THE DAILY CRESCENT.

FRIDAY.....AUGUST 21, 1874.

Office, over J. M. Rosenbaum's Store—Second Floor—corner Fayetteville & Hargett Sts.

Raleigh Cotton Market.

The following cotton statement is carefully revised and corrected at 3 o'clock daily by Messrs. Williamson, Upchurch & Thomas, Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants, Fayetteville Street:

Interior and Stained	10@10¼
Ordinary	11¼@12
Good Ordinary	12½@13
Strict Good Ordinary	13½@13¾
Low Middling	14¾
Middling	15¼

Market easy with light receipts and few transactions.

Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20th.—Cotton weak and irregular, sales 1684 bales at 16⅞a17¼.

Futures closed firm, sales 28,500 bales as follows: September 15 13-32a15 25-32; October 15 9-16; November 15 15-32; December 15 15-32a15½; January 15 9-16a15⅝; February 15 11-16a15 23-32; March 15 15-16a15 31-32.

Southern flour quiet, in buyers favor; common to fair extra $5.60a$6.25; good to choice do $6.30a$9.50. Wheat heavy 1a2 cents better. Corn scarcely so active, shade easier 80a80½. Coffee quiet, Rio 18. Rice dull, without decided change. Pork firmer, new mess $23.00. Lard lower 14½. Whiskey quiet $103. Freights lower.

Turpentine quiet at 35¾. Rosin quiet at $2.25a$2.30 for strained.

Money unchaeged. Sterling quiet, week 487¼. Gold strong 97 10-10. Governments strong and active. State bonds dull and steady.

THERMOMETER.—The following was the state of the weather to-day at L. Branson's Book Store:

At 9 A. M.	82
" 12 M.	86
" 3 P. M.	88

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT.—As heretofore, marriages, deaths, funeral notices and notices of meetings of benevolent organizations will be published in the DAILY CRESCENT free of charge.

OUR CIGAR FACTORY.—The Wilmingtonian puffs the Raleigh cigar. Messrs. Ziegler & Gruendler of this city recently shipped to Wilmington five thousand cigars branded the Wilmington Favorite. It has the run and is quite popular in that city.

GOV. CALDWELL'S LAST PAPER.—We publish in our issue this evening the paper of welcome read to the Educational Association by the late Governor Caldwell. It was read only a few days previous to his death and was his last appearance in public life.

THE SEASIDE.—Our young friend Robert Gray Esq. is just from Beaufort. He says there are one hundred and ten visitors on the beach. The Charlotte crowd passed up the road this morning. They had a Democratic jubilee at Beaufort last Tuesday.—Among the speakers was Capt Robert Graham of the Atlantic House.

TWO YOUNG MICE.—Two baby mice have just been placed on our table. Their eyes have not yet opened, but so soon as they do, we shall lend them to Mrs. —— to scare her husband with. He walks straight enough and seems to be full of business, but those that know him intimately say that he goes loaded to the chin all the time. We are saving the mice for him.

CHAPEL HILL.—Postmaster John White died in Chapel Hill a few days since. He was an honest man and was respected as such by all classes and parties. His disease was brain fever. In his ravings he was continually imagining himself at his office duties, and was stamping letters and putting away money. There was nothing that could soothe him save music. In his wildest delirium the singing of his daughter would calm him. Petitions for Mr. Whites office were gotten up and sent to Washington even before his death. We learn that Mrs. Spencer refused to sign one of these petitions on the ground that she thought his widow and excellent daughter should succeed to his place. It is said that H. B. Guthrie will be the postmaster.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—We are indebted to Professor McIver for the following official statement of the public schools in this State: Official reports from forty-six counties show that the County Treasurers received during the school year ending June 30th, 1874, $262,758.25, and paid out $155,289.31 for public schools, and that 1,427 public schools for white children, and 591 for colored children were taught, in which 57,414 white and 28,497 colored children were instructed. There are forty-seven counties in the State which have not yet reported. It is probable that the entire school fund in the hands of County Treasurers in the State during the year was something over five hundred thousand dollars, and that about three hundred thousand dollars were paid out for public schools, and that nearly four thousand public schools have been taught in the State for terms varying from two to four, and in some instances ten months of the year in which about one hundred and fifty thousand children were instructed. The law is defective in not providing for the education and training of teachers for efficient county and district supervision, and in not authorizing local taxation for school purpose. If these defects could be remedied by proper legislation, the school system would become effective. In many places there has been a marked improvement in teachers and schools, due in a great measure to assistance from abroad, and corresponding increase of popular interest in public education. The people are not wanting in energy, public spirit, or in due appreciation of the value of popular intelligence and virtue. Our great want is statesmen in our Legislative Halls—laws that will enable the people to establish and maintain free public schools for the education of their children.

SHOCK OF AN EARTHQUAKE.—On Monday last there was a quaking of the earth at intervals during the day in the vicinity of Hancock, Berkshire county, Mass. Near the village, located in a mountain, is a lake of twenty-five acres in extent. During one of the shocks the water from the lake disappeared, leaving an immense cavern of unfathomable depth. In the space of fifteen minutes after there was another severe trembling of the earth, which was followed by a dense cloud of steam, and immediately afterwards the rushing in and filling the chasm with boiling water.

Personal.

Time has laid his hand upon my heart gently, not smiting it; but as a harper lays his open palm upon his harp to deaden its vibrations.—*Longfellow.*

A number of prominent Canadians left Kinston last week to visit at Alexandria Bay Chief Justice Waite, ex-Vice President Breckinridge and four of our Governors.

Gen. Vance has invited all the Sheriffs in the 8th Congressional District to dine with him at the Central Hotel, when they meet in Asheville to count the votes.—[Piedmont *Press.*

We find the following in the Salisbury *Watchman*: A few days ago while passing quietly along Inniss Street with my guitar in hand, Cupid, while trifling with his arrows, let one slip, when he least intended it, and struck me plump through the gizard.

ISREAL PUGH, ESQ.,
P. O. Salisbury, N. C

The 31st Anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of this town will be celebrated here on Monday evening, 24th inst. Maj. Seaton Gales, of Raleigh, an orator of uncommon powers, will deliver an address in William's Hall, to hear which the public are cordially invited.—[Fayetteville *Eagle.*

What liquor did: Charles Moran of Ontario murdered his brother's wife and made the following confession: "I confess to the murder of Mrs. Moran. I did not use a knife, but shot her once in the head and then used the butt of the pistol. I had no hard feelings toward her previous to the murder. Am sorry for the crime; was under the influence of liquor at the time.—There was a little girl present at the time I threatened to shoot her if she did not keep away. You will find the revolver over the door in my house. It is not loaded."

The Ladies.

The reading Circle, of this place, on Wednesday evening last, decided to "read no more till autumn turns the leaves."—[Piedmont *Press.*

It is thirty years, Kate, since we were girls together. It is? well, don't speak so loud, there is a widower in next room.

Mrs. Chanfrau is to produce "Lady Clancarly" at the California Theatre, San Francisco, on the 6th of September next, for the first time in America.

Miss Sallie Lilly died in this city on the 12th, after lingering illness, Miss Sallie was a kind hearted, industrious, good girl, and leaves many friends to mourn her death.—[Salisbury *Watchman.*

A veteran tourist says it is somewhat astonishing that ladies cannot sit up and keep their eyes open when travelling. Vanity should compel it, for they are not beautiful when asleep in car chairs with complexion muddy from perspiration and coal dust.

Eli Perkins at Saratoga: "Why will tall women forever get with little men, like Parepa and Rosa? Why will a yellow-haired girl wear a blue dress? Why will a sandy old man dye his moustache black? Why will the ashy pale woman wear red?—Why will the red-haired women wear white? Why—why! why!! Mr. Perkins?"

"I will give it up, Miss Kellogg," I said; "I never could answer a conundrum."

"I know," continued the prima donna, "it is because they have no eyes or ears.—The golden-haired girl should wear a golden comb, she of the raven hair black, and she of the silver hair white. Let there be no discord; and if there is a bony neck, like a few badly-written notes in a piece of music, cover it up. Cover up the bones; and if you weigh a ton don't wear a low-neck dress, and look as if you weighed a ton and a half."

General

— Our splendid and popular Band has just received a full set of *Silver Instruments.* They are very beautiful as well as costly.—[Salisbury *Watchman.*

— The Western N. C. Rail Road was not sold last Monday as advertised, but the sale was again postponed, indefinitely, we believe.—[Salisbury *Watchman.*

— The schedule on the W. N. C. R. R., has been changed. Arrives half an hour earlier at each Station, both ways. Trains pass at Hickory at 8.25 a. m.—[Piedmont *Press.*

— If Ramsay goes to lecturing temperance on Toe River, the newly elected coroner of Mitchell county will probably get a job.—[Piedmont *Press.*

— The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company will celebrate their eighty first anniverssary on Monday next, the 24th inst.—[Wilmington *Star.*

— We learn that our town authorities have purchased a piece of ground West of the W. & W. R. R., near the Fair-grounds to be used as a cemetery for the colored population.—[Goldsboro *Messenger.*

— We learn that during the past week, some two or three deaths occurred in the upper part of this county from sun stroke—the parties were all colored persons.—[Winston *Sentinel.*

— One of our citizens at Buffalo Springs. Says a correspondent to the Richmond *Dispatch*: Last Sabbath divine service was conducted in the morning by Mr. Batchelor, an eminent lawyer from Raleigh, N. C., and in the evening by the Rev. F. N. Whaley, of Clarksville

— Captain J. A. Dillion has received a letter from Raleigh, North Carolina, which says that the Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, will visit this city on the 7th of September. They will bring their truck and muster forty strong. The Petersburg firemen will visit our city the same day.—[Norfolk *Landmark.*

— That execrable and wide-spread "Tom-Collins" joke reached the Pacific slope, and ended in a tragedy A mining boss in a town in California, while on a search for the myth who had accused him of robbery, accidentally shot himself fatally while about to pull trigger on 'Tom." What tomfoolery will the great American people next indulge in?[—Washington *Chronicle.*

— Our friend Dr. J. Mason Spainhour, of Lenoir, captured one of these reptiles *on the knob of a door,* which he had occasion to open. The Doctor says when he caught hold of the door knob, his snakeship caught hold of his finger, but being very young (eight or ten inches long) did not bite much. The horn, which can be seen only through a magnifying glass, is (in this instance) about half an inch from the tail.—[Piedmont *Press.*

— Mr. W. C. Elam, long connected with the press of Virginia, has established in Richmond a "Bureau of News and Correspondence," similar to those existing in other cities. The object of this Bureau is to furnish to the press of this and other States a prompt, reliable and cheap source of information, by telegraph or mail, of all matters occuring in or near Richmond.—[*Whig.*

A TRIAL ABOUT A COW.—The venerable Dr. Smedes of the St. Mary's School, that old graduating seminary which has a brilliant fame in every Southern State, bought a cow some twelve months since from a countryman named Sears of Orange county. The rustic sold the cow and the terms were if Dr. Smedes did not like the brute the countryman was to see him at our last State fair and refund the money, thirty dollars being the price paid down. The cow proved a perfect vixen. A ten rail fence was nowhere. She outkicked a young mule in fly time and would tote off a neighbor's whole collard patch at the end of her horns. So at the State fair the countryman saw Dr. Smedes and the doctor according to contract asked him to take back the cow and refund him his thirty dollars. Country said he knew that the cow was "a leetle mischee-vous" and he'd go and find somebody to buy her back from the doctor at thirty dollars. He stepped off like a man of business but never stepped back and the doctor forgot all about it and sold the cow to a butcher for fifteen dollars. But lo and behold, yesterday, the countryman put in an appearance and charged Doctor Smedes with owing him thirty dollars, and that he sold him the cow for sixty! instead of thirty dollars. He even went before Justice Whitaker with the case. To those who know the doctor on whose gray head every white lock is a lock of honor, the affair was simply laughable. The countryman's statement was mirth provoking in the extreme. He spoke eloquently of the "mischee-vous" cow. He said doctor Smedes didn't know how to "teach" her, and at this, the venerable doctor interfered, with a wave of his hand, exclaiming, "My dear sir, I have a school for girls, I do not teach cows." The doctor ever and anon warned the old fel. "My good man, remember you are in the presence of God," and old country would sing out, "I know the cow was a leetle mischee-vous," and go on "telling 'em" at a two forty rate. Justice Whitaker of course dismissed the case. Doctor Smedes went home wondering what in the world possessed the old man to act so, and he'd help him if in need this minute, and the old country cock't his hat on one side of his head and thought about stealing a ride home on the cowcatcher.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.—The following denotes a few of the changes made in the postal regulations by the act of last session: Letters with request to return printed or written thereon are to be returned without additional postage. When a subscriber to a newspaper changes his residence and desires his paper forwarded to his new office, transient rates of postage of one cent for each two ounces of fraction thereof must be charged on each copy as received. If a party receives a paper from the office of publication and remails it, he must pay postage on it at the rate of one cent for each two ounces of fraction thereof. Pamphlets and books cannot be returned at the request of the writer without prepayment of postage at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof. Letters once taken from the post-office by the proper parties cannot be forwarded without being prepaid. This applies also to return-request letters once taken out of a post-office. Letters addressed to a person not found at the office addressed may be forwarded without additional charge.

SIMPLE CURE FOR BOILS.—Dr. Simon, a physician of Lorraine, gives a new cure for boils, namely, by treating them with camphorated alcohol. As soon as the culminating point of a boil makes its appearance he puts a little of the liquid in a saucer, and, dipping the ends of his little fingers in it, rubs the inflamed surface, especially the central part, repeating the operation eight or ten times for about half a minute. He then allows the surface to dry, placing over it a slight coating of camphorated olive oil. He says that four such applications will, in almost all cases, cause boils to dry up and disappear; the operation to be performed morning, noon and evening. The announcement of so simple a cure for such a painful malady will bear repetition.

Religious.

Attached to his tabernacle Spurgeon has a college for the education of ministers, a missionary staff, and an orphan asylum.

A protracted revival in Indian Springs, conducted by Rev. Jno. N. Andrews, has resulted in the accession of 48 members to the Church.—[Goldsboro *Messenger.*

Rev. Dr. Smedes, Principal of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, preached in St. John's Church, in this city, last Sabbath. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Huske, is absent on a short health-recruiting tour.—[Fayetteville *Gazette.*

At the Baptist Church in this city quite a powerful religious interest has recently been manifested. Under the ministration of Rev. Mr. Green, who has been filling the pulpit for some time, assisted more recently by Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Richmond, Va., several have attached themselves to the church. Last Sunday afternoon about thirty converts were baptized in Robinson's Creek.—[Fayetteville *Gazette.*

A whole family in Heaven: The following eloquent passage is from the pen of the Rev. Albert Barnes: "A whole family in Heaven! Who can picture or describe the everlasting joy? No one absent. No father, no mother, nor son, nor daughter, are away. In the world below, they were united in faith, and love, and peace, and joy. In the morning of the resurrection, they ascend together. Before the throne they bow together in united adoration. On the bank of the river of life they walk hand in hand; and as a family, have commenced a career of glory which shall be everlasting. There is hereafter to be no more separation in that family. No one is to lie down on a bed of pain. In Heaven never is that family to move along in the slow procession, clad in the habiliments of woe, to consign one of its members to the tomb. God grant in his mercy every family may be thus united."

Expedition Against Indians.

OMAHA, August 20.—An expedition, under command of Colonel Anson Mills, consisting of three companies of the third cavalry, one company of thirteenth and one of the fourteenth infantry, is now encamped near Rawlins, Wyoming Territory. Three other companies of cavalry and twenty of the Shoshone Indians will join the command in Sweetwater valley. Their instruction are to thoroughly scout the valleys and country to the southern extremity of Yellowstone lake, and to administer the severest punishment possible to all Indians found out of their reservations. Much is expected of this expedition, which is finely equipped, and will be in the field about three months.

— Hon. W. T. Dortch and lady left here on Monday last for the valley of Virginia where they purpose spending the remainder of the summer.—[Goldsboro *Messenger.*

BY TELEGRAPH.

Midnight Report.

The Spanish Republican Troops Firing into a British War Shih. &c.

LONDON, August 20.—The foreign office has received information that the Spanish Republican troops have fired upon some officers of the British war ship Fly, which is cruising off the northern coast of Spain for the protection of British interests. None of them were wounded.

New York Matters.

NEW YORK, August 20.—A boat capsized near Rockaway, one hundred rods from the life boat house containing two life boats, but application for one of them to rescue the people was refused, for the reason that there was no key to open the door The parties were saved.

Postmasters General Jewell will go to Long Branch this evening to report to the President, and will return to his home in Hartford, Conn., to-morrow.

Fourteen Feet Eight Inches of Water on Cape Fear Bar, &c.

WILMINGTON, N. C., August 20.—A foreign vessel drawing 14 feet 8 inches passed over Cape Fear Bar through Bald Head channel, yesterday. This is the greatest depth of water known there for many years, and is considered a good indication of the complete and ultimate success of the work now being prosecuted by the Government.

The Conservatives will celebrate their recent victory by a grand torchlight demonstration on August 27th.

Miscellaneous Items.

MEMPHIS, August 20.—The excitement at Chicot, Arkansas, is subsiding.

The Democrats approve Potter's nomination.

CONCORD, N. H., August 20.—Henry Ward Beecher passed through this city on on the train this morning for the White Mountains.

Washington News.

WASHINGTON, August 20.—The Patent Office was closed to-day in honor of ex-Commissioner Fisher, who was drowned in the trial trip of the new iron boat.

The declaration of the Pennsylvania Republican Convention against the third term and favoring Hartranft for the Presidency ripples political circles.

The State Department has official advices from Cuba of the commutation of Dockerey's death sentence to imprisonment for life.

The dismissal of Col. Whitley, Chief of the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department and his Assistant Nettleship, has been decided upon by the Secretary of the Treasury, who is now looking about for a successor to the former. The Secretary has been delaying his action in the matter of these removals until the subject of the Harrington safe burglary is taken up by the grand jury. The secret service will be reorganized.

The Alabama Republican State Convention in Session.

MONTGOMERY, August 20.—The Republican convention met to-day.

Mayers, Revenue Collector for the Mobile District, Chairman of the State Executive Committee called P. G. Clarke, U. S. post office agent, to the chair.

A motion was made by a delegate that Saffold, Judge of the Supreme Court, take the chair. This created some delay and confusion, but Mayers declared Clarke elected, who immediately took the chair. In his speech he said he was not in the interest of any ring, and would not pack the committees.

After appointment of a committee on credentials the convention adjourned until 4 p. m.

On reasembling, after a somewhat turbulent scene, in which Busteed and Spencer participated, the convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow, to allow the committee on credentials time to report. The difficulty seems to be to properly arrange the proxy business. A great many counties have no delegates here and will be represented by men from various localities in the State, owing to the peculiar appointment of delegates by the State Executive Committee. All whites and very few negroes are delegates.

The general impression is that the present State officers, all white, will be renominated, and the civil rights bill will be ignored.

A Wonderful Monstrosity.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., August 15, 1874.—At Grayville, near this city, a few days since, there existed one of the greatest curiosities of the age in the shape of a human monstrasity. It is no less than a child with one head, four ears, two eyes, two noses, and one mouth. It was born dead, and given to the physician who made the *accouchement.* That gentleman afterward made a post-mortem examination, and reports as follows:—

"It has a double body as far down as the umbilicus, and united face, forming a perfect square It has four formed arms, hands, and shoulders even to scapulas. The shoulders also from a perfect square There are two spinal dolumns passing up through the neck—therefore two spines inclosed in one neck. Four lower extremities are present, all perfectly developed, and of the same size and length. The ribs of two children are present. Could the being have lived it would undoubtedly have had perfect use of all eight of its limbs, four arms and four legs, with twenty fingers and twenty toes. In the head there existen two occipital bones and two perfect brains, inclosed in one skull and attatched to different spinal cords. There was one thoracic cavity and one abdominal; there are two pleural sacs, all normal. Below the double diaphragm were one stomach, one spleen, two livers, three kidneys, one alimentary canal and all the other organs singular."

The child (a girl) was born on the 10th of the present month, the parents being Charles Ratermel and wife, who are very respectable and wealty citizens of Central Illinois, and who have reared a large family of children.

— Mr Thomas J. Curtis, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Fayetteville, died at his residence on Sunday last after an illness of several months, and was buried at the cemetery on Monday afternoon, Rev. H. G. Hill, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducting the funeral services. A large concourse of citizens assembled to pay their last tribute of affection and respect to their deceased friend. Mr. Curtis was one of the oldest citizens of Fayetteville, and was fully identified with her interests from his earliest manhood.—Fayetteville *Eagle.*