

Spirits Turpentine.

Raleigh News: Adjutant Gen es has received a letter from Chas I Fayetteville, tendering his resigattailon of the North Carolina State uard. Col. Haigh is induced to take this ep in order to meet the demands of his

Capt. A. A. Melver, died suddenly at his home in Moore county 31st ult.
The Fayetteville Gazette says: "Capt. Mo-Iver was a native of Robeson county; he was a gallant soldier during the war, and was commanding officer of the Scotch Boys, who formed part of Gen. Matt. Ransom's splendid brigade. He was a member of the Legislature of 1874-75, and served his people there faithfully; he married an estimable lady, daughter of Mr. N. R. Bryan, whom he leaves with two or three interesting children to mourn their loss. In his death the community has lost a good man and a valuable citizen."

a good man and a valuable citizen." — Salisbury Watchman: A citi-zen wants to tax baby carriages, and had the audacity to ask us to advocate the meas-ure. — Dick Wallace, a negro, famous for his activity in radical electioneering, has come to grief. He is now in "Greenwood," or the "County Hotel" if you like. He has been dealing extensively in iron and steel. — We are glad to see that the shops (the round house,) belonging to the Western Road, which were destroyed by Stoneman's raiders are being rebuilt. — The Mayor is putting women as well as men in the chain gang. This is exactly right. ight.

- Charlotte Observer: It is fact that on day before yesterday, about noon, there were within a space of forty yards on Tryon street, seven wagons loaded with peaches, four filled with watermelons, two of grapes, and two containing flour and meal, and they did not all dispose of their loads in five minutes. ---- Yesterday a citizen rode into town on a mule, and when he reached the main street, the animal struck. Yes, refused to work. There was no disposition on the part of the mule to interfere with other mules and drays, and other vehicles bearing passengers and freight were allowed to move on regular schedule time.

- Elizabeth City Economist: Jesse Brickhouse left Tyrell, a few weeks since, abandoning a wife and three children in needy and destitute circumstances. ---- It needy and destitute circumstances. — It is reported that the light-house, at Whale's Head station, was struck by lightning on Sunday and three lives lost. — Dr. Ru-fus K. Speed was admitted, by baptism, to the communion of the Baptist Church, on Tuesday evening, Rev. J. M. C. Luke offi-ciating. — We learn that Mrs. Monteiro, the mother of Mrs. Latham, is the most ac-complished whist player at Nac's Head complished whist player at Nag's Head, and further, that Major Gilliam is ho match for her. ____ Eighty-nine is Camden's old-est man. He lives in the juniper water sec-

- Charlotte Observer: Yesterday morning Jack Brawley, a negro man who from the vehicle, while it was in motion, near the Air Line depot, and broke his leg between the knee and ankle. — A Mr. somebody, from Shoe Heel, conveys to us on a postal card the highly interesting factthat he proposes to run an excursion train to Wilmington. It would have been better taste had he sent an advertisement. Publishers can't afford to advertise for nothing. -Mr. John L. Bailey, of this city, who has been in Washington for the last two months, looking around for some vacant chair, has at last a good, comfortable seat in the Agricultural Department under Gen. Le Duc, with a salary of \$1,200 a year. - Asheville Citizen: Some excitement was created on our streets, Monday, ver the statement that Mr. Rollins, Presi ent of the Western Division W. N. C. R. R, had compromised the Littlefield debt, and had received some thousands in Florida bonds. Also that Governor Vance had formally notified Mr. Rollins that he had no official existence, and that if he had in his possession any funds belonging to said road that they must be turned over to the authorities now controlling the Eastern Division, proper, but, as Gov. Vance claims, the proper authorities of the W. N. C. R. R. Col. T. D. Carter has put in an appearance suddenly and unexpectedly as the "owner" of a majority of the stock of said road, and therefore the proprietor of any "funds thereunto belonging." - Wilson Advance : Mr. Alex. Freen arrived last Saturday in charge of 52,000 young shad from Massach which were deposited at Barefoot's mill the same day. — Woodson says he "mingled in shaded spots, out doors," last Sabbath, with church members who could not attend church on occount of the heat; but says he had seen the same members up son's show canvass when the thermometer stood at 98. — Capt. A. Branch, of this county, has sent an Irish potato to Col. Polk that weighed two pounds and five ounces. Who can beat it? — The papers are pub-ishing what they deem a remarkable story of a beautiful young lady, who had become blind, recovering her eye-sight after mar-tage. That is nothing uncommon. People often have their eyes open 'by matrimony. ----- The tallest specimen of corn in this ection has been raised by Maj. A. B. Palmer. The stalk on exhibition at the hardware store measures in length sixteen and a half feet, and has three well developed - Rocky Mount Mail : The crop ospects in the neighborhood of Ringwood Halifax county, were perhaps never better than this year. The village is located in the centre of a fine farming section, and within two miles of the great vineyard and wine manufactory of Garrett, who we heard had now on hand over 100,000 gallons of fine grape wine, and whose weekly sales amounted to 1,000 to 1,500 gallons. The iron mine in Johnston known as the Frost mine was worked about fifty years ago. The iron ore was said to have been very rich, and the quality of iron forged very superior, in fact we have heard from persons living at that time, and who used the iron, that it was quite equal to the best ish iron for all farming purposes. Whittaker's Mills corresp ers are still hard at work, and from appearance of crops now expect a goodly yield and a plentiful harvest. Mr. Moses Moore, one of our best neighbors, harvested from four bushels wheat seeded on improved and ninety-six bushels good a No. 1 wheat. - Raleigh Observer: As will be seen by reference to the order of the Commissioner, Geo. M. Smedes, Esq., in our advertising columns of to-day, the credi-tors and bill holders of the Bank of Claren-

and the latter rains have fallen, and | forbearance they have made a name the earth has not forgotten to bring for history. In estimating them fairforth its rich, teeming harvests in ly it is hard to say which is more due season. From no Southern State worthy of the world's highest admirahas there gone up to heaven the cry tion-their invincible, hardy courage of famine. In no section of our in battle, or their fortitude and man-Southland have the people been smitliness under slander, insult and quten with pestilence produced by a pression. want of food. Surely, God has been We are glad that many Northe merciful in spite of all we have papers appreciate the conduct of our

borne ! Surely, there is cause for sinpere thanksgiving to Almighty Father that his mercies have not been withheld, and that bread has not "well-behaved section." failed to come to the sower.

When we read the accounts of the famine in some districts in China, and in India, we can but think that in baying food our people have escaped an awful visitation. The news rom China recently is more iging. There have been good rains. But from India the news is alarming. The prospect grows more gloomy and the English Government now fears a terrible mortality will be produced either by actual famine, or by severe epidemics that are superin duced by a scarcity of foud. Remote as we are it is hard to realize any thing of the terrible sufferings of people when the food supply is utter volunteer soldiers on hand to keep order, ly inadequate, and when famine and

THE SOUTH IN SCOTLAND. In the recent Pan-Presbyterian Council, held at Edinburgh, America ems to have had the boquet for eloquence. The Northern Presbyterians were represented in the field of oratory by Dr. Hall, Dr. Adams, Dr. Crosby and Dr. Paxton, of New

pestilence stalk through a vast coun-

Mr. G. A. Miller, a native North recently reappear News. The

people during the recent Northern rebellion. The New York Journal Mr. Ney intimately. He thus d of Commerce has this to say of our scribes him as he appeared in 1833:

The Southern papers do not praise the orderly and law-obeying conduct of the Southern working men during the recent strikes a whit too highly. It may be said that poverty and suffering are not so com-mon among the laboring classes of the South as among those at the North and West, and therefore the former had not the the motives for an aprising which actuated "The Southern papers do not praise en in other sections. It is true that the cities of the South are not as crowded as those of the North with men who cannot get work, or tramps, or dissatisfied laborers. But the real reason for the quiet of the South when all the other parts of the coun-try were overrun by mobs, was the peace-ful disposition of her people. If the poorer whites of the South had felt quarrelsome, either toward the rich railroad compani or individuals, or toward the colored race, they would not have failed to show their teeth during the late riots. That they went through all that week of crisis and kept the peace in Richmond, Charleston, Savannah, Mobile, New Orleans, and other large cities of the South, where there were few regular

is a test proof of their willingness to obey the laws, to work for a living, and to dwell in amity with all men." try destroying by day and by night South Carolina is well prepared with military companies. It has a brigade composed of three full regiments and a battalion of mounted rifles. The brigade staff is as follows: Brigadier-General, B. H. Rutlege; Major Jennings W. Perry, Adjutant-General; Ma-jor Fred. Blake, Inspector-General; Major

Columbus (Ga.) Sun, wrote a very of repudiation. Hear him: interesting account of the late Peter "But the road to prosperity is n Stewart Ney, some years ago. It has ed in the Sayannah hmond State will please note the fact. Mr. Miller read law under Chief Justice Pearson, of the "exhausted Judiciary," and knew

THE MESTERIOUS MAN.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1877.

"The venerable and dignified deportme of Mr. Ney, his imperial air, his great lear ing and nnexamiled Scholarship, his p scholarship, his pering and unexamp fect acquaintance cs, the mode classics, the modern languages and espe cially with the history of the French revo a, and every ar in relation d military career

Great Nap erson, united stery which nothing could surprise remove-attracted every one like the secret properties of the magnet. There was a something about the man which, once seens seemed to say, 'I dare you to forget me.' It stamped itself on the brain in letter, never to be blotted out, 'I am not booked on the roll of common men.' He appeared to others what we often heard him say in regard to Napoleon, 'that he was the only mortal he could never look full in the eye.' "We have seen Mr. Ney under all cir-

cumstances. We have seen his courage tested and his face never blanched, nor his nerves never trembled. We have seen him when the saying of Honace—'In vino est veritas,'—could be best verified. We have seen him at midnight, courting and recording the inspiration of the Muses. We have seen him kiss the portrait of Josephine, while the tears of affection and the memories of the dead past rolled in big drops down his furrowed and bronzed cheeks. We have eard him tell, with remarkable particularty, the exploits of the Great Captain, as the French Eagles were borne in triumph as well amid the sands of Egypt as the snows of Russia-yet in all places, and under all circumstances, the mystery of his own life was untold—he still grasped the key to the secrets of his past, and no 'open sessame,' whether of friendship or conviviality, could ever persuade him to reveal the lights and shadows of his own checkered existence. As he lived, so he died, and

Colonel Fred Holliday, one of the at candidates for nomination Carolinian, and former editor of the for Governor of Virginia, is no friend

"But the road to prosperity is not through the door of repudiation—that is the road to her doom. And I would not beckon her in that direction for all the honor any office she may have can confer. Indeed, what would the office be worth, when won ? It would be a 'barren' sceptre,' if not a dis-graceful prize." graceful prize,"

These be manly sentiments worthy of a true, and honorable Virginian Mr. Daniel, who at present leads slightly in the canvass, states his position thus teraely,

"I am opposed to repudiation. "I respect the decisions of the courts. "I uphold the sanctity of contracts."

Patal Accident in Bladen. A correspondent at Clarkton, Blade county, under date of August 1st, infor s of a fatal accident that o Clarkton steam saw and planing mills, of which Messrs. Wilkinson & Fore are proprietors. It seems that John Burnett, colored, hailing from Abbottsburg, while trying to fit a belt in the pump shaft, was accidentally caught in the belt and wound around the shaft, breaking both arms and legs and otherwise bruising him, causing instant death.

Deceased was formerly a resident of this place, having come here from Hillsboro, where he was raised. He was between 85 and 40 years of age, and is represented to have been a very worthy and industrious man, having some years since received a fine piece of land from the Cape Fear Building Company, at Abbottsburg, for services rendered at the risk of his own life in saving property of the company from destruction by fire at that place.

The County Insane.

Dr. J. F. King, Dr. W. W. Lane, and Justices W. W. Harriss and S. VanAmringe, visited the county hospital, at the Poor House, yesterday afternoon, in accordance with the law governing in such cases, to examine the insane patients the in confined, preparatory to the issuance of Mr. Miller examined his papers the necessary certificates for the amount

gton and Norfolk Compare We are indebted to the officials at the Custom House in this city for the following comparative statement, as between Wil nington and Norfolk, of the business transactions at each port, respectively, during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1876, with foreign ports:

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Imports .-- Wilmington, value, \$93,883; Norfolk, value, \$31,415.

Exports .- Wilmington, value, \$3,411,450 Norfolk, value, \$7,053,841. American vessels entered from foreign

-Wilmington, 17; tons, 2,945; men, 116. Norfolk, 9; tons, 4,719; men, 103.

American vessele cleared for foreign ports,-Wilmington, 48; tons, 10,190; men, 387; Norfolk, 66; tons, 32,415; men, 685. Norfolk, 21; tons, 13,212; men, 291.

Foreign vessels cleared for foreign ports. Wilmington, 209; tons, 60,256; men, 1,981 Norfolk, 42; tons, 29,035; men, 663. Particular attention is called to the large difference in the matter of the direct trade of the two ports, as shown by the above statement, in favor of Wilmington.

In the matter of exports, Wilmington could no doubt make a much better showing by including her indirect shipments in the statement; by which we mean the articles shipped North from this port, but ultimately destined for foreign ports. In the

above statement, however, Wilmington is simply credited with her direct shipments. From the same source as above we have the following statement of the business transactions in the District of Wilmington, N. C., during the fiscal year ending June

30th, 1877. Imports-Value, \$98,409. Exports-Value, 4,251,743. American vessels entered from fore

ports, 18; tons, 4,945; men, 145. American vessels cleared for foreign ports, 63; tons, 15,191; men, 454. Foreign vessels entered from foreign

ports, 203; tons, 66,059; men, 1,964. Foreign vessels cleared for foreign

eight or ten "reasons why," the latest of which is the introduction and immense multiplication of machinery. We have heard plain North Carolinians insist for twenty years that the tendency of labor saving machinery is to displace human labor, and, there fore, to afflict mankind in the end. At the North the inventivy powers of man have been corstantly exercised in every direction, and the result is that a hundred inventions have been made, each one of which has the effect of superseding human help. The North is the first to feel the blighting influences of too much inventior. That section has been prodigiously great in the way of railroads, steam ploughs, cultivators, sewing machines, &c., and it is the first to witness scenes of wildest disorder, and to have human devils in its midst burning, destroying, rioting in plunder and blood. The Augusta Chronicle and Constitutionalist says:

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WHAT CAUSED THE RIOTS.

ended every one was trying to give

the reason of our failure. We heard

probably a dozen or twenty causes

assigned for our overthrow, for each

of which it was confidently claimed

by its father that, beyond question,

that was the reason why the Confed-

eracy collapsed. The truth was, we

suppose, that all the causes mentioned

conspired to bring about the fatal

conclusion of the matter. We are

reminded of this just now by the dis-

cussions in our exchanges as to the

causes that led to the strike and riot-

ing. We have thus far noted some

When the war between the States

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"The Springfield (Mass.) Republican prints a formidable array of figures to prove that machinery has indeed largely reduced the number of hands once employed. There is an increase of produc-tion largely disproportioned to the number of laborers at work. Under these circumstances, the laborer must either seek some outlet of escape from overcrowded regions attempt other kinds of work, or else use his political power to change a system of go-vernment that used his muscle for destroy-ing slavery in the South only to drag him down to the worst sort of seridom at the

We have no doubt that a dozen distinct causes must be enumerated amongst those that prompted the Northern rebellion. Some of causes can be traced to the late war. and to the causes that brought about that war.

INE.

The South has had many and great that is singularly prolific in men of heart that the Yankee had never been order, as he evidently must have been, had kindly furnished with the vote by majori The army should be increased to 25,000 fallen in such a way that his head had high mark, in all fields of intellectual born. Noah Webster has done more ties for the two most prominent points, a afflictions during the last sixteen men.—Chicago Tribune. struck upon a coll of chain, just at a point exertion-in science, in orstory, in And so we go. Both of these injury to our language than the able follows: years. It has been laid waste by in-So. Washing where there were some projecting links and Burgaw. papers are Republican. The former statesmanship, in military exploits, vading armies filled with the spirit of editors of his big Dictionary have Rocky Point. ends of boards sticking out. He had re-Point Caswell 127 We are glad the South still produces 00 would no doubt be glad to have a been able to do good during the last the Vandals and Visigoths; it has ceived a severe cut on the temple by his fall Lincoln township. . Holden township. . 96 71 00 twenty-five years. The present Spelsuch able and accomplished men to strong government, and wants Grant had the plough-share of run and desand was totally unconscious. A messenger Holly township... 71 00 00 uphold her ancient renown. The was immediately dispatched for a physician, olation driven deep into its soil; it for President, who took the editor ling Reform Association of the North Grant township. truth is, "blood will tell." is the legitimate child of Noah Webbut within a half hour after the messenger has seen the torch applied to its mills. out of the penitentiary. The latter Columbia township left the unfortunate man had breathed his Union township ... 00 80 ter, as his pamphlet will attest. The paper is moderate. The New York its farmhouses and its cities; it has THE SOUTH BEGINNING TO E last, not having spoken a word or shown 200 Graphic demands 100,000 men, but Association referred to have a "neu 420 been despoiled of its property, and APPRECIATED. any signs of consciousness after he had 200 the Tribune will put up with 25,000. skeem for spelling," by which they almost reduced to poverty; it has been discovered. It may be proper to state There is no doubt that the South We copy these utterances merely as hope to improve the prevailing "orthat the man with whom he had the mis seen an insolent and merciless con-220 ern people behaved admirably during thografy by fonetic skeemz and new The official vote, which will be an understanding was not on board of the yes sign of the times-as a straw to queror, not content with liberating the late riots. Their conduct was nounced to-day, may vary the result slightindicate the way Republican waters sel at the time the unfortunate affair ocsistems." Last year; at the Centenin striking contrast to their Norththe slaves, but actually investing ly from the above, either one way or the ern neighbors, who are so prone to are flowing. The current will soon | nial Celebration, Professor Haldeman them with all the powers of citizenother, but the difference will be very tri-The jury returned a verdict that deceased get broader, deeper and stronger. thus set forth the object of the Astors and bill holders of the Bank of Claren-don are notified to present and make proof of their claims before him at his office, in this city, before the first day of October, 1877. All persons interested will take due notice of the time and place. —— The Commissioner of Agriculture on yes-terday received a letter from Mr. J. W. Lang, of Brooks, Maine, asking for an official report from his department of such hads in North Carolina as were purchasable and suitable for the immediate establishment of a colony for his people. He desires to buy in one tract, or near enough together that they may have a society of their own in the event the reports are true concern-ing the ostracism of Northern people in the South. The colony Mr. Lang proposes to establish will be composed almost ex-clusively of practical farmers, there being only a few mechanics and artisans among them. —— There are eighty-seven insu-rance companies, fire and life, doing busi-ness in this State: —— Mr. C. B. Edwards, of this city, caught in half day's fishing, at Beaufort, this week, 119 blue fish and 5 Spanish mackerel. The 124 averaged in weight 24 lba. each. ship, except intelligence and knowboast of their superior education, fling. came to his death from wounds received from a supposed fall on board of his vessel lying at Masonboro' Inlet. ledge; it has had its ablest citizens their higher civilization, their lofty Wait until October, and you will see sociation. We give a literal extract: Now that the great contest has been hap-"The questions which the convention is we are correct in this. The Philapily ended, we hope that the bad blood and best soldiers disfranchised; it moral ideas. We have already atcalled to discus ar ov great importans. They hav exersized strong mindz ov foloso-ferz and filanthropists for a long time past. Ther ar meny difficultiz in the way of a re-Capt. Harding is represented to have delphia Press, another Republican which was engendered during the camtempted to show some of the causes has been maligned, persecuted, lied paign may speedily sink into the sea pl been a very industrious and worthy gentleof the strike in the North, and why paper, says: against without stint; it has had its forgetfulness; that Pender may build up a flourishing little town at Burgaw, and that "Ultra-economical Democrats are begin-ning to wonder if a little less liberty and a little more standing army might not be a desirable change after all." men, and was esteemed very highly by all Ther ar meny difficultiz in the way of a re-vizion ov our orthografy—more than a superficial observer wud suppoze. Upon what basis shall we bild our sistem of spel-ling? Shall we find out the original powerz ov, the letterz so far az we can, and endeavor the South remained calm and unliberties prostrated under the iron who knew him, including those who were moved. The truth is, our people are peace, prosperity and good will may hereheel of tyranny; it has seen the corin his employ. He leaves two daughters after reign in all her borders. poral of the guard assuming the role law-abiding, God-fearing, and peaceand a son, the former residing at Provi-As far as we have seen a propose dence, R. L, and the son also believed to of dictator, and a President throtably inclined. If they had not been, to bring the spelling intu harmony with those powerz?, as 'what shal thez combina-tionz spel?' Take, for instance, the sound ov u. What is it in uther languajez?" A Pender Burglar. ncrease comes only from Republican be at the same place. tling liberty in the sacred balls of lethe provocations of the last few Junius Moseley, colored, charged with sources. In putting such a wish m Commerce of the Port. years would have driven them to burglary, was brought here vesterday, from gislation-these and a thousand other the mouths of Democrats the Press Pender county, and lodged in jail. He wa The duties on imports received at the Cusdesperation, and such scenes of tuills it has seen and felt, and yet borne sent under a commitment from Justice Nixon, who had ordered him to give a jus-tified bond in the sum of \$100 for his ap-pearance at the next term of the Superior gives only another instance of the Grant has gone to Italy. tom House in this city during the month The them all with a stoical resignation and mult and reckless daring as would truth of Wordsworth's line-"The Courier Journal says "he should cerof July amounted to \$3,058 88.in gold. have marked their course have not an unmurmuring fortitude that were The hospital dues, in currency, footed up wish is father to the thought." tainly visit his Holiness Pope Pins been witnessed on this continent. as rare as admirable. But it has \$74 19, the tonnage dues \$693 60, and the steamboat inspection fees, \$50 90; making the total receipt \$8,877 57. The value of foreign exports for the same period IX., and have a talk with him about Court for that county, in which he failed. The Southern people have borne ills been spared amidst its great tri-- A party who arrived from Penthe school question in the United bulations one carse, one test of and submitted to persecutions and inder county yesterday reports the official - Augustin Daty, the great thea-tre-manager, in New York, is a North Car-olinian by birth, though of Irish extraction. the total receipt \$8,877 foreign exports for amounted to \$281,887. States from a Republican standsults as no brave people ever did bemajority for Burgaw as the county site to suffering-the curse of barrenness, point." weight 21 lbs. each. of blight, of starvation. The early fore. By their long-suffering and be 218.

York, but they did not make the impression upon either professors or preachers that two of the Southern representatives made, or the great French preacher, Dr. Godet, of Neuf chatel. From what we have been able to gather from correspondent and Edinburgh papers, we feel sur that there were no finer orators among the able three hundred than Dr. Stuart Robinson, of Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Moses Hoge, of Rich mond, Va. A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial writes from Edinburgh July 14th. Of Dr. Rob-

inson he says: "There are divers opinions as to th country which merits the palm of elosence. It is easy to see that the popular suffrage would go in favor of America. The popular delight, the ecstacy, almost, with which the American preachers are elcomed and applauded, is somethin emorable. Whenever Dr. Stuart Robin son rises you can hear a pin fall; then pres ently there is such an ebullition of applaus or such a roar of laughter that you can hardly hear what the speaker says.' The Edinburgh Daily Review, not

the great quarterly, but a newspaper of July 5, says of Rev. Dr. Hoge:

"Exceptional interest was excited by the "Exceptional interest was excited by the appearance of the next speaker, Dr. Hoge, of Richmond. He stepped upon the plat-form—a tall, spare, muscular man, of a military type of physique, and features bronzed by exposure to the blazing heat of a southern sun. Commencing with a grace-ful compliment to the chairman, admirable in its spirit and perfect in manner, he allied for a little with his subject in lively and almost gay humor; and then mingling pathos with humor with the hap-piest case, he set forth with dignity and readth of view not inconsistent with grea nsity and emotional excitement, the ing points of his many-sided subjectthe simplicity and scriptural character of Presbyterianism, its expansiveness and adaptation, and its friendly aspect to other urches. The military ring of Dr. Hoge'

ch left the house strung up almost t Both of these able and eloquent

rles Kerrison, Jr., Quarter eral; Major C. H. Rivers, Commissary-General; Major Henry H. DeSaussur Surgeon-General; Major Albert H. Mowry, Ordinance Officer; Major Benj. Rhett, Aide-de-Camp.

The first regiment is commanded by Lieut. George Tupper; second by Col. J. J. Fox; third by Col. Wm. Stokes. The battalion of mounted rifles, five companies, is commanded by Major John C. Minott. The bri gade is composed of thirty-five companies, and numbers over 2,000 men.

OUR CLIMATE.

The climate of Wilmington from January to January is the finest w know. We venture the opinion, sus tained by figures, that the average temperature is better in Wilmington than in any other town in the State During the recent heated term, according to the report of the Signal Office, the highest heat was 97 degrees. During the month of July the average range of the thermome ter was 80 degrees. For the month

of June the average was 76 degrees and a fraction.

In December the highest temperature was 66 degrees, the lowest was 15 degrees above zero, and the ave. rage was 51. In January, the highest was 74, the lowest 17, the average 57 degrees. In February, the highest was 71, the lowest was 28, the average was 43. It must be born in mind that last winter was colder in Wilmington than it has been known to be in twenty years. This summer has been the hottest known to our "oldest inhabitant." What other town can show as mild a record

Centralized government is more popu-r to day than it was a week ago.-St, ONE CURSE WITHHELD-NO FAM rushed on deck, when it was found that the votes cast, including those polled for men are natives of Virginia, a State to read it, without wishing in his each of the other places. We have been Capt. H., when attacked with his old dismis Globe-Democrat.

ike the writer of the Letters of secret-who he was ? died with him.'

left with Mr. O. Ford, and says:

"We found any quantity of poetry and prose on all subjects, but nothing to throw light on the subject of our search—his own life. The longest and most labored pro-duction of his mind was a History of the French Revolution written in cyphers (of his own invention) which we could not understand, but in part was explained to us by Dr. Matthew Locke, one of his former pupils. Mr. Ford told us that a night two before he died, he destroyed all of his more private correspondence, and among them some ship letters lately received from France, which contained valuables."

He does not think he was Marshal Nev. He gives some good reasons. We copy two:

"Marshal Ney, like nearly all of Na-poleon's Marshals, was not classically edu-cated—P. S. Ney was ascholar without any doubt. It may be replied that the Marshal may have learned to write and spe scotch, French, Italian, English and Russian in his intercourse with these nations, when in the 'Grand Army.' If so, is there an instance on record of the Greek, Latin and Hebrew having been learned perfectly after years of maturity? Such a task would rmatch the powers of even Elihu Burritt, the 'Learned Blacksmith,' and the greatest of modern self-taught linguists. 'Could Marshal Ney have escaped the doom pronounced by the Allies, after his defection, when Napoleon escaped from quest over the body. Elba, in the manner related by the Phaniz condent? We think not, from the form of military executions we have witnessed, and the great and supposed danger-ous character of the intended victum."

SPELLING REFORM.

This is the age of reform-of civil service reform, of railroad reform, of reform in pronouncing the dead languages, of reform in spelling our own language. Noah Webster published a pamphlet in 1805 or 1806, which was intended to be an improvement upon the English way of spelling the language of Shakespeare and Milton. He was an innovator, and no one can read that pamphlet, or rather attempt

due this county by the State for providing for her insane. They found sixteen patients in the hospital, thirteen of whom were pronounced insane. Of the remaining three, one is to be sent to her home in Columbus county and the other two are yet held under advisement. The certificates, when prepared and signed by the physicians and magistrates alluded to, will be sent to Raleigh, when the amount allowed the county for the past year will be for-

warded. Another Sudden South on Shipboard Capt. I. S. Harding, of the wreckin Schr. Wave, of this place, which was lying at anchor in Masonboro' Sound, died sud-

denly on board of his vessel on Wednes day. The report is that he was taken sud denly ill and dropped to the deck of the vessel, upon which he was standing, in flicting a severe wound upon his head. messenger was immediately sent to this city for a physician, but intelligence reached here this morning that he died the same evening he was attacked. The general impression was that he died of heart disease. Coroner Hewlett went down yes terday for the purpose of holding an in-

Capt. Harding, who was about 50 years of age, was a native of Providence, Rhode Island, where he has a daughter living.

The Election in Fender County, After one of the most exciting and hotly

contested campaigns that we have known in this section for a long time, the long mooted question of the permanent location of the county site of Pender has at las been settled and victory perches upon the banner of Burgaw. The places voted for at the election on Thursday were Lilling ton, Rocky Point, Burgaw and South Washington, the latter the county seat as at present located. In order to move it from that place it was necessary that some other point should receive a majority of all

224; tons, 71,226; men, 2,152. It will be seen that the increase in the value of imports over the last fiscal year has been \$4,526, and that of exports \$840.-

Not having the necessary statistics hand, no comparative statement of the business of Wilmington and Norfolk for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1877 could be made.

The Sudden Death of Capt. Harding. The evidence before the coroner's jury in the case of Capt. I. S. Harding, of the wrecking schooner Wave, mention of which was made in the last issue of our paper. was to the following effect: Some slight repairs were needed by the vessel, and it was at first intended to haul her upon the marine railway of Messrs. Cassidey & Ross and have the work done before leaving here. Capt. Harding, however, was in a hurry to accomplish some work he had in view and finally concluded to await a more favorable opportunity to have the repairs made. After the arrival of the schoone off Masonboro', where some wrecking was being done, it was suggested that the first spare time they had the vessel should be placed in a favorable position on the beach inside of the inlet and her bottom scraped and painted, and this suggestion was being carried out when the sad calamity occurred. Capt. Harding was subject to attacks of heart disease, which always trou-

unduly excited, and on Wednesday afternoon he had been considerably worried with one of his men and had talked pretty harshly to him. There were five men connected with the vessel besides himself. three white and two colored. Shortly after the dispute alluded to had occurred, four of the men being outside engaged in scraping the bottom of the vessel, the cook who was engaged in preparing supper came upon deck for some when he discovered Captain Harding lying prostrate upon the deck. He immediately gave the alarm and the other men

bled him a good deal whenever he became