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EXPLOSIVES-FORT FISHER.

Gunpowder was first matured by Friar Schartz, although first hinted by Friar Bacon, according to the London Quarterly. We had thought that the Chinese had long before this discovered gunpowder. In 1807, Rev. Mr. Forsythe, an Eaglish elergyman, discovered the percussion cap. In 1838 Pelouze discovered an explosive by steeping cotton in nitric and sulphuric acid., In 1846, Schonbein made a practical application of the discovervy of Pelouze. In 1847, Sobrero discovered nitro-glycerine. Pelouze was a Frenchman, and Sobrero was an Italian. Mr. Alfred Nobel, a Swiss, is considered the greatest inventor and maker of all blasting agents. He has improved upon many discoveries and made some important ones. He took nitro-glycerine already discovered and began to use it for an explosive. This was 1865. He had his factory blown up by it. A great many serious accidents occurred in many parts of the world by this new and wondrous agent; Nobel gave up its manufacture and began to look around for a substitute. He found an absorbent in a certain kind of earth to be found in Hanover, New Jersey and in Scotland. It will take up three times its weight of nitro glycerine, while looking like a powder. It is a kind of "silicious earth composed of the remains of infusorial insects." Mr. Nobel thus was able to discover dynamite, the most powerful of all explosives ex-

We read an article on "Explosives' in the July number of the London Quarterly on the Fourth and we noted a few points. We find reference to the ingenious effort of Gen. Ben Butler to blow up Fort Fisher and how be failed. He caused 210 tons of gun powder to be placed in the bottom of the ship "Louisiana" and the vessel to be rigged as a blockate runner. The blockading armada was sent twelve miles out and the disgnised Louisiana approached the Fort. 'The Confederates were deceived. When the vessel was clos under the Fort the powder was expleded and no damage was done to Fisher. The Review says:

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also discovered by Mr. Nobel.

"Upon that memorable night, several clerks, connected with an english firm engaged in the blockading business, happened to be sleeping at Wilmington. The distance of the house in which they slept from the exploding vessel was from ten to eleven miles, and so frightful was the concussion, that every one in the house, and, it might be added, in all its neighbours, woke up under the impression that a mine had been under the impression that a mine had been sprung within the grimy little town of Wilmington itself. The failure of the largest volume of gunpowder ever exploded in one mass to do as much damage as was expected, admits of easy explanation. The thin deck of the Louisiana burst upwards instantaneously, and allowed the whole firery mass to rush harmlesely into the air. Had it been possible for General Butler to exploded his gunpowder laterally, by placing enormous weights upon the Louisiana's deck, a very different result might have been attained. Anyhow, the explosion close under an overhanging cliff of 210 tons close under an overhanging cliff of 210 tons of dynamite, or still better, of blasting gelatine, would, if directed by an expert, probably have chipped off a rood or two from the ribs of North Carolina."

ABOUT CLOTHING.

Prof. Barstow has been giving advice concerning the clothing one should wear. He thinks that the same clothing should be worn the year round. That is to say, you should wear heavy under garments of flannel and light upper clothing, and never change. You will sometimes suffer from discomfort, but the days will not be very many. He says that the weather will coincide with his clothing at least three times as often as the wisest meteorologist can possibly induce his clothing to coincide with the weather. This will do for the North, but how about in- serious question.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1883.

4TH OF JULY

aylug the Corner Stone of Pender's Large Crowd Present-Address of H. Rusbee, of Raleigh-The Hall, de, de.

On Wednesday last, July 4th, the peo-ple of Pender county, the daughter of New anover, laid the corner stone of the new Court House for the county at Burgaw, For days—we may say weeks—the generous, big hearted people of Pender had been preparing for the event, determined that it should long be remembered in the annals of the county; and whatever they undertake they generally perform. But it is not always plain sailing even with those who are isually widest awake and make, the most careful preparation, for it is man that procoses and God who disposes. Instead of the bright, sunny morning that had been so carnestly looked for and so ardently desired, dark threatening clouds overcast the sky and rain commenced falling. Notwithstanding this fact, however, crowds. aced pouring in from all parts of Pender and New Hanever, and some of the adjoining counties belped to swell the crowd. It is needless to say, though, that the attendance would have been much larger if the weather had been favorable. As it was the crowd present was estimated at from fifteen hundred to two thousand. The procession was formed at 11.30 b'clock under Chief Marshal W. T. Ennett and his assistants, in the following order: The Wilmington Cornet Concert Club; citizens of Pender and other counties; officers of the town of Burgaw; officers of the county

of Pender; King Solomon Lodge No. 138, F. & A. M.; carriage with Oraton and Chaplain. The column marched to the site of the proposed Court House, about two hundred yards to the east of the railroad track and south of the main-street. The corner stone was laid by the Masonic Grand Lodge of North Carolina, H. H. Munson, Esq., of this city, being the Acting Grand Master. The ceremonies were in augurated with prayer by Rev. Colin-Shaw, Chaplain, which was followed by the testing of the stone by Acting Deputy Grand Master J. T. Bland, Acting Senior Grand Warden J. R. Moore and Acting Junior Grand Warden - Smith; and next came the depositing of articles in the box to be placed in the corner stone, Capt. Swift Galloway, Acting Grand Treas urer, attending to this part of the ceremony. The deposits were very numerous, and we could only procure a partial list, that made by King Solomon's Lodge, of Burgaw, not being procurable, The list furnished is as follows: The Act creating the county of Pender; the Act locating the county site and permanent seat of justice of Pender county; vote of the county locating the county site; list of county officers, including the Judge and olicitor of Third Judicial District; member of Congress from the Third Congress ional District, and members of the Legislature; the Act incorporating the town of Burgaw; list of officers of the town of Burgaw and census of the same, and names of the hotels and attorneys-at-law; county seal; the names of the builders, layer of first brick and makers; \$500 Confederate note; one German mark, containing-likeness of the Emperor of Germany; one piece of German money, 1768, Hamburg coin, and one coin each' of England, Italy, Prussia, Norway, Russia, Nova Scotia, Sweden, Denmark, France, and Belgium, and several other foreign coins; U. S. five cent piece (new issue); copy of THE MORN-ING STAR of July 4th, 1883; copy of Review of July 3rd; piece of music by Wilmington Cornet Concert Club; list of charter members of Clinton & Point Caswell Railroad;

and Messenger of June 29th, 1883. The ceremonies here being concluded, the procession was re-formed and took up its line of march to the speaker's stand, in front of which, under an impromptu ar bor, were placed a large number of seats, Reaching the spot the stand was occupied by the speaker, the Masonic fraternity and inent visitors. After music by the and, and prayer by Rev. Golin Shaw, Dr. W. T. Ennett, Chief Marshal, gracefully announced that Major C. W. McClummy, "our McClammy," would introduce orator of the occasion. This he did yery andsomely and beautifully, and Mr. F.H. Busbee, of Raleigh, then proceeded to deliver an address which elicited the warmest praise from all who heard it, and which abounded in important historical references. o. It was reasonable of the province of the course of his remarks, reiterated his views—so boldly and clearly expressed in a former address of a similar nature—in regard to the many improvements in the manner of conducting business in our courts of justice. In the information relative to the Masonic order, course of his speech he also paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Gen. Pender, after whom the county of Pender was named He was approaching the conclusion of hisremarks, which were being listened to with great attention and interest, when from a dark and portentious cloud that had been looming up in the southeast there suddenly burst forth a heavy shower of rain, which speedily brought the proceedings to a close, At the proper time the large crowd were invited to the feast which had been pre-

list of Commissioners of the town of Point

Caswell; a Webster's elementary spelling

book; a copy of the Goldsboro Transcript

At a meeting of the Georgia Pacific Rail-road directors, yesterday, Maj. John W. Johnston was elected President, to succeed Gen. Gordon, who resigned.

WASHINGTON.

ourt Martial of Naval Commander Mullan-The Exportation of Bonded Whiskey-Resignation of the U.S. marshal for South Carolina-Suicide of Pestmasters-The Postompe Despartment and the Lotteries.

Washington, July 5.—The Court Martial which tried Commander Mullan for losing the U. S. steamer Ashuelot, in Chinese waters, has sentenced him to dismissal from service. The finding and sentence of the court have reached the Navy Department, but have not yet been acted upon finally. The charges preferred against Commander Mullan were drunkenness on duty, neglect of duty, and unnecessarily hazarding the safety of the yessel. The order of dismissal has already been promulgated by Rear Admiral Crosby, commanding the Asiatic station, and Commander Mullan has been detached and ordered home. This action is irregular, and therefore does not affect the case, and he will not be dismissed until the sentence is approved by the President.

The Attorney General has given an opinion to the Secretary of the Treasury that the exportation of bonded, whiskey to Bermuda, with a view to its reimporeation, for the purpose of evading or delaying the payment of the tax, is not an exportation within the meaning of the law.

Absalom Blythe, U. S. Marshal for South Carolina, has tendered his resignation.

The Postoffice Department has been notified that Charles E. Eggleston, postmaster, and Frank E. Eggleston, postmaster, and Frank E. Eggleston, assistant postmaster, at Salmon Falls, Idaho, have both committed suicide.

Postmaster General Gresham to day began the hearing of arguments on the relations of the lottery business, as carried on in New Orleans and Louisville, to the postal service. Col. Moulton, counsel for the Louisiana Lottery, spoke for three hours. He was sometimes interrupted and cross-examined by the Postmaster General, whose remarks and interrogatories indicated that his opinion is that both of these institutions should be upon the same footing—alike permitted to use the mails or to be exclu-

should be upon the same footing—alike permitted to use the mails or to be excluded therefrom. He expressed the opinion that the legalization of one lottery by the Louisiana legislature did not lessen the responsibility of the United States govern-

Reported Revenue Selzure in North Carolina-Indian Affairs-Cadet Engineers and the U. S. Navy Depart-

WASHINGTON, July 6.-The following ispatch was received at the Internal Reve nue Bureau to day from Collector I. J. Young, of the Raleigh, (N. C.) District.: Deputy Sorrel seized two horses, a wagon and one hundred gallons of blokcade whiskey in Stanly county. Two men-T. C. Hutchins and Giles Hutchins-with the wagon, in default of bail were lodged in

Secretary Lincoln, accompanied by Gen Crook called at Department of the Interio this afternoon and held a long conference with Secretary Teller in regard to the disposition of the Apache captives. At the conclusion of the conference Secretary Teller informed a representative of the Associated Press that he had decided no receive the captives on San Carlos reserva tion and be responsible for their good be havior, but that a proposition was made to turn over to the War Department police control of the war Department police control of the reservation, and hold that Department responsible for the good be-havior of the Indians; leaving the agent responsible only for financial matters pertaining to the agency. After discussin cided to leave the matter in abeyance for the present. Another conference will be held for the purpose of deciding the ques-

As a result of a conference with Secre targ Teller and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to-day, Chief Moses virtually agreed to surrender his entire reservation in Wash ington territory, and settle with his people on Colville reservation adjoining it. It is expected that the contemplated agreement will result in throwing open for settlement about 2,000,000 acres of land.

After leaving the Interior Department, Secretary Lincoln and Gen. Crook proceeded to the Executive Mansion, where they met the President, who had just come in from the Soldiers' Home. The situation at San Carlos Indian Agency was thoroughly discussed. A disposition to avoid a hasty conclusion was shown and no plan wa lefinitely agreed upon. In answer to in quiry from a reporter, Secretary Lincoln said there was no probability of a disagree ment between the War and Interior de partments upon this question. "Heads of Departments do not disagree," said he, "when they are striving for a common object—the peaceful solution of an interior question of this kind." The Secretary thought that the plan would be decided upon within a day or two, meanwhile Gen. Crook will remain in Washington. The cadet engineers of the class of 1881, who have been notified of their dismissa

from the navy under the provisions of the act of May 5, 1882, have refused to accept their discharge and a year's pay tendered with it. It will be remembered that the Court of Claims decided that this act had no application whatever to these young men, while the Secretary of the Navy de cided directly to the contrary. In commu-nications addressed to the department the cadets state that they feel bound to respec the decision of the court, and believe the their discharge is without authority of law and hence null and void. They will, there fore, continue to report for duty from time fore, continue to report for duty from time to time, and sue for their pay as it accrues. It is understood that while the Secretary is opposed to the idea that he can be constrained by courts in regard to what he regards as a purely administrative question he will not oppose, and will perhaps favor the restoration of these young men to the service by legislation at the next session of

The Treasury Department has de board July 1st, and not having been en-tered prior to that date, are dutiable under the old tariff act.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Press Association Attending Banquets at Asheville and Warm Srings. Asheville, N. C., July 7.—The North Carolina Press Association, comprising eighty members, held its eleventh annual Convention at White Sulphur Springs, Haywood county, on the 4th inst. By invitation, the South Carolina Press Association, forty members, joined them as guests here yesterday. In the afternoon the two associations were handsomely entertained by Richmond Pearson, Esq., and at night attended a banquet given by the Board of Trade of Asheville. Among the speakers was Senator Vance. After the banquet they attended a ball at the Swanannoa Hotel. The two associations, have gone to Warm Springs to attend a banquet tendered them.

The State alms house at Bridgewater, Mass., was burned yesterday. There were 300 inmates, all of whom were removed

Reception of the Cadets of the Virginia Military Institute—They are Address ed by President Arthur, who Presents Piplomas to the Graduating Class-Ceremonies of Returning the Captured Flag.

[By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

New York, July 4.—The cadets of the Military Institute of Virginia, under command of Col. Scott Ship, marched shortly after 9 o'clock this morning from the ly after 9 o'clock this morning from the 60th Regiment armory to Fifth Avenue Hotel, where, after stacking arms in the corridor, they entered one of the reception rooms, where President Arthur awaited them. Addressing the Cadet corps, he said: "Gentlemen of the corps of Cadets, I am glad that your visit to this city, upon an errand of peace and good will, which has turned your steps hitherward, affords me the opportunity and pleasure of presenting these diplomas to the members of your graduating class. I regret that other engagements will prevent my presence at the City Hall, where you propose to discharge your interesting mission, but I wish here to express my hope and confidence that henceforth, whenever the flag of a New York regiment shall be assailed, if the gallant soldiers of Virginia are by, they will will be prompt and eager to defend it." The President then presented the diplomas to the graduates.

The Cadets then marched to the City Hall, where they were received by the Corcoran Legion, and escorted to the Governor's room. There were present Mayor Edson, Gen. Horatio C. King, Gen. Martin T. McMahon, Gen. Delacy, Major Moynhan, Congressman Murphy, Adj't Gen. Farnsworth, members of the Board of Aldermen, and twenty five veterans of the 164th Regiment. Gen. F. H. Smith, Superintendent of the Military Institute, handed the flag to Col. Minetree, with a few words explanatory of the purpose of the Cadets. Col. Minetree in turn gave the captured flag to Col. C. E. Portlock, who made the presentation speech. Mayor Edson, on behalf of the City of New York, received the flag, and responded to Col. Portlock's speech.

Brief speeches were also made by Gen'ls King, Farnsworth and Delacy. After the presentation the Cadets partook of a collation in one of the ante-rooms of the Common Council.

mon Council. CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

at Evansville - St. Paul's Opera House Burned-A Train Wrecked on the Air-Line Railroad. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

CAIRO, ILLS., July 6.—Nelson Howard, blored, who killed John Kane on the 4th ist, at Mound City, was taken out of jail by a mob and hung at 2 o'clock this morn

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., July 6 .- A special patch says that a disastrous fire occurre in Evansville, in this State, in which twenty-six buildings were destroyed. Los

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 6 .- A fire occur red in the green room of Wood's Opera House here, at midnight. The building was entirely destroyed. Loss, \$150,000. Washington, July 6.—The following telegram was received to-day from Atlanta, Ga., by the General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service: "Flag Train No. 53, Charlotte & Atlanta Air Line, leaving Atlanta yesterday morning, was wrecked near Central, North Carolina. Postal Clerks Hill and Myers were painfully injured. The mails were recovered.

FOREIGN.

The Count De Chambord and the Orleans Princes-Irish Affairs, &c. (By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Vienna, July 7.—The Count de Chambord saw the Orleans Princes to-day, not withstanding the advice of his physi cians not to see visitors. The patient rose in his bed and kissed the Count de Paris The Princes, in leving the room of the sick man, displayed great emotion. They will return to Vienna. The Count de Chambord passed a quiet night and ex-perienced little suffering. He is very weak this morning, however.

DUBLIN, July 7.—Twelve bishops, in cluding Cardinal McCabe and Archbishop Croke, were absent from the meeting of the Catholic hierarchy here yesterday, which adopted the resolutions denouncing Stateaid emigration and favoring the cultivation of tracts of land in Ireland, which could maintain the surplus population.

Sydney, N. S. W., July 7.—There is no foundation for the statement that the French flag has been hoisted on the New Hebrides Islands by a French gunboat,

VERMONT.

The Miners' Strike at Ely.

ELY, July 7.—Four companies of State troops arrived here early this morning and found the streets deserted, the riotous mi ners not expecting them. Gov. Barstow and other State officials accompanied the troops. Eleven of the ringleaders were arrested, and no resistance was made. They will probably be taken to Chelsea this afternoon. Much sympathy is expressed for the miners. Some families are on the verge of stargetion. verge of starvation. Some women, with children in their arms, have appealed to the troops for assistance. Money has been raised to relieve their immediate wants. \$2,000 next week, and the balance—\$15,-500—as soon as the ore new in process of refinement can be put through and shipped. A large portion of the troops will probably return to night, as it is thought the danger in order.

MINNESOTA.

The Recent Fire at Evansville. MINNEAPOLIS, July 7.—A special from Evansville says that the loss by the fire which broke out Tuesday night in the rooms of the Bank of Evansville, a two-story frame structure, is \$150,000. Twenty-six buildings, including the postoffice, the bank of Evansville, market house, and the Weeldy Enterprise building were burned. The fire apparatus was not obtainable. The entire mails were saved. Officials of the Manitoba Radroad issued instructions to the conductor of a freight train from Alexandria, to run wild to Evansville and give any assistance desired. The train arrived as the fire was getting hold of the lumber yards and one of the elevators had already caught. The engine and tender were put into requisition and after much effort the fiames in that quarter were spiduled. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

—Wilson Advance: Mr. M. Forbes, who lives on Dr. Pearson's plantation, in Green county, was accidentally shot through the thigh on Wednesday night. The wound is dangerous.

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cept a sewing machine.

— Mt. Airy News: Mt. Airy no has 19 stores—18 dry goods, 2 grocery at notion; 1 drug and 2 millinery stores.—A very destructive hall storm passed on the upper edge of Burry county last were destroying thousands of tobacco plan and doing great damage to corn, veget bles, &c.

— We will pay 25 cents each for a complete list of all of the brass bands in the State. Catawba county is credited with five. We suppose there are at least seventy-five in the State. Ten years of more ago Capt. James Barron Hope called our attention to the fact that North Carolling. ina was much given to tooting

- Weldon News: We learn tha ested in the Portis gold mine, situate this and Mash counties and will at our gin to develop it to its fullest cap.

The protracted meeting which been in progress at the Baptist Charthe past two weeks, closed on Su. The result was twelve baptisms.

- Raleigh Visitor: We tho once that the country west of Asheville sparsely settled, people poor and almost youd the bounds of civilization. Sue not the case. We saw on routs here, all Pigeon River Valley, hundreds of field wheat, oats and rye in shocks and tellurvested, besides hundreds of fields of a the boat.

himself twelve in all. It is said their com-bined weight is 2,400 pounds. — We are reliably informed that a man in Yad-kin township in this county, Mr. Wm. Newsom, with one horse raised last year 3,000 pounds of tobacco, for which he has refused \$20 per hundred; 105 barrels of corn and made 33,000 brick. — Miss — Scales, of Surry, was thrown from her buggy while returning from the picnic at Stokesburg last Saturday and had her leg broken, besides receiving other injuries. We regret to learn that the physician regards her condition as very serious.

- Monroe Enquirer-Express: The blackberry crop is immense. Apples a peaches are of very poor quality. Cotton and corn were never known to grow faste and corn were never known to grow faster than they are now. The prospect is encouraging. — Catawba county has five bras bands. — When young girl graduates at our colleges come forth as Bachelors of Arts, manœuvring widows and managing mothers are surely entitled to rank as Masters of Arts. — The Monroe Light Infantry were out yesterday for the fitting observance of the 4th of July. They went to the woods early in the day where went to the woods early in the day, where they indulged in target shooting and minic warfare. Mr. M. Lee Stevens was the sucessful contestant for the silver cup.

- Tarboro Southerner: From present indications there will be good crops in Edgecombe this year. — Dr. Julian M. Baker informs us that the wound received by Miss Lucy Hargrove, from the accidental discharge of a pistol last week, does not prove dangerous. — Was there a duel at Nash's store Thursday. — Ex-Sheriff Cobb says he will bet barbecue and trimmings that Stephen Crisp and Jimmie Cor-oit, in Barterfield, have the prettiest crops in the county. They are both yo who ten years ago worked for wa hey have nice farms and are \$5,000 ahead. They make their own meat and bread.

— Capt. David Pender says Dr. S. S.
Satchwell had the best appointed hospital
in the Southern Confederacy.

- Oxford Orphans' Friend: Rev. John Calvin McNair, of Robeson county, North Carolina, by his will made in 1858 directed that after the death of his mother he proceeds of the sale of his land and personal property should be paid over to the trustees of the University of North Car-olina to be invested, and that the interest thereon should be used to employ some able scientific man, a member of one of the evangelical denominations, to deliver at the of which shall be to show the mutua bearing of science and theology upon each other, and to prove the existence and attributes of God from nature; the lectures to be published. The bequest is supposed to be worth about \$10,000, and by the recent death of Mrs. McNair passes into he hands of the trustees for the

- Fayetteville Observer; Last Monday a negro named Bill McDaniel, in Cedar Creek township, was arrested on the charge of having attempted to commit a horrible and nameless outrage upon the person of a little white girl aged four or five years, the daughter of Mr. Bunce Hair, of that township. In default of ball the negro was committed to jail. We learn that the evidence is very strong against him. — A few days ago Mr. W. B. Jackson, of Cedar Creek township, in this county, accompanied by his wife and her county, accompanied by his wife and her sister, went to Wheeler's pond to lish. While the three were out on the water in a boat, Jackson was seized with a fit and fell overboard, carrying down the only pade in the boat. Mrs. Jackson and her sis reached the shore with much difficulty and gave the alarm, though of course it was too late to be of any avail.

- Raleigh News-Observer: The State Teachers' Association meets at Chapel Hill to-morrow. Gov. Jarvis is expected to make a speech before the Association to-morrow evening. The attendance will be large. — The arms held by the Rockingham Guards, of Leaksville, are daily expected at the State arsenal. — North Carolina is certainly having a railroad boom. In progress of building are the following roads: Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley; from the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad to Warrenton; from Richmond, Va., to Ridge-way; from Trenton to Core Creek with Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad; North Georgia Railroad, through Macon county. This is a total of seven. -- The Re Light Infantry having ceased to exist, its equipments have been returned to the arsenal from Weldon. ——The arms issued to the Guilford Grays, of Greensboro, have The Hamilton Guards, of Martin county, have reorganized, and will soon be in good condition, it is reported.

nave reorganized, and will soon be in good condition, it is reported.

— Raleigh Recorder: We learn that Rev. T. G. Wood, of Winton, has accepted a call to the church in Salem, Va. Bro. Wood is dearly loved by his brethren in North Carolina, — Rev. J. L. Whits writes us from Weldon: "The Lord has remembered Ziom. Eight have professed Christ and eight joined the church. — The church in Goldsboro has painted and improved the parsonage property, while the ladies are at work to add yet more to the comfort of the pastor's family. — A Baptist brother West, who has become alarmed at the progress of the Methodiats in this section, wants more "doctrine" in the Riue Ridge Baptist. He preaches to 700 brethren and sisters who never read any paper. — There are in the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, one hundred and fifty children. About forty of these orphans are from Baptist families. Some of them were never in a school of any sort in their lives before they were taken to Oxford. Bro. Mills informs us that he will have to send a number of the children away unless larger contributions are made to the support of the Asylum.

which the farmers have had to contend.

dia and Southern latitudes generally? In Wilmington and in the cities generally south of us it is almost as hot at 5 o'clock A. M. as it is at 3 o'clock P. M., so the changes are not sudden in the summer time. The Professor always carries his umbrella. He must be an Englishman. When he carried it only when it looked like rain he was caught 64 times. We carry ours 300 days in the year, and then get caught now and then.

A NOBLE AMERICAN. The New York Sun pokes a good deal of ridicule at Mr. George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia Ledger. Mr. Dana is a finer scholar and an abler man than Mr. Childs is, but here is not an editor worth the name who would not rather be the latter. He is one of the best hearted of men, and his charity is beautiful to behold. As is his wont, he gave the newsboys of Philadelphia a dinner at Belmont on the Fourth, all expenses being paid by him. The Times says:

"At the dinner last year seven hundred and fifty little creatures sat down to the spread. It was the largest number of distinctively newspaper guests that Mr. Childs ever had in all his years of dinner giving. Yesterday, however, surpassed that number by just thirty-two. A special train to convey the company to Belmont had been provided."

Angels denight to look down upon such exquisite benevolence as this. We can but epvy the kindly man, who has so much prospered in his munificent charities and perennial be-

"He hath a tear for pity, and a hand Open as day for melting charity."

The able literary critic of the New York Times is too loyal to culture and conscience to be allured into puffing of Tourgee's books. He writes without remembering that the ex-carpet bagger is a soldier of fortune who has one mission-to get all he can. It says of his last novel-

"Hot Ploughshares:" "It was certainly an ambitious idea that stirred Mr. Tourgee, and one not lacking in originality, to attempt to put recent history into the novel form without making a conventional historical novel. As such he ympathetic treatment. None the he artistic side, is a little beyond hi th. The preceding novels of the six Hot Ploughshares is to form the first for 'Hot Ploughshares' is to form the of a completed half dozen, though we last—are more in the nature of po pamphlets enlarged and cast, without great skill, in the form of a novel. Their weakest point is construction; they fail in plots. Their next weakness is, in most cases, undue length. 'Hot Ploughshares' suffers from both these defects, and yet, taken all in all, is the most carefully written, the best of the six. In other words,

Mr. Tourgee has been learning to write," The University of Virginia since 1869 has received \$445,000 in gifts and bequests. Mr. Samuel Miller, of Lynchburg, gave \$100,000 and Mr. Corcoran, of Washington, \$106,-000. Some of the other benefactors were W. H. Vanderbilt, of New York, \$25,000; Leander J. McCormick, of Chicago, a \$50,000 refracting telescope, and \$18,000 to build an observatory; and the late Lewis Brooks, of Rochester, New York, \$68,000 40 build and equip a Museum of Natural History and Geo-

The New York World had the impudence to send a reporter to interview Gen. Grant relative to the scan dal about his son-in-law and one Mrs. Bush. The Norfolk Landmark puts it in a way that will meet with

general indorsement. It says: "The reporter here shows his utter lack of respect for the common decencies of life, and if Gen. Grant had acted on Franklin's maxim and replied to this 'freedom of the press' with 'the freedom of the clidgel' he would have set a good example."

The conference of Anti-Monoplists held at . Chicago numbered two hundred and fifty delegates. These represented fourteen States and one Territory. The fun of the meeting consisted in the delegates not being able to agree as to what constituted a mon nopoly. The New Englanders did not regard a high tariff as a monopo ly. And so they go. The ignorance concerning the tariff is dense.

Cottom Bloom-The Crops, &c. From Mr. Jabesh Frink, of Shallotte Township, Brunswick county, we have a cotton bloom plucked from a ten-acre field on the 30th ult., at which time there were plenty of others. Having announced the first bloom of the season received in Wilmington, we now give the second which has come to us, which will wind up the cotton bloom business for the season. Mr. Frink represents the crops as good considering the amount of rain and grass with

A gentleman from Columbus county represents the crops there as very fine, but says the grass and lack of labor are very. material drawbacks. The scarcity of labor in some localities is getting to be a very

he way of feeding were made in anticipaon of the presence of four or five thousand cople. And the repast was as good in nality as it was ample in quantity, as our ender friends never do anything by halves.

The first ground for the erection of the ew Court House was broken on Tuesday orning, July 3d, Mr. G. W. Corbett, a ember of the Board of County Commissioners, throwing the first shovelfull of dirt, all the citizens of Pender present fol-lowing with a shovelfull, when three cheers were given for Pender county Court House. The contract for erecting the building was awarded to Mesers. Ellington, Royster, Allen & Co., of Raleigh. It will be of brick made on the ground, and in dimensions will be 76 by 44 feet, and the court room proper will have 19 feet pitch. There will be a tower in front 80 feet bigh, or 36 feet above the roof. The roof and tower will be slated. There will building, with a door on each side, and

the rooms of the Superior Court Clerk and Register of Deeds will be supplied with vaults. It will be of no particular style of architecture, but a combination of the old Doric with the modern It is expected to have the building com pleted in time for the December term of the Superior Court. Mr. Jacob S. Allen, one of the contractors, will have immediate outrol of the work. The Court House

will cost \$10,000, and will be very credita-ble to the county.

The inscriptions on the corner stone were s follows: On the east the words July 4, 1883 A. L. 5883 On the south the Scales of Justice and

Fiat Justitia Runt Colum We understand that a partial contract has been made with Messrs. Ellington Royster, Allen & Co., for the erection of a county jail of the latest improved style, with iron cells, on the same square with the Court House.

The committee upon whom was devolved

the duty of preparing for this important event in the history of Pender consisted of event in the history of Pender consisted of the following gentlemen, to whom much credit is due for the completeness of the same: King Solomon's Lodge No. 138; J. T. Bland, A. D. Bordeaux, R. O. Cowan, J. T. Collins, J. H. Murphy, J. R. Moore, R. T. Rivenbark, J. L. Figford, J. W. Westbrooks. On the part of the citizens: T. J. Armstrong, J. R. Bannermann, R.K. Bryan, D. M. Herring, E. A. Hawes, E.M. Johnston, D. J. Corbett, J. W. Murphy.

There was not as much drunkenness, with the disturbances incident thereto, as might reasonably have been expected with

ight reasonably have been expected with R. A. Hewlett, of this city, contributed to the diversions of the day by feats o wire walking in front of the Academy. Another diversion was caused by a part f young Wilmingtonians driving arroug ets in an ox-cart.

All the citizens threw their doors op The festivities of the day closed with a grand ball at the Academy, which was in full blast when the train left and for some

nder our thanks to Messrs. J. T Bland, J. R. Bannerman, John B. Moore, J. H. Murphy and Jacob S. Allen for courtesies extended.

Brunswick's Champion Rattlesnake S. A. Swain, Esq., writes us from Smith ville that the champion snake of Bruns wick was killed by one of his "dippers" in his turpentine woods, near Davis' Creek on Wednesday of last week. When the man saw the snake he was so impressed with its size and appearance that he shouted and between the three the reptile was despatched. Upon being measured he was found to be between six and saven feet long

found to be between six and seven feet long and about twelve inches in circumference, and had twenty-seven rattles.

This was undoubtedly a large snake, but considerably behind the Pender champion rattlesmake, a portion of the skin of which, without being split, was kept on exhibition in our office for a year or more. It measured sixteen inches in circumference

Drowning of Six Colored People. We learn from a gentleman just arrived here that six colored people, two women and four men, were drowned in the Waccamaw river, at Bellamy's landing, on Saturday morning last, about 10 o'clock. They had started to cross the river on a raft of logs to a protracted meeting, when, there being too many on the raft, it sunk and six out of the eight on the raft were drowned. The accident took place about eight miles from Little River, in South Car-

Foreign Exports. The Norwegian barque Erragon, Capt. Weber, was cleared from this port for Liverpool, yesterday, by Messrs. D. Murchison & Co., with 3,850 barrels of rosin, valued as \$6,186; also the Ho land brig Jantina Korter, Capt. Korter, for Rotterdam, by Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co., with 1,127 casks spirits turpentine

ed at \$18,921. The Norwegian barque Rival, Capt. Jor. gensen, was cleared for Hamburg, Germa-

Murderer Makes a Full Confession of his Crime.

Of his Orime.

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

RICHMOND, July 7.—Charles Henry Lee (colored) who has been twice convicted of the murder of Miller, in Henrico county, in February last, has made a full confession of his crime. He has been living in Miller's house and was supposed to have been criminally intimate with the latter's wife, who is now in jail charged with being accessory to the murder, It was upon this woman's testimony that Lee was convicted. Lee will be hanged on the 3rd of August next.

vided for them, which was spread upon several large tables, and of which there was enough to supply as many more. In fact, we were informed that the preparations in