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March 17, 1843. 1-y.

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March 17, 1843. 1-y.

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TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.  
Wholesale and Retail Cash Advances on all consignments  
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COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
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ENGINEERS AND MECHANISTS,  
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IRON AND BRASS FOUNDRY,  
TOGETHER WITH  
Machine and Blacksmith Shops,  
Where orders for every description of work in their  
line of business, will be expeditiously and  
faithfully executed.  
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IN THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND SO-  
CIETY OF LONDON,  
AND  
**FIRE-INSURANCE**  
IN THE ETNA INSURANCE COM-  
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OR, IN THE  
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OF NEW YORK.  
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GRASS STORE, *Wm. H. H. Building, near*  
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SHEEP, Cattle, Hogs, North Carolina Corn,  
Sow Peas, Fresh Ground Meal and Hominy,  
White Potatoes, New Corn Meal and Back-  
sawed Lumber, and all kinds of Produce, at  
Wholesale and Retail Cash. Also, Flour, Beans, and  
other Groceries, at Wholesale and Retail Cash.  
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AND  
COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
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New Orleans.  
April 13, 1848. 110-ly.

**F. J. LORD & CO.**  
Rice Factors & Commission Agents.  
Nov. 25, 1847. 103-ly-p.

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LUMBER AND TIMBER AGENTS, GENERAL  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS, AND GROCERS,  
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**WILLIAM NEFF,**  
(Late of the firm of NEFF & WARNER.)  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN  
SHIP CHANDLERY, SHIP STORES  
AND GROCERIES,  
CORNER OF DOCK & WATER STREETS,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Dec. 7th, 1843. 113-ly.

**W. BRANSON,**  
AGENT FOR THE SALE OF  
TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.  
Nutt's Building, North Water Street,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Sept. 25, 1848. 83-c.

**N. B. HUGHES,**  
AUCTIONEER  
AND  
COMMISSION MERCHANT  
RALEIGH, N. C.  
Solicits consignments, and will attend to all busi-  
ness entrusted to him, and pledges himself that all  
consignments and business shall be strictly done in  
conformity to the wishes of his employers.  
REFERENCE:  
T. LORING, Esq., Wilmington.  
E. W. WILKINS, Esq., Fayetteville.  
Aug. 26, 1848. 60-ly.

**JOHN D. LOVE,**  
DEALER IN  
CABINET FURNITURE,  
BEDSTEPS, CHAIRS, MATTRESSES, &c.,  
ROCK SPRING,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
March 17, 1843. 1-y.

**SCOTT, KEEN & CO.**  
MERCHANT TAILORS,  
AND DEALERS IN  
SUPERIOR  
Ready Made Clothing.  
MARKET STREET,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Oct. 21, 1848. 93-y.

**CORNELIUS MYERS,**  
MANUFACTURER,  
AND DEALER IN  
HATS, CAPS, UMBRELLAS AND  
WALKING CANES, &c.  
WILMINGTON, N. C., Market-st.  
Oct. 17, 1848. 91-ly.

**W. L. SMITH,**  
(Late of the firm of SANDFORD & SMITH.)  
AUCTIONEER AND  
COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Store on North Water Street, Parsley's block.  
Oct. 14, 1848. 90-ly.

**J. S. WILLIAMS,**  
Fancy & Staple Dry Goods Store.  
ONE DOOR WEST OF WM. SHAW'S DRUG STORE  
MARKET STREET,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**JAS. T. MORRIS,**  
Lumber and Timber Inspector,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Oct. 12, 1848. 89-6m

**JAS. T. MORRIS,**  
Agent for the Sale or Purchase of NEGROES,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Oct. 12, 1848. 83-6m

**\$25 REWARD.**  
RAN AWAY from the Estate of Wm. B. Meares,  
in June last, a negro fellow called HENRY or  
HENRY HILL. He is about 5' 4" to 5' 6" inches  
high, well made and likely; he is quick spoken and  
smart. He is probably lurking about Wilmington,  
where he has a good many relations. I will give  
reward of \$25 for his apprehension and delivery to  
me in Wilmington, or to Wm. T. Bray at Meares'  
Bluff.  
Nov. 9. 191-ly.

**T. D. MEARES,**  
Nov. 9. 191-ly.

**HENRY P. RUSSELL,**  
AGENT FOR THE CAPE FEAR  
STEAM SAW MILL,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Strict attention given to the faithful execution of all  
orders for Lumber.  
Jan. 1, 1849. 124-lyc

**J. R. BLOSSOM,**  
FORWARDING AND COMMISSION  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Liberal Cash advances made on consignments to Mr.  
Benjamin Blossom New York.  
SALSO,  
AGENT FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSU-  
RANCE COMPANY.  
Capital liable for Losses, about \$700,000.\*  
Dec. 19, 1848. 119-6m-c.

**BENJAMIN BLOSSOM,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
NEW YORK.  
Liberal advances made upon Consignments of all  
kinds of produce.  
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Messrs. J. & D. McRAE, } Wilmington.  
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AUCTIONEERS,  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
AND  
GENERAL AGENTS.  
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**Dr. B. MUNSEY,**  
HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN,  
AND  
DENTIST,  
MARKET St., 6 Doors above Front St.  
Dec. 23, 1848. 120-6mo.

**JOHN T. RUSS,**  
INSPECTOR OF  
TIMBER AND LUMBER.  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Oct. 14, 1848. 90.

**F. J. LORD & CO.,**  
Agents for the  
NAUTILUS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE  
Accumulated Capital, \$130,000.  
ALSO FOR THE  
EAGLE LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE CO.  
Capital, \$100,000.  
Will take risks on lives of Slaves.  
Office 23 North Water Street.  
Oct. 24, 1849.

**WM. M. HARRIS,**  
**HARRIS & DRAKE,**  
General Commission Merchants,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
REFERENCES:  
O. G. Parsley, Esq., }  
Col. John McRae, } Wilmington, N. C.  
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }  
Will Peck, Esq., Raleigh, N. C. }  
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., Fayetteville, N. C. }  
Joseph Uley, Esq., }  
Messrs. James Cotner & Sons, Baltimore, }  
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia. }  
" Thompson & Hunter, New York. }  
" Pillsbury & Sandford, }  
" Hunting & Tufts, Boston. }  
" J. & G. P. Titcomb, Kennebunk, Me. }  
September 14th, 1848. 77-ly.

**COTTON YARN.**  
10 Bales, B. C. Yarns assorted numbers, for  
sale by  
J. C. LATTA.  
Oct. 24. 91-ly.

**A Fine Set of Teeth for 25 Cents.**  
White Teeth, Full Breath, Healthy Gums.  
Yellow and unhealthy teeth, after being once or  
twice cleaned with  
JONES' AMBER TOOTH PASTE,  
have the appearance of the most beautiful Ivory, and  
at the same time it is so perfectly innocent and ex-  
actly fine, that its constant daily use is highly advan-  
tageous, even to those teeth that are in good condition,  
giving them a beautiful polish, and preventing a pre-  
mature decay. Those already decayed, it prevents  
from becoming worse—it also fastens such as are  
becoming loose, and by perseverance it will render the  
loosest teeth delicately white, and make the breath  
deliciously sweet.  
PRICE 25 OR 37 CENTS A BOX.  
Sold in Wilmington, by Lippitt & Wilkings.

**FEATHERS.**  
2000 LBS prime live geese Feathers, for sale  
by  
W. L. SMITH.  
Dec. 12. 115-6

**JUST RECEIVED.**  
A LARGE assortment of fine and the best made  
Frock and Dress coats, warranted to fit, for  
sale at  
SCOTT, KEEN & CO.  
Dec. 12. 115.

**FLOUR AND BUCKWHEAT.**  
20 BBLs. Extra Canal Flour; 20 half do extra Ca-  
nal Flour; 25 bags Buckwheat; 25 boxes do.  
25 1/2 barrels do.; 25 1/2 barrels do.; 5 half bbls. do.  
For sale at  
HOWARD & PEDEN'S.  
Nov. 25. 108-ly.

**LONDON BROWN STOUT.**  
50 DOZEN best Brown Stout Porter, in quarts  
and pint bottles, for sale at  
HOWARD & PEDEN'S.  
Nov. 25. 103-ly.

**LADIES MERINO, and Silk Vests, for sale by**  
J. S. WILLIAMS.  
Nov. 14. 103-ly.

**SPIRIT BARRELS.**  
250 EMPTY bbls. large size and in prime or-  
der. Just received and for sale by  
BARRY, BRYANT & Co.  
Oct. 5th. 86-ly.

**FRESH BEAT RICE,**  
WHOLE, Half and Small Rice in sacks and half  
casks, a fine article for retailers, for sale by  
P. J. LORD & CO.  
Dec. 16. 117-ly.

**10-4 LANCASTER 11-4 and ar**  
sellies Quills, for sale by  
J. S. WILLIAMS.  
Dec. 7. 113.

**BOY'S CLOTHING.**  
WE have just received from our manufactory, a  
good assortment of Cloaks, Overcoats, Jackets,  
Pants and small suits for boys. For sale by  
SCOTT, KEEN & CO.  
Nov. 4. 102-ly.

**AGENCY FOR THE SALE OF TIMBER,  
LUMBER, AND NAVAL STORES.**  
THE Subscriber respectfully announces to his  
friends and the public in general, that he will  
receive orders for the sale of Timber, Lumber, an  
Naval Stores, and solicits a share of the public pa-  
tronage.  
He will at all times endeavor to give the quickest  
possible despatch to all business entrusted to his  
care. He will also have a large Timber pen and a  
good wharf at his command, where persons sending  
any of the above articles to market can secure the  
same till sold, at a moderate expense.  
Office on Hall's wharf.  
MILES COSTIN.  
Dec. 15. 117-ow3m.

**NEW HULLED  
BUCKWHEAT,** in bags and bbls. For sale by  
CARROLL & FENNELL.  
Jan. 6. 123.

**GLUE.**  
GERMAN and American Glue, of prime quality  
for Distillers. For sale by  
DEROSSET & BROWN.  
Jan. 6. 125.

**SPIRIT BARRELS.**  
A Good supply of empty Barrels. For sale low  
in lots to suit purchasers, by  
DEROSSET & BROWN.  
Jan. 6. 125.

**BLACK EYE PEAS.**  
100 BUSHELS Black Eye Peas. For sale by  
J. & W. L. MCGARY.  
Jan. 6. 125.

**BANK CHECKS.**  
CHECKS on the several Banks in this place,  
bound in Books and in sheets, for sale at the  
Commercial Office.  
CIDER  
5 bbls. pure Cider, low. For sale by  
CARROLL & FENNELL.  
Jan. 6. 125.

**TO RENT OR LEASE**  
THE SUBSCRIBER offers to rent or lease the  
Store and Warehouse, now occupied by himself  
together with a Turpentine Distillery, with all  
fixtures in first rate order. For Persons wishing to  
engage in the Turpentine and Tar business, a more  
desirable Location, cannot be found. The  
situation is in Edgecombe County, within two hun-  
dred yards of Tatum Depot, on the Wilmington and  
Raleigh Railroad, which gives this place the advan-  
tage over many others for the Turpentine and Tar  
business. Any person who wishes to En-  
quire into a profit in this business, can be accom-  
modated by applying to the subscriber at Tatum Depot,  
Edgecombe County, N. C.  
JOHN W. FARMER.  
Jan. 6. 125-ly.

**ON HAND,**  
AT THE N. Y. Furniture Warehouse, and at  
reduced prices, for Cash,  
35 Bureaus, different styles with and without  
drawers;  
24 Tables, Mahogany, Walnut and Cherry;  
94 Bedsteads, every description;  
150 Dozen Chairs, comprising every style of  
Mahogany, Curled Maple, Walnut, Plain  
Maple, Birch and W. India.  
Also, and every variety of Cabinet Furniture.  
Any one to reduce my extensive stock, the above will  
be offered at exceedingly low prices, for the Cash.  
FREDERICK CLARK,  
Front St. near Market.

**WINDOW SHADES.**  
At the New York Furniture Warehouse.  
Dec. 30, 1848. 122

**NEW DAGUERREIAN GALLERY,  
REMOVED.**  
In the Building occupied by Dr. WM. WARE.  
THE Ladies and gentlemen of Wilmington and  
vicinity are respectfully invited to call and  
examine the new and wonderful art, which is  
producing silver plates by a chemical operation. In a  
few minutes, and in a manner not to be surpassed by any one  
of the profession.  
Painting or colored put up in frame cases, lockers or  
pans.  
Paintings or Engravings copied.  
W. J. PICKETT.  
Dec. 5. 112-ly.

**SMOKED BEEF.**  
150 LBS. Smoked Beef. For sale by  
CARROLL & FENNELL.  
Jan. 6. 125.

**COCOA NUTS & ORANGES.**  
500 COCOA Nuts;  
1000 St. Gray oranges,  
For Sale at  
J. WILKINSON & Co.  
Jan. 13th 1849. 123.

**NOTICE.**  
THE undersigned having withdrawn from the  
firm of Harris & Russell, would inform the  
public that he has taken the Agency of the CAPE  
FEAR STEAM SAW MILL, and promises strict  
attention to the faithful transaction of all orders for  
Lumber entrusted to his care.  
HENRY P. RUSSELL.  
Jan. 2, 1849. 123-ly.

**SEAGRAMS!! SEAGRAMS!!**  
8000 JUST-SO-Sizes and Principles  
6000 Bales of Seagrams, prime article.  
For sale by  
J. WILKINSON & CO.  
Dec. 13. 115

**CLUTTERING WINE.**  
A FEW bbls. very superior, just received from  
Bladen, for sale by  
J. & W. L. MCGARY.  
Dec. 4. 112

To attend the Rev. State relative to pub-  
lic printing.

THE DARK SIDE OF THE PICTURE.—We  
hear enough, and more than enough, of the  
easily-gained riches that await the adven-  
turer to California. It is well, therefore, to  
make known the dangers and discomforts  
through which he must pass to their acqui-  
sition. They are forcibly and no doubt  
truly presented in the following letter, pub-  
lished in the Philadelphia Bulletin of last  
evening:—N. Y. Com. Adv.

MONTREY, CALIFORNIA,  
November 17, 1848.

Nothing that you have heard can give  
you an adequate idea of the horrible state  
of this country.—Since the military govern-  
ment of the territory has ceased, owing to  
the conclusion of the treaty of peace, we  
are literally without government, and with-  
out law or order of any kind. A civil gov-  
ernment that can command submission is  
much needed, and all well minded people  
in the territory hope sincerely that Con-  
gress will not long delay to give us one.

In regard to the wonderful gold country  
of California the American papers are in-  
correct in speaking of gold "mines." Here  
they are called "gold washings," which  
gives a better idea of their true character.  
The region where they are found is very  
great; extending along the Sacramento and  
San Joaquin rivers and their tributaries.  
The distance of the "washings" from Fran-  
cisco varies from 150 to 300 miles. The  
country around them is for the most part  
desolate and dreary waste, not fit for ag-  
culture of any kind.

The gold is found in beds of the streams  
(which in the summer are nearly dry) and  
in the ravines running down the sides of  
the hills and mountains towards the streams.  
That which is found in the beds of the  
streams is generally in small particles, not  
quite so large round as a grain of flax seed,  
and much thinner. That, however, which  
is found in the ravines and their banks, is  
generally in masses weighing from 40  
grains to an ounce and a half.—Little dig-  
ging is requisite, the gold being found near  
the surface, and is either picked out by hand  
or separated from the sand or soil by wash-  
ing.

The discovery, or perhaps the re-discovery  
of the gold was made early last sum-  
mer, and the working was commenced  
immediately. The amount already obtained  
is very great—almost beyond belief.  
Those who are thoroughly acquainted with  
the localities say that, from their apparent  
richness, no conception can be formed of the  
amount that may be gathered.

The lands of course belong to the gov-  
ernment, but, in the present state of the  
country, this will not prevent individuals  
and companies from helping themselves to  
the treasures. The people form themselves  
into companies, consisting of from ten to  
twelve persons, who share the profits of  
their joint stock association.

There has been a vast amount of sick-  
ness and misery among the gold hunters;  
owing in a great measure to exposure, im-  
prudence in dressing and improper food.  
The country is so bare of all the comforts  
and necessities of life that the most un-  
heard of prices are asked and freely given  
for clothing and food. Consequently, in  
the end, notwithstanding the rich products  
of the labors of the diggers, they are not  
much better off than if they labored at less  
profit and received their supplies at mode-  
rate rates.

In regard to the re-discovery of which I  
speak above, it is said here that the old  
Jesuit Priests, who were among the first  
whites that came to California, knew of  
the existence of these vast golden treasures,  
but, from fear of losing their sway over the  
minds of the people, refused to make it pub-  
lic. Dazzling as the prospect for the coun-  
try may seem to those at a distance, it is  
impossible for any one on the spot to be-  
lieve that it will lead to the advancement  
of the territory in any of the elements of  
genuine prosperity. Already the vicious  
and the outcasts of all lands are pouring in  
to the country. The absence of all gov-  
ernment and law gives them full license,  
and vice and immorality seem likely to hold  
full sway in El Dorado for a long time to  
come.

**THE DEATH OF THE DOMINLE.**  
BY THOMAS HOOD.  
"Take him up, says the master."  
Old Spelling Book.

My old schoolmaster is dead. He died  
of a stroke; and I wonder none of his pu-  
pils have done the same. I have been  
dogged by many masters, but his rod like  
Aaron's swallowed up all the rest. We  
have often wished that he whipped on the  
principal of Italian penmanship—up strokes  
heavy, down strokes light; but he did it in  
English round hand and we used to think,  
with a very hard pen. Such was his love  
of flogging, that for some failure in English  
composition, after having been well cor-  
rected, I have been ordered to be revised. I  
have heard of a road to learning and he  
did justice to it; we certainly never went  
a stage in education without being well  
horsed. The mantle of Dr Busby ac-  
cended on his shoulders and on ours. There  
was but one tree on the play ground—  
a birch, but it never had a twig or a leaf  
on it Spring or Summer, it always looked  
as bare as if the weather had been cutting  
at the latter end of the year. Pictures,  
they say, are good incentives to learning,  
and certainly we never got through a page  
without cuts; for instance I do not recollect  
a Latin article without a tail-piece. All the  
Latin in that school might be comprised in  
one line—  
"Arma virumque cano."  
An arm, a man, and a cane. It was the