OBITUARY NOTES.

Mr. Jones C. Miller died at his home in Emmons township, last Friday. He represented this county in the Legislature some years ago .- Lexington Dispatch. Mrs. Mary Ward died in Westbrooks' township, December the 9th, 1884, aged 86 years, 6 months and 14 days. A good

woman has gone. - Clinton Caucasian. « We regret to announce the death of ex-Judge Moore, of Edenton, N. C., which sad event occurred in that town Friday night of paralysis. Judge Moore was an able jurist and a gentleman of fine attainments. - Norfolk Landmark.

On Friday last, Mrs. Sallie Ratcliff. widow of Albert Ratcliff, aged 76 years. she was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was highly esteemed by

The oldest person in this county, Mrs. Lucindy Queen, died in the poor house on Monday, aged about 110 years. Mr. Henry Guffy, one of our most highly respected citizens, died at his home, near Kappa, on Monday, aged 80 years. - Davie

The widow of the late Stephen Gibson lied at her residence, near Hamlet, last Monday, aged about 70 years. The widow of the late Z. B. Moore died in Great Falls village last Monday, after a protracted ill-She was about 65 years of age .-Rockingham Spirit.

Thomas W. Pool died in Oxford, Dec. and 1884, in the 74th year of his age. A more quiet, unobtrusive and kindhearted man has never hved in Oxford. Mr. Pool was for years a member of the Episcopal Church, and died in the Christiau's hope. -Oxford Torchlight.

Mr. Jesse Bowden, of Rocky Point township. Pender county, died yesterday morn-He was about 48 years of age and leaves a wife and six children. His discase was pneumonia. Mr. Bowden was a good citizen, a kind-hearted neighbor, and his death will cause a deep void in the section in which he lived .- Wilmington

This morning, at 5 o'clock, Capt. J. J. Fray, who has been gradually declining for a long time, died at his home, in this city, aged 48 years. Raleigh loses a good tizen; the youth of the city a competent and successful instructor, his wife and litle daughter a devoted husband and father. The remains were carried to Culpepper county, Virginia, Capt. Fray's old home, for interment. - Chronicle, 23d.

Capt. W. H. Brown, a well known and me of the most highly respected citizens Bladen county, died at his home, near Carver's Creek, in that county, on the 12th inst. Capt. Brown was, we think, about 55 years of age, and leaves a wife and four children. In all the affairs and duties of life Capt. Brown was a man of irreproachable integrity and a kind-hearted neighbor and citizen .- Wilmington Review.

Yesterday (Sunday) morning at 5 o'clock Mr. Geo. T. Cooke died at his home on Favetteville street in this city, after a lingering illness of nearly three months. Mr. Cook has always been an active business man, and a high-toned christian gentleman. In his death Raleigh sustains the loss of one of its most valued citizens. He was a strict member of Edenton Street Methodist Church. He gave largely of his means for the support of his church, and was charitable and kind to the poor.

at 10.30 o'clock, at Mr. Gulley's residence in this city. "Uncle Haley," as every-body called him who knew him, attained his ninety-fourth year in October, and was His life was spent as a quiet, respected, unassuming farmer, a ding, honorable citizen, and a generous, kind-hearted neighbor. Of late

years, he had resided with Mr. Gulley, for whom he had a very tender affection; and up to about twelve months ago, he could e seen nearly every day making his way, with the assistance of his cane, back and forth from Mr. Gulley's residence to his place of business on Fayetteville street. An honorable and upright man has passed away, after a life of very unusual length.

The Teachers' Assembly.

The next session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, which was organized t Waynesville last June, promises to be of the greatest interest and benefit to the teachers and to the general cause of education in the State. Arrangements are now being made towards securing the attendance of some of the most prominent and successful educators in the Union, and the lectures from these gentlemen will create the greatest enthusiasm upon this subject. We learn that Col. Francis W. Parker, the great originator of the popular "Quincy Methods of New Education," be at the meeting and address the Assembly. Every progressive teacher in the State ought to go to this meeting, and he or she cannot fail to catch such inspiration from the gathering as will go a long way toward insuring future success and appreciation. The "Teachers' Assembly" sas organized through the untiring efforts of our enterprising cotemporary The North radius Tracker, and the good effects of this theroughly practical association of ar leading teachers is being already seen of his throughout the entire State. This Thoutauqua" idea is a good one, and "Is ambitious teacher's name ought to attending the session in the mountains Thy the sea is a mere trifle, as such fatotalde reductions are secured, and the delight-of recreation and improvement

The Hillsboro School. heat session of this admirable and will begin on Feb. 6, 1885. The chool was opened on July 15, 1859, by Miss Sally K. Nash, Miss Maria Nash, and Sirah J. Kollock, daughters and ed for rare intellectual culture, for unusual elegance and grace of manner, for a pecular aptness in imparting instruction, and a wonderful executive power in governing with perfect case, harmony and order. The best of North Carolina women, pupils learn from precept and example the best and true-t attributes of genuine womanhood refinement, grace, piety, and womanly sympathy.

that of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Witherspoon, of his profession. The blacksmith and which the Judge ioined.

THE WEDDING SEASON. A Wedding in High Life.

[Correspondence of RALEIGH REGISTER.] ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Dec. 18, 1884.-Mr. James Bethell, of Virginia, and Miss Anna Leak Scales, of Rockingham, were united in marriage at this place last night, and it was the most brilliant wedding that this part of North Carolina ever witnessed. The marriage ceremony was performed in the Methodist Church by Rev. T. W. Guthrie. A vast crowd of the town people and visitors from a distance began to assemble at the church long before the time announced for the ceremony to take place, and by the time the hour had arrived the spacious church building was densely packed with people of all ages, all of whom were eager to get a good view of the bride. Not a whisper was heard from the vast crowd as the bridal party entered the church and came slowly down the aisles on either side

and arranged themselves around the altar. and when the clear tones of the preacher were heard to pronounce James Bethell and Anna Leak Scales man and wife, a stillness of death seemed to steal over the people, and you could hear the very hearts of some of them beat, for a number of young men with pale faces and throbbing hearts were there-young men who hoped to the last, and only surrendered as the last tones of the preacher died away.

After the two glad hearts were made one, the bridal party, followed by almost every one present, proceeded to the house everybody who knew her. - Waynesville of the bride's father, Maj. John M. Scales, and there enjoyed such a royal entertainment as only Mrs. Scales knows how to

Being somewhat an epicure myself, I cannot refrain from saying something about the elegant supper, for it was dainty, delicious and luxurious, and one of the best things about it was every one enjoyed it with that freedom that ever goes with true Southern hospitality.

Maj. Scales' family have ever been noted for their hospitality, and on this occasion old and young, rich and poor were there, and the flow of soul ran so high with all of them that at times the "mirth and fun grew fast and furious," reminding us of that old time festivity and hospitality that in long gone days made wealthy Southern homes the envy and admiration of the whole world.

Rockingham has ever been famous for the beauty and intelligence of its young ladies, and has usually stood without a rival in this respect, but on this occasion the young ladies of Rockingham, Danville, Fayetteville and other cities, seemed to vie with each other in beauty as well as in sparkling wit and repartee, but it was conceded by all that (except the bride, who is always the star of every circle) none equalled Miss Fannie Steele in sprightliness, vivacity and wit, and that Miss Kerr Morehead and Miss Emma Ledbetter were unrivalled in beauty.

Many costly presents were presented the bride, the groom's present being a magnificent set of diamonds. The room where the presents were deposited looked like a

The newly married couple, accompanied by several friends, and carrying with them the wishes of many more, departed last night for an extended tour. They will first visit relatives in Memphis, where a reception will be given them; from Memphis they will visit the Exposition at New Orleans, and from there they contemplate a European tour.

Mr. Bethell, the fortunate groom, is a chivalrous representative of the Virginia aristocracy. Miss Anna Leak Scales, the bride, is well known not only over North Carolina and Virginia, but over the entire South as one of the most charming and fascinating young ladies of recent times. Though quite young, she has reigned an unrivalled belle in all of the cities and at all of the watering places in our own State actness was the prophecy of our Lord fuland has as well in many cities throughout the South. She has had many devoted admirers. Many young men with nothing but love to offer have plead eloquently for her heart and hand, and many men of wealth and distinction have offered their fortunes and prostrated themselves at her feet, but her ideal of a man was unrealized Mr. Haley Dupree, the aged grandfather until Mr. Bethell presented himself; not of Mr. Joseph P. Gulley, died last night until then did she feel the divine fire of love kindling in her soul, and for the first time she smiled upon the man she loved, but not the first that ever loved her, and it may well be said "the smile that gladthe oldest citizen of the county. He was dened one lover's heart gladdened many born, reared and always resided in Wake more." It will be a long long while becounty. His life was spent as a quiet, fore Rockingham will feel like the same place without sweet, genial, sunny-hearted Anna Scales in our midst. May all of Heaven's blessings attend her in her new mountain home.

[Asheville Citizen.]

On the evening of the 16th inst., Mr. Walter L. Cushman and Miss Catharine McQueen Cameron, daughter of John D. Cameron, Esq., of the Citizen staff, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Episcopal church in this place, the Rev. Dr. Buxton, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Bell, officiating. The occasion-the first marriage ceremony that has been performed in the new church—was greeted by a large concourse, friends of the contracting parties, and the church was hand-somely lighted up, the scene presented being one of unusual splendor and elegance. As the wedding march swelled up in the church, Miss Lillie Buxton presiding at the organ, the bridal party entered the church in the following order: the ushers, Messrs. T. W. Patton and J. H. Law; flower maids, Misses Mary and Katie | governmental officials with pockets stuffed Waddell, Fannie and Mattie Stone, Carrie Ballard with Miss Mary Buxton, Mr. John G. Aston with Miss Sallie Coffin, Mr. F. A. Sondley with Miss Maggie Buxton, Mr. T. R. Yeatman with Miss Lizzie Curtis, Dr. B. H. Douglass with Miss Mary Cameron, Col. John D. Cameron with his daughter, the bride. As the party entered, the groom took his position before the

proceeded with. Afterwards a most pleasant reception father, attended by a large number of the

immediate friends of the family. The happy couple have our best wishes for the future—may their wedded life be life. Would to God, my friends, I could

could desire.

[Statesville Landmark.] the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage the present. The lovers of liberty and at their residence in west Statesville Wed- justice and the friends of purity and honand hearty congratulations upon the at- cials. The words of our Lord to the tainment of such long life together, and Nash, and has remained in their charge some couple—Mr. Drake now 76 years old, tortion and excess." Aye, "full of extorfor twenty-five years. In all these years his wife a few years his junior—and bid tion." As gold in their code constitutes tion of partial suffocation. Some fifteen

of school duties on any account whatever, golden gifts of various kinds, and amidst money in the treasury is extortion. It the prompt action of others in admitting money in the treasury is extortion. except the usual holidays. The three coprincipals are well known and distinguished for receivable and more than bountful and more tha passed pleasantly away. The editor of requirements of honest government, it is recover.

The Landmark, who learned the printing extortion in the purest sense of the word. business under Mr. Drake, and who has This iniquity has been systematized by

The Register will take the usual couple in a thousand. The only other couple in a thousand. The only other couple in a thousand of the case was still on couple in a thousand of the case was still on couple in a thousand of the case was still on couple in a thousand of the case was still on couple in a cou Christinas Holiday, trusting that its readin March last.

NATIONAL SERMONS

Based on the 23d Chapter of Matthew.

Reported for the RALEIGH REGISTER. "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess."

My friends, the cups to drink out of and the dishes used at their meals were used metaphorically by our Lord to exemplify the real characters of the Scribes and Pharisees. Cleanliness was a wise ordinance of the Mosaic jurisprudence. Every conscientious Jew was scrupulous about observing it. All the vessels used in eating or drinking were carefully cleansed after use, and the observance of this custom was a testimonial of the fidelity of every Jew to the Mosaic law which enoined it. To show the hypocrisy and love of outward show of the Scribes and Pharisees, our Lord charged them with cleansing only the outside, -the least important part, and leaving the inside, the most important part, uncleansed, filthy and offensive. This observance of only a part of the law, is another example of the infractions of that law, and that by those who made the most demonstrative pretence to keeping it. According to the philosophy of the Master, it was of little conseuence how well cleansed and polished the exterior might be while there remained within abominable, decaying and death dealing matter. This metaphor shows how profitless it was to those who ostensibly acquiesced in the law, and yet inwardly ignored its obligations. Let us see its moral application to the Scribes and Pharisees. They pretended much refinement of their manhood and self-respect, and and put on ostentatious manners. They made ostentatious displays of the outward forms of religion. They wore gaudy robes relentless vigor to all revenue and other emblematic of the priesthood. They bound their highly finished regalia of religious profession with broad phylacteries. They said by their sanctimonious bearing to the passer-by, "I am more holy than thou." As they stood at the corners of the streets and prayed, they scorned the publicans, their own mercenary agents. indeed, they cleansed the outside of the cup and the platter, but within there was 'extortion and excess." The term "within" indicates the moral condition of the Scribes and Pharisees themselves, for they were full of extortion and excess, or "ravenous and wickedness," as St. Luke haswritten it. Under the exterior of their boastful religion they possessed the rave- tifled by letter and circular carried through nous traits of the hungry wolf. Having wrenched a large share of the hard earnings of an oppressed people they indulged in extravagance and gluttony—were guilty of all manner of excess. While they observed the forms of godliness they were given over to the indulgence of animal appetites and passions. But with the dexterity of their outward religion they could not elude the power of the Master to read the inner man. He stript off in one sentence their foul garb of hypocrisy and revealed the horrible wickedness within. He made this public exposure of them in the presence of the multitude-the dupes whom they had deceived and misled. But having forgotten the power and knowledge of God, and they and their mercenaries agencies, while at the same time acquito lasciviousness, they resolved to disprove of levies of black mail upon postal offi-

him, and thereby, as they imagined, ending the struggle between them. There is a law of retribution which reaches all such cases. It, however, often forbears until the cup of iniquity is full. In its administration the Almighty ruler sometimes uses the abused and deceived ones by turning them loose in their wrath upon the offenders. At other times the retribution comes from without as in the case of Jerusalem when Titus invested it the postal service, making it an agent to with his army and swept it with the besom aid the grossest "extortion and excess" of destruction. With what wonderful exfilled when he said "this generation shall

our Lord's claims to divinity by murdering

not pass away until all these things be of extortion and excess." fulfilled." Shall I, my friends, attempt a portrai-Is there in all history, my friends, practices of public outrage? As the highmore complete likeness between the rulers of different people than that which exists between the Scribes and Pharisees and the his robberies, in like manner these governpresent dynasty which rules the North American Republic? As these words were used metaphorically by our Lord to point expense of oppressed and robbed officers of the law. They revel in venal and corout the true character of the Scribes and Pharisees, so they apply with equal force to our own officials who conduct the affairs rupt indulgencies, shielded by the specious show of fashion and society. Aye, the head men rob the robber's fund to provide of State. These officials like their prototypes are ever cleansing and ostensibly for their bacchanalian orgics. And these garnishing the exterior, hoping to chal-lenge the admiration of the thoughtless are the men who claim to be national patriots-who claim exclusive qualification and giddy multitude, who know nothing o govern and direct the destinies of a of the inside condition. Washington and christian nation. These are the men who assert that those who oppose such villainy Adams and Jefferson and Madison and Monroe were great lovers of constitutional and hypocrisy are traitors to the best govgovernment. The exterior with them conformed to the pure and unostentatious patriotism that burned within. Their revels, to anathematize just and holy men lives, their hearts and souls were consewho protest against such baseness, as enemies to the government. These are the crated to that purity and economy which self-styled patriots who, rather than subcharacterized their administrations. No extortion and excess-no extravagance at mit to defeat, would foment rebellion and public expense attached to them. Nor fill the land with insurrectionary bloodshed

had they any bribed minions to go at their and devastation. bidding. They did not wash "the out-It is a trite saying that history repeats side of the cup and the platter" and leave itself. There is nothing more definitely the inner part polluted with corruption and villainy—full of extortion and excess. settled in history than the fact that God punishes national crime with as much In their appointments of officials they certainty as he does individual sins. He sought honesty and efficiency. They had holds the head and chief men of a nation no thieves and robbers in their cabinets to to as strict accountability as he does the shield. They had no excessive revenues head of a family. This was the divine method with the patriarchs and the Israelto divide as a corruption fund among their partisans and adherents. They had no itish kings. When a patriarch sinned a agents to disburse corruption funds in notable sin he and his household were agents to disburse corruption funds in buying men's votes. Nor had they any punished. When a King gave an evil and corrupt administration he and the people with money with which to suborn withe ruled suffered signal punishment. This rule held good down to the times when nesses to rob the people of a lawful Presthe Scribes and Pharisees thrust themselves into Moses' seat and exercised his prerogatives. Their administration culminated served their oaths to God with the strictest in the terrible catalogue of crimes charged fidelity-oaths by which they consecrated against them by our Lord, and the Almighty soon swept them and their government away forever. We have, in all essential points, a won-

their lives, their fortunes, their honor and their official power to the cause of liberty and justice, and to the equal well-being the groom took his position before the minister, and the beautiful ceremony was minister, and the beautiful ceremony was honor and prosperity of the government derful parallel in our own national iniquities to the corruptions of the Scribes and of which they were the chief magistrates. Pharisees. The likeness is complete with was held at the residence of the bride's In this way, these noble statesmen estabone exception. Corruption, in official lished the rights and liberties we now encircles, has increased with us much more joy, and laid the foundation of that growth rapidly than under the administration of the Scribes and Pharisees, until the cup and wealth which characterize our national has become "full of extortion and excess." on the roll of members. The expense as joyous as their most ardent friends point out to you one feature, only one, of And now if the good meu of the nation that grand and manly patriotism, which was the glory of these noble chiefs, in the rise not, and we do not have a new order of things under a new administration, God present rulers of our Republic. The conwill see to it that history repeats itself trast, however, presents a sad picture. with us, and the glory and stability of this Republic will be swept away forever.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Drake celebrated Degeneracy in statesmanlike quality marks nesday evening. A number of their friends esty in the government have found but had been invited, and they received many little encouragement in our highest offi-Scribes and Pharisees furnish a sad comthe large share of physical and mental mentary on their public conduct: "Ye vigor that remains to them yet. They are make clean the outside of the cup and of indeed a rarely well preserved and hand- the platter, but within they are full of ex-

that his days and those of his excellent years. Protection, the very essence of ex- cover the value of two casks of herrings tion tortion, has been the cherished bantling of furnished in 1854. "Why such long de-

THE TREASURY SURPLUS Very Likely to Dispose of Itself.

the carpenter on the tools of their craft.

Your cup and platter pay their part of it.

The machinery of the mill which grinds

the meal and flour for your bread creak

feel its weight. It strikes a blow at the

wool hat and copheras breeches of the rural

wear has to pay a rate per cent, on account

grave's mouth it lifts its hydra head. The

which it has levied tribute. The under-

protected material, and the very grave

clothes have suffered from the hand of

friends, to another of the many acts of ex-

administrations. The officers of the gov-

should end. But all the clerks and em-

ments, many of whom are widows and un-

because it despoils government employees

degrades them to the condition of servile

menials. The same rule is applied with

officials. Their submission to the unholy

extortion is the price of office. The whole

postal system has likewise been placed

under tribute to corrupt the people it was

intended to serve. This postal system was

ment to carry, in confidence and with

safety, the private communications be-

tween man and man. It has, however,

been perverted and used for the basest

purposes of those in power. Mail con-

tractors have not escaped the rapacious

worshippers of the golden god. Postmas-

ters all over the land-the agents of the

government and of the people-have on the eve of every general election, been no-

the mails, that they must pay specified

amounts of money to corruption agents,

accompanied with the threat that if they

fail to do so they will forfeit their offices.

And this "extortion and excess" has been

practiced under the specious cleansing of

the "outside of the cup and of the plat-

ter" by postal bulls against all correspon-

dence, through the mails, with lottery

agencies. In all this there is a most

wicked and devilish feature. Have you.

my friends, thought of the moral enormity

of this extortion practiced through the

postal service of the nation? The hypoc-

risy of the chief of the department rises

to the supreme of hypocrisics, in the is-

suance of these postal bulls against lottery

postoffice money orders, thus prostituting

the finance of the Postoffice Department to

the use and encouragement of a principle

which is the exact equal of the highway

Terror in a Sunday School.

[New York Herald.]

inhalation of an irrespirable gas, produced

by burning coal, in the Methodist Sunday

school chapel here this morning, produced

among the teachers and children a condi-

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 21.-The

robber's order-" your money or your life!"

designed by the framers of the govern-

[New York World.] under the weight of it. The castors of the Washington, Dec. 19 .- There are over trundle bed on which your children sleep two hundred thousand applications before the War Department to correct the records of soldiers who are classed as deserters. laborer. Every article of clothing we The majority of these applications are from men who are seeking pensions. of it. It begins with life and only ends Nearly all of them are technical deserters with death. The first swaddling clothes in and are really entitled to an honorable which the new born babe is wrapt are discharge. At the close of the war, when made of protection goods, and at the the regiments were sent home, there was an utter absence of the usual discipline. sexton digs the grave with tools upon In many cases where the regiments were mustered out at inconvenient locations the taker, too, has worked with tools made of men went home without going through this last formality. In a great number of instances the greatest possible stupidity extertion before entering the charnel was shown in selecting places for musterhouse. But I call your attention, my ing out. For instance, the majority of the Ohio regiments were ordered to report tortion which blacken the record of recent to Louisville to be mustered out. It was too much to expect that the Ohio'soldiers, ernment are paid for their services from after three or four years of absence from the funds of the national treasury. This home, would consent to ride right by their is honest and square, and here the matter own doors to go to Louisville for the purpose of complying with a mere technicality. Yet all who failed to report were entered ployes in the various government departup as deserters. Few of the soldiers were protected females, have to live off their aware of this until the fact was brought salaries besides having to dress in goods out against them in rejection of their apthat pay protection duties. In addition plication for pensions. Congress has passed to this they are forced to contribute a general law giving the War Department given per cent, of their salaries to a corfull authority to correct all deserving cases. ruption fund with which their masters These applications are being acted upon propose to buy votes and official position; as rapidly as possible. or forfeit their places. This kind of extortion is wicked in the highest degree,

TOUGH OLD PEOPLE

In Connecticut and North Carolina. The population of Connecticut by the census of 1880 was 622,700, and may be roughly computed at the present time at 650,000. In this number Mr. Frederick H. Nash has detected more than six thousand above eighty years old, and publishes a list of them arranged by townships. Of fifty-one more than ninety, and one hundred and twenty more than one hundred years old. Brief sketches of most of the living centenarians are given, and of some who have recently died, and we are impressed by the very slow effects of rum and tobacco upon their vitality.

For example. Mrs. Nancy Coley of Easton, is set down as one hundred and five years old. At birth she was so small that she was put into a teapot and the lid was shut on her. She was married twice: first in 1799, and again in 1865. At the age of fifteen Aunt Nance acquired the habit of taking snuff, and has continued it for ninety years.

Mrs. Elsie Chittenden, of Guilford, is other example. She was one hundred years old last April, and, like Mrs. Coley, has been married twice. For more than sixty years she has been a snuff taker has no physical disease, has never taken medicine. Mrs. Chittenden, however, has been a total abstainer from spiritous liquors, and "to this," says the biographer, "many attribute her longev-

Mrs. Bridget Farley, of Stratford, however (who beats Mrs. Chittenden by three having completely given themselves over escing in the transportation by the mails years, makes her own bed daily, is subject to no physical disabilities except rheumacials; and by the further use of the mails | tism, and thanks God for "the privilege in carrying the moneys thus extorted to of living so long to repent fully of her chiefs of the great official corruption fund. sins "), takes spiritous liquors with mod-Much of these black mail levies is sent in eration every time she gets a chance, and sins"), takes spiritous liquors with mod-

has done so since a tender age.
William Hamilton, who died last July an honest man, attended strictly to his own business, was respected by all who The sin of lotteries, however great that knew him, and had been an inveterate may be, is incomparable to this abuse of smoker for eighty years.

But North Carolina is ahead in old folks as in all other things. The Asheville Exlavigator has a four column biographical for corruption's sake. This, my friends, interview with the oldest man in the world. certainly fills the Pharisaic measure desig-He lives in Cherokee county, is 187 years old, sees with his second set of eyes, eats nated by our Lord-"within they are full heartily with his fourth set of teeth, and ture of the results of these methods and says he is good for 20 years more of this \$45,686,625 in excess of legal requirelife. Temperance has done the business wayman has his carousals on the fruits of for our old man-whose name is Thomas Williams-temperance, that is to say three drinks a day for 150 years. Says the re-

mental spoilsmen enjoy surfeiting and riotous living at public expense, and the port in the Exlarigator: "And to what cause, principally, Mr. Williams, do you attribute your great immunity from the common fate of mankind, for such a lengthened period?" I asked.

"Temperance, sir; temperance in all things. I have always eaten moderately, slept moderately, and never worked too hard. I have taken three drinks of spirits every day for 150 years, never exceeding that number but once, when, in 1746, on the occasion of my son's wedding, I beernment the world ever saw. These are came intoxicated—the only time in my the men who come from their bacchanalian | life."

The Collapse of a State. [New York Herald.]

The State of Nevada has collapsed. It never was much of a State. It never should have been admitted into the Union. The enabling act of March, 1864, was one of the most culpable follies of the Repubby giving two Senators and a Representative in Congress to a mining camp among barren mountains.

25,653 were foreign born and nearly 10,000

vania! What shall be done with a collapsed State? Is not a constitutional amendment desirable to extinguish it? Is it just that the other States should tolerate the monstrous political power Nevada exercises in Congress and the Electoral College any longer than may be needful to correct it by due process of law?

But the extinguishment of any State is

Labor Troubles.

[New York Herald.]

the Empire are tending to higher and more

general taxation in Germany. The policy of protection has led to a higher duty on wheat in France, and so added another burden to the heavy taxation borne by the French people. These governments are both of necessity very costly, and the bur-dens now imposed upon industry could hardly be much lightened unless such a reduction were accompanied by a radical this our situation. By reducing unnecessary taxation nearly two dollars a year would be added to the earnings of every man, woman and child in the country. And estimating the yearly earnings of a workingman at four hundred dollars-a nigh estimate—a fund would be added to the disposable wealth of the country capa ble of giving employment to two hundred and fifty thousand men. No nation is so favorably situated to make substantial concessions to labor as the United States.

ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS.

All the glove manufactories of Gloversville have shut down. The coal companies have decided to re-

strict next year's production in order to obtain higher prices from consumers. A Pittsburg oil association has bought out three farms with a view of shutting down the wells and restricting produc-

Mitchell county, on Tuesday last, by a

majority of 1,200, voted a \$100,000 sub-

scription to Marion and Rutherford railroads. Illinois has produced more corn on a less acreage than for several years; the vield in money to the farmers is the small-

est since 1878. The cold throughout the country last week was very severe, ranging below zero from 8 to 38; several persons were frozen to death, cattle and poultry were killed, and peach trees destroyed. A large number of fires are reported all over the East, the six thousand there are six hundred and | due to the cold weather and the consequent increased use of heating apparatus.

The bodies of twenty-one children and one woman were found in the ruins of the Brooklyn Orphan Asylum which was burned on Thursday. The burned children were in the special infirmary for sufferers from ophthalmia. There were Lard-pure refined, in tierces. thirty patients, and additional victims are Lard-"off grades," in buckets and ferers from ophthalmia. There were looked for. Sixty-six of the boys are missing.

The Board of Trade of Columbus, O., estimates the cost to the Board and to the coal companies of the recent strike in Hocking Valley at \$1,620,000. The loss to business men outside of the Board has been estimated at \$350,000, to the railroads centering there at \$1,100,000, to the furnaces in the valley at \$225,000, and to the city of Columbus at \$3,511,000.

RUSINESS NOTES.

The cotton receipts last week were 257, 569 bales, against 247,108 last year. Since September 1, the receipts are 3,319,859 Wilmington's cotton receipts last week

were 3,593 bales; an increase of 122. Since September 1, 76,832 bales, an increase of 4,402. The total visible supply of cotton for 589,431 bales are American, against 3,300,-

539 and 2,772,619 respectively last year; crop in sight 3,982,054 bales. at the age of one hundred and two, was an increase of 47 over previous week. The Western and Pacific States furnished nearly one-half of the casualties. There is also a considerable increase in the South-

> ern States. The weekly statement of the New York Associated Banks shows the following changes: Loans increase \$4,116,500; specie increase \$809,600; legal tenders decrease \$1,253,200; deposits increase \$4,489,100; circulation increase \$43,700; reserve decrease \$1,465,875. The banks now hold

FARMING FACTS.

The farmers are greatly pleased at the beautiful manner in which their wheat has come up. There was a fear that it would not sprout, but that fear has been dissipated, and where wheat was sown a most complete success is seen in the manner of its coming up .- Greensboro Workman.

A larger crop of wheat was sowed in this county this year than usual, and we are pleased to learn that it is coming up very well. The dry weather kept it back for some time, but since the recent rains it is growing finely. There was not as large an oat crop sowed as usual, on account of the difficulty in preparing the ground .- Chatham Record.

Mr. Nathan Palmer informs us that Mr. Jimmie Stewart, of Six Pound, made \$800 clear of all expenses this year on his two horse farm. But this is no new thing with friend Stewart. He sells about enough cattle, flour, oats, eggs, butter and pork, every year to pay all of his expenses, thus leaving his market crop a clear gain. His lican party. It swindled the other States neighbor, Louis Scoggin, Esq., does about the same. - Warrenton Gazette.

Mr. John Graham, of Fork township tells us he made this year with only two After sixteen years the population of Nevada had grown to but 62,266, of whom thousand pounds of good tobacco, seventy thousand pounds of good tobacco, seventy barrels of corn, one hundred and ninety were Chinese and Indians. Since 1880 bushels of wheat, three hundred of oats, apparently at least a third of the 53,556 and one hundred of sweet potatoes, bewhites have emigrated. A very large ma- sides fodder, shucks, fruit, &c. At a jority of the inhabitants are males. The moderate estimate this crop is worth \$2, census of 1880 gave the proportion of 500. He said he used a good deal of exmales to females as much more than two tra labor, but he did not know how much to one. But in the Presidential election | We do not suppose the total expenses inlast month the State cast only 12,797 votes. | cident to a two-horse crop could well ex-Its three electoral votes were given to ceed \$1,000, and this looks to us like a big Blaine-one for every 4,266 voters. If estimate. Mr. Graham is one of the truth they had been given to Cleveland what ful men in the county and his statements a howl the Blaine Republicans would can be relied on implicitly. If there is no have raised about the disproportion as money in farming at \$750 clear to the compared with Illinois, Ohio or Pennsyl- horse, how and where can money be made? - Warrenton Gazette.

A Strange Story. [Asheville Citizen.]

We have information, rather indefinite it is true, of a strange and striking instance of retirement from active life and partial seclusion from the world of an ed ucated Englishman now living in western a very serious matter. And the continu- North Carolina. In Haywood county, ance of any State in the monstrous con- close to the great Cataloochee mountain, dition of Nevada is a very serious matter has lived for many years the person referred to. His cabin is a mere hut, barely excluding the weather. He has never had companionship of any kind in his retirement, holds little intercourse with his neighbors, is reticent though not morose; A spirit of unrest is abroad among those talks readily when addressed, but says who depend upon their daily labor for nothing of his former life. He has been their bread, not only in the United States, | in his present locality so long that few rebut also in European nations. It is im- member when he came to it; does little or possible to estimate closely how much la- no labor, but seems to have money with oor is now without employment in this which to supply his few and simple wants. country, but if the iron and textile indus- He and his life are a mystery to all around tion." As gold in their code constitutes the ground of official fidelity, so the practice of extention follows as a legitimate serious or their friends remember of the friends remember of their friends remember of their friends remember of their friends remember of their friends remember of the friends remember of their friends remember of their friends one-nair of the labor of the country employed in manufactures is idle, and a large sequence. Taxation for raising surplus sequence and suspension sequence and supply severe sickness—nor any suspension sequence and supply severe sickness and s greatly reduced wages when compared bors. Supposing the illness was a fatal with returns in former years. Agricultu- one, the lady asked him for his name so present, the evening, crowned with an energy asked him for his name so elegant and more than bountiful supper, are collected, if they be in excess of the but even there the effects of depression might be communicated with. He did An action was brought recently before are felt. The Hocking Valley miners and the Norwalk hatters are only special and had lived in London; that he was a witcause to regard him with affection, hopes the administrations of the last twenty Mr. Justice Hawkins, in England, to re- aggravated indications of a general condiness in a very important case; that the In France labor outbreaks are feared, evidence; that in the interest of one of the wife may yet be long in the land.

A golden wedding is, by the by, an anniversary which few couples live to celeniversary which few couples live to celeniversary which few couples live to cele-brate—the fiftieth year of married life probably does not come to more than one couple in a thousand. The only other

RAILBOAD PROGRESS.

The ten and a half miles of the South Carolina Pacific Railway, which is completed from Bennettsville to the North Carolina line, where it connects with the track of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, was examined by the railroad commissioners on Saturday, and the oper ation of the line was authorized on and change in public policy. Compare with after that date. - Charleston News and Courier.

Oxford's Boom.

[Oxford Torchlight, It is estimated that at least \$75,000 have been expended in building improvements in Oxford during this year, and from the present outlook that amount will be more than doubled next year. Oxford's growth is rapid and substantial, and her future is full of promise. There is not a vacant house in town, and new ones are going up in every direction. Many families who would like to move here are prevented, from doing so by the absence of houses to

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

RALEIGH MARKETS. Official Report of the Cotton Market. [Reported by the Cotton Exchange.] RALEIGH, December 24, 1884.

 Strict middling
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 Low middling..... Market firm City Market -- Wholesale Prices. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY E. J. HARDIN,

CROCER. RALEIGH, December 24, 1884.

 Bulk Meats—clear rib sides
 $6\frac{1}{4}$ @6%

 Butter—North Carolina
 20@25

 Beeswax Coffee-Rio..... 11(@13 12%@13% 20@25 22% 4 60@5 00 Cheese 9@91/2 Oats—shelled Rags.... Sugar—granulated 6¾ 5¼@6¼ 28@30 Sugar-Standard A ... Sugar-yellow.....

REMARKS. Wholesale markets for staple Provisions are without important change. People are devoting their attention, and spare dimes, mainly to the purchase of Holiday supplies; and the REGISTER wishes them all a merry Christmas and a happy

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Wilmington Star, December 23, 1884.] SPIRITS TURPENTINE-The market was noted steady at 27% cents per gallon, with sales eported of 250 casks at that price. ROSIN-The market was quoted steady at 95 cents for Strained, and \$1.00 for Good Strained, TAR-The market was quoted steady at \$1.10 per barrel of 280 lbs., with sales at quotations. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market steady with sales reported at \$1.00 for Hard and \$1.60 for Virgin and Yellow Dip. COTTON-The market quoted firm, with rop in sight 3,982,054 bales.

Dun & Co. report 395 failures last week; sales reported of 100 bales on a basis of 10 5-16 cents per lb. for Middling. The following were the official quotations: Ordinary 8 1-16 Good Ordinary 9 5-16 Low middling Middling 10 5-16
Good middling 101/4 NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

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