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It is intended to supply the long felt want of a newspaper for the colored people, and to defend the latter, as the Negro-American, especially in the Piedmont section of the Carolina.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Table with 2 columns: (Address in Advance), Year, 6 months, 3 months, 1 month, Single Copy.

W. C. SMITH Charlotte N. C.

There is a movement on foot in Mexico to encourage the emigration of German farmers and to increase the production of cotton in the northeastern part of the Republic.

Mr. R. H. Scott recently delivered a lecture on British and Atlantic weather at the London Institution. After some interesting remarks on the effect of differences of height upon vapor, the dependence of our weather on the upward or downward movement of the atmosphere in cyclonic and anti-cyclonic systems, and on the cause of fog, he discussed the utility of the present American reports in forecasting storms, based on a consideration of their movements as shown by the Atlantic weather charts lately published by the meteorological council. These charts showed that only a small proportion of storms traveled across the Atlantic.

The Ad, the organ of the American ornithologists, in an article condemning the wanton killing of birds of plumage for ornamental purposes, says that the Florida wooden islands off the Gulf coast of Florida, where only a few years ago the rhesus monkey, the red-tailed egret, and the common species of herons, and the white-tail nested in myriads, never to be forgotten by those who had visited the favored spots, are now almost entirely deserted, their former occupants having been almost exterminated by the plume hunters.

The Digest Board in America. There arrived in Hongor on Monday night by the Amercan Express, from Louisville, one of the biggest wildcats ever seen in Maine. When placed upright he stood as high as a hog to town, and in length and general appearance he was powerful than any I have seen. In length he measured from tail to snout, three feet, while in height he measured from the tip of the fore foot the length was four and a half feet. The legs were of a moderate size, and the head was not unlike that of a panther. In the exact center of the forehead was a black hole, showing that the marksmen, whoever he was, was a fellow of nerve and a sure shot. Such a cat as this one was once paper pulled down upon any living thing in our forest, as a bear or a porcupine and it would have been as good as dead. The claws of his fore paws are not piny. The cat will be mounted here.

On the Field of Battle. An army officer told this story: "As the battle of Gettysburg was being fought in great numbers were being carried off the field, I saw a paper which looked so much like a note of a horse-race or a public sale that I left my position and went to see what it was. It was a note, of course, did not startle me. Such are merely a few instances of the extermination that is being conducted on a thoroughly American scale in regard to the thoroughbred (as the supply of animals required by the exigencies of the fancies of the day."

A STATESMAN DEAD.

A Valued and Careful Man Lost to North Carolina.

A New York special says: Mr. Conkling died at 1:30 Wednesday morning. At 9 o'clock last night reports from Mr. Conkling's bedside were conflicting. The rumor of his death which had been circulated seems to have been born out by a hotel porter. Colonel Fred Conkling came out of the house and said positively that his father was not dead, but that he could not live twelve hours. This was the first official announcement from the house since the rumor was first put out through the paper.

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ANOTHER PULPIT WONDER

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GOSSIP FROM UNCLE SAM'S CAPITAL

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L. Heibroner & Bro., of Tarboro, have been assigned for the benefit of creditors by the court.

South Carolina.

Gov. Richardson has appointed Col. W. S. Zetter, of Columbia, to the vacant position caused by the death of the Hon. W. Zetter.

North Carolina.

A few days ago Mr. Robert Gilford, of the State of North Carolina, was violently thrown from his buggy by a runaway mule and instantly killed.

North Carolina.

Mr. Wing, the Sawyer at Moses & Harris mill, near Salisbury, was severely injured by the smashing of an empty wheel.

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An insane negro named Ward Martin, who was lodged in the jail of Spartanburg county, was brought to the city by beating his brains out against the wall of his cell.

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TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS

At Terre Haute, Ind., the State Normal School building was burned to the ground. Loss, \$100,000.

The upper Mississippi and its tributaries in Wisconsin and Minnesota are at flood tide, and doing a good deal of mischief.

Sam Wolf, of the firm of B. Wolf & Bro., the largest firm of furniture dealers in Montgomery, Ala., committed suicide.

At Bristol, Tenn., the large plating and manufacturing works owned by Buffalo Co. have been burned. Loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$5,000.

J. S. Drake, the defaulting ex-treasurer of Sinks county, Ohio, has been sentenced to six years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine amounting to about \$40,000 and costs.

Two negroes, whose names could not be learned, fought a duel with pocket knives near Birmingham, Ala., at a railroad station. One of them was fatally stabbed and the other escaped.

Thomas Sholes, who with his brothers owns a number of grocery stores throughout the State, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for three months for selling intoxicating liquors.

Matthew Arnold, the noted poet, scholar, critic and theologian, whose article on "Civilization of the United States" attracted much notice, died suddenly in Liverpool, Eng., of heart disease.

Thomas Kennedy, a son of Minnie Kennedy, a child of the west, was shot and killed at Brownsville by Deputy Sheriff James M. Neel, who was well-known in the State. Kennedy had been paying marked attention for some time to Donal Blake de Epanzo, wife of the deputy sheriff.

A TENNESSEE MYSTERY

Uncovering a Tragedy After Several Years.

The American's Tullahoma (Tenn.) special says that Col. Anderson gives the facts known concerning the mysterious disappearance of John Neel, a well-known merchant with Maule St. Pierre, the alleged woman of wealth. Three years ago ten months of John Neel and his wife were taken to have a great deal of money, and wanted to buy all of the right mines of mineral land in the State. He was very rich, and John Neel was his private secretary. It turned out, however, that he had been swindled during the past three years has been an impenetrable mystery.

A Collection of Croons.

The next room to the throne room of the Kremlin Palace, was recently injured by the smashing of an empty wheel. His face was badly bruised and the collar bone broken.

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