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JAS. C. McRAE,
Attorney at Law,
Office West end of the Insurance Building,
Hay St., Fayetteville, N. C.
March 26, 1860. 31f

FRENCH STRANGE,
Attorney at Law,
Fayetteville, N. C.
Office that recently occupied by C. G. Wright, Esq., over the one now occupied by him in Dr. Robison's building, Green Street.
Decr 2, 1859. 72-

Wm. McL. McKAY,
Attorney at Law,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
WILL attend the County and Superior Courts of Cumberland, Harnett, Moore and Robeson Counties, of Cumberland, Harnett and Moore. His office will be at his residence, on Green Street, opposite the Episcopal Church.
His correspondents will please address him hereafter at Fayetteville, instead of Summerville.
NELL McKAY.
Jan'y 21, 1860. 85-1f

H. W. HORNE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
MAY be found at the Office of Wm. B. Wright, Esq., near the Court House.
June 30, 1859. 28-1Y

JOSEPH BAKER, JR.,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
HAS taken an office next door to Wm. B. Wright's Law Office on Green Street. He will attend and practice in the County and Superior Courts of Cumberland, Bladen, Robeson and Sampson.
March 23, 1859. 79f

P. J. SINCLAIR,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
WILL practice in the Courts of Robeson, Cumberland, Harnett and Richmond. Prompt attention given to all business entrusted to him.
Feb'y 5, 1859. 86-

A. J. HALE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Asheborough, N. C.
WILL practice his profession in Randolph and the adjoining Counties.
Prompt attention given to all business entrusted to his care.
Jan'y 20, 1860. 85f

A. D. McLEAN,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
SUMMERVILLE, N. C.
WILL attend the Courts of Cumberland, Moore, Johnston and Harnett Counties. PROMPT attention given to the collection of all claims entrusted to his care.
Decr 20, 1859. 78-1y

RORY McNAIR,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
LUMBERTON, N. C.
WILL attend and practice in the County and Superior Courts of Robeson, Richmond and Cumberland. All business entrusted to him will receive prompt attention and collections punctually remitted.
Oct. 6, 1859. 65f

JOHN P. FULLER,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
WILL PRACTICE IN THE COURTS OF Robeson, Cumberland, Columbus and Bladen. Office at Lumberton, Robeson Co., N. C.
July 5, 1859. 29f

R. M. ORRELL,
TURPENTINE INSPECTOR.
THOSE sending their Spirits Turpentine to me may rely upon it to have prompt and careful attention. My warehouses are fronting the wharves and near the river.
Sept 13, 1858. 45f

H. GRAHAM,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
WILL give prompt and personal attention to all consignments of Spirits Turpentine, Resin, Tar and Turpentine, and all country produce for sale.
Office up stairs, over the store of Mr. Yonglahn, adjoining Lutterloh's Wharf, North Water street.
June 23, 1859. 25f

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM,
COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANT,
Wilmington, N. C.
WILL give prompt and personal attention to all consignments, and Cash advances made on Produce to be shipped to other ports or sold in this market.
Feb. 12, 1860. 67f

WILLIAM J. PRICE,
Inspector of Turpentine,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Will attend promptly to all business entrusted to his care.
March 29. 4-1y

C. H. ROBINSON & CO.,
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Consignments and country orders will receive prompt personal attention.
March 17, 1860. 21f

HARRISS & HOWELL,
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Office South Corner Market and Water streets, up-stairs
Oct. 17, 1859. 58-1Ypd

ROBERT H. COWAN,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Office South Corner Market and Water streets, up-stairs
Oct. 13, 1859. 57-1Y

T. C. & B. G. WORTH,
Commission and Forwarding Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
W. H. ALLEN. J. M. CLARE.
Office on North Water St., over H. Yonglahn's Store.
Jan'y 19, 1859. 81-

ALLEN & CLARK,
Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
DEALERS IN LIME, PLASTER, CEMENT, HAIR, &c.
Agents for Rush & Orrell's Line of Steamers. PROMPT personal attention given to consignments of Naval Stores, Cotton or other Country Produce, for sale or shipment.
Jan'y 19, 1859. 81-

Wm. H. TURLINGTON,
Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
WILL give special attention to the sale or shipment of all Naval Stores, Cotton, Flour, Timber, and other country produce.
Refers to: H. R. Savage, Cashier Bank of Cape Fear, Wilmington; Jno. Dawson, Pres't Wilmington Branch Bank of North Carolina; W. H. Jones, Cashier Raleigh Branch Bank of Cape Fear.
Nov 9, 1859. 65-1f

OWEN & YARBROUGH,
HAVE this day entered into Copartnership for the purpose of transacting the
Commission and Forwarding Business,
in all its branches, in Wilmington, and will give prompt personal attention to all business entrusted to their care. Liberal cash advances will be made on Consignments of Country Produce.
Office on North Water St., over H. Yonglahn's Store.
JOHN W. OWEN.
O. S. YARBROUGH.
Wilmington, Oct 20, 1859. 74-

EDWIN H. RANNEY,
General Commission Merchant,
31 South Wharves, between Market & Chestnut Sts.
PHILADELPHIA.
Consignments of Cotton, Naval Stores, Flour, Rice, &c. will always receive his prompt personal attention. Advances will be made only on actual consignments.

LONDON & BRYAN,
Commission Merchants,
No. 32 India Street,
BOSTON.
CONSIGNMENTS AND ORDERS SOLICITED.
REFER TO:
R. P. DEXTER, Esq., H. C. LINDSAY, Cashier, Fayetteville; Geo. E. HARRIS, Raleigh; De. FOSBER, Boston; & Co., Wilmington; WATSON & MEARES, N. Y.; McPIERRELL & GRIFFIN, Norfolk.
March 17, 1860. 1-3mpd

NO MERCHANT
Visiting Baltimore, should fail to examine the extensive stock of
Fancy Goods, Hosiery, Gloves, &c.
offered for sale by
FRED. PIKEY & SONS, 250 Baltimore St.
It is one of the most extensive in this country, and the proprietors are determined to compete with similar stocks in Northern Cities.
March 7. 98-3mos

Floral College.
THE ensuing Session in this Institution will commence on the 24th Wednesday in Jan'y next.
The management and instruction of the Institution will be under the Rev. Daniel Johnson and Mr. John C. Sutherland, with an able Corps of Assistants in all the departments. The Principal and his lady will take entire charge of the Boarding establishment, thus giving to the departments of instruction filled with efficient and experienced teachers.
Our buildings are large, commodious and well furnished with Apparatus, Globes, Maps, &c., situated in a beautiful grove, at a suitable distance apart.
COST, PER SESSION OF TWENTY-ONE WEEKS.
Board, including every thing except candles, \$5 and \$7 English branches, \$10 and \$12 Latin, Greek and advanced Mathematics, \$20 Music, \$20 Painting, in oil, \$10 Contingent fee.
For further particulars address the Principal, (and Catalogues will be sent,) at Jonesville, Yadkin Co., N. C.
Jan'y 20, 1860. 85-8m

JONESVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS,
Male and Female.
Rev. WM. L. VAN EATON, A. M., Principal.
DANIEL CLAY, Assistant.
Miss LUCY J. ARMFIELD, in charge of the Female Department.
Miss ROCINDA J. DOUGHERTY, in charge of the Music Department.
Miss SARAH DOUGHERTY, in charge of the Painting Class.
THE 31st Session of these prosperous and growing Schools opened the 1st Wednesday in January, with all the departments of instruction filled with efficient and experienced teachers.
Our buildings are large, commodious and well furnished with Apparatus, Globes, Maps, &c., situated in a beautiful grove, at a suitable distance apart.
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Jan'y 20, 1860. 85-8m

STATE CAR AND MACHINE WORKS,
ROWAN STREET,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
THE undersigned, having erected buildings suitable for CAR AND MACHINE WORK—also General HOUSE CARPENTRY—would give notice that they are prepared to execute all orders in their line with neatness and dispatch.
We are prepared to do all kinds of SCROLL SAWING and PLANING at short notice. Having a first class Woodworth Planing Machine, we are prepared to Plane, Tongue and Groove all kinds of Flooring and Ceiling on reasonable terms.
Contracts taken for the erection of Buildings, and Jobbing of all kinds executed with neatness and dispatch. Sashes, Doors and Blinds of all descriptions, manufactured equal to anything to be found in the Northern markets.
Plans and specifications furnished and the erection of buildings superintended when desired.
WALTON & BARRY,
Car Builders, Carpenters & Draughtsmen.
Fayetteville, Oct. 3, 1859. 54-1f

SADDLE AND HARNESS FACTORY.
THE subscriber begs leave to return to the public that he has now and will continue to have an increased force of experienced Saddle and Harness Makers, whose work he will warrant and that he is prepared to offer to the public a large and varied assortment of every thing kept in his line. His assortment of Saddles, Harness, Bridles, Trunks, Travelling Bags, Valises, &c., is unsurpassed for workmanship and material, and will compare favorably for neatness with any other Manufactory, either North or South. Persons wanting any thing in his line will do him a favor to call and examine his stock before purchasing, as he is satisfied it will not fail to please them. His establishment will be found five doors East of Cape Fear Bank, on Person Street.
Repairing done with neatness and dispatch.
W. OVERBY,
Fayetteville, N. C., Jan'y 9, 1860. 51-6m
Persons indebted are earnestly requested to call and settle, as I must have money.

To the Interest of Turpentine Distillers.
M. A. BAKER would respectfully inform Turpentine Distillers and others that he is now manufacturing The Improved Turpentine Still.
All orders promptly attended to. Copper work done on the most favorable terms.
Old Copper bought for cash or taken in exchange for new Work. Call and see for yourselves at
Copper Shop, Fayetteville, N. C.
Feb'y 1, 1860. 85f

Turpentine Stills for Sale.
10 barrel, one 15 barrel, one 20 barrel, one 45 barrel; the above Stills all in good order. Will be sold on the most favorable terms, by
M. A. BAKER.
Fayetteville, N. C., Feb'y 1. 85f

Guns! Guns! Guns!!!
M. A. BAKER, Gun & Rifle Manufacturer.
GUNS repaired at the shortest notice and for a small charge.
800 double and single barrel shot Guns for sale low.
1000 Repeating Pistols of all the different makers now in the United States, for sale low.
Call at M. A. BAKER'S and see for yourselves.
Fayetteville, N. C., Feb'y 1. 85f

WILSON'S HARNESS ESTABLISHMENT
Constantly Manufacturing at my Establishment,
EVERY VARIETY OF HARNESS, Saddles, Bridles, Collars, Whips, &c. and Trunks; all kinds of Leather, Calf Skins and Oil Condition Powders, for diseased Horses and Cattle; Coach Trimmings, Carpet Bags, Valises, Saddlery, Hardware, &c. The largest stock in the State, sold wholesale or retail, at the lowest New York prices. Harness and Saddles repaired.
JAMES WILSON,
No. 5 Market St., Wilmington, N. C., near the Wharf.
Oct. 13, 1859. 59-1Ypd.

NORTH CAROLINA FOUNDRY AND MACHINE WORKS!
FRERCKS & RAEDER,
SUCCESSORS TO N. BOYDEN & SON,
WILL CONTINUE to manufacture and keep on hand all
Agricultural Implements
Made heretofore. A full assortment of Plows, Corn-Shellers, Straw and Feed-Cutters, Horse-Powers, Seed-Sowers, Cider and Sugar Mills, Threshers and Separators. They also manufacture SHAFING AND MACHINERY For Grist Mills, Circular and Vertical Saw Mills, Gold, Copper and Silver Mines, Tobacco Presses and Fixtures, &c., &c.
A CARD.
A WORD TO MY OLD FRIENDS—
I banking business for years—I am still willing to serve you with the same promptness that I will have done, and to others that may want discounts, Pension business, &c., &c. I offer my services, with a promise of strict attention.
JAS. G. COOK.
June 27, 1853. 20f

The Largest Carriage Factory in the South!
A. A. McKEFFAN
RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public that he has built up large substantial Brick Buildings at his Old Stand, expressly for manufacturing Carriages. Thankful for the very liberal patronage he has received for the last 21 years, he hopes by strict attention to business, with a desire to give satisfaction, to merit a continuance of the same. He warrants his work to be made of the best material and by experienced workmen in each branch of the business. His work will compare favorably with any made in the United States, for neatness and durability. He is determined to sell and do any work in his line on as good terms as any work done elsewhere that is as well done. He now has on hand, finished, THE LARGEST STOCK OF Carriages, Barouches, Rookaways and Buggies,
ever offered in this place, and a very large stock of work nearly finished, which will be finished daily. All of which will be sold very low for cash, or on short time to punctual customers. He has on hand more than ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY VEHICLES finished and in course of construction.
All work made by him is warranted 12 months with fair usage, and should it fail by bad workmanship or material it will be repaired free of charge.
Persons wishing to buy would do well to call and examine for themselves.
Orders thankfully received and promptly attended to. Repairing executed at short notice and on very reasonable terms.
May 28, 1859. 89-1f

J. W. BAKER
Is now receiving from the North the largest, finest, and most carefully selected stock of
FURNITURE
ever offered in this market; which added to his own manufacture, makes his assortment complete;—all of which he will sell on the lowest possible terms for cash or on time to punctual customers.
Fashionable painted cottage bed-room Furniture in sets; curled hair and shuck, and cotton Mattresses; Looking Glasses; Willow Wagons and Cradles; Side Boards; Bureaus; Secretaries and Book-Cases; What-Not-Tables; all sorts; Wash Stands; Candle Stands; Wardrobes; Picture Frames and Glass; Window Shades; Cornices; Curtain Blinds; Sofas in Mahogany and Walnut; Tete a Tete; Ottomans; Divans and Stools; Chairs of every variety.
Fine Rosewood Pianos, one with Eolian attachment; Rosewood Melodians, from the best manufactories in New York and Boston, warranted as good as any made in the country, and will be sold at New York prices—freight only added.
September 2. 45f

Marble Factory,
By GEO. LAUDER,
TWO DOORS ABOVE C. T. HAIGH & SONS STORE,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
Jan'y 20, 1860. 81-

FAYETTEVILLE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
ASSETS \$254,618.62.
THIS Company has been in operation more than six years, and has paid its first losses, amounting to \$23,524.87 without any assessment; insurance averaging its members about 4 per cent.
Amount of property now insured, \$1,568,490.01
Amount premium notes now on hand, 247,738.08
DIRECTORS:
Geo. McNeill, S. T. Hawley,
D. A. Ray, W. N. Tillingham,
H. L. Myrover, A. A. McKethan,
S. W. Tillingham, J. D. Williams,
Henry Lilly, Jas. G. Cook,
N. A. Stearns, A. W. Steel,
S. J. Hindsale, Jas. Kyle,
T. S. Lutterloh, Hon. J. G. Shepherd,
Wm. McLaurin, R. F. Brown, Wilmington.
A. E. Hall, Wilmington.
OFFICERS:
GEO. McNEILL, President,
D. A. RAY, Vice President,
C. A. McMILLAN, Secretary.
John Collins and C. C. McDrummen, Travelling Agents.
May 19, 1859. 16-Y

THE NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NOW in the tenth year of successful operation, with growing capital and firm hold upon public confidence, continues to insure the lives of all healthy persons from 14 to 60 years of age, for one year, for seven years, and for life.—All life members sharing in the profits. All slaves from 10 to 60 years of age are insured for one year or for five years for two-thirds their value. All losses are punctually paid within 90 days after satisfactory proof is presented.
For further information the public is referred to Agents of the Company in all parts of the State, and to
R. H. BATTLE, Secretary, Raleigh.
E. J. HALE, Agent at Fayetteville, N. C.
Jan'y 1860. 16-Y

Hardware, Cutlery, SADDLERY, &c.
JAMES MARTINE is now receiving a large and general assortment of every thing in the above line.
—ALSO—
A prime article of Rio, Laguirra and Java COFFEE Crushed and Brown SUGAR; Sugar House SIRUP and MOLASSES.
All of which is offered on as good terms as can be had in this market.
Nov 24, 1858. 66f

STOVES, SHEET IRON, TIN-WARE, &c.
ON HAND, a large assortment of Box and Cooking Stoves; Tin-ware; Sheet-Iron; Lead Pipe. Also
The "Old Dominion Coffee Pot."
For sale by
JAMES MARTINE.
Nov 24. 66f

WM. CARTER & SONS
HAVE put up and permanently located the best BOOT and SHOE MANUFACTORY in N. C., to which the attention of the whole South is earnestly invited, particularly the citizens and Planters of our State. We are determined not to be put down by men who are daily bringing in Waxed and Split Leather Shoes; it is distinctly understood that our Shoes are made of Upper Leather tanned by us, and that we do not put any wets in any Peg Shoes we make. Now is the time to test the true feelings of N. C. men.
All orders from a distance shall have prompt attention. Address us at Goldston.
WM. CARTER. D. A. CARTER.
S. S. CARTER. JOHN Q. CARTER.
Goldston P. O., Chatham Co., N. C., 14f
March 28, 1860.

Bonnets! Bonnets!!
I WILL open on Thursday next, April 5th, the largest and most attractive stock of
BONNETS AND MILLINERY GOODS,
ever offered in Fayetteville. My stock consists in part of Paris Made Hats of the latest styles and best material. In Fancy Lace, Straw, Chip and Pamela Bonnets, I have an almost endless variety. And for those who prefer home manufacture, I have a beautiful assortment of Superior styles of Lace, Crape and Silk Hats, gotten up by Madame Teller, expressly for our own sales. Together with a handsome assortment of Misses' and Children's Goods, making my assortment far superior to any in market.
Call and see for yourselves.
ALEX. JOHNSON, Jr.
April 2, 1860. 5-2w

Just Received and for sale by D. ANDERSON,
30 BBL'S PURE WHITE WHISKEY.
5 Bbls. " N. C. Do.
5 " Apple Brandy;
5 " N. E. Rum.
—ALSO—
4 KEGS EXTRA GOSHEN BUTTER;
4 Bbls. LARD;
500 Lbs. DRIED BEEF;
10 Bbls. MULLET'S;
40 " HEARING;
10 " A. B. and C. COFFEE SUGAR;
15 Bbls COFFEE,
Which will be sold low for cash, or exchanged for country produce.
April 2. 5-4t

BOOTS AND SHOES!
FOR
Spring and Summer 1860.
S. T. HAWLEY & SON
ARE
Receiving the largest and most desirable stock of Boots and Shoes ever offered by them, consisting of
Gent's Dress GOODS, all styles and qualities;
Boys' & Youths' BOOTS, GAITERS, SHOES, PUMPS, SLIPPERS.
Ladies', Misses', & Children's Heeled Shoes, Gaiters and Slippers, of all kinds.
Copper Toe'd Shoes, for children and youths.
Servants' Shoes, of all kinds.
—ALSO—
Trunks; Oak & Hemlock Sole Leather; Calf, Goat, Lining & Binding Skins; Lashes; Spangles; Shoe Findings and Tools of all kinds.
Our Stock being bought for cash at reduced prices, will be offered correspondingly low for cash, or to prompt customers.
March 15, 1860. 900-6w

New Spring Goods.
ALEX. JOHNSON, JR.
HAS received in part, and is daily receiving, a large and desirable stock of
SPRING GOODS,
Embracing all the newest styles of Ladies' Dress Goods, Shawls, Lace Points, Mantillas, Embroideries, &c.
—ALSO—
Gentlemen's Summer Goods, and Ready-Made Clothing, Bonnets and Millinery Goods of all kinds.
March 15. 600f

IMPORTATION FOR 1860.
W. MACINTYRE
—HAS RECEIVED—
Superfine Cloths;
Best Duckskin Cassimeres, (black);
Fancy Cassimeres, All-wool Tweeds;
Satinets; Kentucky Jeans;
Plain and Corded French Drap-d'ete;
Silk Velvets; black Satin Vesting;
White and colored Linen Drilling;
Gauze Flannels; Canton Flannels.
Just to hand,
An invoice of BONNETS, RIBBONS, RUCHES, FRENCH ARTICLES, WREATHS, HEAD-DRESSES, &c.
Fayetteville, March 5, 1860. 97-5w

GUANO.
50 TONS No. 1 PERUVIAN GUANO, just received and for sale by
JOS. UTLEY,
Fayetteville, Jan'y 30, 1860. 88f

DENTISTRY.
Dr. J. DAVIS having decided on permanently locating in the Town of Fayetteville, respectfully offers his services to the citizens of this place and surrounding country. In all the various branches of his Profession, including the manufacture of Mineral Teeth, he is satisfied, after an extensive experience, to which is added a thorough Dental education, that he can give entire satisfaction as far as is in the power of Dentistry. All irregularities of the Teeth treated in a proper and careful manner, as well as diseases of the mouth. None but the proper metals are made use of in the various operations. Charges will be moderate, that the benefits of the Profession may be placed within the reach of all who may feel an interest in the preservation of the Teeth.
Office over Houston's Jewelry Store, where he may be found at all times.
May 10, 1858. 91f

BOOK-BINDING
In all its kinds, executed with neatness and dispatch. Small jobs when done must be paid before delivered.
THOS. H. TILLINGHAST.
Opposite the Female High School, Hay Street.
May 14, 1859. 14-1y

PAINTS, OILS, &c.
S. WHITE, Refined, Lard, Linseed and Tanners' OIL. Pure Lead, Burning Fluid; Putty; Window Glass and Sash of all sizes.
—ALSO—
A fresh supply of HONDY'S PAIN DESTROYER.
For sale by
JAMES MARTINE.
Nov 24, 1858. 66f

Webster's Elementary Spelling Book, for sale by
E. J. HALE & SON.

A Migratory Government and a fighting Ambassador.—In the course of the discussion of the Diplomatic Appropriation Bill in the Senate, a few days ago, Mr. Crittenden introduced the following incident:—
"While I was on one occasion temporarily acting in the absence of the Secretary of State, performing ad interim his duties for a week or two, there arrived here an old friend of mine, one whom I valued a great deal, and he told me he had been abroad. He was sent out as minister to some little Republic in the mountains of South America, Bolivia, or Ecuador, or some other. He gave me an account of his travels and of the country. He had traversed the Andes and scaled the Cordilleras, &c., and at last he reached the spot where he was told he should find a Government, and that very Government to which he had been sent. He got there. He said that, upon inquiry, he was told that the Government had left there a few days, or perhaps a few weeks before, and gone somewhere else further into the mountains. There was, however, a fragment of the late Government—a man hovering about there who had been Secretary of War. He approached nearer the character of the Government than anything else he saw or heard of, he addressed himself to that Secretary of War. He had had a very disagreeable travel through the mountains to get there, and was in a bad humor to find himself with no Government there. He fell foul of this Secretary of War with his diplomatic correspondence. He was not very well versed in diplomatics, and I suppose his letter was not very courteous. He received a reply in consonance with the letter, which he immediately followed by a peremptory challenge to fight a duel. [Laughter.] He thought that belonged to the department to which he was addressing himself, and he challenged him immediately to mortal combat. Not being able to obtain a meeting with this Secretary of War, he abandoned the country as utterly unworthy of all further negotiation or any treaties of peace whatever, and came right home; and that was the end of his mission. [Laughter.]"

Poisons in Liquors.—The extensive adulteration of liquors offered in the market as pure, and the introduction of poisonous ingredients into those which are pronounced healthful, may well excite alarm, and call for the attention of our Legislature. Why there should be so much brain fever, delirium tremens, and so much sudden death among our young men who indulge at the bar, cannot be explained upon any common principles. An expert chemist of this city bought of an importer a bottle of what was called genuine champagne. Analysis proved it to contain one quarter of an ounce of sugar of lead!

The same gentleman analyzed sixteen samples of wines—Port, Sherry and Madeira—in which not one drop of the juice of the grape was found. The basis of the port wine was diluted sulphuric acid, colored with elderberry juice, with alum, sugar, and neutral spirits. The basis of the sherry wine was a pale malt, sulphuric acid from bitter almonds, with a percentage of alcoholic spirits from brandy. The Madeira wine was a decoction of hops, sulphuric acid, honey, Jamaica spirits, &c.

In March, 1855, the Legislature of Ohio appointed Dr. Hiram Cox, of Cincinnati, chemical inspector of liquors for that State. Since that period he has examined 600 lots of different varieties, and found 90 per cent. of the whole composed of base and poisonous ingredients. Sulphuric acid, nitric acid, caustic potassa, brucine and other deadly poisons, he has found entering into them as component parts. Liquors he has analyzed in presence of Courts, and caused jurors on the spot to condemn the vendors.

A Town on a Lake.—Rev. W. C. Smith, presiding elder of the Indiana conference, gives the following account of Morgantown, in that State, one of the peculiarities of which is that it is built on a lake:
We read of a "city set upon a hill," but Morgantown, in my district, stands upon a lake! This was not known for a number of years after the town was settled. The discovery was made by digging wells to procure a full supply of water. The supply of water in the wells which had been used, failing in the dry season, a few years since, one of the citizens concluded to sink a well deeper, and see if he could not strike a stronger vein. When some thirty-five or forty feet below the surface of the earth, the man at work in the well suddenly struck his pick through a crust; the water gushed up with such rapidity that with difficulty he was saved by the men at the wind-lance. In a few moments the water was some fifteen feet deep in the well. In two or three instances afterward, men were near being lost by coming suddenly to this inexhaustible fountain of water. Wells have been sunk in different parts of the town, and none but water, and I believe forty feet is the greatest depth to reach this lake.

Lead lines have been dropped into several of these wells, but no bottom has been found. In digging down to this lake, they invariably pass through strata of sand, leaves, and timber, resembling drift wood. This is some twenty feet below the surface of the earth. After passing through these strata, a stratum of hard clay is found, and when within some eighteen inches of the lake a hard crust is reached, which is a sure indication that they are near the water. When they reach this crust, they commence a wall thereon, carrying it to the top of the well, then put down a large auger, and bore a hole to the water, which gushes up with great force, filling the well from fifteen to twenty feet in a few minutes. When the auger strikes the lake, the atmosphere bursts up for a few seconds, producing a sound resembling very much the blowing off of steam from an engine. I have not given all the particulars of what has been discovered of this mysterious lake. Enough is known to settle it beyond a doubt that the whole town stands upon a lake under ground.

Andy Johnson and Senator Clarke.—Senator Johnson, of Tennessee, the other day called Mr. Clarke, of New Hampshire, to account for a speech lately delivered by him, in which he disparaged the enterprise and industry of Tennessee, and paraded statistics to show the number of logs, cattle, horses, &c., his State produced over New Hampshire. Mr. Clarke's only reply was an admission that Tennessee produced more horses, mules and asses than his own State. Mr. Johnson looked around inquiringly, while Senator smiled.