

Le Duc and his Agricultural Department are to be investigated.

There was a tie vote in the House on a bill to remove the duty on salt.

The excitement in Richmond to see Joe Jefferson is said to be intense.

Quinine can now be bought for \$2.00 an ounce. Before the Demoerats in Congress made it duty free, it fetched \$3.70.

General Harry Heth has lost his place under Hayes.

"'I'was ever thus from childhood's hour, I have seen my fondest hopes decay."

Four negroes committed a most brutal murder in Washington City on the 11th. The victim was George P. Hirth, white. One of them has turned State's evidence and given the details of the dreadful crime. They are in jail.

The Philadelphia Times publishes the reports of sixty-eight Democratie papers as to the choice of candidate for the Presidency. Tilden 15, Bayard 13, Hancock 11, Seymour 9. There are several scattering, whilst nearly a dozen are on the look for the man to win.

Wonders will never cease. Grant is a constant surprise. He is actually shipping as a present to the Mikado of Japan two American trotting stalliens. Both are bays, very handsome, and one is of the Ethan Allen stock. Whoever expected to see the great gift-taker in the role of a giver ?

Speaker Randall, wants a short, busy session and no tinkering with the finances. He believes the party will not gain as much in the East as some suppose from such legal tender legislation, and would lose heavily in the West. The Speaker appears to have his eyes open. In the meantime there are all sorts of financial schemes before Congress.

The way to test pure and imitation butter (eleomargarine) is to melt the connterfeit, when it becomes pure, clear oil. The genuine shows a deposit of salt, and will not melt readily. This is on the authority of a New York dealer. We have seen "gilt edged" put on broiled beefsteak, and when cold you could only see

electric problems that his assistants say that he would forget to eat his meals and go to bed if he were not reminded of those things. The New York Sun has again been

So constantly is Mr. Edison absorbed in his

perverting one of the items of the Charlotte Observer. That paper takes strange liberty sometimes with the truth. Here is the way it did it with

"its little hatchet":

"A young physician of Charlotte, N. C. had wagered beavily that the game cock would w n in a forthcoming fight. In order to give the fowl a little practice, he and a friendly clergyman obtained a big Shanghai rooster, clipped off his spurs and put him into a pen for the other to kill. The Shanghai was informed that he only had about two minutes to live, but he went at the game cock with surprising confidence and vigor, and at the expiration of the two minutes crowed over his dead body. The physician told his sorrows in plain words, but the clergyman expressed his feelings in a sermon on 'The Vanity of Human Hopes.' The addition consists in the part he clergyman performed. No such person was concerned in the matter.

According to the New York Her ald Washington society has been greatly improved under Democratic

supremacy. It says: "The Democrats in Congress have starved out the lobby and the administration has no jobs of its own on hand, and Washington is as dull as peace and prosperity can make it. It is so melancholy a condition of things that it is a wonder some lover of a strong man at the head of the government does not move the impeachment and removal of Mr. Hayes.'

The Philadelphia Press, Stalward organ, has made a thorough canvass of Pennsylvania opinion, and it is found that Blaine is the choice of the people, and Grant is supported only only by politicians. It says the peo- 20th of this month. There is an exodus ple are found to be against the third agent in town to-day from Green county term movement.

Captain Hamlin and Sergeant Frye Garcelon's brother-in-law to whom he does not speak) have taken their seats in Congress. Gen. Blaine is still at the seat of war directing the operations of the Stalwart fighting brigade. Hamlin and Frye profess to be very hopeful. In the store of David Shuford, in Catawba county, was broken open one night last

> Decidedly the Best. [Hillsboro Southern Mail.]

The Wilmington MOENING STAR is decidedly the best daily newspaper in North Carolina. Spirits Turpentine. - The measles are at Raleigh and diphtheria is disappearing. - The Milton Presbyterian ladies made \$75 by their dime party.

in Macon county, and as the proceeds of the mine, employing only an average of three regular miners, and they not working during the winter of 1877-78, he has wagoned to the Air-Line Railroad, from August, 1878, to December, 1879, two hundred tons of corundum. A New York party has also bought a corundum mine in Clay county which they have not yet operated.

owever, bought a corundum mine

- Concord Sun: Henry Groner. of our town, has lately acquired a wonder-ful skill with the rifle, and has sent Texas Jack a challenge to meet him in a shootingmatch sometime during the coming spring. The chastlenge is for plain target-shooting, at a distance anywhere between 100 and 2,000 yards. 'Rah for Hen. ---- Rev. Luke Dorland, Principal of Scotia Seminary, a colored institution, has bought the lot adjoining the Seminary ground on the East, owned by Capt. W. W. Robinson, and will build a brick church where Capt. Robinson's residence now stands. -- That bright little neighbor town of ours-Mount Pleasant-has expressed its intention of having a railroad, and has already taken the initiatory steps in the matter. _____ The Chicago buggy man was in town this week and commenced the sale of his buggies on the Court House green. He had about fifty, open and top, and sold them all before the close of the week, and as a consequence, one can scarcely turn

around without seeing a stylish turnout whirl by. — Revival is not the word to apply to the recent rising up of the Gran-gers in Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties. Col. W. H. Cheek, Master of the State Grange, has been among them, and the effects of his talking has had a won-derful influence in waking up the members of the order: - Raleigh Observer: Dr. Pritchard

baptized six students at Wake Forest on Sunday last. — The boys are pouring into Wake Forest and a large increase is expected. ---- Goldsboro correspondent In the months of October and November 475 exodusters left here for Indiana, and twenty-two for Kansas. In December 650 purchased tickets for Indiana, and January 1st, 128 took shipping for the same point. Total 1.253. On or about the 12th and 14th of this month some 5,000 or 6,000 more will ge from Wayne and Johnston counties. Parties from Pitt county inform us that 800 or 1.000 will leave there about the 19th or for the purpose of chartering a train to carry exodusters from that county. He informs me that about 1,500 are ready and are going within a week or so. Some of the parties that are interested in the move also inform me that a goodly number are going from Wilson county within a few - Charlotte Observer: Charlotte. t seems, into have another opportunity of getting a telephone. --- There are now fifty-one persons in the county jail, and it is

week, and nearly the whole stock of goods stolen. ---- The small grain crop of Union county is reported as promising. — It is reported that the wheat crop of Alexander county is being damaged by the fly, owing to the warm weather. --- The spring session of Rutherford College opened last week, with about one hundred students present the first day. --- Mr. Josiah Asbury, well-known building contractor of this city, left yesterday morning to join in Philadelphia the Messrs. Oates who left

some days since to purchase the machinery for their cotton factory. ----Revenue

stantly, and it is not to be doubted that jured. He estimates his loss over and above when the committee, appointed for that purpose, puts the full machinery in operation, this amount will be swollen to such a degree as to indicate the deep sympathy of the people here with the wors of Ireland. The object in view is one that demands practical, earnest effort; that calls for something better than wordy demonstrations;

and we trust every one in this community will add something to the stature of his manhood by contributing to the relief fund however small the sum each individual may be able to bestow.

The preliminary meeting of the committee, appointed at the meeting last evening. will be held at the First National Bank today at 12 o'clock.

Local Insurance Statistics. We give below some local insurance statistics, obtained from the Secretary to the Board of Underwriters, which may be of interest to our readers: Fires Inside City Limits During Year 1879. MONTH. NUMBER FIRES. INS. PAID. \$ 9,608 72 January 5 4,262 50 February 6 0,000 00 March..... 1 310 00 April..... May..... 8 0 588 2 June..... 1 4.566 40 July..... 5 800 00 August..... 1 September.... 5 1,975 00 October 5 50,387 36 15,796 November..... 5 263 00 December..... 2 \$88,566 06 This sum, \$88,566 06, was actually paid by Fire Insurance Companies through

agents here, on losses sustained within the city limits during 1879. If we add to this the losses paid on property burnt within a radius of eight miles from the city (principal of which were rice barns of F. M Moore and A. W. Reiger, and dwellings of D. S. Sanders and John F. Garrell) amounting to something over \$20,000, we have, say, \$110,000 paid out here by Fire Insurance Companies last year.

The heaviest losses to companies by single fires during the year were that of the Wilmington Compress and Warehouse Company, on October 1st, \$49.386.52, and that of Colville & Co.'s mill, &c., on No vember 22d, \$14,750. Our informant cannot now state exactly the profit and loss resulting to the companies of the city on their business for the year, as none of our of costs. agencies here keep an account of receipts on city business separate from that on country. He is satisfied, however, that for every company which made any money in Wilmington last year, there are two which lost, and that it will require all the local profits of some of the latter for several prosperous years to come to repair their 1879 losses. The city losses paid by the companies in 1878 amounted to \$68,286.71. Buffalo Bill.

Of the new drams, "Knight of the Plains," on return trip. raiding parties have been operating quite in which our old acquaintance, Buffalo Bill, extensively in Cleaveland county and will appear at the Opera House on the 22d

insurance at between \$300 and \$350. behalf of the cause for which the meeting was called, tracing rapidly the characters The Mt. Olive Church building was a of some of Ireland's men of letters and frame structure, and was, together with the science, giving a glowing description of their worth and talents, and saying that it church furniture, insured for \$1,000 in a was sufficient for him to know that there company represented by Messrs. W. L. was suffering among any people in order to Smith & Co., which will probably cover the open his purse-strings to contribute his mite, but when this cry of suffering came The fire is supposed to have been the

work of an incendiary.

and fondly.

year ball every week.

Magistrate's Court.

for this port.

the 12th inst.

RIVER AND MAHINE.

cleared from Philadelphia for this port on

- The steamship Gulf Stream, Ingra-

Thermometer Record.

The Hop Tuesday Evening.

this special occasion, they lingered long

from the land inhabited by such men as he had described, and their descendants, he only regretted that he was able to do so little. His speech was received with the heartiest applause. Col. John McRae also spoke, expressing The young ladies are to be warmly conhis hearty co-operation in the cause and gratulated upon the great success of the willingness to contribute. Leap Year Ball given by them at Germania On motion, a committee of nine was ap pointed by the Chair to constitute the Hall on Tuesday evening last. In point of Irish Relief Committee. attendance and pleasure experienced the The Chair appointed the following gen hop surpassed anything given here this tlemen on this committee: Col. F. Kerchner, Capt. D. R. Murchison, H. Brunhild, A. D. Brown, A. Adrian, Esqs., winter, and certainly reflected the greatest credit on those entrusted with its manage-Col. J. W. Atkinson, L. H. Bowden, Alex ment. An elegant supper was served about Sprunt and F. H. Darby, Esors.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned. midnight, to which the guests of the eve-S. H. FISHBLATE, Ch'm. ning gave their attention with a zest indi-B. R. MOORE, See'y. cative of their appreciation, and over which, attended by the young ladies as waiters on

THE MAILS. The mails close and arrive at the City

Post Office as follows:

5:30 A. M

6:00 P. M

8:00 A. M

6:00 P. M

The young ladies were unceasing in their Northern through mails..... 7:45 P. M attentions to their guests, and as a conse-Northern through and way quence the boys, with singular unanimity, mails.... pronounced it the most pleasant dance they Mails for the N. C. Railroad. ever attended. There were no belles, nor and routes supplied there-from, including A. & N. C. no wall-flowers; it was seen that no one Railroad, at..... 5:30 A. M was neglected, and hence all participants Southern mails for all points had a pleasant time, the only regret being South, daily ... 8:00 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. that the young ladies cannot give a leap Western mails (C. C. R'y) daily (except Sunday)..... Mail for Cheraw & Darlington

The following will show the state of the rence and Charleston 8:00 A. M ayetteville, and offices on Cape thermometer, at the stations mentioned, at Fear River, Tuesdays and 4.81 yesterday evening, Washington mean Fridays..... 1:00 P M time, as ascertained from the daily bulletin Fayetteville, via Lumberton, daily, except Sundays.... Onslow C. H. and intermeissued from the Signal Office in this city: diate offices every Friday.. 6:00 A M Smithville mails, by steam-boat, daily (except Sundays) 9:00 A. M Mails for Easy Hill, Town Creek and Shallotte, every Corsicana, 60 New Orleans, 65 Galveston, 69 | Punta Rassa,70 Friday at...... 6:00 A. M Wilmington and Black River

Chapel, Tuesdays and Fridays at..... 12:00 P. M OPEN FOR DELIVERY. Northern through mails..... 9:45 A. M Betsy Willis, colored, had a hearing be-Northern through and way

fore Justice Gardner, yesterday, on the mails..... 7:00 A. M. charge of committing assault and battery Southern mails..... 7:30 A. M. upon a child. Defendant submitted and Carolina Central Railroad.... 10:35 A. M Stamp Office open from 8 A. M. to 12 M. and from 2 to 5:80 P.M. Money order and udgment was suspended on the payment Register Department open same as stamp

General delivery open from 6:30 A. M.

to 6:00 P. M., and on Sundays from 8:30 to - The Russian brig Hermo, Nickelsen, :30 A. M sailed from Gloucester on the 10th inst. Stamps for sale at general delivery when stamp office is closed. Mails collected from street boxes every - The schooper John A. Griffin, Selover,

day at 4.00 P. M. CITY ITEMS.

Chew JACKSON'S BEST Sweet Navy Tobacco.

ham, from this port, arrived at New York THE MORNING STAR can always be had at the on the 12th inst., and cleared the same day

following places in the city : The Purcell Harris' News' Stand, and the STAN Office. House.

811 6/

ELECTRIC BELTS .- A sure cure for nervous - The brig Alice Lea, Capt. Foster,

mand for

Overcoats,

and we are equal to it, having a GOOD STOCK or hand, and will close them out at LOW FIGURES.

Now is the time to buy Winter Clothing cheap.

Call on

A. DAVID, The Clethier.

Notice.

jan 15 tf

THE BRIDGES AT THE DOWNEY BRANCH. on the Wilmington and Coast Turnpike, being under repairs, the public are notified that the Com-pany will not be responsible for damages arising during such repairs, a road having been opened in order to pass around said Bridges. jan 14 tf 8. JEWETT, Sec. and Treas.

Wanted.

30 EXPERIENCE RICE FIELD HANDS, OR hose accustomed to working in ditches or on

banks jan 11 tf WILLIAMS & MURCHISON

INEZ.

FRESH LOT JUST RECEIVED.

BEST 5-CENT CIGAR in the city. Sold only at KASPROWICZ'S

Garden City Cigar Emporium. jan 11 tf

For Rent.

The Dwelling, Store and Out-houses, with Seventy-Five Acres Cleared Land in 11th a high state of cultivation. Also, Five Hundred Turpentine Boxes, at Castle Hayne, nine miles from town, the property of Mr Claus Schriever, deceased. MRS. A. SCHRIEVER, Apply to On the premises Or to ADRIAN & VOLLERS, Wilmington, N. C. jan Il lw For Sale.

25,000 POUNDS GRANULATED TOBACCO STEMS; the very best Fertilizer for Truck Farms, Gardens or Flower Yards; will kill all Bags and n-sects; a Superior Fertilizer for any crop. Apply to jan 11 1w CAPE FEAR TOBACCO WORKS.

Sixty Cents

WILL BUY A CHALLENGE SHIRT. BEST and CHEAPEST in the market.

CLOTHING and FURNISHING GOODS, At OTTERBOURG'S jan 4 tf Men's Wear Depot.

We are Still Prepared

To furnish our friends and patrons with Easy. Nice Fitting, Comfortable and Durable Boots and Shoes at Low Prisaved by buying of

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS. 89 N. Front Street.

We Are

- The Averagyine Averagyine Averaging	have destroyed several stills and made some arrests. On the 8th they seized	inst., the Indianapolis Journal says: "The		only reliable cure. Circulars mailed free. Address J. K. REEVES, 43 Chatham St., N.Y. w	SELLING THE BEST HARNESS, SADDLES, BRIDLES, COLLARS. &c.
Changed Into Wesser & Douar Wessly.	200 gallons of brandy, belonging to	papers everywhere speak most highly of	puts on the own un, went ashore. on	S. E. REAVES, So Classifian St., N.1.	for the least money. If you don't think so try us
The second in Blanch Landling that	Sam Black, of Cherryville. The raiding party was in charge of Captain Stockton.	Ingraham's drams, 'Knight of the Plains,'		FINE ENGLISH GUNS The attention of sports men is invited to the advertisement of Messrs. J. &	Manufacturing and Repairing Harness and
have expressed a preference for the	At least three of the railroads running	written expressly for the Hop. W. F. Cody,	probably be a total loss. Her consignees	W. Tolley, manufacturers of fine breech-loading	MALLARD & BOWDEN.
mant anno 1	into Charlotte will soon have other connect-	better known as Buffalo Bill, and having	at this port were Mesars. Harriss & Howell,	to order according to specifications and measure-	jan 11 tf No. 8 So. Front St.
Same a 2 th an a first state of the second sta	ing roads. In the course of a month or so	last night winessed the performance of the	and her cargo consisted of 123,000 feet of	ments furnished, thus ensuring the right crook, length of stock sc.	CHER .
that Chind Institute and the indiana	the Carolina Central will have the Cheraw and Salisbury at Wadesboro; the North Ca-	play, we willingly endorse the universal	IUMUCI, Due was owned in minungion,		GILL :
reactent, are the wilmington STAR, valescent to be again on the street.	rolina Railroad will soon have the road to	sentiment of the press regarding its merits."	Delaware, where she was built in 1854, and	Eminent Dr. J. J. Caldwell, Baltimore, Md., states:	Gill turned around, Baw Jack kissing his wife,
Charlotte Observer, (dailies), and Hills Hale's Weekly reports the taxes	the University, and the Air Line a road		registered 297 tons. Both vessel and com-	'I have used Colden's Liebig's Liquid Extract of Beef and Tonic Invigorator largely in debility, feb- rile and nervous diseases, and I have found it one	With pistol and knife He threatened Jack's life,
hans the Orean han Day is T hand in 1970 as follows, State 6405 F40 40	from Gainesville to some point in North Georgia. Besides this may be mentioned		mander are well known in Wilmington, and	of the most reliable of nutrient tonics now in nee	and with an Oak Chair bought chesp at the NEW FURNITURE STORE of
berton Robesonian, Oxford Free Lance County, \$919,059 13; School, \$332,757 38.	the Winston, Salem & Mooresville Railroad,	This evening the promised festival, under	Capt. Foster has many very warm friends	GREEN & FLANMER, Agents, Wilmington.	BEHRENDS & MUNROM S. E. Comer Market and 2d Sts.
A Gian Walterie	which is to connect with the Atlantic, Ten-	the auspices of a committee of ladies of St.	here. A letter from his father, in Phila-		jan 11 tf Wilmington, N. C.
	nessee & Ohio Road at Mooresville, and on		delphia, received, by messra. Harriss co	GUILTY OF WRONGSome people have a fashion of confusing excellent remedies with the	
notarday morning Two of them died	torily.	National Bank building, northeast corner	Howell, continue the above information,	fashion of confusing excellent remedies with the large mass of "patent medicines," and in this they are guilty of a wrong. There are some advertised	Stop
intimated a similar preference, but we almost at the same moment.	It is asserted that Misses Kellogg, Ab-	of Front and Princess streets, the proceeds	Due Birco no auditional Particulation (1 and	I CONCULCE I MILLY WORK ON ONLY AND MENTON AND SHOULD BELLL	A T H. C. PREMPERT'S FASHIONABLE SRA-
do not recall them just new. We Mrs. Moon's revival at Reids-	bott Oates, and our other famous song-	to be applied to the extinguishment of the		one at least we know of Hop Bitters. The writer has had occasion to use the Bitters in just such a	VING and HAIR DRESSING PARLOR, M. No. 7
	stresses manage to keep their voices clear	debt of the church. Those fond of the	inteen miles south of Onincotcague, and is	alimete as we have most of the year in Rey fitte	
ADCe. The converts exceed sixty in hum-	by the use of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price	good things of this life should make it con-	is supposed the Alice Lea grounded on the	and has always found them to be dirst class and re- liable, doing all that is claimed for themTri-	No. 1 style. Remember the Big Seven, &c. nov 30 tf
largely increased. ber seconding to the Dollar Weekly.	25 cents a bottle. ‡	venient to attend.	shoals off the island.	Uuite.	Hememoer me pik pevent ere. 104 20 H