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LET CRIME BE PUNISHED.

A special from Lexington, S. C., says that the death sentence of Squire Clark, colored, has been commuted to imprisonment for life. He was to have been hanged yesterday for the murder of a white man named W. Scott Hook, in October, 1877.

In nearly every State the pardoning business is progressing at a lively rate. We do hope the people will yet see the folly of allowing one man to undo the work of the courts.

As sure as truth is mighty if there is not an end put to this autocratic business hangings by mobs will become of weekly occurrence in the South. One of our State exchanges says nine hangings by Judge Lynch have occurred in North Carolina since last May.

One dastardly, horrible murder perpetrated in a neighborhood—such as shooting a good citizen in his own home or killing him on the highway—has been known to throw every household into a condition of alarm and no man felt safe at home or on the road.

The pardoning power stands ready to be exercised. The Judges and officers of the county are ready to sign a petition. People by hundreds can be got to ask for pardon instead of demanding a life for a life.

In the making of books, and school books especially, there is no end. It is true many excellent new books are produced that are an improvement on all that have gone before, but there are hundreds that are published just for the sake of money, and when there is no need of them.

There is a vast demand for school books, and hence every Northern publishing house has its series, and so the country is flooded fairly with good, bad and indifferent. The following is an estimate of the multiplicity of school books that we find in the Providence (Rhode Island) Journal:

The number of higher arithmetics required in the public schools of the United States is 1,750,000; arithmetics, lower, 3,750,000; algebras, 500,000; astronomy, 750,000; book-keeping, 500,000; copy-books, 15,000,000; composition books, 1,000,000; etymologies, 500,000; geographies, 5,000,000; grammars, 2,000,000; histories, 2,000,000; natural philosophies, 500,000; readers, 5,000,000; spellers and definers, 2,500,000. The annual cost of school books to the users is estimated at \$5,000,000.

WILD HORSES IN AUSTRALIA.

From the Colonies and India. Horses which are being now and then from the paddocks of the colonists on the edge of the settled districts of Australia, have made themselves at home in the freedom and abundant pastures of the interior, have multiplied to such an extent that notwithstanding the numbers captured or shot every year, it is estimated that there are something like 100,000 of them in the two most populous colonies—Victoria and New South Wales.

They do not possess any of the qualities which often make the wild horses of the South American plains valuable, and besides destroying vegetation which might be made to support more valuable life, they not infrequently tempt the settler's horses to join them and lead a vagabond life. Worse than this, they are suspected of communicating disease to settled districts.

A letter was received at the post-office yesterday addressed to "Mr. Santa Claus, Cleveland, O." The direction was in printing, and bore the ear marks of a child's inexperienced hand.

"Dear Darling old Santa Claus, Please send me a nice little bed and a Dolly and a tree. Like the dolly to have Blond Hair and Blue eyes Wax but you know Best what I like I am a sick little Girl I cant walk. Mama told Me how to spell some of the Words. I made my Letters Big and small. I will love you. I is eight Years old. MAUD."

A Virginia Prodigy in Arithmetic. Page County (Va.) Courier. A man by the name of Price, near Alma, who is almost blind and who is wholly uneducated and not at all sprightly in other respects, is said to be able to solve almost any problem in mathematics that can be given him.

HOW HULL SPLIT HIS TIGHTS. An Old Story of the Fight between the Constitution and the Guerriere. From the New York World. The late Ogden Hoffman, who was a midshipman with him, used to tell an odd story of the engagement between "Old Ironsides" and the Guerriere.

"I move," said a delegate in a Virginia convention, "that our chairman take a dose of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup; he is so hoarse that I cannot understand him." The gentleman had no doubt tried this wonderful medicine.

THE LARGEST STOCK OF CIGARS IN WILMINGTON CAN BE SEEN AT KASPROWICZ Garden City Cigar Emporium, Wholesale and Retail. dec 11 t

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THE COMMONWEALTH DISTRIBUTION CO. In the City of Louisville, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1881.

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