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WILL THERE BE PEACE?

Will there be speedy peace between Russia and Turkey, or will the war be prolonged indefinitely? Will the war be prosecuted with an eye to conquest on the part of Russia, or will the protection of the oppressed Christians be the only end in view?

The Czar is committed to a war not of conquest but to free Christians from oppression. No doubt he would be glad to have all of Turkey as his share, but he has given a promise to the European Cabinets that he cannot disregard with safety. He assured the Great Powers in the beginning that he would make no conquests. If he finds himself able to "gobble up" the "sick man," country and sea, army and navy, he will no doubt feel anxious to help himself, but then this will not be allowed. Austria and Germany would each want a big slice. Whilst the three Emperors might be able to settle Turkey's "hash" to suit themselves, England, France, Italy, Spain and other smaller Powers might put in a word of objection. So we take it that in no event will there be con-

Although the recent news threatens to complicate matters and to bring England to the front, we do not now see why peace should not come before another year's campaign has been tried. If there is to be no conquest, then why should Russia be anxious to prosecute the war to a "bitter end," or the last extremity? It is a very expensive business she is engaged in, and she is short of funds and with damaged credit. Whilst peace is a necessity clearly with Turkey, it is also becoming a great burden, possibly, a necessity too, with

Will France, Spain, Italy, and England agree to the partition of Turkey between Germany, Austria and Russia? We think not. It is not to their interest that such an act should be allowed. We do not see how Germany is to be benefited so greatly by a complication of dangers on the Danube. We cannot see why Russia should risk a war with England and other powers, when she must lose more than she can gain by such a course. A prolonged war, and upon a more gigantic scale would be fraught with great evil to both Russia and the entire civilized world.

We grant the last news does not look so favorable to immediate peace. But if Germany and Austria disclaim all purpose to take part in the war or to share in its results, then England must continue to remain neutral. We can but hope and believe that with the fall of Plevna the prospects of peace were brightened. Russia can beat her enemy and Turkey knows it. We do not think the latter is in condition to stand another year's campaign. Whilst her forces are dwindling away, Russia is increasing hers by new levies and fresh arrivals. It will not surprise us if before the 1st of February next mediation or treaty direct has begun.

DEFEATED BUT NOT DESERTED. Some good has followed the triumph of Conkling over the President. Whilst those papers that have heretofore sustained Mr. Hayes in his reform and Southern policy still stand by him in his war with the factionists, there have been expressions of sympathy from Democratic papers that have had but little patience with him. In fact, the Presi-

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majority of the true people of the It is now reported that England country who are patriotic enough to has toned down sufficiently to advise prefer peace and reconciliation to Turkey to make direct negotiations strife and sectional antagonisms. Whilst men differ as to the wisdom and propriety of much that he has done, they all give him more or less credit for having served the country at large in serving so well the oppressed South. He is now standing by his guns, and there are no signs of dismay or of backing down on his part. Conkling demands a change in the Cabinet as a necessary step towards Adrianople and Constantinople are peace in the party. He means war to the knife unless the President will retrace his steps, confess his sins, and henceforth keep step to the music of

If Mr. Hayes were to prove himelf as weak and vacillating as hi osed of the material that the extremists would furnish, what a nice time the country would have, and what a glorious prospect for the South. In that Cabinet would b such bull-dozers as Blaine, Conkling, Don Cameron, Edmunds, Ben Butler, Garfield, &c. This is the kind of timber that would be placed the new Cabinet-knarled, crooked tough, rotten as it is in parts. How happy then would be those Democrats who aided Conkling in bringing about this state of affairs. What tremendous debt of gratitude th country would owe them for such consummation.

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The taxable wealth of North Carolina is diminishing. The last Raleigh News gives the value of taxable pro- This is a part of a plan of a geneerty, taken from the advanced sheets of the State Auditor's annual report. Here are the figures:

\$74,221,398 00 17,458,520 00 16,130,858 00 Value of land, Value of town propert Horses, mures, cattle, &c., Farming tools, money, cred-40,753,781 00

Total value of real and per-\$148,564,557 00 ng up for the year ending Ser ember 39th, 1876, shows the following: \$75,309,799 00 17,047,321 00 Value of land. Value of town property, Horses, mules, cattle, &c., 16,683,096 00 Farming tools, money, cred-43,505,807 00

of \$3,981,466 00 this year over the last. On mules, cattle, &c., of \$552,238 00; on farming tools, money, credits, &c., of \$2,752,

And an increase on the value of town property of \$411,199 00. This is not an encouraging exhibit In many sections the price of land is depreciating, and we are surprised that the falling off is no greater than

s represented. "THE SOUTH ATLANTIC,"

The January number of this high y creditable Southern magazine is upon our table literally filled with inviting and entertaining matter The editor really deserves great credit for the plack, energy and enthusiasm she is displaying. There is no other lady of our acquaintance who could have accomplished what she has under the circumstances. We should have sat down in despair at the very threshold. We do trust most incerely that she is meeting with such liberal responses all over the South as give her constant cheer and hope. Let her be sustained in her "labor of love," for she is doing a noble workone that appeals to the taste, culture and pride of our people.

We have just received our copy, and have only had time to glance at the table of contents. There is steady improvement. There is a critical paper on James Clarence Mangan, by J. H. Ingram, author of a life of Edgar Poe, and an English writer of rising fame. Another London writer, E. M. Clerke, contributes a poem entitled "The Trial Trip." Among the Southern contributors are poems by Paul H. Hayne, Mrs. Margaret J. Preston and W. H. Babcock. We are pleased to see a biographical sketch of that admirable soldier and gentleman, Gen. Pender, written by his He is well worthy of an extended biography, and we hope to see such a work prepared. Under the head of "Thought and Movement" are editoare several serial stories. Price \$3 a year. Address Mrs. Cicero W. Harris, Editor and Proprietor, Wilmington, N. C.

Sitting Bull has put on his war paint. He has crossed the line with a large force of Sioux and Nez Perces, and now look out for warm dent has gained more than he has work. He appears implacable, and lost. He has the favor of a large trouble is ahead.

with Russia and learn its terms. This, the past, there would be however, is said to meet with little favor with the Porte. It is thought murders and riots in the Parliament will oppose all negowith but little loss. Turkey is re-

solved on defending Rumelia, the district beyond the Balkans in which situated. To this end Saleiman Pasha has marched to the latter place with 10,000 men, and will soon go to Adrianople to take command of the army of Ramelia, da lo apa

THE WAR ON HAYRS

og more furious with the waxing the moon, Conkling may have triimphed, but it has been at the expense of his party. The breach between the extremists and the President is widening. The insolent and brayado-like style of Conkling has simply driven the President into a more pugnacious and resolute determination to stand by his policy and his party friends. It has made him more dependent upon the Democrats.

The Radical leaders are not only bent now on breaking Hayes down more completely than John Tyler and Andrew Johnson were, but they are now seriously meditating a purpose to go into an investigation of the manner of his election. The very fellows who manufactured his title are now threatening to destroy it. only a limited number of whom were adthere are prominent Republicans in both Houses of Congress who will take the initial step in January, after alleged companion in crime, Stephen Darthe recess, to unearth the whole matter of the supposed bargain between Mr. Hayes and certain Southern Democratic leaders.

The Philadelphia Evening Tele graph has a special from Washington that contains news to this effect. We

"It is asserted that satisfactory evidence of this character has been obtained, and that its publication and exposure will compel a Congressional investigation. It ap cears that the sole object of this aggressi movement is to expose recent developments as to the methods by which the administra tion came into power, and the influences which they claim have controlled its ac-tion. W. E. Chandler's letter, in which these facts are openly charged, is the first intimation which has yet been permitted to be made public on this subject. It is openly known here that the President has been hreatened with some action of this kind unless he gives some very satisfactory evi-dences of a determination to act in accord with the interests of the Republican party, as represented by such leaders as Conkling, Edmunds and others."

Mr. Hayes appears to be very indifferent to this threatened investigation. We have no idea that it would amount to anything, for there has never been any disreputable bargain between the President and prominent Southern Democrats that need fear the light. The rascality of the fraud is well known. The Republican party is responsible for the iniquity. Edmunds, Chandler, and the rest, including Jo Bradley and company, stole the Presidency. Conkling stood by consenting to the villainy. So between these extremists, who are angry that Hayes will not become their tool, and the man they persecute, the STAR is decidedly and unequivocally with the latter.

THE BORDER WAR

The riot at San Elizario has died out. United States troops have arrived at El Paso. Maj. Jones, of the State troops telegraphs that one hundred and fifty of the rioters were Mexicans. The truth appears to be that the mob was composed of Mexicans and Texans, who attacked the small body of citizens and soldiers who were opposed to them, killing three of the State troops and three of the citizens. There is no evidence thus far to show that the rioters were Mexican citizens. The inhabitants of El Paso county, on the border, are mixed, part Mexicans and part Texans. or persons from other States. The whole disturbance grew out of an effort to raise royalty on salt taken from some lakes. It was purely a rial comments and reflections. There local riot, to be suppressed like other riots. The Governor of Texas imitated the Governors of the Northern States in calling upon the United States Government to quell a riot he ought to be able to suppress himself by the use of his militia or military and other foreign ports was 2,513,275 organizations. The lower tent

> As to war with Mexico on account of it, that is not to be thought of. It would be very absurd and not very cotton were, however, unusually small.

eat Britain on accoun have been much more tiations. In the meantime, Russia is Philadelphia Times says that nobody going on with its campaign, and has talked of declaring war against Great taken Ardanutch by assault, meeting Britain because a majority of the rioters were Irishmen of Welshmen.

> to the effect that all the pris after daylight yesterday morning, when it was found that they had cut a hole in the ever noise they may have made in their preparations to leave the jail, which is a all frame building. There were twelve small frame building. There were all of prisoners confined in the jail, nearly all of whom were colored. A man by the name of Crow, from Duplin, charged with forgery, was among the number that escaped. At last accounts none of the parties had been recaptured.

> We give the names of ten of the prisoners as fellows, all ot whom are colored, and all but one charged with larceny: Jas. Mosely, Frank Moore, Joseph Nixon, Geo. West, Gabe Everett, Thomas Grant, Job Hansley, Wm. James Simpson, Allen Mathas and Samuel J. Eakins alias Walker.

The Beath Penalty. We learn from a gentleman who arrived on the northern train last night that Hilliard Morgan, colored, expiated the crime of murder on the gallows at Goldsboro' yesterday, at half past 1 o'clock, in the presence of about three thousand persons, mitted inside of the inclosure of the jail yard. He made a speech on the gallows, cence, and prayed that God would forgive the man who had sworn his life away. His den, received notice yesterday that he had been respited by the Governor until the 18th of January, and Morgan, up to a few minutes after he had taken his position on the gallows, was evidently buoyed up with the hope that he might possibly share the fate of his more fortunate comrade. soon realized, however, that his doom was sealed, and then announced his readiness to dle and prayed fervently for the forgiveness of his sins. The Goldsboro' Riflet and a force of special police were on duty, it having been rumored that an attempt the town to rescue the condemned from the clutches of the law. It was nineteen minutes after the drop fell before life was

Pender Superior Court. Pender Superior Court was engaged yesterday in trying the case of Joe Williams colored, charged with firing a crib, removed from Duplin. Solicitor Norment, who had arrived from Robeson, prosecuted for the State, assisted by Mr. Stallings, while the Messrs. Kerr, of Sampson, Kornegay, of Duplin, and Col. W. S. Devane, of this city, appeared for the defence. The case

The case of the State vs. Moore, removed from this county, has been continued for

Gen. M. P. Taylor has received a letter from Adjutant General Jones, stating that the order for the officers of the Second Regiment N. C. State Guard to meet at Goldsboro was a misprint, Wadesboro being intended as the place of meeting, and January 10th the time. We gave the correction in our State column a few days since, but repeat it here in order that there may be no misapprehension in reference to the matter. The meeting is for the election of officers, rendered necessary by the recent promotion of Gen. Taylor.

The Buplin Canal Again.

We omitted to mention in connection with our article in reference to the Duplin Canal, and the excellent map of the route prepared by ex-Sheriff Black, in yesterday's issue, that the people of Duplin coun ty have already obligated to the company to give one-half of the lands which may be drained by the proposed canal for the reclamation of the other half. Having done their part, it now remains for the people of Wilmington to meet our Duplin friends

That Spool of Cotton. The jury in the case of the white ma from Sampson county, charged with stealing a spool of cotton, tried in the Pender Superior Court on Wednesday last, failed to agree upon a verdict and a mistrial is the consequence. We learn that this is the third time the case has been tried, twice in Sampson and once in Pender, and It was only a five cent spool, too. Thus far that spool of cotton has cost Sampson and Pender counties two or three hundred dollars at least, and the end is not yet.

Commerce of the Port. The receipts of cotton at this port yesterday amounted to 623 bales, the sales, as reported, to 50 bales, and the exports to 5.669 bales, of which 263 bales were coastwise and 5,406 foreign. The aggregate weight of the cotton shipped to Liverpool pounds and the valuation \$278,874.66. The total valuation of foreign shipments yester-\$282,754.66. The receipts and sales of -A Mup of the Route, Together with the Country Traversed by

am of the section embracing the North liver and its tributaries, and through lion of which the proposed Duplin kranch Canal is expected to be run. This usp was gotten up by A. R. Black. all gentlemen of this city, is about six

We see from the map that the canal comnces at Peggy's Island, about two miles low Bannerman's Bridge. The line sketched runs up the North East River on the west side, crosses the river and a double Shelter Creek, and continues by a e nearly direct along the eastern margin of Angola Bay, across the head of Gum Swamp to "Burton's Old Field," thence across the North East River and along the western margin of the river to the mouth of Goshen, a distance by the line marked out for the canal of 31 miles, but by the meanderings of the river 144 miles: shortening the distance now traversed by shortening the distance now traversed by ticularly in the great assault of the the course of the river 118 miles. We learn third day, for which their position that a good deal of ton timber comes all the way to Wilmington by the river from the mouth of Goshen.

We were forcibly struck with the representations of the country given on the map, and with the descriptions by Mr. Black. The swamps are shaded in their exact proportions and constitute a marked feature. They are described as very rich. It is estimated that if the rich swamps of Duplin county were laid down in one body, they would constitute a belt of swamp one mile wide by seventy miles long. The growth in the swamps is mostly cypress, black gum, sweet gum, white oak and ash. It is contended that the Duplin Canal will aid the drainage of all the swamps in Duplin | mander, whose horse was shot under | grammar and has it nearly ready for the

clay subsoils, and produce fine crops. No lands in the State are better adapted to improvement, and, with the abundance of muck and marl interspersed throughout the county, almost every foot of them may be made rich. The canal, when constructed, if it accomplishes what is claimed for t, and we believe it will, will enable the people of Duplin to drain their swamps. We can see no reason why a perfect "tidal wave" of prosperity may not follow immediately upon the completion of the canal. There are still large bodies of piney lands n all this region, and naval stores will

Wilmington ought to feel deeply interested in this enterprise. We know of no region of country of such varied and wonderful resources whose commercial advantages can be commanded with so small an outlay of means. Just think of what 31 miles of canal through a level country will accomplish for Wilmington. We find Goldsboro 30 miles from the upper end of the canal, Kinston 25, and Newbern 50. Wilmington, then, by means of the canal, might expect to divide trade with these places, at 15 miles to Goldsboro, 12 to Kinston, and 25 to Newbern. The trade from this scope of country will come to Wilmington just as sure as the waters of Northeast river flow towards the ocean.

The canal is not a work of doubtful expediency for Wilmington. It will not run the products of the country away from her but it will pour all the treasures of th fine section into her lap.

We are pleased to see that some of our

enterprising citizens are putting the ball in motion and we hope to see it suon roll on to abundant succ

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 20.

MR. EDITOR: Will you allow me space in your paper to correct an error into whice your "Spirits Turpentine" has inadvertently in your paper to correct an error into which your "Spirits Turpentine" has inadvertently fallen regarding the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and which is calculated in its present shape to work the institution harm? The article clipped from the Orphan's Friend is as follows: "The Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum was re-elected, but did not accept the office, and so promptly notified the Grand Master. Mr. Moore gets his place, with salary reduced, but an easy his place, with salary reduced, but an easy place." It is true Mr. Mills did not accept the Superintendency for the current year, but he is still (at our solicitation) holding the position, and probably will continue to do till an equally competent person can be found to fill the place. Mr. Moore has not, to our knowledge, succeeded him. If he has been installed in the place, it has been done without any author been done without any authority and upon a responsibility I know Mr. Mills would not personally assume. I therefore conclude that the last paragraph of your quotation has by the typo of the Orphan's Friend been transferred from some other article intended for said paper. Horace H. Munson, Grand Master.

The item was clipped from an exchange and was credited to the Orphan's Friend Mr. Mills' organ. If an error, we did not sad Fate of a Citizen of Bladen.

We learn from our correspondent at Rosindale, Mr. W. J. Edwards, that on the evening of the 18th inst., Mr. Richard Sikes went to Elkins' mill, Bladen county, for the purpose of getting some corn ground, and remarked that he would fish while he was waiting for the grinding to be done. He then disappeared and did not return for his meal, and the following morning his hat was found in the pond. On Thursday, the 20th, a general search was commenced, and Stephen Buie, F. H. Norcum and Monte Gause, being in a boat, soon discovered the body of the unfortunate man and brought it to the surface. day amounted to the snug little sum of Deceased was subject to fits, but the impression seems to prevail that in this instance foul play was used.

written an interesting letter to Raleigh Observer that will go far ards settling the question of who git best on the third day at Gel. urga We give a very important

olan. As the wounded officers be came convalencent, I asked and re-ceived permission to take them over the field, by which means I was enabled to locate the entire Confederate army, and trace its movements. The track of the great Confederate column on the third day I fixed there and then I may also add that I subsequently visited man in hand. every regiment and battery in at Gettysburg with over one thousand commissioned officers, forty-seven of them Generals commanding, each of

whom explained, not only the movements of his own command, but frequently those of his adversary, pargave tham an admirable opportunity for observation. And here allow me to observe is an important and unbiased element, witnesses of the scene, whose voice must eventually be heard in this controversy, which before arriving at a just verdict, should harmonize with the statements of Confederate officers. will add that during a visit of a large number of officers to Gettysburg, a special consultation was held at this point. Among those present were Gen. Webb, (the present President of the College of New York) who commanded at that part of the line; Gen. Hunt, artillery comfighting on foot with his pistol, and The uplands of Duplin are generally also intelligent officers from nearly every regiment in that vicinity Without question it was understood that the portion of the line broken was from an angle south or short distance along the advance which had been attacked by the left of Pickett's and the right of Pettigrew's and Trimble's divisions Here the struggle lasted long est, the troops at the right and from this portion of line being gradually swept away by flank attacks, which, with an advance of Webb's reserve regiment, finally converged upon this point. In corroboration of this I hold a letter written by General Webb to his wife, two days after the battle, which says, Longstreet was in my front with

Pickett's division and two brigades from some other division. Armistead, Dick Garnett and Pettigrew commanded. Gen. Armistead (an old army officer) led his men. came over my fence, and passed me with four of his men. He fell mortally wounded. I got hit, a shot grazing my thigh." His Surprise.

| Tarbore Southerner.]

He was just in from Conetge on clothes and stuck in his hair. A lady from St. James Street swept gracefully by with some yards of train trailing behind. Herself represented the short side of a right angle triangle. Jones' eyes opened wide and wider as he peered through the dust at the singular though beautiful

What in the name of all the coons in Conetoe is that thing behind?" he gasped. "That is a Tarboro' belle decked in

the glories of the latest fashion." "What's that behind?"

"Oy, that's a train." "Is thar any kaars in it?"

"No, that's a part of her dress." "Well, I'll be durned of that ouldn't make a coat for my ole oman, Sal, Suke an' the twins, with enough left to make me a neckchoker." We passed.

City Carolinian: Col. W. B. Rogers, President of the Dismal Swamp Canal Company, has favored us with the annual report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1877. We have read it with interest. We see that 1,115 engers both ways reached 2,988. are called on to chronicle the death of another of our old citizens, Mr. Nathan Over-

denly on Monday evening. —Lieut.

Walter Walton, for some time stationed here as Assistant Inspector of Life Saving Stations, has been appointed acting Superintendent in place of Capt. Guthrie deceased. — A fog bell has been placed on the north side of the keeper's dwelling at Croatan Light House. During foggy weather the bell strikes at intervals of fifteen seconds. — Beaufort items: The comple-tion of the Washington & Jamesville Railtion of the Washington & Jamesville Railroad has already given an impetus to
husiness. — The dredging machine is
still at work at Washington, and the harbor
is being improved by the deepening of the
channel over the bar. — Bertie item:
Mr. R. J. Spruill was knocked down in the
streets of Colerain, in Bertie county, one
night last week, and was robbed of between
eighty and one hundred dollars in currency.
Suspicion led to the arrest of two gentleon led to the arrest of two gentl Suspicion led to the arrest of two gentlemen of color, who are now awaiting trial. Perquimans county item: The prospect is distressing. There isn't enough corn in the county to bread the people. — Hartford county items: W. P. Shaw, Mayor of Winton, has tendered his resignation, having been elected one of the Judges of the Inferior Court. — The name of Hill's Ferry, on the Meherin river, has been changed to Mapleton.

- An accident occurred on the Asylum road yesterday by which Mr. Andrew Green, of this city, was very serious-

- Raleigh News: Tiny Pool, wife of Jack Pool, living in the northeastern part of the city, near the Raleigh & Gaston railroad, attempted to commit suicide yes-terday by swallowing about an ounce of audanum. - A number of speimens of ceived by the Department of Agriculture yesterday. These marbles were sent by Professor C. D. Smith, of Franklin, Macon county, N. C., and are of remarkable beauty of color. — Lieutenant E. E. Gayle, of the Second Artillery, U. S. A., is in the

- Oxford Orphan's Friend: We have now at Oxford more children from Buncombe than from any other county, and we hope some day to return them as good and useful citizens. We are still ready to do the best we can for all the or-phans of our State. — Several orphans will be discharged to-day, others will follow soon. — Mr. James H. Horner, the fa-mous teacher, has written an English brief and accurate. Such a grammar is very much needed in our schools, and we hands of a printer.

- Charlotte Observer: A great chicken dispute commenced at Chester, S. C., yesterday, between twenty-one cocks cocks. A telegram received here vesterday afternoon stated that ten pairs were matched yesterday and that Charlotte won eight to Chester's two. The stakes were \$25 on each fight. The contest will be renewed to-day, when Charlotte will undoubtedly whip the main, upon which, tral Hotel yesterday and last night. The Charlotte Blues, the colored military company of this city, had their festival las

- Raleigh News: On vesterday sheriff of Wayne county telegraphed to the Governor, stating that fears were entertained that an attempt would be made who is sentenced to be hanged to-day, at Goldsboro, and that in view of such attempt being made he requested that the company of State Guards in that city be ordered to aid the civil authorities in the prevention or suppression of such violence. In compliance with this requisition the Governor at once placed Co. "D," First Regiment N. C. S. G., at the disposal of the Sheriff. The company was put on duty last night and will be under arms until the

ution shall have taken place.

Raleigh Observer: John Henry Boner, Esq., who has been for some tim in Washington City, has been elected Pre-sident of the Columbia Typographical Union. He received 322 out of 521 votes cast. — The Vance Guards, a new colored military organization, made their first -The Vance Guards, a new celmade a very creditable appearance in their neat, new uniforms of blue, —Married, at the first Colored Baptist Church last evening, by Rev. J. J. Worlds, Louis Benbury and Martha Hawkins, both colored The occasion drew together quite a large audience, as both were exceedingly popu-lar with their white friends. — His many friends in this, his native State, will regret to learn that the Right Rev. W. M. Green, Episcopal Bishop of Mississippi, is in ill health, and for the present has abandoned church work. ——Col. Waddell, of North Carolina, writes the best verses in Congress, says the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle and Sentinal

- Tarboro Southerner: We have some additional particulars of the storm feet above the ordinary water mark-10 feet in one night. A bar room from near Weldon lodged near Williamston. Mr. John Watts, of Martin, was compelled to take his horses and mules into his house to only one out of a herd of fifty cattle. Near ly every one owning lands near the river lost his hogs. Deer would cluster on the little islands made by the flood and were little islands made by the flood and were ruthlessly destroyed by parties in boats. Our correspondent saw one boat that contained eight deer. — In Hyde county the roads are yet impassable and corn is gathered in canoes. It is feared poor peo-ple will be compelled to move out into the potato crop, in all the lower country, is de-stroyed. — We regret to learn that Capt. James R. Thigpen lost his elegant gin house and corn mill, on his Penny Hill farm, by fire on Tuesday. It was the finest and most in the State. The fire was accidental. Loss in cotton, building and machinery, three thousand dollars. Insurance, \$1,000 in Pam lico and \$1,000 in the North Carolina Hom lico and \$1,000 in the North Carolina Home.
Joseph S. Lane, of Pamlico county, also lost his gin house, wheat, corn, &c., by fire on Monday. — Thirty Ivanhoes, Brian de Bois Gilberts, and Front de Boeufs will meunt their Rosinantes and poke long sticks through suspended rings in Washington during the Christmas holidays.

There was a nig in Tarb'ro town—
His name was Dan'l Hooker,
He got mad with his Dinah dear,
And hit her with the poker.
She claw'd him with her little nails And chawed his ear amazin'-

Then both went to town treasury.

And five dollars each they pay in.

This issue of the Tarboro Southerner contains nothing that was not written expressly for its columns. We do not claim this as an improvement, but merely state the fact.