strongly resembling sul-phur. It has the color and small

S. Anderson, of Morganton, have had quite an interesting meeting in the Presbyterian Church at Hickory, N. C. Services begun on Friday night and continued until the following Monday night, during which ime many good sermons were preached, and six members added to the church.

- Raleigh News: The Second Presbyterian Church is fast approaching completion. The style of architecture is different from any in the city. It is a very handsome frame structure and will be completed in about six weeks. ---- The Governor on yesterday appointed Wm. Boylan, Esq., a director of the Insane Asylum vice Dr. S. G. Ward, resigned.

- The Speaker of the House and President of the Senate forgot to sign the school law bill. The old law was so little improved that no great damage was done. "There was but one The News says: "There was but one change in the old law of any consequence,

the increase of the school tax from 81 to 10 cents." For two more years we will have the same old system that has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. - Lumberton Robesonian: Col. McRae's lecture is certainly the grandest production to which we have ever listened. and we regret exceedingly that the press of other matters would exclude a fitting tribute, even if we were capable of writing it. Col. McRae is a magnificent orator, and we hope he will consent to lecture again during

the week. - Red Bank has doubled its population in the past three months, and so soon as dwellings can be built other fami-lies will move in. — A guano factory has been started at Quhele. - Charlotte Observer: As engi

neer Baskerville, of the Carolina Central. was coming up, yesterday morning, he was presented, on the line, with a bill for \$12 50 for a yearling bull which he had killed on the last trip down. Mr. Baskerville, however, was "not buying any beef

to-day." The bill to make engineers and conductors on this road pay for cattle killed by their trains, failed in the House. - When it was found that it would be impossible to try George Pethel at the late term of Mecklenburg court, Judge Kerr ordered the Sheriff to return the prisoner to the jail; of Rowan, in which county the killing occurred.

- Greensboro Central Protestant Kernersville is a town that grows and makes but little noise about it. One of its articles of trade is sassafras oil, which is brought in considerable quantities from the surrounding country. Two boys, sons of Mr. Nimred Pike, of Chatham county, went out one day last week for the purpose of shooting birds. One of them made ready to sheot, but as the bird had flown beyond range he found it necessary to let down the hammer of his gun, in doing which the cap exploded, discharging the greater portion of the load—at least about forty of the shot

-into the back of his brother, a lad aged 14 years. At last accounts it was feared that the injury would prove fatal. - Fayetteville Gazette: A large

crowd took advantage of the excursion from the Gulf last Thursday to pay a visit to Fayetteville. The number was esti-mated at about four hundred. — The Supreme Court of North Carolins has al-firmed the decision of His Honor, Judge Buxton, in the mass of Richard Lee, tried and convicted to burglary at the fall term of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, 1878. Lee's case was removed to There was found this morning be- this court from Bladen, and the evidence

about to be supplied by Mr. George Myers and Capt. Harper, agent and commander, respectively, of the steam vacht Passport. They propose constructing at once a wharf at Fort Caswell, thus adding very greatly

to the accommodation and comfort of summer excursionists. Arrangements are also being made by the same parties for landing xcursionists at Fort Fisher.

To-Day's Indications.

For the South Atlantic States, warme clear or partly cloudy weather, light variabl winds, followed by stationary or falling be rometer, are the indications for to-day.

H. M. S. Pinafore.

This celebrated extravaganza will presented for the first time in our city by the Holman Opera Troupe to-night. Miss Sallie Holman, who heads the troupe, is well and favorably known to our theatregoers and no doubt possesses all of her former charming vivacity and merit as an actress.

The piece itself is spoken of everywhere as a capital hit, full of pleasant humor and beautiful music. The Portsmouth Enterprise thus speaks of it:

"'Pinafore' last night was a palpable and most decided hit, in every feature that. could make success, which was fully demonstrated by the large audience present, who expressed their delight most emphatically. The cast was super-excellent, the choruses and orchestra in full accord, and delightful harmony, and the solos well rendered without exception."

Difficulty at Timmonsville, S. C.-Stranger Killed by a Policeman.

We learn that a difficulty occurred at Fimmonsville, S. C., on Sunday night, beween a policemen and a man, a stranger n the place, named Peter Harriss, in which Harriss was shot, receiving a wound from which he died yesterday about 10 o'clock. It seems that Harriss was accosted on the streets by the policeman Sunday night and asked to give his name. He replied that he was a stranger there, and an altercation subsequently ensued and Harriss knocked the policeman down with a pistol. As the policeman got up, he drew a pistol and

shot Harriss. The deceased stated that his mother lived in Onslow, and he had a brother named Samuel Harriss living in Wilmington.

The Fire Last Night.

The alarm of fire last night, about 7:30 o'clock, was caused by the burning of a small frame building on Ninth street, between Queen and Wooster. The engines were promptly on the spot, and the Adrian and Cape Fear joined hose from the cistern, corner of Sixth and Castle streets, and thus got a stream on, playing through some 2000 feet of hose. The house being already nearly consumed, it was impossible to save it, but two adjoining buildings were prevented from burning. The building was occupied by some colored people, and, we

Rich Inlet. Yesterday Mr. John W. Rhodes, Captain and Engineer, William Rollins, pilot, and Jasper A. Wilson. Assistant Engineer, of the steamer referred to, were arraigned before U.S. Commissioner E. H. McQuigg on the serious charge In order to accommodate b the Grand Central, on Bros of purposely casting away and burning the kept on both the American and the European plan as day. 'An elegant Restaur conducted by the Hotel. steamer. The affidavit upon which the exmination in this case was based was made by Mr. C. B. Futch, a very respectable citizen of the neighborhood in which the steamer was wrecked. It appeared from WINSLOW'S SOOTHING ST children. It corrects acidit the evidence that the steamer went ashore and DIARBHORA, who in Lower Topsail Sound, near Rich Inlet, on Thursday last, and that she was destroyed by fire on Sunday night, about halfpast 10 o'clock, but while it seemed that W. Tolley, manufacturers guns, Birmingham, England to order according to spec ments furnished, thus ea there were grounds of suspicion sufficient to warrant Mr. Futch in making the charges referred to, the testimony introduced by the defence explained matters to the entire satisfaction of the Commissioner, and the defendants were thereupon discharged.

DOGS CAN BARK WI beings can not. The dist lieved, the Cough arrested apparatas goes to ruin. "HALE'S HONEY OF HON The steamer had been sold to the Government by Mr. W. H. Payne, of New quiet any Cough and rem Pike's Toothache Drops York, for use in Charleston harbor, and minute. Mr. Rhodes had been charged with her delivery to Gen. Gilmore at the latter place. NEW ADVEL

New Crop Cuba.

CENTS A BOTTLE.

House Robbery.

A thief effected an entrance into the residence of the Messrs. Elwell, on Muiberry, between Seventh and MacRae streets, on Tuesday night, and succeeded in getting a few dollars from the pockets of the individuals referred to. A lady of the family happened to awake between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, and discovered that the light of a lamp which was usually kept burning had been extinguished, and upon getting up to relight it the thief, who was then in the room, threw down's pair of pants, the pockets of which he was in the act of pillaging, and made his exit through window which he hastily threw open. It is thought that he entered by the rear door. which had been accidentally left open.

Fine Turnouts. Wilmington seems to have the horse fever badly just now, and we heref saw the like of teams on the road, some of them exceedingly handsome turnouts, too, that could not be duplicated in many a larger place. We counted four double teams to buggies yesterday afternoon, and the way those horses sent the dust flying was a caution. In this connection we note that a splendid saddle-horse, which has been ridden by a number of young ladies of this city and pronounced perfect, is to be raffied shortly at \$2 a chance, with eighty chances. The horse has been familiarly called "The Rocking Cradle," so easily does he go, and we will certainly envy the lucky, person who

An Affray. George Anderson and Handy Williams, both colored, were arrested by Officer Nelson, yesterday morning, charged with engaging in an affray, at the corner of Sixth

wins him.

L. S. BURKHEAD, Presiding Elder.	Cash in Company's office
CITY ITEMS.	\$46,225,152 44
Chew Jackson's BEST Sweet Navy;Tobacco.	ADD: Interest accrued and due1,751,803 46 Rents accrued
War and Gold—A hotel war based on gold prices. a order to accommodate both classes of travellers, he Grand Central, on Broadway, New York, is now	bonds over cost
ept on both the American plan at \$2.50 to \$3.00, nd the European plan at \$1.00 and upwards per ay. An elegant Restaurant at moderate prices is	Net deferred quarterly snd scmi annual premiums 37,928 04 1.953.915 00
onducted by the Hotel.	GROSS ASSETS, December 31, 1878\$48,179,128 23
FOR UPWARDS OF THIRTY YEARS MRS VINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for hildren. It corrects acidity of the stomach, relieves	Amount required to rein- sure all outstanding poli- cies, net, assuming 4 per
VIND COLIC, regulates the bowels, cures DYSENTERY nd DIARBHEEA, whether arising from teething or ther causes. An old and well-tried remedy. 25 DENTS A BOTTLE.	cent. interest
FINE ENGLISH GUNSThe attention of sports	SURPLUE, Dec. 31, 1878
nen is invited to the advertisement of Messrs. J. & W. Tolley, manufacturers of fine breech-loading runs, Birmingham, England. Their guns are made	Ratio of expense of management to receipts in 1878
o order according to specifications and measure- nents furnished, thus ensuring the right crook, ength of stock &c.	JACOB L. GRRENE, President. JOHN M. TAYLOR, Secretary. D. H. WELLS, Ass't Secretary.
DOGS CAN BARK WITH IMPUNITY, human beings can not. The distressed lungs must be re- leved, the Cough arrested, or the whole breathing	S. D. WAIT, General Agent, Raleigh, N. C. ATKINSON & MANNING, mh 20 1t Agents, Wilmington N. C
apparatas goes to ruin. Remember this, and that "HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR" will quiet any Cough and remove all pulmonary irrita-	Butter and
tion. Pike's Toothache Drops cure Toothache in one minute.	OHOUSU,
NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.	The sale low by mh 20 D&Wtf HALL & PEARSALL.
A Horse for \$2. THE FINEST LADY'S SADDLK ANI- MAL ever in Wilmington ; fifteen hands high; six years oid; sound and gentle, and works well in harness. Will be Raffled as soon as all the chances are taken, viz : eighty at \$2 each. Can be seen at Southerland's Stables. mh 20 1t Apply to J. W. SOUTHERLAND.	of NORTH CAROLINA FLOUR, in Sacks. Call
The City Hat Store.	COFFEE, SUGAR, BACON, LARD,
FOR STYLISH HATS AND UMBRELLAS.	and a full supply of HEAVY GROCERIES. Large consignment of BUTTER on hand.
HARRISON & ALLEN'S, mh 29 tf 29 Front st.	feb 28 tf No. 17 North Water St.
Linen Collars. STANDING AND TURNDOWN, 10, 12%, 15 and 20c each. LINEN CUFFS, Single and Reversible. 25, 30, 85 and 40c a pair. mh 20 1t MUNSON.	Repairing done promptly. mb 16 tf No. 8 SOUTH FRONT STREET
At Very Low Prices for Cash. D. ^{8. sides,} Heavy mess pork, Canvassed hams,	THE LEADER BURNER Gives a Better Light than any other Burner in the market. We have them in store and are selling them at Very Low Figures. Call and examine. GILES & MURCHISON, mh 16 tr 38 and 40 Murchison Block.
Sugar, Flour, Coffee, Tobacco, Cigars,	"Kinslow."
Candy, Candles, Soap, Lye, Potash, Canned Goods, Sheeting, Cotton Yarn,	"KINSLOW KEROSENE," THE WONDER- FUL FAMILY SAFETY OIL, only 25 cents a gal- lon. The "Kinslow Family Oil Cans," in stock and
Blacking, Shoe Brushes, Paper Bags, Paper Twine, Wrapping Paper, &c., &c.	for sale chesp. GEO. A. PECK, mh 9 tf No. 25 South Front St.
PATTERSON & HICKS, mh 20 D&Wtf 22 N. Water Street.	New Book.
Spirit Casks.	PHILOMENE'S MARRIAGES. A SOCIETY NOVEL.
500 New N. Y. SPIRIT CASES,	By HENRY GREVILLE.
mh 20 tf KERCHNER & CALDER BROS.	Author of Dosia, Saveli's Explation, Pretty Little Countess Zina, Marrying off a Daughter.

A Friend, Gabrielle, etc.

only three j of general	joint resolutions that were importance. It also en-	a substance, in some places half an inch deep, strongly resembling sub- phur. It has the color and smell, and a quantity of it scraped together and set on fire burned as readily and	about 33 years. He was an old member of the LaFayette Light Infantry, and be-	occupied by some colored people, and, we believe, was insured, and was said to be the property of Mr. F. W. Hyer. The fire was	son, yesterday morning, charged with en- gaging in an affray, at the corner of Sixth and Dock streets, and pounding each other pretty severely. The parties were taken to police headquarters, when, in ac-	New Crop Cuba. 75 Hhds NEW CROP MOLASSES, Fer sale by mh 20 tf KERCEINER & CALDER BROS.	With a Preface to her American Readers. Trans- lated in Paris by Miss HELEN STANLEY. Price 75c in Paper, or \$1.25 in Cloth. For sale at mh 19 tf HEINSBERGER'S.
laws. Of four concer &c. Sever individuals general cha	these one hundred and in pensions, granting them, inty are for the relief of . Only fifty-five have any araoter, and most of these	emitted the same fumes as sulphur. — Rockingham Bee: We heat that Z. F. Long, Esq., Sheriff, received from Washington, Ga., a dispatch to the effect that Hiram Norten, or a man answer- ing to his description, had been taken up	Talent") is a wonderful production of fine imagery, sparkling wit, fervid oratory, pure rhetoric and impassioned eloquence. — Greensboro North State: A very interesting suit against the Richmond & Danville Railroad was tried on Tuesday of this week. A colored man, who was	Littleton Not Taken-Capture of An- other Murderer. We learn that the reported capture of George I. Littleton, the alleged murderer of Peter Randall, and his return to his old	cordance with orders from Acting Mayor Bowden, they were turned over to Justice Hall for examination. The case soon af- terwards came up and the two men were discharged on the payment of a fine of \$2	New Orleans Molasses. 50 ^{Bbls Choice N. O. MOLASSES,} For sale by mh 20 tf KERCHNER & CALDER BROS	New Goods. JUST RECEIVED- Silk Handkerchiefs, in all styles and colors, Plaitings for Skirts, Linen Handkerchiefs at 5c each,
very little best praise not tainted	little importance. So was done after all. The of the body is that it is with jobberies. Printer Dupre, of Loni-	ago. — Warren News: Mr. Frank Gardner was on trial for assault and battery and it was proved that the party assailed	the company, and permanently injured, sued for damages and was awarded eight hundred dollars. Yesterday we were shown a silver half-dollar bearing the date 1855, on the one side of which was en- graved the words "Mother, Nov. 12th, '61."	been a mistake. The report, no doubt, originated from the arrest last week of Wi- ley Gamis, who murdered Stephen Foley last summer, and who is now in just at Whiteville awaiting trial. The report of the capture of Littleton came through what	Good Samaritans. At a regular meeting of True Vine Lodge No. 1, I. O. G. S. and D. of S. in America, held Tuesday night, the follow- ing officers more elected for the ensuing term . George Batson, W. C. F. Simmons.	Flour. Flour. Flour. 800 Bbls FLOUR, all grades, For sale by mh 50 tr KERCHNER & CALDER BROS	Printed Linen Hdkfs, st 15c each; two for 25c; Tollet Sets, Veiling, and new lot Neck Tics. Also, the Flexible Hip Corset, 120 bones. The Ladies will please call and examine. N. H. SPRUNT; mh 19 tf Exchange Corner.
whereupon he was told he spoke	scene before the door of Mr. Gardner's store, and in the presence of lady cus- tomers. Judge Eure said that Mr. Gard- ner ought to have beat him as he did. The State's Counsel who is a colored man had previously asked for a verdict of "not	mother to her son on the eve of his depar- ture for the army. It is rumored on the street that Paul B. Means, Esq., of Con- cord, threatens to sue the county of Guil- ford for confining an alleged lunatic in the same room with a man by the name of	was deemed a strictly reliable source, and the mistake no doubt occurred as above in- dicated. but isol upped avail doubt source are always be had at the THE MORNING STAR can always be had at the	W. V.; G. A. Bradley, R. S.; H. Merrick, F. S.; B. Wortham, W. T.; W. A. Wil- liams, W. P.; D. Franks, G. S.; S. C.	Shingles. Shingles. 50,000-6:20-HEARTS AND SAPS, 10,000-5:20- 20,000-friex0 10,000 common MIXED, For sale at Low Prices for Cash. 0. G. PARSLEY, Jr., mh 19 tf Cor. Orange & S. Water Streets.	UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, Sewance, Tennessee. HIGHEST EDUCATION ON CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES, Grammar School. Cadet corps. CHARGES MODERATE. The Spring Term opens March 20th. Address CHAIRMAN. mh 18 d13t w4t	