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Will make liberal cash advances on all consignments of produce.
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Boots and Shoes,
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AGENT FOR THE SALE OF LUMBER, TIMBER, TURPENTINE, &C.
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10 BBLS. Tanners Oil.
15 " Whale "
10 " Racked "
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THE subscribers have formed a Copartnership under the firm of McMillan & Co., for the transaction of a general retail business at *White Hall, Bladen County.*
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C. W. BRADLEY.
April 4. 9

SADDLE, HARNESS, AND TRUNK
MANUFACTORY,
Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.
THE subscriber takes this method of informing his friends and the public generally, that he has taken the store formerly occupied by Porter and Blakeslee, and immediately opposite the Chronicle Office, where he is now opening a complete assortment of
Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Trunks, Martingales, Valises, Carpet and Saddle Bags, Collars, Whips, Spurs, Bits, &c. &c. &c. &c.
All of which will be warranted of good manufacture and materials, and will be sold low for CASH.
Having LONG EXPERIENCE in the above business, he flatters himself that he will be able to render *full satisfaction* to those who may be disposed to patronize him.
It is his intention to keep no Books, but to adopt the CASH SYSTEM, by which means he will be able to furnish articles MUCH CHEAPER than they have heretofore been bought in this market.
☞REPAIRING of all kinds done at the shortest notice. JOHN J. CONOLEY.
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SUGAR, COFFEE, BRANDY, &c.
20 Bags Rio Coffee, 10 do. Laguyra do.
4 Hhds. Porto Rico Sugar, 1 do. N. Orleans do.
10 Barrels Apple Brandy, 5 do. Pure Rye Whiskey.
40 Bags Shot. Raisins, Figs and Cheese.
Also on hand, 25 Bbls. Common Whiskey, 16 Hhds. Molasses. C. W. BRADLEY.
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CANDY! CANDY!!—Just received, and will be opened for a few days, *Stuart's Superior Candy.*
C. W. BRADLEY.
April 4. 9

GLUE.—6 bbls. Glue a good article, for sale by
51 J. GAMMELL.

JUST RECEIVED.—Per Schr. Jonas Smith, 10 kegs prime Goshen Butter, 10 bbls. Crackers, 5 bbls. Pilot Bread, and for sale by
August 1. [59] E. J. LUTTERLOH.

For Rent.
THE Store at present occupied by R. H. Grant & Brother—possession given the 1st. of October. Apply to J. D. LEVE.
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TO RENT.
SEVERAL well finished offices, in the fine proof building on *Water Street,* over the stores of Smith, Mitchell & Godes.
That large and convenient Wharf on Eagle's Island, opposite Town and known as the site of the *Phœnix Distillery,* 220 feet front, and running back 1600 feet with convenient dock. Warehouse 40 by 80 feet, negro quarters, &c. all in good repair. Apply to H. Nutt.
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C. W. BRADLEY.
April 4 9

NEFF & WARNER
HAVE just received per Schrs E. S. Powell and R. W. Brown,
At their General Ship Chandlery and Family Grocery Store,
The following supply of GOODS, which they offer for sale on most accommodating terms, viz:

20 BBLS Mess Beef.	20 " Rio do.
20 ½ " Family do.	20 St. Domingo do.
20 ½ " Packet do.	6 chests Yg. Hyson Tea,
1000 lbs. Smoked Beef,	10 " Black do.
20 ½ bbls. Beef Tongues,	12 boxes Lemon Syrup,
20 " Mess Pork,	6 " Lemons
20 " Prime do.	10 boxes Sperm Candles
20 boxes Cheese,	20 ½ " " "
40 bbls Canal Flour,	20 " Tallow "
20 ½ " " "	30 kgs Cut Nails, as. sizes.
30 " Pilot Bread,	20 do. Ship Spikes,
20 ½ " " "	500 lbs. cop. Sheath Nails,
20 " Navy "	100 lbs. Copper Tacks.
20 ½ " Soda Biscuit,	60 kegs No. 1 White Lead,
1 hhd. Porto Rico Sugar,	10 " Extra " "
6 bbls. Crushed Sugar,	20 " Black Paint,
10 " Powdered "	50 Cans Imperial Green,
1000 lbs. Loaf "	30 " Paris "
10 bags Laguira Coffee,	

A general assortment of Summer Clothing. A general assortment of Wood and Willow Ware.
Also, per Schr. Wilmington, and Brig Duffell: 30 boxes Tobacco; 10,000 Spanish Segars, assorted Brands; 30,000 American do.
3 casks first rate French Brandy, with Custom House Certificates, And 5 casks London and Philadelphia Porter.
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A DWELLING on Second between Market and Dock Street, at present occupied by Mr. Augustine, well adapted for the accommodation of a small family. Apply to J. MULOCK,
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200 MUSKETS of a very superior quality at a *remarkable low price,* made expressly for the use of Planters, just received, and for sale by
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BUCKETS, &c.—Brass Hooped Buckets, Iron do. Tubs, Coolers, Trays and Bowls, White Wash Brushes, Axe Handles, Flour Palls, Bbl. Covers, Measures, Brooms and Hearth Brushes; also Baskets, Cocoa Nut Dippers, &c. C. W. BRADLEY.
April 4.

LIME—300 Casks fresh Thomaston Lime, just landed, for sale by SANDFORD & SMITH.
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BRICK.—25,000 hard Brick, for sale, by
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50 BBLS. City Mess Pork, and 5,000 bushels Corn, a prime article. For sale, by J. MULOCK.
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BILLS OF EXCHANGE—Price $1 perquire, for sale at the COMMERCIAL OFFICE.
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SADDLES, BRIDLES,
HARNESS, TRUNKS, &c. &c. &c.
THE Subscriber has on hand a general assortment of Goods in his line, together with *Rockaways, Buggies, Trotting Waggons,* and *Sulkies,* all of which he will sell low. Purchasers are respectfully invited to call at the Old Stand, North Side of Market Street.
GUY C. HOTCHKISS.
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Wood and Willow Ware.
A GOOD assortment of wooden and willow ware.—For sale, by D. W. WOOD.
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Linseed Oil.
5 BARRELS Linseed Oil, in Store, for Sale low, by
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FRESH beat Rice, constantly on hand, at retail, by the cask, by E. DICKINSON.
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THE subscribers have entered into a copartnership, under the name and firm of HOWARD & PEDEN.
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AGENCY OF CAPE FEAR STEAM BOAT COMPANY.
March 11, 1846.

THE *Cape Fear Steam Boat Company,* having thoroughly placed in order the favorite Steamer, *Cotton Plant,* and are building Lighters of the most approved style, and peculiarly adapted to the low stages of the River, are prepared to give despatch to Goods for Fayetteville, and the interior, on the *most favorable terms.* The keel of a new Steamer has been laid, which will soon be completed, of such light draft of water, *as to suit all stages of the River; and which, in lightness of draft,* WILL NEVER BE SURPASSED.
Goods will be received and forwarded promptly thro' Wilmington, *free of all charges for Storage, Drayage, Wharfage, and Commissions;* and will be attended to at Fayetteville, *free of Commissions.* Goods can be stored there, up town or at the river, as shippers may desire.
The Cape Fear Steam Boat Company are determined to carry Goods on as favorable terms as any other Company; and from the long experience of their agents at Wilmington and Fayetteville, have no doubt of giving their friends *entire satisfaction.*
E. W. WILLKINS,
Agent at Fayetteville
ROB'T. G. RANKIN,
Agent at Wilmington.
March 17. 1

EMPTY SPIRITS TURPENTINE BBLS.
A CONSTANT supply of the above barrels for sale by SANDFORD & SMITH.
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5,000 BUSHELS TURKS ISLAND SALT for Sale by
O. G. PARSLEY.
Wilmington, March 19. 2 tf.

STATIONERY—Letter and Cap Paper, Steel Pens, Quills, Ink, Superior Paris Marking and Writing Black Lead Pencils, Common English do. Childrens Copy Books, Pass Books, 2 and 4 quire Blank Books, Wrapping Paper, Paste Board, Slates.
C. W. BRADLEY.
April 4 9

WHO WISH THEIR BOOKS BOUND?
FEELING the inconvenience of the closing of the Book Bindery in Wilmington, we have made arrangements with a CHARLESTON BINDER to execute work from this place at *Charleston prices!* Those having Books to bind, in fact, any work that is executed in a Bindery, can have it done *well* and *expeditiously* and at 25 per cent lower than they have been in the habit of paying, by leaving it at the OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL.
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COTTON TWINE—10 Bales Cotton Seine Twine, assorted and numbered. Just received and for sale by NEFF & WARNER.
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SADDLES AND BRIDLES
THE above articles are sold at the lowest prices, by
Sept. 26. 81 E. PETERSON.

JUST RECEIVED, and for sale at the *Literary Depot*
"THE OLD SANCTUARY,"
A new Novel, by *A. J. Requier*
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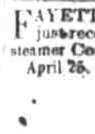
FOR SALE, OR RENT.

POSSESSION *given 1st Nov. next.* A dwelling House and Lot, situated on East side of Boundary, between Market and Dock Streets. Terms accommodating. If not sold between this and the 1st. of November, it will then be rented.
R. G RANKIN, Auct.
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HAY of good quality, for sale in lots to suit, by
BROWN & DeROSSET.
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FAYETTE FLOUR.—1 Lot superfine and ✕ fresh just received by one of the late despatch trips of steamer Cotton Plant. R. G. RANKIN.
April 25. 16

From the New Orleans Delta.

THE AVERTED DUEL:

OR,

THE ANXIETIES OF A NON-RESISTANT.

A well known advocate of non-resistance was in conversation yesterday in St. Charles street with an acquaintance. The subject was the Sub-Treasury, Treasury Notes, and the Finances of the General Government.—While thus engaged a third party came up—one who joyously delighteth in a joke—and in a tone which bespoke deep concern, winking, however, aside, to him who was in company with the non-resistant, said—"This is a bad business!"

"Bad business—what's a bad business? the refusal of the New York banks to make a loan to Secretary Walker, eh?"

"No was the reply of Joker, "but this duel; and then the terms are so desperate—so bloody!"

"What duel—what duel?" said Non-Resistant—"what terms?"

"Why there is Bill Brown who is going over to Gretna to fight a duel with John Smith. [We say Brown and Smith because we do not wish to give the real names of the parties who were made the subject of the joke.] The weapons, I understand, are revolving pistols and bowie knives. They are to stand at twenty paces and advance firing, and ——"

"What!" said the non-resistant, interrupting him—"Brown going to fight a duel?—Why he is my tenant—he owes me three months rent—he has a most helpless family. I shall go this instant and make affidavit of the fact before the Recorder, and have him arrested. If he should be killed I lose my rent, lose my tenant, and have his family on me for a burden into the bargain. I shall have him arrested instantly.

Off Non-Resistant bustled, and Joker and his friend had a loud laugh at his expense, when he got at such a distance that he could not hear them. Joker chuckled at the idea of setting so good a saw agoing, concluded that it would be some time before it would stop. He was right; it ran a considerable distance.

Non-Resistant hurried before the Recorder, made oath that he had "good reason to believe," and all that, that "Bill Brown and John Smith [the names are the only things fictitious in the story] were about to fight a duel contrary to the Constitution and the peace and dignity of the State of Louisiana, and therefore, he prayed for the arrest of both of them, or at least of the one, Brown." A warrant was drawn out and signed, and placed in the hands of one of two police officers who were instructed where Brown was to be found, at his residence, and thither they went to execute it.

Now, it so happened that when they reached the domicil of Brown, who was actually about to make a business trip up to Natchez—he was stowing away a few shirts and other "fixings" into his carpet bag.

"You are a prisoner of the State," said one of the officers touching him on the shoulder.

"I'm a what?" said Brown, turning round, and partially elevating his body, and as he did so, exposing a revolver, which, sure enough, he had been just placing between two shirts in his carpet bag—for, although one of the most peaceably disposed men in the world, he never travelled without "Betsey," as he called the revolver.

"Seize him," said the police officer to his fellow, "and seize that pistol." The order was executed, and amidst the conjoint and simultaneous cries of poor Brown's wife and children he was dragged off between the two police officers, one of them carrying the revolver as a trophy of the manner in which they executed their duty.

"What is all this for?" said Brown, as soon as he caught breath to utter a word—"What is all this for? at whose instance am I arrested?"

"Why, at the instance of ——, to be sure," replied one of the police officers.

"O, the hardened wretch!" said Brown, "to have me dragged from the midst of my family to a jail for his petty three month's rent, and I well able to pay him"

"O, you are a pretty fellow to speak that way of your friend," said one of the police officers. "he's the most humanest man I ever seed. I thought he'd a cried when he was swearing against you."

"O, the hypocrite," said Brown, "if he had waited till I came down the river I should have paid him my debt to the last cent"

"O that's all very likely," said one of the police officers, looking significantly at his comrade; "but as he thought that you might in the meantime pay the debt of nature, he had you arrested"

"I challenge the scoundrel," said Brown, indignantly, "to say if he ever knew me to give him cause to suspect ——"

"Ah, there it is," said the policeman. "You have already sent a challenge, though you know it is a violation of the Constitution to do so; and as for suspecting you, I think he had strong grounds for his suspicion. Did not I arrest you myself with the pistol actually in your hand—that pistol," said he, holding it up and speaking in a moralizing tone—"that pistol with which you were about to seek to take the life of a fellow being. Oh, Brown, you're a bad man—you'd kill a fellow being—you'd leave your wife a widow and your children orphans—and all for what? Honor! There aint no more honor in this duelling business than there is in any other murder, only that its more genteel—that all."

This speech of the police officer rather bewildered poor Brown. What could it mean? he spoke of "taking the life of a human being"—of a "widow and orphans"—a "duel," and all that. Thus he thought, but before he could find a solution for the police officer's enigmatical speech, he was in the presence of the Recorder. Here an investigation of the affair was necessarily entered on, and this disclosed the fact that it had never entered into the mind of Brown to fight a duel—that it never entered into the mind of Non Resistant to have him arrested for the rent, and that the whole mistakes of the morning were attributable to the mischievous representations of Joker.

A PARISIAN LOVE AFFAIR.

Paris is the place for romantic adventures. One night, some months ago, a young officer of a calvary regiment was returning to his barracks late at night, when he saw on one of the bridges a young woman of considerable beauty, but clad in the mean garments of a workwoman, preparing to plunge into the river. He seized her, and threatened to take her to the station-house. She supplicated, however, so earnestly to be left alone, that the officer consented to release her—first, however, exacting a solemn promise that she would not repeat her attempt. She hurried away; but the young officer deemed it right to follow her. Lucky it was that he did so; for no sooner did she believe herself free from observation than the unhappy girl plunged into the river. The officer was close upon her, and with some difficulty, and not without danger, succeeded in dragging her to land. This time he insisted upon accompanying her home. With extreme reluctance the would be suicide led him to a miserable lodging in the most wretched part of the town. Knocking at the door, an old woman appeared, to whom the officer related what had happened. "Ah, madam!" she cried, "it was for that, then, that you borrowed my clothes!" and she then went on to relate to the young officer that the pretended unknown was no other than the daughter of a nobleman of the highest rank, and that she had that night come to borrow the dress in which she appeared, in order, as she said to avoid a discovery in a love adventure. In proof of the truth of the story, the old woman pointed to the young lady's dress, which she had left on assuming her coarse attire. This naturally excited the young man's curiosity to the highest pitch. He insisted on accompanying the young lady to her father, to whom he related all that had taken place. Warm thanks were, of course, heaped upon him, and he was invited to the house, at which he subsequently became a constant visiter.—An intimacy sprung up between him and the young lady, which ripened into affection, and the affection resulted in marriage, celebrated a few days ago This tale is *true,* strange as it may appear. It has, of course, created an immense sensation in the higher circles of Parisian society, and at present it is said that all young unmarried ladies are bent on attempting to commit suicide at midnight, in the hope of being saved by a handsome officer of huzzars—it is so romantic; and whatever is romantic has immense popularity in Paris *Boston Statesman.*

INDIAN MASSACRE.

The following is the substance of a letter, says the Van Buren Intelligencer of the 3d inst., of a late date, to the editors, from a friend at Fort Washita; the letter itself being accidently misplaced, we rely upon our memory for the facts, which are as follows

That Col. A. M. Upshaw, the Chickasaw Agent, sent out two friendly Delaware Indians to the Witchetaw village to ascertain if some horses that were lately stolen from the neighborhood of Fort Washita, were not in the possession of that tribe. The Delawares on their way out met with no Indians, but saw large, fresh trails, which satisfied them a considerable number of Indians had lately been in that neighbourhood. When they arrived at the village, which is about one hundred and fifty miles from Fort Washita, they found the corn growing the skins and every thing belonging to their houses in their usual places, but nothing that had life in it was visible; the Delawares thinking it strange, repaired to the mud fort of the Witchetaws which had been destroyed, and around which the dead bodies of many of the Witchetaws were found, having been killed by arrows

The ground showed where one party had drawn off their dead, and the Delawares at once saw that the Witchetaws had been attacked by an over number of wild Indians, and nearly the whole tribe murdered. The Delawares fearing to remain, left in a short time, travelling as fast as they could, and on their route towards home, met a small party of Witchetaws that had been out hunting, to whom they told what they had seen, and they at once said that their tribe had been attacked by the Camanches on Pawnee Mahas, and murdered. They hurried on towards their village, vowing to follow their enemies, and, if possible, release any prisoners yet alive.

The writer thinks there is little doubt but that the nearly all the Witchetaws were slain; and says that persons around Fort Washita may now hope to enjoy a ride on horseback, which the thieving propensities of these Indians rendered very uncertain, as they frequently came in and stole every horse they could lay their hands on.

The steamer Native, Captain Carroll, on her last trip from Montgomery to this city, when near Catawba, burst her steam pipe, the explosion of which made a noise equal to that of a six pounder, causing great alarm among the passengers, without injuring any body, or the boat.

A passenger on board, a Frenchman, being very much alarmed ran to the Captain in a great state of excitement, and exclaimed—

'Captain, what are you going to do now? I want to get out!'

'What am I going to do? coolly replied the Captain, why I am going to load up and fire her off again.'

It is useless to remark that the Frenchman *sloped* at the first landing.—*Mobile paper.*

THE MEASLES.—We understand that the measles, says the Cherokee Advocate of the 24th ult. which recently made its appearance at Fort Gibson, has assumed quite an alarming form, having carried off, within a week or two, a number of volunteer soldiers wationed at that post.