are selling at 64.

the county jail. Four per cent. State bonds, new issue,

The two Episcopal Churches are to be cautifully decorated Christmas. The revenue collections, in this District. for the week ending Saturday amounted to 21.024.23.

On a number of the streets young and handsome shade trees are being set out, to colline old ones.

An elegant two-story residence is being built at Wake Forest College for President Thos. H. Pritchard. Friday last the committee appointed to

let the building of the new bridge at Milburnie, awarded the work to John Johnson at \$891. He is to have it completed by March 1st. Orders have been issued from General

Headquarters for elections of field officers of the First and Second Regiments, and Fourth and Fifth Battalions of the North Carolina State Guard. Judge Avery will hold the Superior Court during the month of January, and

Judge Gudger will hold it during February The term will begin with the new year and continue for six or seven weeks. His Excellency Governor Jarvis and a party of distinguished gentlemen leave to day for the Blue Ridge, where he will formally open the Swannanoa Tunnel and go

on the first train on the Western Railroad through the Ridge. Mr. D. J. Ellis is building a singular dwelling on Hillsboro avenue. It is a frame louse filled in with brick, only the thickness of a brick, that is four inches wide. There probably is no other such example

of building in the State. A handsome monument has been erected in Oakwood Cemetery, to the memory of . the late Judge William H. Battle. base is of colored marble and the shaft of pure white marble. Other monuments are being built for the late Hon's. Bat. F. Moore, John G. Williams, and Jefferson

Rev. W. C. Norman, who has for four years been the popular pastor of the Second Methodist Church, has been assigned to Louisburg, and is succeeded by Rev. T. W. Smith. Rev. W. S. Black returns to the First Methodist Church for another term of two years, much to the pleasure of his

The Register of Deeds is sending out blanks to be used by merchants and other dealers in making returns of their purchases. The law requires these to be made twice each year, on the 1st of January and July, to embrace all purchases made during the preceding six months, under Schedule B., of the Revenue act. A failure to make such returns is an in-

DEATHS James Hodge, a son of Madison Hodge, living about 9 miles from Raleigh, died suddenly on Tuesday. Seaton Gales, infant son of Weston R. Gales, died on Friday, in the city, aged a

little over a year. UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT,-Judge Hugh L. Bond has arrived, and with Judge George W. Brooks, is jon the beach. A number of cases, mostly unimportant, have been tried. Two important ones were those of the Wesleyan Female College vs. the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of Richmond, Va., which was settled by compromise; and that of Jacob Weil vs. the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, for \$20,000 damages for injuries received, which was gained by the defendants. This week the equity docket is being tried, and the Court will probably adjourn about Thursday.

CITY NEWS OF THE WEEK .- The old Masonic Lodge, at the corner of Dawson and Morgan streets, is being torn down to make room for the new Primitive Baptist church. At the Peace Institute, Friday evening, one of those delightful entertainments known as an "Old Folks' Concert was given .- A considerable number of improvements have been made at Oakwood Cemetery in the way of cleaning up and arranging lots, &c .- The ladies are preparing evergreens for the Christmas decoration of the churches. - Mazgie Walton, a colored girl, five years of age, died suddenly Wednesday. The cause of death was hemorrhage.—The freight business continues very large, and the trains are longer than ever before.-Messrs. Bingham & Wagstaff have begun the manufacture of tobacco. Thirteen hands are employed and seven more will be added at an early day .- Work at the Rescue engine house goes on slowly. The quarters appear to be rather too small for the engine, hose carriages, horses and men. - A very handsome organ has been placed in the chapel at St. Mary's. The

instrument is sweet in tone and is quite an addition to the chapel. Two lads engaged in a quarrel in the Graded School Friday morning, and one of them, drawing a knife, cut the other in the arm, severing an artery .- Mr. William G. Upchurch has a fine herd of pure Jersey cattle at his firm near this city. Last week he purchased in Maryland two more thoroughbred cows of that breed which were exhaited. There is another street nuisin the shape of a drove of sheep, which promptly enter yards if by chance a gate be left open. The number of bad logs which roam the streets late at night

THE BAPTISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA. | death in the township. Mr. John E. Ray, Secretary of the nual meeting of the Baptist State Conven- 3 infants; 1 male, 3 females. tion at Oxford. From the report of President Jacob S. Allen, of the Sunday School Board, we take the following: Number of schools in operation during the year 1878, 600; number of new schools organ-

There are in this city five wood-working shops, one boiler manufactory, and two! iron foundry and machine shops, all'owned! by private individuals. To these must be added the shops of the Raleigh and Gas ton Railroad, at which both iron and wood! work is done. It is not saying too much to state that at all of these manufactories the work done is of the best character, and of such finish as to be regarded as unsurpassed in the South. We propose to give brief sketches of the various manufactories. and first take up that of

ELLINGTON, ROYSTER & CO. This firm is composed of Messrs. W. J. Ellington, L. H. Royster, B. F. Park and R. R. Pinkston. The shops are on North street at the railway, near those of the R. & G. R. R., and are admirably located They were built in 1872, and are of wood, two stories in height and in the form of an L, the main structure being 100x40 feet and the wing 18x30 feet. The shops were purchased by the present firm in

1878, and have been fitted with complete and improved machinery of all kinds. The number of employees in the shops is 24. The firm does a large business in the way of contracts for houses on any of the railways, and on this work employs 20 men. All kinds of wood work, sash, doors and blinds, etc., are done, and many thousand shingles are furned out monthly. The business last year amounted to \$50,000, and has increased greatly this fall. The lumber used is principally yellow pine, and comes from points on the Raleigh and Augusta Air-Line, in Moore county. Thus

far this year 1,300,000 feet have been pur-

J. S. ALLEN & CO.

This firm, composed of Messrs. Jacob S. Allen and Fred. W. Watson, is comparatively a new one. The planing shops are located on North and Harrington streets near those of Ellington, Royster & Co., and are of wood, one story in height and in size 140x40 feet. The wood working machinery of all kinds is of the best patterns, and the work done is excellent. There are in the shops 15 employees and 25 are kept at work putting up buildings in various parts of the State, as the firm does an extensive contract business in this line, Sash, doors and blinds and all varieties of interior wood work are manufactured. During the year ending August 1st the business done amounted to about \$20,000, and about 100,000 feet of lumber per month is bought. The shops have been recently enlarged and are to be further extended. They were built in the autumn of 1877, by Mr. Allen.

ALLEN & CRAM. The iron foundry and machine shop of this firm is at the corner of Davie and McDowell streets. Messrs. G. W. Allen and William Cram compose the firm. The shops were built in 1870 by W. T. Adams & Son, and were purchased by the present proprietors in 1877. The buildings are of wood 60x40 feet. All kinds of castings are done, as well as iron work of all des criptions, but the firm does mostly job work on orders. The number of employees at present is 12. Some improvements have been made at the shops which are

well fitted up. The business done amounts to some \$10,000 per annum. THE RALEIGH & GASTON SHOPS. As one of our city industries these fine shops are worthy of extended mention. The buildings are of brick and were erected in 1860. They consist of a round house, 126 feet in diameter, for the accommodation of engines, a machine shop 175 x80 feet, a blacksmith shop and foundry 140x60 feet, and car shops 125x60 feet. The master of machinery is Mr. B, R. Harding, a skilled mechanic, who is ably assisted by Capt. Joseph H. Green. In the machine shops 55 men are employed. In them all repairing of engines and rolling stock is done. In the wood shops, which are in charge of Mr. R. T. Bishop. 25 men are employed. The cars of the road, both freight and passenger, are built in these and are as handsome as any in the country. The road has now 19 engines and 237 freight cars. The pay roll and expenses of the shops are about \$80,-

RALEIGH'S COTTON TRADE. - The past week has been one of almost unprecedented excitement and depression in the cotton trade. The highest prices of the season 124 for middling, with some sales at 13, were obtained on Wednesday. On Thursday the depression began, and by Saturday prices fell to 11 \{\frac{1}{2}\} for middling. with a dull market. The receipts for the cotton week ending on the 12th inst, were large, being 2,471 bales against 1,675 for the same week last year; an increase of 786 bales. The total receipts this season to date are 32,808, to same date in 1878 they were 28,757, showing an increase of

4,051 bales this year. BINGHAM SCHOOL.-We are in receipt of the catalogue of Bingham School for 1879. The number for the current sesion (the 171st) is 50 per cent. ahead of the last and 25 per cent, ahead of any former session. Every Southern State, we believe, is represented and also New York and Wisconsin, Brazil and Siam. The catalogue claims that the culture of the faculty is broader, the discipline and instruction better, the satisfaction given to pupil and patron greater than ever before. The Prize and Scholarship features are new and so is a Leipzig Ph. D. among the teachers of a Southern School. The inincrease from 103 in 1876, 122 in 1877, 142 in 1878 to 166 in 1879, is very significant. Board is \$12 per month, tuition \$50 per session. See advertisement.

MORTUARY REPORT .- The health of the city shows a marked improvement. During the week ending at sunset on Saturday, 6th instant, there was not a single

During the week ending Saturday, De-Bantist Sunday School Board, has sent us | cember 13th, there were 4 deaths, of which a copy of the proceedings of the 49th an- 2 were white and 2 colored; 1 was an adult,

A NARROW ESCAPE.—A little son of Captain C. N. Allen, who lives near Auburn, about nine miles from the city, on the North Carolina Railroad, was playing ized in 1879, more than 40; total number in a gin house near a line of shafting of schools, 640. Number of churches this | which ran close to the floor. Suddenly side of the Blue Ridge, 720; number of he was caught in the rapidly revolving churches without schools, 200; number of shaft and held fast by his clothing to it as communicants in the 720 charches 73,000; it went at a speed of 350 revolutions per number of attendants in the 640 Sunday minute. His clothes were torn off, first Schools, less than 40,000; of these not his coat and then his pants and underclothmore than one-fifth are professing Chris- ing until nothing was left but his boots. tians, which leaves of the church mem- The right leg was broken in two places, bers who are not regular attendants upon the left shoulder dislocated, and he was the Sunday School, 65,000. The white bruised from head to foot. Three physi-Baptist Associations in North Carolina cians were in attendance, who dressed his number 29, with 464 ministers. The wounds. They do not apprehend fatal rewhole number of churches in the Associa- sults, despite the character and extent of tions is 736, having about 75,500 commu- the injuries, and the lad is now improving ships in honor of Bishops Elliott, Polk rapidly.

25 OUR MANUFACTORIES.

CAPITOL NOTES .- Adjutant General Jones will not be able to return to his duties before Christmas .- Old bonds to the amount of \$225,000 were received at the Treasury .- Gov. Jarvis, Treasurer Worth and Dr. Eugene Grissom went down on Wednesday to inspect the new asylum for the colored insane, at Goldsbo-They report the work as well advanced and of excellent character and that the building will be ready for occupancy by the 1st of March .- During the week the following sheriffs have settled the taxes due

by their respective counties: Benjamin Millikin, Randolph, 85,828.48; J. A. Robinson. Lincoln, \$4,120.07; R. A. White, Gaston, 84,734.57; Jas. F. Hunter. Alamance, \$5,590.27; C. F. Waggoner, Rowan, 87,036.06.—The Governor has offered a reward of \$200 for Bob Pharr, of Mecklenburg, the murderer of Kerr Watt. Some improvements have been made in the State Library, and new books purchased --- The reports of the condition of the State Guard are coming in, and are on the whole satisfactory. The Governor has ordered a special term of Jones county court, Judge Eure to preside. L. F. Howard has been appointed by the Governor a Boundary Com-

gia, at the point where Rabun county, Georgia., and Macon county, N. C., join. -During the week convicts have been brought in as follows: Sheriff C. F. Wag-goner, of Rowan, 10; Sheriff Nathan with good liming will produce from forty Barefoot, of Sampson, 1 for burning a jail; Sheriff C. C. Lanford, of Davie, 1; Sheriff H. C. Hardison, of Beaufort, 4; Sheriff J. W. Taylor, of Chatham, 4. Col. Marshall Parks, President of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, exchanged \$100,000 of State bonds for a like amount of stock held by the State in that company.

missioner on the part of this State to set-

tle the line between this State and Geor-

MARRIAGES .- During the week there have been several marriages of people in the county or city.

At Wake Forest College, Thursday, Prof. Needham Y. Gulley, of Raleigh, was united in matrimony to Miss Alice, eldest daughter of Rev. W. M. Wingate, D. D. late President of Wake Forest College. Mr. Alf. Jones of this county, was married at Chapel Hill on Wednesday morning. to Miss Lizzie Cooke, of Chapel Hill

Rev. A. C. Dixon officiating. Thursday evening Prof. Alfred Pauli organist of Christ Church, was united in marriage to Miss Ida, daughter of Henry Gorman, Esq., of this city.

ABOUT PIGS .- A Person county subscriber asks :- How many of your readers can beat this in the way of hogs? Mr. G. W. Malone, of Bushy Fork township, Person county, killed ten pigs seven months and ten days old averaging 141 pounds, all one litter, the mother only eleven nonths old at birth of pigs. Come on with your pigs.

THE METHODIST PROTESTANTS.

WESTERN N. C. CONFERENCE-APPOINT-MENTS OF 1879-'80.

[From the Greensboro Central Protestant.] President-A. M. Lowe. Orange circuit-T. F. McCulloch. Alamance-C. F. Harris. Randolph-W. W. Amick. Cedar Falls-A. W. Lineberry. Ashboro—J. W. Heath. Davidson-W. C. Hammer. Greensboro-J. R. Ball. Guilford-D. A. Highfill. Haw River—Henry Lewalled Winston-T. T. Ferree. Mocksville—C. A. Pickens Forsyth-W. C. Kennett. Waughtown mission—to be with W. G. Hamilton by the President. Winston-to be supplied by loan from the North Carolina Conference or other-

Yadkin College—S. Simpson. Rowan-J. H. Cox. Dan River-H. C. Fulion. Mecklenburg circuit—R. R. Hanner. Catawba-H. W. Peeples. Monroe-R. W. Pegram. Stanly-I. I. York. Buncombe-Sam'l W. Coe. Pigeon River-J. C. Moton. Jersey mission-unsupplied. Superannuated-R. R. Prather and J

Conference Evangelist-Alson Gray. Railroad Business Reports.

For the year ending September 30, the Charlotte Observer reports the gross earnings of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad as \$478,491,61, expenditures \$437.964.72, net earnings \$40,526.89. The business of the present year has netted \$84,959.81 over that of 1878. The profit and loss account shows \$105,121.89 to the credit, and the increase of trade of the towns and villages tributary to the road gives good promise of the future prosperity of the road. The debt of the company represented in bonds, bills payable, accounts, &c., is \$2,639,943.41, and the amount of capital stock outstanding liable for divi-

ends \$2,392.000. For the year ending September 30, the earnings of the Richmond & Danville Railroad were \$1,098,597.70, and expenses \$598,603.50. On the Northwestern North 'arolina (Salem) Railroad the earnings were \$39,241.46, and expenses \$21,454. On the North Carolina Road, earnings \$561,264.35, and expenses \$337,170.-95. The total excess of earnings was \$764,613.89, which interest and rental reduce to \$187,565.23 net revenue. The year's business exceeded last year's \$224,-603.89, and the cost decreased \$27,795.87. The road's finances are in good plight, and besides laying much new track and building two iron bridges on the North Carolina Road, arrangements have been made for 3,000 tons of 65 lb. steel rail for use on it this year. Col. Buford and the old officers were re-elected at the meeting in Richmond

last week. BUSINESS NEWS ITEMS:-Over one thousand English operatives are now steadily employed in the silk manufactories of Paterson, N. J. The majority of them have come from Macclesfield, the

seat of the British silk trade. The liquor bell-punch brought \$30,735 into the Treasury of Texas in October. Complaint is made that the bell is not rung in Galveston, Houston and other cities once for every hundred drinks sold.

St. Louis estimates her cotton receipts for the year at 450,000 bales-about 23 times what they were in 1866, before the Iron Mountain and Missouri, Kansas and Texas roads had laid Arkansas, Texas and a part of Mississippi tributary to her thrift,

EDUCATIONAL NOTES:-The University of the South is to be endowed with three memorial professorand Otev

Here and There in North Carolina. ITEMS FROM LETTERS TO THE ROITOR.

HERTFORD COUNTY NOTES :-Hertford County, Dec. 12, 187 - Any ne traveling from Maney's Neckshrough a great portion of Hertford county a struck forcibly with the neat and well kit farms on the route. Regardless of the short harvests the farmers through this section are making great preparations for the ensuing year. On nearly every farm bloughing is going on.

The mild and remarkably dry weather has been very beneficial to the farmers in housing their crops, and it is a rare thing to see cotton and corn ungathers. The farmers are seeding more wheat than ever before. Chufas have proved of the greatest benefit this year, as other crass were

Peanuts, a production of but very little cultivation, are also assuming ve large proportions in our county. Some armers ontend that there is more money on them than cotton; they at this time at worth from 75 to 85 cents per bushel. It has been a most splendid year for their Some farmers have made more than a sundred bushels to the acre, without either guano or lime. The principal thing to usure a good crop is to thoroughly lime the land. It is said by some farmers that they are equal to chufas for hogs. Land that will to fifty bushels of marketable pearants.

R. D. Camp & Co., a thrifty www.mill firm in Maney's Neck, have la, whumed some curiosities. In digging a well oyster shells and large bones has been found at a distance of sixty-five to from the surface of the earth. On another occasion a stump and coal was exhumed at a distance of thirty feet. Some we men say that this now gigantic forest was once covered over by the rolling billows of some

The bridge that spanned the Meherrin river at Murfreesboro will soon be somple ted. The bridge was swept away nearly two years ago by a heavy raft of le. The citizens of Maney's Neck will respice at its completion, as Murfreesboro it their

HALIFAX COUNTY NOTES :-Halifax County, December 11, 2979. Your valuable paper is just getting a foot hold with us, and a big list is in some for it when it becomes known to our people. Old Halifax is biginning to breathe freer

under the new system of county overnment. The Board of Commission are all true men who take pride in hone, manent of public trusts; the while of the East, yes, all lovers of good povernment, owe a debt of gratitude to on Western brethren for their friendly aid in the Convention; of 1875, in freeing to from the rule of vice and irresponsible ignorance. It is a debt which should be remainered and paid; some man has said that gratitude is a lively sense of coming favors; let not this be said of our gratitude. When we were in the very gall of bitternes of po-litical degradation they came to our relief and lifted us up so that again pears and good rule shed their mild effulgence in our midst.

Now, after we have reaped the Luits of their generosity, the cry is raised in the land that we are exhausted by the eed of the West; that our noses are helesto the grind stone to subserve the ambigion of politicians living west of the Blue sidge that the Western Railroad is a gigatic old man of the sea fixed on the backet the tax-burdened East; that Mud-Cut is the nineteenth century prototype of that gulf which opened in the forum and could only be filled by becoming the living the of Rome's best and bravest, etc., nauseam. This last figure was rather unfortunate in that the precious teasure needed to close the chasm may be test ambition to be Attorney General as that State, whose first bantling crow was heard at Greensboro in 1872.

Apart from considerations of State policy we of the East are in a manner board to assist the West in building its road and if in so doing some man there can make use of it to rise in life so be it. The road is for the good of the many and the www are included. Down with the dog to the manger policy, and down with the selfish ambition whose only chance of success is over the blasted hopes of others.

By the way, a Raleigh man in Infield on Sunday, as the writer is informed, was asked "how is mud-cut?" The saswer was, "I heard in Wilson, last night, that it was filled up level and a train care ht on the mountain." Is this true? have seen nothing of it in any newspape.

BEACH SWAMP.

TRANSMONTANE NOTES:-Macon County, December 6, 1279. Some industries to which this transit ontane section is adapted, have been not one neglected but ignored, because those who would gladly engage in them can it successfully compete with other section more favorably situated for want of railred fa-

One of these industries is sheet hus-

pandry with its concomitants-woodn fac-

tories. There is not the least doubt as to the superior wool fibre raised in these mountains. Sheep here when left to the selves seek the very highest points of the mountains and have their walks amongst the rock ledges of these lofty summits. It is juite cool on these high grounds guring the summer season, and the sheep re less troubled with the fly. It is also of served that they are much healthier here an in the valleys, and on the rich wild parturage grow larger and yield heavier fleece; and these fleeces are also in a great prasure free from the common burrs and briars which so much deteriorate the sol of pastured sheep. I suppose it will hardly e denied by any one that, the braids be ing equal, a healthy animal in good flesh, will not only yield a heavier fleece but a fibre of superior quality—a material that will work to better advantage uncer the cards and spindles, producing a better and finer fabric. The capacity to produce su-perior wool to any wished-for extend is beyond a doubt. A fact entitled to great weight in this connection is that the c rich mountain lands produce the mead and pasture grasses abundantly, oats, r. j, turnips, potatoes, &c., so they would yield winter supplies for the flocks reare upon

I may say without the multiplication of words, that there is no better climate and country in which to manufacture groolen goods within our knowledge. The waterpower is immense, the water is cles and pure, the streams never fail to apply ample water during the summer wason, and never freezing so much during the winter as to seriously stop- machine, ex-cept very short cold snaps, and the but rarely. Every county west of the mountains could furnish raw material for an or- Rock. Pa., on Friday, which ended in

dinary woolen factory. Without such factories amongst us the inducements to woolgrowing are but feeble. The consequence is that the people here aim only to produce the amount they need for family use. Nor do they care to cultivate the finer woolproducing breeds. Indeed, they think the finer grades of wool not so well suited to the old-fashioned hand cards and wheel. Railways and factories would stimulate this industry and add largely to our population and commerce, and in the same ratio to the material and representative strength

of the State. Another industry that would be devel ped by the inspiration of ready transportation, is the proper manipulation of the furniture timbers of this region. Dr. Emmons once remarked to me, when passing through this section, "that the furniture timbers he saw along his route, when our great Western Railway should be completed, would warrant new industries. Here," said he, "is the finest country 'I. ever saw for manufacturing its own resources. Furniture factories here could be furnished from your own forests, with black and white walnut, cherry, maple and birch." Here then, with a railroad running through the heart of this whole section, is another profitable resource, calculated to swell our population, bring in skilled labor and capital, all going to increase the glory and prower of the State.

ALLEGHANY PENERAL NEWS ITEMS :--

The Senate Finance Committee has ostponed action on the important matters before it until after the holidays. The total debt of Boston at the close of this year will be \$42,359,816.23, being a

decrease during the year of \$9,720,624. Hon. Amos Tuck died at Exeter, N. H. on Friday. Old people may recollect him as a member of Congress from 1847 to 1853, and a member of the Peace Convention of 1861. .

The corn crop prospects fell off 55,000,-000 bushels in November, according to the U. S. Agricultural Department. It is consolatory to know that it is 150,000,000 bushels bigger than ever before.

During the four months ending on Sat urday the total amount of gold brought to New York from Europe was \$71,672,950, or an average of \$513,826 for every day of the one hundred and twenty-one.

The Virginia Readjusters' caucus has ominated General William Mahone and he will succeed Mr. Withers, present United States Senator, whose term expires on March 3d, 1881. Both Democrats.

Three times as many immigrants arrived at New York during last month as during evember 1878 and during the twelve months ending with last month there were 181,000 immigrants, as compared with 120,000 during the twelve months ending with November, 1878.

Mrs. Adelaide C. Hotchkiss and I paramour, Dr. Wilson, were arrested on Friday, in Detroit, charged with the murder of her husband and san, Hotchkiss by name, eleven years ago, in Youngstown N. Y. Hotchkiss had been resurected and things found in his stomach.

The New York Board of Canvassers has announced the result of the late elec-The pluralities are as follows: Cornell, 42,777; Hoskins, 290; Carr, 1,875; Wadsworth, 5,928; Wendell, 2,815; Ward 4,144; Seymour, 12,441. Mr. Seymour is a Democrat; all the others Radicals.

Last week's statement of the New York Associated Banks shows the following changes: Loans increase \$2.649,000; specie decrease \$901,600; legal tenders decrease \$1,269,300 deposits increase \$259,100; circulation increase \$208,700; reserve decrease \$2,103,175. The banks now have \$5.571,500 in excess of legal

It is reported from Washington that Mr. Justice Hunt, the condition of whose health is such that he can never resume his place upon the Supreme Court bench, has resigned, and that Senator Edmunds has been tendered the vacant place. Per contra, it is said that Judge Hunt will 'hold on until Mr. Edmunds' term is out on March 3d. 1881.

Three tons of nitro-glycerine exploded in Canada on Friday night, shaking houses and scaring the people in the towns for forty-four miles around. At the time of explosion an immense blaze lighted up the whole heavens, the earth trembled and a tremendous report followed. At the scene of the explosion next day nothing whatever could be found of the magazine. Where it stood is a hole sixty feet in diameter and fifteen fieet deep.

Mr. Manning, Mississippi Representative, has a bill for the re-organization of the Supreme Court. Its main features are: The Court to be composed of a Chief Justice and eighteen Associate Justices; a classification of work and its division into three branches; the assignment of six Associate Justices (one of whom shall be designated to preside) to each branch; and all constitutional questions and all cases involving \$100,000 or more to be decided by the full Court of eighteen Justices, presided over by the Chief Justice.

A large deficiency in the postoffice appropriation made for the "star service," that is the conveyance of the mails on routes traversed by horses and stage eqaches, is making trouble at Washington. The sum appropriated for this service, for the current fiscal year, was \$5,900,000, but now, before six months have elapsed, the Postmaster-General informs the House that he must have another \$2,000,000 voted before the holidays or the "star service" must be discontinued. The money appears to have been wasted on favorites in the Indian territory.

The Senate has confirmed the President's nomination of War Secretary Mc-Crary to be United States Circuit Judge; and that of Hon, Alex. Ramsey, of Minnesota, to be Secretary of War in Mr. Me-Crary's place. Mr. Ramsey was born near Harrisburg, Pa., September 8th, 1815, and from his boyhood her been intrusted with important public offices. Indeed, he has held office of one kind or another since his his fourteenth year. His last position was that of United States Senator from Minnesota from 1863 to 1875.

The celebrated pigeon roost in Scott County, Ind., is now, as it has been for seventy-five years, the roost of millions of pigeons. They fly away in the morning to their feed-grounds, many of them going to such a distance that they do not return until midnight. The timber on thousands of acres covered by this roost is broken down badly, large limbs being snapped off like reeds by the accumulated weight of the birds. Thousands are killed nightly, but the slaughter seems to make no diminution in the vast flocks that congregate

. There was a great oil fire near Red

burning the business and private houses of the town. Three hundred families are homeless and there is great suffering among the people. The loss is \$160,000. The fire began in a 250 barrel tank of oil. The fluid ran down the hill and communicated with a tank containing 25,000 ba rely. The tank was located in a position that commanded the heart of the town. Embankments were thrown up and every precaution taken to save the place from deruction, but without avail. The tank ourst; the burning oil ran out; a huge fiery wave jumped high over the embankments and, spreading to the extent of three hundred feet, swept through the heart of the town, which literally melted away before the heat. The burning oil coursed through the streets fully four feet in depth. A wave of fire would bound against a house. ump over the roof, and in less time than would take to write a description of the disaster the entire town was in flames. People barely had time to escape with their

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES:-People will get mad about politics. Over a Ireland just now the question is famine or no famine; and the adherents of either side are about ready to brain those of the

All over Europe there is now extremely severe winter weather. There is heavy snow in Italy, intense cold at Vienna, and the news from Paris is that the River Seine is completely frozen over. The situation of Europe now has three

characteristics: Famine, deficits in budgets, and preparation for war. Armies are being reinforced and National debts increased. while the laboring mass of the people starve unhindered.

Nearly all the rivers and brooks in Transylvania have overflowed their banks, laying under water vast tracts of country and destroying bridges and houses, interrupting communication and sweeping away farming utensils, cattle and grain. In some cases the inhabitants were for days on trees and roofs of houses awaiting rescue. The overflow of the rivers Koros and Maros has caused fearful destruction. The city of Arad, on the Maros, and several other towns have been ruined and their inhabitants driven away. Fully ten thousand persons have been rendered homeless. lany entire families who had found refuge in neighboring woods were frozen to death.

The (London) Pall Mall Gazette says: It is now ascertained that we shall require not less than 18,000,000 quarters of wheat from outside sources during the coming year, or 2,000,000 more than was at first officially estimated. Here lies the paramount necessity for a stronger navy. cannot afford to run the slightest risk of a temporary blockade. With millions of men dependent upon countries thousands of miles distant for their daily bread, what would be the result of even a fortnight's short supply?" The Advertiser echoes the alarm, declaring that out of every fiveloaves of bread eaten in England in 1880, three must come from the United States and Russia, and that the same condition of affairs is likely to continue in future.

Severe fighting and an Afghan victory are reported near Cabul on Thursday last, The British G nerals Massy and Macpherson joined f .. s in the Chardeh Valley. but met an inn nse body of hillmen, who repulsed the Brish attack and captured four guns, which were, however, subsequently recovered. The enemy subsequently attacked the British in the hills south of the Bala Hissar, but were beaten off with loss. General Roberts reports that the combination of the tribes against the British is a strong one. On Friday General Macpherson attacked the enemy on the ricg above Bal Hissar. He captured and now holds the lower part of the ridge. The crest of the hill was to be surrounded and stormed on Saturday.

The cold weather in Europe began with a great "cold wave" at London in October. 1878. . The official reports show that the eight months ending with June 30th last were throughout the coldest period recorded in the past sixty-five years; and the period "of the past twelve months," closing November 13th ult., one of "all but unexampled cold dull weather." As long ago as 1872 the British Royal Astronomer announced the recurrence of a "great heat wave every eleven years and a fraction," and a period of "extreme cold close on either side of the great heat wave." so that the Astronomer Royal was then led to predict: "The next similar cold wave will occur in September, 1878." The Astronomer Royal, in 1872, also said: "We may expect the next occurrence of the great heat wave in or about 1880."

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Raleigh Markets. Official Report of the Cotton Market. REPORTED BY THE COTTON EXCHANGE. RALEIGH, December 16, 1879. Strict Low Middling.

Tone of market dull; receipts heavy.

Low Middling

City Market - Wholesale Prices. REPORTED WEEKLY BY POOL & MORING, Official Reporters for Grocers' Exchange, RALEIGH, December 16, 1879.

Bacon, N. C., hog round ... Bulk Meats, clear rib sides, shoulders, 16la Cotton ties, new, per bale...... spliced, ber bale..... Corn Meal 14 a Chickens .. Eggs, per dozen.. Irish potatoes sses, Cuba.... Peas, white, per bushel. Pork, North Carolina .. Rags, mixed ... -cotton 10 a Sugar, white Sweet potatoes..... Mink Fox Muskrat... Rabbits ... Above are for large quantities. When small quantities are wanted higher prices will be charged. Markets for all goods firm and ad-

Fayetteville Markets.

REPORTED BY J. B. STARR. Commission Merchant, Cotton and Naval Stores. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., December 16. No quotations received to-day.

Durham Tobacco Market. REPORTED BY H. A. REAMS Proprietor of Reams' Warehouse. DURHAM, N. C., December 13, 1879.

LUGS. 82 00m3 00 | Red BRIGHT LUGS. @06 00 | Good . 00a9 00 Fancy RED LEAF. 2 00a3 00 | Fine 3 Soa5 50 Extra Fine DESCRIPT WRAPPERS. 9 00a13 00 | Fine......38 00a48 00. Medium 16 00a25 00 Extra 56 00a83 00

Breaks have been heavy during the week, it no change in prices since our last report. Prices closed firm on all coloring grades in good

Danville Tobacco Market REPORTED BY REDD & JORDAN, Proprietors of Farmer's Warehouse. DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 13, 1879 Lucs-Dark and Common \$2 00u8, 4 00 Common to Good ... 4.00m 6.00 SMOKERS Common to Medium. 6.00a S.09 S.00a 10:00

LEAF-Dark Fillers-Common ... 4 CKIN Common to Medium 5 00a: 7:00 Medium to Good 7.00% Good to Fine ... WEAPPERS Common to Medium 12 00a 15 00 Medium to Good 15 00a 22 00 Our market for the week just ending has seen overran with tobacco. There has been erhaps more on the market than ever before uring the same length of time, and yet contrary to expectation and past experience prices have remained from and steady. It has been

> louse at very satisfactory prices. This shows well for the stability of this market over other

emarkable that under such heavy gluts prices

should have remained so firm. We sold vester-

day over one hundred thousand pounds in our

Charlotte Cotton Market. From the Charlotte Observer, December 14. The market yesterday closed weak and tendood Middling. Middling..... Strict Low Middling Wilmington Market.

[From the Review, December 15, 4 p. m.] SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Quoted firm at 8 cents. Sales 100 casks at that figure.

ROSIN—Quoted quiet at \$1.25 for strained and good strained. No sales reported. TAR Steady at \$1.10. Sales receipts at CRUDE TURPENTINE-Steady for Hard, and \$2.75 for Yellow Dip. ceipts at quotations. COTTON-Quiet and nominal. No sales re-

The following are the official quotations Strict Good Ordinary Low Middling..... DAILY RECEIPTS. 200 ensks

1.933 bbbs Northern and Foreign City Markets.

sales 314 bales; uplands 12%; orleans 127; con solidated net recgipts 45,257; exports 19,09 bales. Net receipts 2:278 bales; gross 12:937 bales. Futures closed weak; sales 158,000 bales; December 12.31a12,33; January 12.46a 12.48; February 12.69a1270; March -12.96; April 13a13.25; May 13.30a13.34; June 13.44a 13.46; July 13.55a13.57; August 13.61a13.65. Southern flour unchanged. Wheat \$1.574a1.58. Corn 61a65? Onts 50a502, Sugar : standard A 9a91; granulated 91a92; powdered 94a92 crushed 9aa91. Molasses; New Orleans 36a45. Rosin\$1.60. Spirits Turpentine 41. Pork, \$12.50a16.60; middles dull; long clear 71; short long and short 71. Land 87.65. Whisky \$1.17a1.17k. BALTIMORE, December 15.-Cotton quiet at 122, 122,12 for middling, low middling, good ordinary; receipts 450. Flour \$508.25. Wheat

\$1.40a1 58, Oats 47a48, Mess pork \$14. Bulk ments, loose, shoulders 5; clear rib sides 71 packed, 51a71. Bacon-shoulders 51; clear sides 81; hams 101a111. Lards). firm, Rio cargoes 14a17. Sugar quiet and lower; A soft 94a9?. Whisky firm at 81.14a1.15. CINCINNATI, December 15,-Flour \$6,25a 6.40. Wheat \$1,34a1,36, Corn, 41a44, Oats 38a41. Pork \$13.25. Lard \$7,30. Bulk ments ; shoulders, half cured, 7; short clear sides

77. Bacon, clear rib 77; green meats heavy shoulders and sides 6;a64; hams, buyers and sellers apart. NORFOLK, December 15.-Cotton steady at

12½; net receipts 5,712 bales

LIVERPOOL, December 15.- Cotton easier: uplands 64; orleans 7. Futures sellers at 1-16

Last Week's New York Cotton Market.

From the New York Financial Chronicle.

The market has been feverishly active for future delivery, at prices varying widely, ever within the hour, closing, however, at a mate rial decline. The opening on Saturday last was quite depressed, under the increased crap estimates that found acceptance with all par ties. But on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning there was a renewal of speculation for the rise, which carried prices up 40@ 50 points rom the closing figures of the previous Friday but most of this was lost at the close. Wednes day witnessed a renewal of speculation for the rise; prices advanced 15@20 points and receded 35@40, and yesterday, under a lower Liverpool market, increasing stocks, large receiptat the ports and at Southern interior towns, there was an enormous pressure to sell; prices gave way rapidly, and closed 466a 50 hundredths ower, or at a decline from the previous Friday of about a cent for the early months and & een for the later months, and about 16a 14 below the highest prices of Tuesday morning. It is asserted that some of the leaders of the bull party have sold out and retired from the market for the present. To day Liverpool came stend-ier than was expected, and prices recovered about 30 hundredths from the closing bid of yesterday; but part of this advance was lost at the close. Spots advanced 1-16 cent on Mon-day and 3-16 cent on Tuesday morning, to 131 cents for middling uplands, but receded 1-16 cent Tuesday afternoon and 3-16 cent on Thurs-day, to 131 cents for middling uplands. Trade was quiet, except a considerable transaction for speculation on Wednesday morning, To-day quotations were revised; regular grades were need 5-6 cent for the various phases of ordinary, and 3-16 cent for low middling and above stained reduced except for middling. The total sales for forward delivery for the week are 1,-310,500 bales. For immediate delivery the total sales foot up this week 3,765 bales, including

Last Week's N. Y. Dry Goods Trade.

2.188 for consumption, 1 577 for speculation.

[From the New York Financial Chronicle.] There has been during the past week a stendy movement in the most stande cotton and woolen fabrics on account of former orders, but seasonable goods were rather quiet, owing to the mildness of the weather, which tenden to one and the balance in one and two years with the demand for consumption. There was a the balance in one and two years with the balance in one orders were piaced for dress goods, piques, quilts, shirting prints, and other fabrics, for future delivery. Cotton goods continued to advance in price, and woolen goods were firmly held by manufacturers' agents. The jobbing trade was irregular and on the whole sluggish, but a few of the larger firms continue to make large sales of cotton goods and calicoes in package lots. The exports of domestics from this to foreign markets during the week aggregates 2]025 packages.

Last Week's N. V. Breadstuffs Market.

From the New York Financial Chronicle. The flour market has shown an advancing tendency, in sympathy with the course of val-ues for wheat, and at times the demand has been quite active, especially for low grades, which have been taken quite freely for export to Great Britain and the West Indies. Rye flour has also advanced. There has been a consider able advance in wheat the past week, the effect of speculative action. Indian corn also advanc-ed. Rye has been active and higher. Barley has been rather more active at about steady values, Oats were active and buoyant.

Last Week's Cotton Figures.

From the New York Financial Chronicle, 1 For the cotion week ending Friday evening, December 12, the total receipts have reached 234,876 bales, against 216,67 bales list work, a 249,152 bales the previous week, and 218,408 bales three weeks since; making the total recipts since the 1st of September, 1879, 7,586,-I bales against 2,171,735 bales for the same peried of 1678, showing an increase since September 1, 1879, of 414,788 bales. The details of the receipts for this week and for corresponding weeks of 1878 and 1877, are as follows:

Receipts this week at 1872 1878 1878. New Orleans, 61 251 13, 162 62, 833 25,456 24,146 20,000 704 1,069 26,170 05,854 Port Bayal Ac-Savannah. Indianola, Ac cathemer, &c. Florida, North Caroling. 3,963 103,453 ity Point, &c.,

Total this week . 234,876 230,234 200,748. Fotal since Sept. 1, E. Sec. 011 2 771, 273 1 876, 687 The exports for the week are 113,012 bales, of which 78,531 were to treat Heinin 9,756 to France, and 24,685 to rest of the Continent while the steeks are 753,421 balmi. Compared with the corresponding date of last season, there is an increase in the expects this work of

1,255 bales, while the stocks on Friday night

were 54,370 bales more thing they were a year The visible supply of cotton is an follows: 1879. 1878. 337,000 339,000 45,438 , 42,500 380,438 . 360,500; Total Great Beingin stock Stock at Havre, 1,218 1,500 Stock at Marseilles 8,7351 Stock at Barcelona 2,500 Stock at Hamburg. Stock at Amsterdam FR.00% Stock at Rotterdam Shock at Antwerp. Speek at other Could ports Total Centinental ports, Total European stocks. adia cotton aff't for Europe. Amer'n e't'n aff't for Europe, OF NOTE OF BUILDINGS gypt, Brazil, &c., affeat for 7 100 t. 10 000 5 Europe Speck in United States ports, S. experts to-day, 24,900 . . 19,000

Total visible supply 1,23k,205 2,125,508 Of the above the totals of American, As, are of follows: American-G23,003 335,000 Averpool stock, THE CHARLES THE PARTY OF THE PARTY. American affort for Uniope, #13-2 NZN-1 4217 1996 United States stock, 753,421 009,011 Sainterior stocks 14,000 - 19,000

1,889,137 L'808,5 st. Best Inches Beseit de [00,000 -172],000 Liverpool stock, 48,438 * 43,566 56,565 42,566 Continental stocks Egypt, Brazil, &c., ailout Total-East India, &c.

Total American,

Total visible supply, 2,278,205 2,123,368 The price for middling upland on Friday but at Liverpool was 6 15-16d.; some date last year, 42d; 1877, 6 9-16d; 1876, 6 9-16d. The above figures indicate an increase in the cotton in sight on Friday night of 102,007 bales as compared with the same date of 1828, an increase of 222,911 bales as compared with the corresponding date of 1877, and a decrease of 478,272 bales as compared with 1876.

vere-us follows: 7,828 3,879 2,597 62044 8,830 Amerista, Ga., 4,712 7,190 Mumbus, Cat., Macon, Gr., Selma, Ala. Memphis, Tenn. Nashville, Tenn. 94.945 3,424 2,142 2,173 Dallas, Texas, 4,671 Jefferson, Texas, 8,878 6,903 1,347 2,640 Vicksburg, Miss. 1,949 7,523 Eufaula, Ala., briffin, Cia., Atlanta, Cin., 2,214 Charlotte, N. f. St. Louis, Mo.

138,341 106,194 The total receipts from plantations since Sep 2,424,750 bales; in 1877, 2,045,870 bales, The scripts the past week were 234,876 bales and he actual movement from plantations 265 pales; the balance being added to stocks at the nterior ports. Last year the receipts from the dantations for the same week were 243,140 Our reports to night show that this har been quite a rainy week in most portions of the

ed, has shared in it to a very limited extent. Last Week's Business in New York.

south. Texas, however, where it is most want

From the New York Financial Chronicle. Trade has continued very good for the seain, and speculation has been notive for the ending staples of agriculture; but there is alpes. The future is, however regarded with complacency and confidence. The weath continues unseasonably mild.

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