THE JOURNAL.

NEW BERNE, N. C., JAN. 4, 1883.

Kinston Items.

Cotton 8½ to 9 cts.
Seed cotton 2½ to 3 cts.
Other markets unchanged.

Chauncey Gray, who has been confined with sickness, is out again.

New Year, like Christmas day, was clear, pleasant and delightful.

Winter and watery Orion made last Saturday wile and always memorable.

"Senator, 11th Senatorial district," is the way it was written in the register at Street's hotel in Kinston last Sunday.

Mrs. Polly Herring, mother of Mrs. Elisha Grady, died of consumption on the 31st. ult., at Kinston, in her 65th year.

J. A. Pridgen, E. F. Cox and J. W. Grainger were elected last Monday as County Finance Committee by the Magistrates.

George Sutton died on the 28th inst. at his residence in Woodington township, Lenoir county, in his 29th year, of pneumonia.

Mrs. Needham Moore, widow of the late Needham Moore of this county, died on the 31st. ult., at her residence in Lenoir county.

Spoopendike says the bequest of her plantation in Lenoir county would entirely reconcile him to the death of his mother-in-law.

Zaccheus Rhodes bonded as Constable before the commissioners last Monday, and Durham Grady bonded as Coroner at the same time.

The proprietors of Kinston Machine Works contracted last Monday with the County Commissioners to repair the draw in the county bridge over Neuse river.

Married, at the residence of John M. Noble in Pink Hill township, on Dec. 17th, ult., by Rev. Henry Cunningham, Mr. Richard K. Noble to Miss Zobedia Davis, all of Lenoir county.

Our sheriff has "bursted the JOURNAL" or rather imagines he has done so by withdrawing his subscription. Some people imagine they can Creation and Pink Hill. Oh! Ye Pink Hillians!

We were well pleased with an item at the residence of J. C. Wooten Jr. in Kinston on Christmas day—a christmas dinner which would have satisfied the tooth of Prince Bismarck or even D. R. Walker.

Christmas came in with the ringing of bells, tooting horns, moving signs, exploding cannon crackers, firing of pistols and guns, and the crushing of minnie balls through sleeping apartments, making a lively, merry, noisy and mischievous Christmas.

Our Senator 11th district will endeavor to get a bill through the next General Assembly, giving convicts to grade and bridge the slough below Kinston to the river bridge, with a special county tax to build an iron bridge across Neuse river, where the present dangerous structure now stands.

The dance at the court house on New Year night was one of those enjoyments rarely met with.

Music through the hall resounds
To New Year's night again,
The dancers merrily trip around
And all seems joy therein.

An effort will be made to obtain a charter from the next Legislature for a college in Kinston. The progressive spirit of public education, as well as the continued prosperity of our town, demands such a school here and it is hoped no serious or selfish opposition will be interposed to prevent its establishment.

Lenoir lodge, No. 471, Knights of Honor at Kinston, elected the following officers on Tuesday night: Dictator, B. L. Vernon; Vice Dictator, H. O. Hyatt; Assistant Dictator, J. A. Pridgen; Reporter, Alex Nicol; Financial Reporter, J. W. Collins; Treasurer, V. E. Woodard; Guardian, D. R. Jackson; Sentinel, O. Oettinger; Chaplain, E. S. Laughinghouse; Medical, Jas. E. Dupree; Medical Examiner, Dr. H. Tull; Grand Representative, J. W. Collins, with A. A. Pridgen, Alternate; Trustees, H. O. Hyatt, J. W. Collins and J. A. Pridgen.

La Grange Items.

Polly's is a boy; Junius', as usual, a girl.

Miss Bettie Kinsey was in town Saturday.

La Grange items is now domiciled in the city.

A. J. McIntyre occupies the Woollard house.

Hezekiah Mosely and Nannie Hinson were married on last Thursday.

The merchants complain of dull times. But little cotton offering and the price low.

A family row in town Saturday. A big fine for only one or two knock downs.

Dr. J. H. Kirkpatrick has bought and occupies the house formerly owned by Mayor McIntyre.

Slade Fields is living in the Henry Fields house, formerly owned by Edwards & Murchison.

Sam'l. H. Dawson was married to Miss Georgia Emery in the Institute section last Thursday.

It hailed, then rained and then hailed again, on Friday night and Saturday. Hail on the people generally.

Charles Hobbs went for West Wooten in regular knock-down style a few days ago. West's head was not a match for Charles' stick.

C. S. Wooten, S. I. Wooten and "Dr." W. W. Fuller paid a visit to Bucklesberry last Thursday, and were the guests of Joe Hinson, Esq.

Howell Garris says that he fattened 950 pounds of pork, and picked and gave 50 bushels of peas from a one horse farm. That farm was well peased.

Christmas times, the young will meet to enjoy themselves. Some enjoy the dignified while others engage in the old time play and sing, "dance around the rose bush," etc. etc.

The family of Rev. Mr. Carpenter, P. C., on this circuit, arrived on Friday, and now occupy the Methodist parsonage in this place. I suppose the Parson will be here in a day or so.

Some one attempted to break in the house of James T. Albritten, about a mile from this place, a few nights ago. Albritten was at home and the thief or burglar was frustrated in his designs.

Mrs. Noah Rouse received, from Mrs. C. L. Koonce, of Florida, a handsome present a few days ago in the shape of a box containing oranges and other Florida fruits. The oranges were very fine, some weighing 20 ounces.

During the next year, 1883, Capt. Harper will give personal attention to rice growing on his place in Jones. Problem: If the sun raises rice heads 18 inches in length, what length will those raised by father and son be?

John N. Waters was married to Miss —— Rouse, daughter of John Rouse, near this place, on Last Sunday. John took a part of the visitors out to the barn and showed them his coffin, and otherwise entertained them in a way that none but he can.

On Thursday, Dec. 27th, the following were elected and installed officers of Lenoir Lodge, No. 233: S. I. Wooten, W. M.; W. B. Reid, S. W.; J. H. Aldridge, J. W.; J. S. Wooten, Treas.; J. D. Walters, Sec.; J. H. Suggs, S. D.; M. Pully, J. D.; Thos. Sutton, Tyler.

Joe Kinsey was in town a few days ago. Joe is alive on the school question, and especially so on the Graded system. He will open one in Kinston the first of January. What say the people of this township? Shall we have a Graded school? or be swallowed up by Kinston and Goldsboro?

Three negroes attempted to commit some act of violence on Frank Hawley on Saturday night the 23d inst. Mr. Hawley gives the following statement: While on his way to Kinston, when near Falling Creek bridge, a negro caught his horse by the bridle, and at the same time two others, one on each side of the buggy, attempted to get hold the reins. Hawley fired at one of the negroes, when the horse took fright and made his escape, the negroes firing two or three shots as they went.

RECIPT COLUMN.

We will publish in this column all receipts to the WEEKLY JOURNAL. The name of the subscriber paying, and the date to which he is paid, will be given.

Subscribers who have paid in money will please watch this column; and if their names do not appear in it within two weeks afterwards, or if the date is not correct, they will confer a favor by writing us at once.

Deep Run—M C Lawson, Feb 6, '83.
Kinston—John A Tilghman, Dec 9, '82; Mrs A M Dibble, March 1, '83; Alex West, June 12, '82; D H Harrison, March 6, '82; W H Sutton, Jan 1, '83; J G Hill, March 17, '83; W T Cox, March 15, '83; W H Andrews, Jan 1, '83; J H Hodges, Jan 1, '83; Jesse Stanly, March 24, '82; Granville Johnson, Feb 9, '83; N B Johnson, Jan 1, '83; J M Noble, Jan 1, '83; H M Abbott, Jan 1, '83; Jesse Jackson, jr, Jan 1, '83; Jacob Young, Feb 15, '82; J C Pridgen, Jan 17, '82; C M Grimes, Jan 1, '83; J C Wiggins, July 1, '83; J H Avery, Oct 11, '82; J D Sutton, Jan 1, '83; W H Pearce, Jan 1, '83; J S W Pearce, Jan 17, '83; Wright Moore, Jan 1, '83.
La Grange—Jerry Waters, Jan 1, '83; Jno H Hill, Jan 1, '83; C C Dawson, Jan 1, '83; Noah Rouse, Jan 1, '83.
Dover—G W West, Nov 20, '82; W C Bryant, Nov 21, '82.
Falling Creek—M Brewer, Aug 5, '83; Elias Sullivan, Jan 21, '83.
Fountain Hill—Frank Grady, Jan 1, '83; Charles Edwards, Jan 1, '83.
Pink Hill—Fountain Williams, April 3, '83; J S Taylor, March 15, '82; W A Jones, Sep 5, '82.
Seven Springs—A W Whitfield, Jan 1, '83.
Cobb's Mill—Jas H White, Feb 21, '83; L H Spier, Feb 21, '83; B F Jones, July 1, '83; J J Jones, July 1, '83.
Pollocksville—Zenus Franks, Oct 18, '82; W H Willis, June 1, '83.
Washington—Jeremiah Woolard, Nov 18, '82.
Gum Branch—W E Murrill, Dec 1, '83.
Brooklyn, N Y—Lewis webb, May 23, '83.
Harlowe—S H Jackson, July 1, '83.
Newport—John Saunders, April 1, '83.

About 800 bushels of rice were sold on Tuesday for $1.00 to $1.08.

Capt. Rose came in from South Creek on Monday evening with a boat load of cotton.

Mr. Joel Kinsey sold several fine pair of turkeys in Market Saturday for $2.00 to $2.25 per pair.

The *Melvin* brought in 30,000 oranges, 500 bunches of bananas and 4000 cocoanuts. A pretty sweet cargo.

The Government pays the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad $56.43 per mile every year for carrying the mails.

We noted Wednesday three corn shellers shipped to Englehard, Hyde county, by Wrenn, Whitehurst & Co., of Norfolk, Va.

That portion of Middle street heretofore known as "Robbers Row" will on and after the 1st day of January be known as "Commercial Row."

Capt. W. J. Rasberry, of Trenton, moves to the city this week. It is Graded School this time and the Captain will swell the roll with three new names.

Governor Jarvis has offered a reward of $200 for the apprehension of Ben Hill, colored, who stands indicted in Craven Superior Court for the murder of his wife.

Neuse Lodge No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Goldsboro, has donated $100 to the Goldsboro Graded School. It shows that wherever Graded Schools are established they soon become fixed in the affections of the people.

The *Shenandoah* came in, on Tuesday morning, in full Christmas rig. Her masts and rigging were festooned with wreaths of cedar and holly, making her look like a bridal ship. She is the handsomest boat that plies in the Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds.

The steamer *Kinston* brought in Thursday 76 bales of cotton and fifteen passengers. She went up to White Hall on Wednesday, but as these river men don't like to have anything said about "water hauls" we will omit her freight list on that occasion.

We noticed on Thursday a lot of wild geese and ducks being shipped by Express to Richmond by Mr. W. S. Edmunds. Mr. Edmunds is a fine sportsman, having measured strength with the Bucklesberry Sporting Club and proven himself to be their equal.

At the public sale of Mr. T. E. Gaskins, deceased, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, stock of all kinds, goods in store, etc., brought pretty fair prices, corn $2.50 to $2.60 fodder $1.00. A fine yoke of steers sold for $88.50, Jas. H. White being the purchaser.

Esquire Brinson had before him on Monday Nathan Hill and Dave Swindell for aiding the escape of the jail birds last week. The evidence against Nathan Hill was held to be insufficient and he was released. Dave Swindell was, however, considered guilty and committed to jail.

"A cannon shot recently deposited in the Boston Museum is marked with the following inscription: This twelve-pound conical shot fired from a Confederate battery at the battle of New Berne, March 14, 1862. It passed sideways through the body of Samuel Innes of Co. F. 24th Mass. Reg't, killing him instantly, and thence into a tree, from which it was afterward cut by his comrade, H. N. Cummings, by whom it is presented."—*Exchange.*

We notice from the University Monthly that the law Class has organized into a Club to discuss and elucidate intricate questions of law and elected the following officers—three of whom are Lenoir county boys:

President—Robert B. Albertson.
Vice-President—Robert B. Winborne.
Secretary and Treasurer—Frank S. Spruill.
Query Committee—James N. Rouse, Thos. C Wooten, R. B. Winborne.
Janitor—A. T. Hill.

Watch Night.

About one hundred people assembled at the Methodist Church at midnight on the 31st to offer thanks for the Old Year and ask blessings for the New one.

Large Boiler.

"One hundred and sixty horse power," is the size of Major Dennison's new boiler now nearly ready to make steam for his oil mill. It was manufactured by Mr. Edwards of this city and is the largest ever used in New Berne.

Prisoners Recaptured.

On Thursday Mr. D. S. Barrus, of Pollocksville, brought in Nathan Henderson and Rowland Fulcher who escaped from the jail on Sunday night last. The Sheriff is making vigorous efforts to recapture the whole gang.

Married.

At Christ Church, Newbern, on Thursday, December 28th, by Rev. Van W. Shields, Lieut. Wm. Trent Rossell, U. S. Engineer Corps, to Jane Graham Ellis, daughter of the Hon. John W. Ellis, late Governor of North Carolina.

Oyster Packing.

Mr. Geo. N. Ives, who lately bought the oyster packing property on the Flanner wharf, has sold the outfit to Messrs. Moore & Brady of Baltimore, the same gentlemen who applied, a short time since, for a lease of Union Point.

Smithfield Telegrams.

Smithfield is now connected by telegraph with the business world. The following telegram was received on Tuesday from one of our subscribers:

SMITHFIELD, N. C., Jan. 2d, 1883.
EDITORS NEW BERNE JOURNAL:—The wires are up. Happy New Year to you.
J. T. COBB.

Fire.

On Sunday night last the alarm of fire was given at about one o'clock, the building near the depot on the corner of Hancock and Owen streets, owned by E. W. Lupton, but unoccupied, having been set on fire by an incendiary. The fire companies rushed to the scene, the New Berne getting on the first stream, but the building, which was a mere hull was too far gone to be saved.

Cotton Market.

No New York nor Liverpool reports until after New Year.

Sales on Saturday, 1 bale only, at 9 1-16.

Sales for week, 225 bales.

Sales for December, 3,573 bales.

Sales for year (since Sept. 1) 13,712 bales.

Sales for corresponding period last 14,646 bales—leaving this season's receipts short 934 bales.

The Ripple.

Commodore C. A. Chesebrough, in his steam yacht, *Ripple*, is visiting this section for his winter's hunting and fishing. He comes from New York and generally passes his winters with his family in this yacht; which is very elegantly and comfortably fitted up for the purpose in view. He was at New Berne two years ago, and once or twice before, and refers very feelingly to the good two of the friends made here, Messrs. S. Radcliff and Seth Carpenter. We wish him a pleasant visit.

Convicts Coming.

Mr. Murray, a steward from the Penitentiary, was in the city Friday making arrangements for the Quaker Bridge road convicts who are coming down next week.

Dogs.

From all reports the dogs of New Berne have had a fair share of Christmas turkey. A week or so before Christmas they made an onslaught on Dail Bros. and Mr. J. J. Howard's coops, killing in all six or eight turkeys, and on Christmas night they attacked Mr. Mr. E. Ellis' coop, killing two fine gobblers; also Dail Bros. again, killing one and turning out others. Oh how the turkey owners do long to catch one in the act.

County Commissioners Meeting.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners on Tuesday, there was an application from Mr. E. R. Stanly to lower the valuation of his property—the Court House building, now valued at $15,000. It was deferred to the regular meeting in August—one of the Commissioners remarking that the valuation was not excessive in comparison with rents received, the county alone paying $1,000 per annum rental for Court room.

Engine News.

The *Wm. Gaston* is just out of the Midland shops with a new boiler; and after a general overhauling is reported to be in a first class condition.

The *Wm. J. Best* required about $300 to repair the damages incurred in the run off near Goldsboro in October. She has had about $500 additional work, and will come out of the shop in a few days in splendid condition. This, we learn, gives two first class engines for the passenger business, with an extra in case of accidents, and two good, heavy engines for the freight business.

First Mill.

Mr. E. G. Cuthbert, at the New Berne Machine Shops, has nearly completed the first corn mill ever built in New Berne. The rock is from Moore county grit, brought here in the rough, and the mill is built after a new pattern, invented by Mr. Cuthbert, in which no "bush" nor "ink" is used.

This is a 36 inch mill built for Mr. Hezekiah Davis in upper Craven, and will be run by a 20 horse engine built also by Mr. Cuthbert. We take much pleasure in thus noting home manufactures and home inventions.

University Notes.

The University Magazine, from whose columns we have gleaned several items to-day, has the following list of prominent men now in active life who are alumni of Chapel Hill.

Our two Senators—Ransom and Vance.

Six of our Judges—Ruffin, Phillips, McKoy, Gilmer, Shipp and Avery.

Three members of Congress—W. F. Pool, 1st District; A. M. Scales, 5th District and Clement Dowd, 6th District.

Twenty-two members of the General Assembly.

Curious.

We note in the Beaufort *Telephone* a large number of New Berne advertisements—a very wise proceeding on the part of these merchants, lawyers and other business men who desire the Carteret trade. But in those "ads" we count six who are not advertising in the JOURNAL. They are after country trade, and forget that the JOURNAL is published as a mammoth Weekly as well as a Daily; and that this Weekly goes into every neighborhood within a thirty mile circuit around New Berne.

We allege that the Weekly JOURNAL goes to more than twice as many people who trade at New Berne as any other paper published in the State. And in proof we are satisfied to take statements from the postmasters, or submit for inspection our mailing book.

Cotton Market.

Spots down in New York 1-16, and futures on a steady decline. The New Berne market was firm, 40 bales selling from 9 to 9½.

NEW YORK MARKET, SPOT:
Middling 10 3-16.
Strict low middling 10.
Low middling 9 12-16.

NEW YORK FUTURES:

	Morning.	Noon.	Evening
January,	10.12	10.08	10.05
February,	10.19	10.15	10.13
March,	10.31	10.27	10.25
April,	10.42	10.39	10.37

LIVERPOOL SPOTS.
Uplands 5 3-4.
Orleans 5 15-16

LIVERPOOL FUTURES.
January, 5 43-64.
February, 5 44-64.

Magistrates Meeting.

The Board of Magistrates were expected to meet on Tuesday, but a quorum not being present Chairman Brinson adjourned the meeting to the first Monday in February. At that time some very important measures will be considered. The county bridge across Trent river will be to repair—nearly rebuild. Many in New Berne and James City would be glad to have a new bridge near the railroad bridge. If they will back up their wishes with some contributions the Board of Magistrates would doubtless agree to make the change. Another very important project, put on foot last year by the *Commercial News*, is the erection of a bridge across the Neuse. This will probably be brought before the February meeting. So it is important that every Justice in the county should attend.

River Improvements.

General Ransom went up to Trenton on Tuesday to inspect Trent river from Quaker Bridge to Trenton, to designate points to be dredged. He is negotiating for a dredge boat, and as soon as it can be had the dredging will commence. Shoals will be removed and a basin will be excavated at Trenton for a harbor.

The work on Contentnea will be pushed vigorously after January 1st and in two months it is thought Snow Hill will be reached. A portion of the appropriation will be reserved for improving the mouth of the creek.

On the Neuse the work is progressing satisfactorily. The jetties below Kinston are proving successful, and it is thought steamboat navigation to Kinston will not be discontinued at all next summer. General Ransom thinks it will be as easy to make good navigation between White Hill and Smithfield as from Kinston to White Hall—and that both these objects will be attained when his work is completed.

Charges on Cotton.

The Charleston *News and Courier* published in a recent issue a comparison of charges on handling cotton in the cities of New York, Norfolk, Charleston and Savannah which is of interest. Wilmington is not mentioned and perhaps for excellent reasons. In New York, according to the *News and Courier*, the expenses attending the sale of a bale of cotton, exclusive of the commissions, amount to 80 cents a bale, in Norfolk to 92½ cents, in Savannah to 75 cents and in Charleston to 67 cents. We wonder Wilmington having been omitted by the *News and Courier* we supply the omission. It costs just fifty cents a bale to sell cotton here, which is 17 cents less than in Charleston, 25 cents less than in Savannah, 30 cent less than in New York, and 42½ cents, or 85 *per cent. cheaper than in Norfolk.* These figures are startling, but they are correct. It is for the producer to carry them out and apply the difference to his entire crop, and see how much more money he can put into his pocket by sending his cotton to Wilmington to be sold.—*Wil. Review.*

New Year's Luck.

It is a popular saying that New Year's day is an index to the luck to be experienced during the coming year.

If so the Hackburn Bros. must keep a sharp watch out for fires, since their store was burned just after midnight.

The *Atlantic* Fire Company must look to their laurels as the *New Berne* got on the first stream at the fire.

Esq. W. G. Brinson passed a large part of the day in Craven street jail—trying prisoners, however.

Capt. John Richardson started the year with the good luck of having two of his debtors to come and see him who *promised* to pay him soon.

Mayor Howard's first letter in the morning was a notice that he was expected to pay some security money.

The JOURNAL office mail disclosed a check from Boston on "Time Savings Bank," sent by Prof. D. R. Johnson, directing to pay to bearer three hundred and sixty-five happy days for 1883.

Arrested for Jail Breaking.

On Thursday night Abram Bryan, col., former jailor, and Wm. Fisher, the cook for the prisoners in the jail, were before Esq. Brinson upon the charge of assisting the prisoners to escape from the jail on Sunday night last. Upon the evidence of Rowland Fulcher and Nathan Henderson, both colored and who were among the number that escaped, and John Suggs, a prisoner who did not escape, they were held to bail in the sum of $1,000 each for their appearance at the next term of the Superior Court, in default of which they were remanded to jail.

On Friday Nathan Hill, brother of Ben Hill, was arrested for assisting in the escape, and committed to jail for a preliminary hearing before Justice Brinson on Monday.

Water-Packed Cotton.

The JOURNAL has noted, several times this fall, instances of water-packed cotton brought to this market for sale. We learn now that there is another lot of it on the cotton yard from Jones county and it is so heavily watered no doubt can be had about the intent of the packer.

We wish to say now that the Cotton Exchange of New Berne is in great measure responsible for the continuance of water-packed cotton in this market. With several well defined cases of such fraud reported to us, we have yet to hear of a single prosecution at law. Any person who endeavors thus to obtain money under false pretenses ought to go to the penitentiary, for by his act he throws suspicion and odium on good farmers who would scorn such deception. And when the Cotton Exchange sees fit to prosecute those who try thus to defraud its members, then it will put itself right before the public, and not before.

River Pilots.

General Ransom returned on Wednesday night from his inspection of Trent river. He made the trip from Trenton, on the *Cutler*, entirely by night, and thus demonstrated the comparatively good condition of the channel at this time. If the trip, down stream, can be safely made on a dark night, it is pretty fair evidence of the great improvement already made on Trent river.

General Ransom compliments Capt. Ike Brown, the pilot, on his handling of the boat. He made the trip without a single strike against the bank and scarcely a jar. The young man is a chip of the old block. His father, Capt. Ed. Brown, was, by great odds, the ablest pilot ever on Neuse river. On the *Johnson* and other steamers before the war he gained an enviable reputation; and the *Cassell*, in 1872, old as she is, was handled by him with great ability. He was a splendid pilot.

The Fire.

On Monday morning at half after one o'clock a fire broke out in Mr. Eugene Tucker's bar room at Five Points, set by some incendiary, and quickly spread on each side, consuming entirely the building of the Hackburn Bros. and burning Mrs. Hussey's house to a shell.

The fire was three quarters of a mile from the Engine houses, but in just seven minutes from the tap of the fire bell the *New Berne* was on hand and driving a stream of water. The *Atlantic* came in about five minutes later, and in a short while the fire was under control. The blackened studding in Mrs. Hussey's house, with two thirds of the house burned up, is a tribute to the efficiency of these Fire companies.

Mrs. Hussey's house was insured for $1,000; none on the Tucker house, belonging to Rev. E. M. Forbes. The store of Hackburn Bros. carried $1,000—$750 on house, $200 on shelving and counters and $50 on furniture up-stairs. On goods they carried $8,000, and their stock amounted to just $6,000—an inventory being taken last Thursday. Many of the goods were saved although in a damaged condition, and in their present condition no just estimate can be made of loss.

Your Name in Print.

Miss Mamie Green left Friday evening for a visit to friends in Durham.

Lieutenant Rossell and bride left on Friday for Jacksonville, Fla.

Wm. G. Brinson Esq. went up to Falling Creek Friday to adjust the insurance loss caused by the fire there last week.

Mr. Wm. H. Worth, one of Lenoir's best farmers and a cousin of the State Treasurer, was in the city on Friday. He purchased 71 tons of Kainit from Mr. Wm. H. Oliver.

Mr. Sam Sugg of the firm of Sugg & Brown in Greene county is in the city. He says the JOURNAL "ad" about the "sawyer wanted" has brought him in nearly a dozen applications.

Rev. N. M. Jurney returned to Beaufort Friday from Greensboro. He learned that there were three cases of small pox at Wilson. Quarantine will be next in order.

Rev. J. L. Winfield, editor of the *Watch Tower* at Washington, gave us a flying visit on Monday.

Mr. E. R. Stanly; of Rahway, New Jersey, is visiting friends in New Berne.

Nathan Stanly, the Cox Cotton planter boss, was in the city on Monday.

E. R. Page Esq. and Col. J. N. Whitford, Senator and Representative from Jones, left for Raleigh on Monday.

A Rumor Denied.

A rumor has gained credence on the streets to the effect that the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Company have made arrangements for the lease or purchase of the Atlantic & North Carolina R. R. with the view of continuing the construction of the road on from Smithfield to Florence, or perhaps some point on the W., C. & A. R. R., this side of Florence. On applying for information relative to this matter, to Capt. Divine, we were informed by him that he, too, had heard the rumor, and that it was incorrect; that no such arrangement had been made by the W. & W. R. R. for the purchase or lease of the A. & N. C. R. R.—*Wil. Review.*

We think it behooves the parties, who were instrumental in declaring the Midland lease forfeited, to hunt up a lessee somewhere who will pay at least $40,000 per annum for the road. When the next Annual Report of the President is made if the item of "fifteen thousand dollars paid on Principal of Judgment in U. S. Court at Raleigh" does not appear, the Atlantic road will have been the victim of a terrible blunder.

It will not do to say Gen. Lewis' report necessitated the declaration of a forfeiture; for if every word of his report were true there was a remedy and the bonds were in the Bank to cover just such a case.

Prisoners Escaped.

On Sunday night between one and two o'clock five prisoners escaped from the jail in this city by punching a hole through the wall, the work being done principally from the outside. The following is a list of the escapes:

Rowland Fulcher, white, serving out a twelve month's term for larceny. He had only about one month longer to remain. Nathan Henderson, col., indicted at last term of court for perjury and held in default of bail; Ben Hill, col., held for murder; Chauncey Respass, col., sentenced at last term of court to two years imprisonment for an assault with deadly weapon; David C. Davis, white, convicted at last term of the district court of the U. S. for Illicit Distilling and sentenced to four month's imprisonment. He had served out about half of his term.

Hill was the only prisoner of the five that was locked up in a ceil; the others were allowed the privileges of the room outside of the cells. Hill forced his way through the top of the cell, which is covered with heavy sheet iron, by breaking or unscrewing the bolts which fastened the cover to the wall. In this he evidently was aided by outsiders or he had the use of tools furnished him by some one.

The jailor whose room is inside the jail, says he knew nothing of the attempt to escape until called by a girl in a room adjoining his. She called him in answer to calls from John Suggs, who was in the cell next to Ben Hill and first informed the jailor that the prisoners were gone. Suggs says the work began on the walls about 9 o'clock Sunday night, but he didn't know what it meant until Hill got out of his cell and asked him to come and go with him.

New Berne's Commerce.

Resolutions adopted by the Board of Trade of the city of New Berne on Thursday, Dec. 28th, 1882.

WHEREAS, the commerce of New Berne with the inland country surrounding is rapidly increasing, her merchants having put on, during the past year, six river steamers, the *Trent, Cutler Kinston, Snow Hill, Florence* and *Elm City*, which run to various points on the Neuse and Trent rivers. And

WHEREAS, postal facilities between New Berne and the country surrounding are very inferior.

Now, therefore, the Board of Trade for the city of New Berne respectfully petition the Post-office Department to establish the following new routes:

1. A semi-weekly mail between New Berne and Adam's Creek, and the establishment of a postoffice at Adam's Creek—said route to be carried by steamer.

2. A semi-weekly mail by steamer between New Berne and Vanceboro in Craven county and Jolly Old Field on Contentnea Creek in Pitt county—a new post office to be established at the latter place.

3. A daily mail by horses between New Berne and Washington.

Town or Country.

In his sermon on Sunday Dr. Burkhead, while incidentally referring to the influences surrounding the young, expressed his thanks that he was reared in the country.

While it is a sad fact that young men in a city are more liable to acquire bad habits than their country cousins, it is a very pertinent question to ask: Whose fault is it?

Not the fault of the boy for God has given him health, youth and exuberance of spirits that demand an outlet, and in the country this outlet can be had in hunting or fishing or even in roaming through woods or over fields.

And in the city his nature is unchanged, and if no place of amusement is provided he makes one for himself. The bad habits of the boy in a majority of cases, then, can be charged upon the parents and upon the leaders of moral thought. The Church is ever making a brave fight to save wicked men. While that is right, it is not a bad idea to try to keep the boys of the family from harm; and to do this good common sense must be used, and human nature be taken as it is and not as one might like to have it.

Where is there a place in New Berne for regular social recreation, apart from evil influences?

Railroad Gossip.

The present value of a share is about nine dollars, so that the State's stock (12,666 shares) is worth about $113,991, but there is hanging over this a mortgage-bond debt of $164,666. This debt is a judment of the Federal court, and there is no escape from its payment. It will be seen therefore that the State's stock is worth much less than the judgment against it.—*Chatham Record.*

The statement above was made in the JOURNAL some days ago by a correspondent, endeavoring to bull the Midland view of getting the State's interest in the Atlantic road; but the fallacy contained in the statement was so apparent that we did not take the trouble to notice it. But now it seems that brother London of the *Record* has been misled by the statement. And he is a lawyer too, and a very clever and sensible one; and yet admits that the State's stock is worth less than nothing.

If he, or any one else, will think for a moment, it will be seen that the market value of the stock in the A. & N. C. R. R. is nine dollars a share, *subject to that very mortgage debt of $164,666.* But for that debt it is very probable this stock would be worth 25 cents on the dollar; and it ought to be borne in mind that with a rental of $40,000 per annum this debt could be paid in twelve years. And another point ought not to be forgotten—until the Midland lease was declared forfeited on November 10th. A. & N. C. R. R. stock was worth thirteen dollars a share in the Raleigh market. The parties who took the responsibility of that day's work may have terrible cause to regret it in the future.

Mail Facilities.

The resolutions adopted by the Board of Trade of this city at their regular meeting are very important. We print them in another column, and a copy will be sent to our Representative and to the Post-office Department.

The Board of Trade recognizes the fact that *trade is largely dependent on good mail facilities.* The farmer who gets his newspaper regularly with correct market quotations is naturally inclined to go to that market to sell his produce. If his newspaper is a week old when it comes to him, he places very little confidence in the quotations.

The policy outlined in these resolutions of the Board of Trade is a good one. Take the lower Neuse route and a number of new post-offices, beside the one at Adam's Creek, would spring up if a mail route could be had by steamer. And the upper Neuse route is equally as important. From Jolly Old Field a number of offices near by could be supplied. We send a large number of Weekly JOURNALS to Johnson's Mills, Maple Cypress and other points in that up country not more than 30 or 40 miles from New Berne, that, under present mail routes, have to go from 150 to 200 miles to reach their destination, and occupy several days in the transit.

The daily route to Washington is so obvious a necessity that it commends itself at once to every one. There have been sent up number of petitions for it from both New Berne and Washington, and the Post-office Department can do no more worthy act than will be accomplished by re-establishing this daily mail.

We know that our Congressman, Hon. O. Hubbs, will take great pleasure in aiding the Board of Trade in getting their wishes responded to, and we hope, ere long to chronicle these changes which will help the city and country alike.

New Advertisements.

The JOURNAL, Daily and Weekly, presents a number of new advertisements this week. We get some patrons this week who give in their "ads" with some little doubt. They hardly know whether it will pay or not to advertise through the dull season. Now will not our readers in the country do us a favor? When you buy from these advertisers, tell them occasionally about seeing their "ads" in the JOURNAL. It will show them that their money is well expended, and encourage them to extend and enlarge their trade.

There are so many of these new advertisers that we have not room to notice all separately. Mr. Bossser, the furniture man, returns to us after a short absence; Mr. Suter, on Middle street, gives a modest "ad," but his stock is far larger and better than the size of his advertisement would indicate; Asa Jones, who was an old patron of the Kinston JOURNAL, gives an attractive "ad," and we wish him a prosperous New Year; J. L. McDaniel, on Broad street, is a Jones county lad, and his friends from that county, especially, are invited to visit him; B. B. Lane is the only fish advertiser with us and we commend him to Kinston, La Grange and Goldsboro dealers who are among our subscribers; Mr. A. H. Potter renews his Christmas "ad," and offers candies and oether sweets throughout the year; P. M. Draney is a new Hardware man on South Front street, and is well deserving of patronage; Howard & Jones, the new merchants on Pollok street, who had a splended rush of trade through the fall, come in with a smaller advertisement, but yet a very fair one, by the year; and last but not least "I'll Do It" invites the public to his old stand on the market wharf.

Among our Kinston "ads" Stanly & Kennedy call attention to the Cox Planter, pronounced by Geo. Allen & Co., of this place, to be *the best in use*; John Hartsfield, and Oettinger Bros., old advertisers, come in for the New Year; Henry Archbell, the indomitable candy manufacturer and wholesale manufacturer of cakes, crackers, etc., pays his $500 State's license for a drummer, and is rapidly supplying a large part of Eastern Carolina; Dr. H. D. Harper, of Kinston, gives his dental card, and from personal knowledge of his work done years ago, we can cheerfully recommend him. If our readers want good dental work a trip to Kinston will pay and can be pleasantly enjoyed among the hospitable citizens.

Stonewall Items.

Dr. W. T. Kennedy has bought him a nice farm near Stonewall.

Mr. Alex. Woolard has his hand badly mutilated in a cotton gin on Tuesday.

Jas. M. Lane, with Roberts & Bros. of your city, is home visiting his relatives and old friends.

Mr. T. C. Hadder has returned from a visit to Maryland where he went to see his old friends and relatives.

Prof. A. H. Hamlin, Madam Rumor says, left for Goldsboro Wednesday morning to take unto himself a help meet.

Messrs. Potter & Fowler and Hadder & Hooker have on hand and for sale some as fine horses as are found in any market.

Miss Tursa Jones died on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Jas. Jones, on Spring Creek, of pneumonia.

Mr. Jno. H. Delamar died last Thursday night at the residence of Mr. G. W. Daniels. His health has been very poor for several months.

Mr. Jno. W. Watson, one of our best citizens, is very sick at his home on Goose Creek Island; his friends have despared of his recovery.

Mr. Solomon Harris and Miss Mary Rice were married a few days since at the residence of Mr. Joab Rice, the father of the bride.

Mrs. Florence Whorton, wife of Mr. George Whorton, died at the residence of her father-in-law, Dr. W. A. Lindsay, on the 29th ult., of pneumonia.

Christmas has passed and all seemed to enjoy it pretty well, especially the little ones. I have heard of only two fights—no damage done in either.

Mr. A. H. Hamlin drove in this place on last Friday, accompanied by his bride, Miss Carrie Thompson of Goldsboro. So you see Madam Rumor is sometimes correct.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Nathan Cahoon, on last Thursday evening, Mr. Frank Lewis and Miss Mary Ann Cahoon were married, Rev. L. D. Broughton officiating.

From some misunderstanding between Mr. Thos. Gooding and Mr. Thos. McCleese on last Thursday, near Pamlico, the former took three or four shots at the latter as he was leaving his premises. No damage done.

Mrs. F. F. Cherry and Miss Mary Cherry had an accident on last Friday whereby Mr. Cherry's buggy was badly smashed. No serious damage to the ladies. Miss Cherry, in driving through the gate, let the wheel come in contact with it which caused the result.

Mr. Geo. H. Russel and Mr. Charles Warren, Attorneys at Law of Washington, paid our village a short visit last ewek on legal business, and the *gentleamn Bear restler* of the same town was also with us at the same time with some fine stock, putting up some good trades.

Mr. W. Hooker and Miss Amanda Miller were married last Thursday night at the residence of Sheriff D. B. Hooker, Jas. O. Baxter, Esq., officiating. Mr. Benj. Martin and Miss Ellen Caton were married last Sunday evening at the residence of Mr. Jesse H. Daw, in Bayboro, Festus Miller, Esq., officiating.

The installation of the officers of the Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodge in this place caused a lively time here on Wednesday, all sections of the county being represented by a pretty good crowd. Our townsman, the Hon. W. T. Caho, being installed Master. It conferred upon him as well as other honors, the one of a treat to the members of the Lodge, of a dinner and other refreshments.

Richlands and Catharine Lake Items.

Sheriff Murrill is building an elegant residence at Alum Spring, the fountain of health of Onslow.

The Disciples expect to begin work on a church soon. The more churches the more religion, we hope.

The Misses Sandlin, Barry, Cox, Koonce, and Murrill are spending Christmas at home and the boys' hearts are made glad.

Richlands has been a busy place for several days; it is increasing in the general trade: Steed and Mills are getting their share. The more stores the more trade.

Mr. Frank Taylor and Miss Mamie Taylor of Lenoir are visiting Col. Taylor's family at Catharine Lake. We hope them a good time; the more the merrier.

A colored man, Koonce, of Gum Branch took on too much, Christmas day, and reports say, split his wife's head almost open. Can't tell what will be the result.

Mr. H. D. Murrill has returned to his native county and settled at Catharine Lake. He says it pays to travel. He has seen wonders in the great West but "there's no place like home."

Mr. George Murrill and Miss —— Alphin were married last Wednesday the 20th, at the home of the bride's parents, near Richlands. It