HE RALEIGH NEWS.

RALEIGH, N. C., THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 15, 1879.

MILITARY AGRICULTURE

PROPOSITION TO ABOLISH THE WEEKLY PRESS.

Jeduthan Jeems Indorses the Pro posal, with Citations from Graveyard Literature.

orrespondence of the News, MT. GILEAD P. O., May 10.-A little while ago I wrote to Colonel L. L. Polk, the Honorable Commissioner and Board of Agriculture," as he styles himself, at Raleigh, about some pretty tail statements which I found in that new advertising book which he has put out. I thought there must be something wrong about them, and, sure enough, the "Colonel" writes back to me and says this one is a mistake of the printer, and that one was a mistake in proof-reading, and the other was a typographical error. Of course, this was all satisfactory, as far as it went, and put my mind entirely at ease upon those particular points, but left me in a state of annoying uncertainty as to the rest of the book. I can't well write him about every particular fact and figure in the book, and if I did, I suppose he

might get tired of answering. So, how

am I to tell whether a story that re-

minds me of Mr. Munchausen's histo-

ry is veritable fact, or some sort of a

I'M AN OLD MAN, and have not very long to live, but I would like to know the bottom facts of these matters for once. I'm much in the condition of Dr. Samuel Johnson,

mistake?

who, after he had read a book of Afriem explorations, remarked to Boswell that not more than half of it was true. "Then," said Boswell, "let us believe the half." " Ah, there's the difficulty." said the great moralist; "we don't know which half to believe. Couldn't you suggest to the military head of the " Department" (7) of Agriculture that he ought to publish another book, and let us know which half is bount fide and | \$ and then !

which half untrue? I think it would be a good plan to change the name of the new "Departesest too, and call it begesfler, "The Publishing and Advertising Department." It seems to me that it takes more printer's ink to tell a little, and do a little, in that "department," than anywhage I have ever known. I never saw the Colonel but once, when he made a speech in our county. It was a mighty good speech, with a little about farming and a good deal about the "Department' in it. I don't think I got much agricultural light from that speech, but I was thoroughly satisfied that it took a big hoss-power of selfcomplacency to run that "Depart-

Won't you tell us something about that law passed by the Legislature, so they say, allowing this Charlotte Yankee Land Agent, -what is his name !-Dumont,-to print as many books as he pleases, at the State's expense, without saying anything about the size, cost or character of the books, and

TWENTY THOUSAND IN DUTCH RESIDE? I've no objection to his advertising, or printing a book, or selling lands, for three or four times what they are worth, if he can, but why we should do his advertising for him, gratis, I can't make out. If it a true, no doubt be Il make a good thing of it. I should not wonder if he had his tongue in his cheel, and was grinning at our greenness "ad acto odenco" as the old Latin Grammar had it. If he is not, he is greener than any lankee I've ever heard of.

Bu: I really forgot to tell voit what the military "Commissioner and Board of Agriculture' sent me. That is, I suppose he did, for there ain't another man in Raisigh that ever heard of my name, I don't suppose, and if there is he d not be likely to know I'd changed my post office during the last month unless he'd seen my letter.

It was the following circular:

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER AND BOARD OF AURICULTURE FOR NORTH

Your petitioners realizing the great necessity of more enlightenment, and the permanent establishment of an organ for that purpose among the farmers of our good old State would respectfully recommend that you subscribe for at least 10,000 copies of a paper, wholly deagriculture for a term of at least two years, said paper to be distributed throughout our entire State under the direction of your worthy body.

We believe this the cheapest and best way to diffuse the information which your Board was established to collect. Believing further that a paper started under your auspices in this way, and thus partially supported during its inespiency, would, at the close of two years, be able to maintain itself handsonicly, and be of vast benefit to the producers

of North Carolina. It is clear to the minds of your frunds here petitioning, that our people for whose benefit your department was es tablished, greatly need encouragement and such information, as a small weekly paper could give; you furnishing its Editor with all your reports and statisties, formulas, suggestions, de., from and with which, an exceedingly outeresting, attractive and instructive workly imme could be made.

Further, we believe that a small paper gotten up on this plan, would be of more benefit to the masses of our profession than one of more pretentions, for a few years, and that after a while, it would onow to BE A PERMANINT THING and of larger proportions. And in conclusion would further sug-

gest, you advertise for proposals, and that you accept the cheapest, upon rerespt of a good and sufficient bond, for the faithful execution of the contract for the term of two years, as agreed upon. If you endorse the above, please secure a few of your friends signatures who also enderse it, and forward to Col. L. L. Polk, Raleigh, N. C.] Post Offices. Names.

That circular redeemed the "Colonel" in my eyes at once. I had been inclined to make light of him before. There was a sort of airishness about him that didn't seem exactly "agricultural;" the "Department" business looked rather expansive to me, as if he had some difficulty in precisely defining his own geographical limits, or as some of the philosophers say, marking the line between the "ego" and the "non ego;" but I freely retract all such ideas now The capacity for grand results of this magnificent scheme, mark "the Commissioner and Board of Agriculture" as THE POLITICO-AGRICULTURAL NAPOLK-

ON OF HIS AGE. I'm his min and he's mine, and so I wrote him. I never went in for "Colonels" much before, bu, now I am satisfied that they are the great moral want, the military necessity, as it were, of the age. What we need is about 40,-000 more jist such.

I started out with that petition that very day and got names to it till you couldn't rest. I carried half a quire of paper in my hat and a bottle of flour paste in my pocket, and kept putting on names till it was about five yards long, and scratched all over, as if a flock of pigeons had roosted on it after a speaking that he walked over to the shower. Then Squire Sam Purdie, he said he knew

A TRICK WORTH TWO OF THAT, and he got some more paper and we

went over to the graveyard and copied off all the names on the headstones and put them on it too, -all except some old centennials, whose names we could not make out-Of course, every one that signs will get one of those ten thousand papers and as 'Squire Sam is postmaster we allowed we'd divide the graveyard copies. 'Twont cost nothing now that the publisher has to pay the postage and the State is the publisher. The plan suits me to a dot, only, I think it might be extended a little, as it no doubt will be, when the Colonel gets fully under way. He might add some little thing as an inducement to subscribers, not any book or dictionary trash but something attractive, say a few pounds of tobacco or a gallon of "Mountain Dew" or some other agricultural product that would be acceptable to most everybody. He could give away a hiordred thousand just as well as ten thou-

I happened to mention it to the editor of our country-paper and

HE GOT UP QUICKER than I've known him to in forty years. He aint no beauty anyhow, but his face just looked awful and he twisted about as if his insides was full of young blacksnakes. I was really seared. But after awhile he grabbed his pen, called for | Simon has no longer, through Ben Buthis "fool-ki ler" and swore he'd be eternally roasted if he didn't nave somebody's scalp. Then, I left.

Poor fellow! It would mash his little one-hoss, jack-legged country paper to flinders, but it would be an incalculable benefit to the people.

Then too, you will notice that the petition says very particular, "for a term of at least two years.," that is, as I construe this very suggestive phrase,

UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT ELECTION ! That's a magnificent idea! Of course, it will support the "Commissioner and Board of Agriculture;" and his friends aiders and abettors, and how, I would like to know, is any man to stand before the editor and controller of a paper with ten thousand subscribers for two years secure on his books, their subscriptions paid up in advanceout of the | Then Russell, the ex-rebel Republican State Treasury? It's a big idea! It seems to me a little too big for the Colonel. I know, small oaks from little acorns grow, but-. Well the fact is Mr. Editor, I am just dying to know, if the suggestion didn't come from Gov. Jarvis or some one else. It seems mightly like Jarvis to me. He don't handsome much, but he's powerful sly; and they do say that there are several aspiring gents who want powerful bad to take the deceased Robinson's place in the late "Combination Troupe." Honestly, Mr. Editor who was it that put Polk up to this dodge or was it just to keep himself from being poked out and his "Department" with him, as he came so near being during the last Legislature?

Respectfully, JEDUTHAN JEEMS.

St. Petersburg not so Bad a Place to Washington Star, 13th.

A gentleman who has just returned from Russia, says that the effects of the policy of repression are badly noticeable in St. Petersburg. He traversed a large part of the city late at night without interference or question. Sunday the 5th inst., being a bright day, the streets were thronged with promensders as happy and light-hearted, apparently, as those in any other continental rity. He saw the Princess Dagmar driving through the streets alone in her

Mr. J. Gould Indicted. A telegram to the N. Y. Sun, from

Freehold, N. J., May 12, says: "The Monmouth county grand jury have found a bill of indictment against Jay Gould as president of the New Jersey Southern Railroad Company, the secretary of the road, and others for some of their operations shortly after the comsany was declared to be insolvent

Washington Monument. Washington Star, 18,

The House committee on public buildings and grounds to-day agreed to report favorably a bill appropriating \$64,000 to be used to strengthen the foundation of the Washington Monu-

'A Royal Marriage.

LONDON, May 13.-The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Paris says :-It is reported that there is a possibility of the marriage of the Archduke Rudolf. Crown Prince of Austria, to the Infanta Maria Del Pilar, King Alfonso's sister. The crown prince was born August 21st, 1858, and the Infanta Maria Del Philar, June 4th, 1861.

You've a pretty little hand. Indeed you have, by heavens!' He said with a smile most blaud; 'You've a pretty little band, My sweet-Oh! ouch! don't stand On my corn with your number

sevens. You've a pretty little hand. Indeed you have by heavens!" -Cincinnati Enquirer.

He was a daisy with the girls, And might have been till now. If be had not so reckless been, And gone too near a cow. - Hartford Sunday Journal.

AND RUSSELL

THE QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE ONCE MORE.

Cries of Regular Order--- Widow Oliver Appears Again-The Democratic Caucus.

Richmond Dispatch 14, Mr. Russell (Republican), of North Carolina, next grose to a personal explanation, and, under the privilege granted him, . harged that Mr. Kitchin. of North Carclini, held his seat by fraud and corruption, and that he was beaten 2,000 votes. His manner was provoking, and his assertions calculated to make a less excitable man than his colleague mad. The Republicans enjoyed his remarks immensely. Mr. Kitchin, in reply, fairly stormed, and was not at all choice in the epithets he used to express his indignation at the statements and assertions of Mr. Russell. He characterized what he said in relation to him as slanderous, false, and infamous, and got so excited while be called back by the Speaker. Finally there were cries of "Regular order," and the Democrats endeavored to bring the proceeding to a close, but the Republicans cried "Go on," and were in high spirits. The Speaker in the meanwhile rapped his gavel rapidly

and endeavored to restore quiet, but his

effort proved unsuccessful he became

arbitrary and declared the personal-

explanation business at an end. Mr. Kitchin now got in, however, a a ge that Mr. Russell was tried by a ou t-martial and dismissed from the Con ederate service. "Yes, I was," said Mr. Russell, "for whipping a conscript officer; but Jeff Davis reinstated me." Mr. Kitchin here took his seat refunctantly, evidently mortifled that he was cut off before he could get all of his work in. The Democrats evidentv were much relieved. Mr. Davidson, of Florida, now rose to a personal explanation, Mr. Russell having charged fraud on the part of the Florida Returning Board in giving certificates to his colleague. There were cries of regular order and "I object," but leave was given him finally to make a five-minites' explanation. This he did, and conclusively vindicated his State, the Returning Board, the Democratic party, and his colleague.

WIDOW OLIVER A BRITISH SUBJECT. The widow Oliver, dressed with care and wearing the look of a hunted-down woman, appeared this morning before the House Committee on Foreign Relations. In a very proper way she announced that she is a subject and needed advice and money to aid her in prosecuting her fighteous claim against Simon Cameron. She was treated with due respect and her case was referred to Sir Edward Thornton, the British Minister. Things now look serious, for ler, to bullying and bulldoze a deserted and impecunious American female, but will have to deal with a British woman backed by the power of H. M. G.

THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS. Democratic congressmen say to-night that the Democratic caucus will not meet until Monday next. The opinion prevails that no vote can be reached on the s lver bill in the House to-morrow.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF THE KITCHIN-RUSSELL ENCOUNTER.

Russell Makes a Lame Attempt to Imitate Frye-Kitchen Walks Near Him and Denounces Him in the Strongest Terms. Washington Post 14th.

The House proceedings were made lively yesterday with personal explanations, one or two of a very spicy and personal" nature. In the first place fr. Shelly disposed of a Radical falsehood in relation to his own election. of North Carolina, who got a judgeship for adding his influence to the Radical pariy, felt called upon to reply to the recent strictures of Mr. Kitchin. He first denied the charges that he had 'never gone through a law school,' but didn't say whether he had simply been kicked through or walked through one. He made a lame attempt to imitate the style of Mr. Frye, but only succeeded to the extent of charging his olleague with plantation manners. He endeavored to explain what he had said before, rehashed a lot of stuff about fradulent Democratic returning boards, and denied having slandered "noble old State of North Carolina." His was not a personal explanation in any sense of the word, but still the Democrats let him go on. He amused them and they would not inter ce. Captain Kitchen replied in a "impassioned" manner. He walked to the area in front of the speaker, and began in a moderate tone, but soon grew excited, and in a few moments he was shaking all over with rage. His face was livid, and his words crowded each other in rapid succession. Walking as near to Russell as the seats would permit, he denounced him in the strongest language. He contradicted his assailant in detail and in general, and said he knew he was dealing in falsehood when he made the statements. He had tried to avoid any contest on this question, and requested Russell not to bring it before the House as he Russell) would have to act as judge in the case of his (Kitchin's) seat being contested. He said that Russell had chosen to prejudge the case, and that was his way of doing business on the beach; he associated only with the most degraded, and had never had any character in North Carolina. He asked Rusell if he had not been dishonorably dismissed from the Confederate army. The latter said he had been, but was pestored by Jeff Davis, whereupon the epublicans shouted apparently regarding that as a high 'endorsement of their concert.

Finally several members made the point of order, that the discussion had gone beyond the "personal" limit. e Speaker admoni man accordinly, and remarked, in a low tone, that "these" personal explanations are becoming a nuisance." Mr. Davidson, of Florida, very briefly replied to Russell's charges against that State, and showed that they were false. · He said he didn't know whether the gentleman (he meant Russell) knew they were false or not, but false they were. Russell's exhibition may do some good, in that it will show the Northern people what kind of Southern men have gone over to the Radi-

cal party. MORE WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Stalwarts in High Favor at the White House-Action and Expressions on the Veto-The Bane and the Antidote-An Early Adjournment Growing in

Favor. Baltimore Sun 14th. WASHINGTON, May 13,

THE SITUATION. A large number of stalwart republicans, including Senator Chandler and Logan and Representative Frye, Conger, Joyce and others, were at the White House to-day. With the exception of the brief time occupied in capinet session the President devoted most of the pay to these gentlemen and the reception of their congratulations and praise over the course he has purued. The entente cordial between the

Prestdent and the radical element o his party is apparently now fully restored, and the stalwarts, who have fo. more than two years made a point o denouncing him without stint, publicla

and privately, now have nothing bu

honeyed phrases for him. The Southern Senators and members who have heretofore been credited. whether properly or not, with possessing so much influence over the President, continues to visit the White House, or at least some of them do, but the stalwarts among the republicans are threatening to-day that they will soon make it too warm for the ex-Confederates to come to the executive mansion. But notwithstanding that the President has apparently fallen into the arms of the radical republicans, some of the shrewd ones are already prophesying that the present reconciliation will not be permanent, and that before six months have rolled around the President will be as obnoxious as

such praise upon him.

Although the President has for the time being placed himself in accord with the desperate and dangerous Congressional clique which has so long dominated the Republican party, his in-stincts and his inclinations are such that in the not remete future the association may be less plessant to him than for the present moment. So far as the Democratic leaders are concerned, the opinion is gaining ground among them that as matters now stand it is useless to attempt to patch up the political measures with any hope at this time of coming together with the President. The vote in the House to-day on passing the anti-military interference bill over the veto of the President disclosed a majority acting with the Democrats of thirty. This is a large, majority than the Democrats have ever been able to muster since the beginning of this ses-

The veto message was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The object of this is understood to be to give an opportunity for a formal reply to be made in behalf of the Democratic majority to the arguments of the President, both in this and the previous veto message. It will be submitted in the nature of a report from the Judiciary 'ommittee, and will state the Demoratic position. The purpose will then be to let the veto messages and the refutation go out together to the country. The Democrats of the two houses will hold a caucus either to-morrow or next day to determine definitely upon the next move by their side. At this writing there remains nothing additional to be said on this point, except simple and idle speculation, other than to note that he sentiment in favor of an early adournment is increasing hourly.

A NEGRO EAN MARRIES A WHITE WOMAN.

A Writ of Habeas Corbnas Refused Them by Sudge Hughes of

RICHMOND, May 14.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day a writ of habeas corpus in the miscegenation case of the negro Edmund Kinney, and the white woman Mary Hall, now confined in the penitentiary for violation of the statute prohibiting the intermarriage of races was refused by Judge Hughes on the ground that the United States Courts have no jurisdiction over questions of marriage.

The opinion holds that the laws of marriage are at sovereign control and will of each State unaffected by any provision of any article of the constitution of the United States. That absolute and entire power over these laws is necessarily left all over the world and in this Union of States to the government of local society. That the law under which the parties were convicted was with the unrestrained legislative power of Virginia to enact it and that it is not prohibited by any provision of national constitution. As to making contracts the opinion holds that section 1877 of Revised Statutes to all persons within the United Scates the right in every State to make and enforce contracts etc., can only refer to contracts lawful under the law of States wherein it is proposed to enforce them. Admitting that marriage is a contract to hold that the privilege of enforcing it, extends only to lawful marriages and that if a citizen of Virginia, went to the District of Columbia or to the territory of Utah and was there married in accordance with the local law, he could not return with his consort or consorts to Virginia, and expect to subordinate her laws of marriage to the other Jurisdiction. The case will probably be taken to the Supreme court of the Uni ted States.

Lexington (Mo.) Races.

LEXINGTON, May 14.-The weather continues fine and the track is in excellent order. The first purse \$200, one mile dash. Peru, 1; Glendalia, 2; Checkmate 3. Time, 1.44. The contest between Peru and Glendalia was close at the finish and was only won by a length. Second race, a selling of one mile and a quarter, eight starters. Enquiress, 1; Brilliantine 2; Dunkirk, 3; Crosslet, 0; Grapple, 0; Stilton, 0; Caligula, 0; Chief, 0. Time, 2.11. Caligula was a great favorite in pools.

Investigation of the Swindling Freedman's Savings Bank.

WASHINGTON, May 14.-Chairman Bruce has called a meeting of the sclect Senate committee on the Freedman's Bank for next Tuesday, when the commissioners in charge of affairs of that insolvent institution will lay before the Committee a detailed account of their management and personally respond to the cognate inquiries. The committee intend to apply to the Senate at an early day for the authority to sit during recess, and also for sundry powers not explicitly conferred by the resolution under which the general investigation was originally ordered.

Great Fire in Bombay.

BOMBAY, May 14.- There was a great conflagration last night at Poenah, an important Government and Military centre, eighty miles Southeast of this city. The Government School, Boodwar Palace, the Law Courts, the Post Office, the Police Office and Forty Houses were completely destroyed. The fire has since been extinguished.

Henry Ward Beecher's Lecture.

NEW YORK, May 14.—A Memphis special says Henry Ward Beecher was greeted by an audience of 4000 people at his lecture in the Exposition building last night. He was presented to the meeting by Keating of the Appeal and his lecture was frequently interrupted by applause.

At its close, Mr. Beecher presented Mr. Keating with a check for 250 dollars, to be by him distributed between the Orphan Asylums of Memphis, Chattanooga and Atlanta, Engagements have been cancelled and Mr. Beecher will return to Brooklyn on account of physical inability to fulfill them. While in Memphis Mr. Beecher has been treated with utmost respect and his coming was the occasion of excursion trains being put on all roads leading into Memphis, all crowded with people from Western Tennessee, Northern Missippi, Northern Alaba:na and Arkansas.

COLLECTOR WHEELER

WRITES A LETTER AND DEMANDS

A Letter From the Cashier of the Winston National

Bank.

ever to the men who are lavishing ted and sympathized with them in their nefarious designs. And Gen. Scales and his Congressional Committee to

hour. Respectfully,

LETTER FROM MR. ALSPAUGH.

Respectfully, J. W. ALSPAUGH,

Craven.

Nut Shell John R.

and to the railroad depot nearly the entire day, and both places were thoroughly stocked. Not less than two thousand boxes were shipped yesterday by railroad and the Old Dominion steamer and yet the Railroad Company's varehouse was again filled with peas, for shipment, last uight. Major Hughes intends sending out another extra train to-day, by which at least

The trucking business has been very successful this season and Newbern stands far ahead of any place that we hear of. A canning establishment is now needed. Who will untake the enterprise? Stir them up, George. Newbern now has a cotton factory, a wooden-plate manufactory, and with the addition of a conning establishment and soap factory she will enter on a new era of prosperity.

Surry.

IDr. Ed. Allred, of Yadkinville, informs us that the prisoners, three in number, confined in the county jail, made a successful attempt at escape a few days ago. They have not been recaptured.

A rattlesnake measuring two feet and nine inches and having six rattles was killed near Green Hill, on Tuesday evening, the 6th instant, by Mrs. R. P. Rawley and Miss Mary Phillips, Who

can beat this for bravery? Our townsman, William P. Gilmer, has just invented a self-adjusting tobacco clamp, which is destined to be one of the leading labor-saving machines of the day. Mr. Gilmer is a first-class mechanie and, we hope, will make his invention pay him for his time and labor in bringing it to perfection. He has applied for a patent. North Carolina is fast arousing from her lethargy, and we cordially join the Visitor in the hope that Mr. Gilmer may meet with that success which home industry deserves.

Hillsboro Recorder. In connection with the action of the Commissioners, we learn that the prisoners remaining in the county jail at the time at which the repairs of the jail are commenced, will be transferred to the jail of Chatham. This will include Root. Boswell under sentence of death, and Rebecca Ann Dyon, under indictment for capital felony.

We claim to be no epicure; but we were not insensible to the charms of mutton and green peas, boiled rock and mashed potatoes, and the many other good things that stood around as outflanking sentinels our more favored viands. The cooking is excellent, the service complete, and the gentlemanly proprietors are determined to make he National a success.

Mr. P. C. Cameron sent us last week -but-just too late for notice-a stalk of wheat full headed and of superior growth attaining a height in strong contrast of the average appearance of the crop.

fortunes from the ground.

borhoods have a sufficiency, while others are blasted with black disaster. Granville.

Torchlight. Mr. M. G. Thomas, who has been en-

ium died of pneumonia last Wednesday night. Mrs. Moon, the great Methodist re-

sincere wish of all. The proposition to tax the townships was voted down in Sassafras Fork, Tally Ho and Fishing Creek. Oxford and Walnut Grove have gone for it. This gives us \$44,000 from taxation.

here for her to accomplish much good

The sharp crack of the pistol and the dull swosh of the assassin's knife are now largely heard in the Northern States. More shootings, cuttings and killings have taken place on the North side of Mason and Dixon's line within a month. - Baltimore Gazette.

AN INVESTIGATION.

Correspondence of the News. Winston, May 9th, 1879 .- My attention has been directed to an anonymous communication in your daily issue of the 7th inst., which refers to me. I pronounce your correspondent a consummateliar, a menda ious wretch, a base and villainous poltroon. I defy the thieving rascals, affiliating with the Republican party, only for pelf, and the scoundrelly Democrats, who have abetwhich you refer, I invite the severest scruting to my official acts from the inception of my administration to this

W. H. WHEELER.

Winston, May 9th, 1879 .- I see in four is ue of the 7th inst., an acticle icided "Collector Wheeler," and making numerous charges against that gentleman as an officer of the government. While I know Dr. Wheeler to be a gentleman, and believe the charges preferred by your anonymous correspondent to be utterly untrue, and the emanations of a bad heart, stung with envy and malice, by defeat in an effort to get the office the Dr. enjoys, I am not his advocate or defender. This is a little job the Dr. knows best how to perform himself. But when your correspondent goes out of his way to make false accusation against this Bank, I feel that I cannot do less than pronounce him a calumniator; and if he is the party I suppose him to be, he has been a defaulter himself, and perhaps a thief.

STATE NEWS.

and Alex. T. Stransbury are the newly elected Newbern police. Our city yesterday seemed almost ever-run with green peas; turn where you would and you stood a chance of stumbling over piles of them; a constant stream of carts and wagons were passing to the steamers' wharf

one thousand boxes more will be ship-

National Visitor.

Orange.

The condition of the wheat crop is

variable, and is not suggestive of big The condition of the fruit crop is caricious in the extreme. Some neigh-

gaged as gardener at the O phan Asy vivalist, is expected in Oxford at an early day. There is sufficient material

and that she may be successful is the which, added to the private subscrip-

tion, makes about \$55,000, being \$10,000 of enough to build the road. The road is a certainty and will be built. All right, Davis! We hope the first engine will be named "Torchlight," and that the officers of the road will tender you a D. H. pass for 99 years.

Negro Refugees, &c. ST Louis, May 14-Heavy rains prevail-

ed over a considerable extent of territory west of here yesterday, benefitting crops greatly. The officers of the steamboat companies having headquarters in this city, and the officers of the steamers plying between here and New Orleans, deny having refused transportation to colored refugees. whenever the latter had money to pay passage. They also deny that there has been any generally expressed disposition on the part of merchants and planters to withdraw patronge from the boats which carry immigrants. This has been done in a few instances, but the desire to prevent the negroes from leaving the South is changing. and now planters do not seem to care whether they leave or not. Officers of the latest arrived boats say they were not hailed on the way by negroes and do not belive there are any such numbers of refugees on the river banks as has been stated. They further say the excitement is fast dving out and will close altogether in a short time.

WASHINGTON, May 14.-SENATE-Senator Vest gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill proposing to organize Indian Territory into a State and providing for its admission into the Union. His resolution making inquiry as to whether any part of Indian Territory had been purchased by the United States with a view of locating Indians or freedmen thereon was agreed to. The Senate resumed consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial

appropriation bill. Kernan addressed the Senate advocating the repeal of the test oath and in opposition to the use of the army at elections. The Senate afterwards adopted the amendment for paying arrearages of pensions with that portion of the ten million dollars in the treasury kept as a special fund for the redemption of fractional currency.

WASHINGTON, May 14.-House .-The House committee on revolutionary pensions to-day agreed to report faverable on Dibrell's bill to prevent the witholding of pensions from pensioners under an act of March 9, 1878. The object of the bill is to prevent the withholding of pensions from those who have been restored to the pension roll and then dropped on the charge of dis-

After the passage of the bill allowing expenditures for the purchase of sites in connection with the improvement of Kentucky and the Great Kanawha rivers. Warner, of Ohio, attempted to have his silver bill considered, but failing to obtain the necessary two-thirds vote the business of the morning hour was taken up at1:25, being the bill in regard to the transfer of cases from State to Federal courts.

After the morning hour the silver bill was taken up and discussed untill adjournment. The vote will probably be taken to-morrow.

Memorial Day at New Bern. Wilmington Sun, May 14. NEW BERNE. May 10 .- The process sion was comprised of the Ladies' Memorial Association, the NewberneSilver Cornet Band, four companies of the First Regiment N. C. S. G., the Kinston and the Goldsboro companies, and the two Newberne companies and a large portion of our citizens together with many visitors, making an assembly around the Confederate monument of about 2,000 persons. The ceremonies were opened with music by a choir composed of the let voices in our city. The piece selected being "The Guard

Around the Tomb" The prayer was then delivered by Rev. S. C. Vass, of the Presbyterian church of this city. Col. A. M. Waddell was introduced in a short and elegant speech by our townsman Major John Auphus. The address was then delivered. It was considered the best ever delivered here. "God Love the South" (hymn) was sung, benediction offered, a salute fired by the military and flowers scattered

over the graves. The Sultan's Gift to Grant.

onstantinople Correspondence of the Philadelphia Telegraph.

In March last, when General Grant, in the course of his cruise in the Vandalia, came to Constantinople, his first visit was paid to the Sultan. Immediately after this interview His Majesty charged Munir Bey, the master of ceremonies, to present the General with an Arab horse from the imperial stables. Accordingly a number were led out, and one chosen and set aside for him; but owing to some misunderstanding the gift horse was not sent. and the Vandalia sailed without him. Recently, the question having been revived, the steed in question was hunted up among five hundred and seventy horses which compose the imperial stud. He was found, and accompanied by a second horse also for General Grant, transferred to the care of the American Legatation. Arrangements have been made to send them in a few days on the Norman Monarch, a steamer of 2,000 tons capacity, which will probably sail direct to New Haven. They are to be housed on deck, provided with canvass belts to swing in in rough weather and treated like saloon passengers. So it is to be reasonably hojed that at the end of thirty days passage will find them both sound in wind and limb. One is a dappled gray of fair size and having all the traits characteristic of the Arabian blood-small, well-set, restless ears, wide pink nostrils, and large soft eyes. waving mane, and long tail reaching almost to the ground, and a skin of such delicacy that the stroke of a lady's whip is sufficient to draw blood. The other stallion has all these points. He is a glossy black, with a white star on his forehead and white hind feet. When the long forelock falls over his forehead the large black eyes have all the expression of a Bedouin woman's. The gait is perfect, be it either the rapid walk, the long swinging trot or the tireless stretching gallop, while a rein of one thread of silk is enough to guide their delicate mouth. Let one of these Arabs in the mad rush of a charge or a flight lose his rider and that instant the docile steed will stop as though turned to stone. These horses are of the famous Saktan race, the purest Arabian blood, only found in and near Bagdad. The dapple gray is appropriately named Djeytan (the panther) and the black Missirli (the one from Cairo), which cognomen he derives

pleased with the Sultan's gift. Episcopal Convention.

from the fact he was bought at Cairo

although foaled at Bagdad. For breed-

ing p reposes as well as saddle horses

their blood and gentle temper are high

recommendations, and I have no doubt

that our great General will be highly

SELMA, May 14.- The Episcopal diocesan Convention of Alabama convened a: Greensbore to-day, Bishop Welmer presiding. The attendance both clerical a: d lay was unusually large. The session will last four days.

-The members of Victor Fire Company express their sincere thanks to Major Tucker for the use of his cistern on Tuesday last, and are proud to say that as firemen we are always ready and willing to fight against the destroying flame. We respectfully ask the city to are doing. JAS. JONES, Foreman,

OUR WATER SUPPLY.

THE PROTECTION WE NOW HAVE AGAINST FIRE.

The Capacity of the Cisterns-The Present Condition of the Fire Department.

The question of a water supply is a vital one, and of the greatest interest to property owners and holders. The only means we have of guarding ourselves here where we have no water works is by the use of cisterns, wherein the rain water may be stored until such time as it is needed for use in case of danger. Some years ago the city had a few cisterns excavated, but these proved inadequate to the needs of the growing city, and early in the present year orders were given for the building of six more. The cisterns now built, filled with water and available for use by the Fire Department, are eight in number. The location of each

is given below: Favetteville street at Heartt's store, Fayetteville street at Williams & Haywood, 6,000 Fayetteville street at Mahler's store, 6,000.

of these, with its capacity in gallons

Fayetteville street at the crossing of Davie, 35,000 Hargett street at Wilmington, 14,000. Davie street at Cottage Hotel, 30,000. Capital Square, two, 20,000.

Total, in gallons. 117,000. There are five cisterns below given, now in course of construction; Newbern Avenue, at Mrs Ste-

Hillsboro street at Albert Johnsons. Salisbury street, near Col. Shaf-30,000. Blount street, near Col. Heck's, 30,000. Person street near Methodist

church, 30,000. Total, in gallons. 150,000. One of the cisterns above named, that at the Person Street Methodist Church, is complete, but it appears leaks so much that it cannot hold water. It will in a few days be placed in proper order by the contractor.

enumerated there are in the city several on the premises of private parties, or in daily use, but the use of which is granted in case of fire. These are loca-Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, 5,000

Besides the public cisterns above

Yarboro House, two. Maj. Tucker's, Hillsboro Ave., 6,000 Total. There are doubtless other cisterns which may be in such situation as to be of use, and it would be a good idea if persons on whose premises any such are situated would inform the Fire Department, as it would be of ma-

terial benefit to them, and to property holders near by. It appears from the figures given above that the public and private cisterns, now available for use by the engines have a total capacity of 142,000 gallons, and that those under way will contain 150,000, so that in the the course of a month, if proper haste is made in the work, we shall have at our disposal nearly 300,000 gallons. But this amount is not enough. Four more cisterns should certainly be provided, of 30,000 gallons each, or else eight of 15-000 each. There are many portions of the city, thickly built up, that the fire-

The city now has one steamer, the Rescue; one hand engine, the Victor; one chemical engine, the Phoenix; one hook and ladder company and one bucket company. There are 2,000 feet of good carbolized hose, almost new, and in good order. The hose reel of the Rescue carries to fires 1200 feet, while that of the Victor carries 600 feet.

men cannot reach with their hose.

The remainder is kept in the engine houses, as a reserve. There are also some 300 feet of old hose, which has been put in such a repair as to admit of its use for light work, but it cannot be depended upon with heavy pressure. A Few News Notes.

Say, why dost take affright At such R silly notion? -Boston Transcript. Judge: "Have you anything to offer to the court before sentence is passed on you? Prisoner: "No Judge, I had

Thou luscious truit of ocean:

Oyster, to thee I sing,

\$10, but my lawyer took that.

It is said there are 100,000 women in New York city who support themselves. It would be interesting to know how many support their hus-As long as some of the religious papers continue to offer pistols as premis

ums for subscribers, it is a little too much to hope for the suppression of the hip-pocket. Miss Penny saved from drowning by Jonathan Smith. In equity she belongs

to Smith from this time hereafter, because a Penny saved is a Penny earned.

Funeral of Mr. H. J. Brown. The funeral services of the late Mr. Henry J. Brown, who died Monday night, were held from the Edenton street Methodist church, at 4 o'elock yesterday afternoon. The church was filled with a large crowd, and the services impressively conducted by Rev. W. S. Black, the pastor, were listened to with great attention. The remains were carried to Oakwood, attended by a number of friends. A good man and citizen has been laid in the narrow grave, and there awaits a day for which

he was well prepared. Mr. Brown was both an Odd Fellow and Mason, and both of these societies attended in a body. The casket was beautifully decorated with flowers; and was borne by Messrs. B. C. Manly, D. W. Bain, Eugene Grissom, John T. Morris, E. B. Thomas, A. P. Bryan, W. C. Stronach and P. A. Wilev.

The Eagle Brewery, Ki:amond, Va. The brewery is entirely new, fitted up with the finest modern appliances, and has a capacity of 100 barrels or 400 kegs per day, which may be increased to any desired amount. A large bottling establishment is attached to the brewery, where large quantities of the beer will be put up for the Pacific coast of South America. it being, with one European exception, the only beer which will stand the long voyage around the Horn. The gold medal was awarded Mr. Geo. W. Robinson, the proprietor, by the Virginia State Agricultural Society for 1878. D. W. H. Taylor, State Chemist for Virginia, testifies to the purity and excellence of the products of this brewery, either as a medicine or a bever-

age. See advertisement.

University Commencement Ball. Correspondence of the News CHAPEL HILL, May 13 .- You are invited to attend the commencement ball June 5th, complimentary to the senior class of the University of North Carolina.

Mon igers: B. C. Sharpe, [Chief.] C. D. Hill, W. E. Phillips, J. P. McRae, R. W. Winborne. Honorary Managers: Hon. A. G.

Thurman, Hon. M. W. Ransom, Hon. put us a light in our engine house, so W. I. Steele, Gov. T. J. Jarvis, Hon. ten days than the "bloody" reports in that when we go in we can see what we Paul C. Cam ron, Hon. Jno. Manning, Hon. A M., Wastdell.