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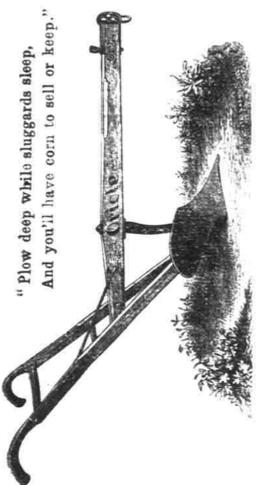
INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS.

NEW BERNE, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., JANUARY 1, 1884.

Terms \$2.00 Per Year.  
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H. S. NUNN, Proprietor.  
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### NEW BERNE ADVERTISEMENTS.



For the coming season I am offering the following specialties in Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, etc.:

**The ORIOLE Chilled Plow,**  
**The Queen Plow—steel, the Champion and Granger Plows,**  
which I claim to be the best turning plows in the market, and guarantee every one of them to give satisfaction or money will be returned. Don't buy any until you have seen them.

**The Glimax Cotton Plow,**  
the best Cotton Plow. I defy contradiction.

**The "Acme" Harrow.**  
Parties using them pronounce them the best clod crusher and pulverizer in use. Try one in putting in your small grain.

**The Two-Horse Buckeye Riding and Walking Cultivators.**  
L. W. Dawson, Ridge Spring, Pitt county, says: "Would not take \$500 for my Riding Cultivator if I could get another just like it." Samuel Quinberry, Johnston's Mills, N. C., says: "The Riding Cultivator does perfect work."

Be sure and try one. Remember if it does not give perfect satisfaction it will be taken back.

A full line of Common Plows, Castings, Clevises, etc., etc., on hand.  
Also, Manufacturers' agent for Steam Engines, Saw and Grist Mills, Shingle Machines, Cotton Gins, Presses, Shaftings, Pulleys, Beltings, etc.

**JOHN C. WHITTY,**  
CRAVEN STREET, NEXT DOOR TO COTTON EXCHANGE,  
NEWBERN, N. C.

**Wm. Pell Ballance & Co.,**  
**GROCERIES,**  
**TOBACCO, SNUFF,**  
**CIGARS,**  
**Fruits, Confectioneries**  
—AT—  
**WHOLESALE.**  
SOUTH FRONT STREET, NEWBERN, N. C.

We are not members of the Board of Trade, nor have we ever been, and we are carrying the Largest and Best Selected Stock of Fancy and Staple Groceries ever displayed in the city, consisting of the following:—

- 25 bbls. Best in the World Flour.
- 50 " South Lake Flour.
- 100 " Tip Top Flour.
- 100 " Parity Flour.
- 50 " Saratoga Family.
- 50 " Saratoga Extra Flour.
- 25 James River Super Flour.
- 65 bbls. Pork.
- 5000 lbs. Fat Backs.
- 5000 lbs. Long Chops.
- 5000 lbs. Smoked Shoulders.
- 1250 gallons Molasses, Syrups, etc.
- 500 buckets Lard.
- 10 " Tip Top Lard.
- 25 Tin Cans Lard.
- 4000 lbs. choicest Cream Cheese.
- 1000 lbs. choicest Creamery Butter.
- 500 gallons Vinegar.
- 500 gallons Cider.
- 250 bags Salt.
- 15 bbls. Table Salt.
- 100 boxes Soap.
- 40 bags Coffee.
- 20 gross Essence Coffee.
- 100 boxes Cakes and Crackers.
- 150 boxes French and American Beans.
- 65 boxes Soda, quarter, half and one.
- 50 cases Pickles in glass.
- 100 cases Baking Powders.
- 450 boxes Flax and Twine.
- 100,000 Medium and Fine Glass, manufactured in France.
- 1200 lbs. Lard and G. A. S. Suet, manufactured in France.
- 125 boxes Raisins.
- 125 boxes French and American Candy.
- 10,000 Florida and Jamaica Orange.
- 1000 Messina Lemons.
- 2000 Porto Rico Citrus Nuts.
- 5000 lbs. Peaches, Filberts, Almonds, Walnuts.
- 200 boxes Scotch Herrings.
- Canned Peaches, Sardines, Tomatoes, etc.

And everything in the Grocery and Confectionery line, which we propose to sell at the VERY lowest living profit.  
We carry a Full Line of Confectionery and Fancy Groceries, on which we charge a GROCER'S PROFIT ONLY.  
We solicit only the cash trade.  
Come and see us.

### FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

We have been allowed to copy the subjoined part of a letter written by Mr. Reid Whitford to his father, Col. John D. Whitford, about a week ago. The former, it is known, has been engaged for a long time under General Ransom in the Government work for the protection of Beaufort harbor. Recently he has been promoted by Capt. Moore, United States Engineer, in charge of the District extending from Virginia, we think, to Georgia, and sent to South Island, South Carolina, and put in charge of the Government work going on there. It is proper for us to say, before we let our part of the letter be published, that what we have extracted was interwoven with family matters, and by our request, as before stated, are allowed to be sent to the public believing it would be interesting to many of our readers.

Mr. Whitford says:  
South Island, where I live, is a strip of land about two miles long and one wide, situated immediately at the entrance of Georgetown harbor on the sea coast and distant twelve miles from the town of Georgetown. The island is bounded on one side by Winyah Bay, on another by the Atlantic Ocean, on another by the mouth of the Santee River and on the last side by Mosquito Creek. This creek is a tide water stream, very crooked and connects the water of the mouth of the Santee with those of Winyah Bay. The work I have in charge is known by the Government as "Santee River Improvement," which consists, at present, in cutting a tide water canal via Mosquito Creek from Santee to Winyah.

We have a rotary dredge at work with a chain of twenty-two buckets. The machine will dig and remove eight hundred cubic yards of mud per day. I am required to keep the water level in the canal correct and cross section every day, both ahead and behind the dredge to ascertain how much she digs. Besides, I have all the surveys, estimates, etc., to attend to. I have been kept busy every day since I have been here.

It is one of the great rice regions in South Carolina. Thousands upon thousands of bushels are raised yearly. This, also, is the country for rice birds, snipe and wild ducks. In the rice season many negroes are kept at nothing else but sewing away the birds by firing powder loads out of old muskets about the fields. This past season here, paid over one thousand dollars for gun powder and hire of men to scare the birds from their crops.

These fellows down here consider it nothing to kill a mallard in a half day. They shoot them in the drainage canals in the rice fields. Deer, turkey and squirrels are also plentiful; nothing smaller than ducks is rarely hunted or killed here.

The only white people on South Island are those engaged upon the Government work. They consist of Col. Miller, a native of the State, the engineer of the dredge and myself. There is not a white woman here. A few negroes live here all the year round. Many of the planters up the rivers have summer residences here which they occupy in summer for health. They are now uninhabited.

The portion of this island which borders on the sea is covered with a dense growth of palmetto, live oak and water oak, and along the fringe of moss hanging from every limb. The scene thus presented, if hoary, is purely Southern in every sense of the word. That portion bordering on Mosquito Creek are simply marshes, some broken and some unbroken. During the rice season, the water in the rice fields, in these marshes and cane brakes are the permanent homes of the alligator, the mosquito, water moccasin, loggerhead turtle, etc. The negroes here eat of alligators and a young one is considered a great delicacy and a dainty dish.

Few fish are caught, though it is said they abound here. There is thought to be a systematic method connected for catching them. We get no oysters nor clams, though I believe there are a few carried to Georgetown, which are brought from farther north. During the period of heavy and prolonged freshets in the rivers the water is perfectly fresh for three miles at sea.

Taking all things into consideration, this is a dreary place, but I make the best of it and am getting along very well. I miss my old dog, General Ransom, no kinder heart than his beats in a man's bosom. If I only had a dog always generous he strikes me down dead, and it should happen to strike me up, no one would cry quicker than he should forgive me. Those of us that know him best liked him most.

Upon the arrival of the new crop of sugar was started and a few days were examined, and the result was a very good one. The sugar was of a fine quality and the yield was very good. The weather was very favorable and the crop was very good.

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### GENERAL NEWS.

Bradford Miller, Prohibition candidate, has been elected Mayor of Topeka, Kan.

Goldfish have reappeared at Newburyport, Mass., since the Merrimack has been restocked with shad and alewives.

The Yuma Indians, on the Colorado, have watered in the dry desert sand, and preserve them all winter, fresh and crisp.

A breastpin containing an Ellis post pocket battery, is sold for \$9 at Nauenberg, Germany.

Renben R. Springer, of Cincinnati Art Museum, has his valuable art collection, also the pictures stolen from his museum, stolen from the London Telegraph, experts to witness in a few months the birth of a new nation in the Southern seas to be brought about by the federation of the Australian colonies.

A wounded soldier who lives in Burlington, Iowa, the *Graphic* of that city tells the story—declines to draw any more pension money because he has recovered from his wounds.

Three thousand employees of the National Tube Works company, at McKeesport, Pa., will accept the reduction of from 12 to 25 per cent announced to go into effect on Jan. 1st.

The colossal statue of John C. Calhoun, a correspondent of the *Graphic* writes to the *Baltimore Sun*—will be fifteen feet high, and when set up in the city of Charleston, will be with its pedestal, forty-five feet high. At the base of the granite base will be erected life-size figures of Truth, Justice, and Liberty.

The widow Bluff, whose intended marriage to Bishop Warren of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been briefly postponed by telegraphic news of the late Bishop's death in Denver and the largest ranch in Colorado. The wealth left her by her cattle-ranching husband six years ago is estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Philadelphia, will perform the ceremony on the 27th inst.

The London *Times* says that the continued depression in trade is a puzzle to the community. The revival of 1874 was but temporary, and the depression since then has been either extremely small, or very strong one, and we doubt their good intentions. Four railroads to Fayetteville in less than five years, is not bad.

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Preparations for the defence of the Red River delta by the Chinese continue to be made on a large scale.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Standard* says that he hears from a reliable source that France has determined to permit no interference with her programme in Tonquin, and to engage in no negotiations whatever for peace with China until the French troops occupy Bac Ninh.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The *Times* proclaims against the proposal of England's mediation between France and China, and adds: "France will always pay great attention to England's counsels, but must never forget her claims in Tonquin recognized. It is not for England to meddle in a matter in which she has no interest."

A Horrible Murder.  
The most unprovoked and bloodthirsty murder committed in this State, since the night of the 21st of August, 1883, was committed in this county on last Saturday night. The victims were two young women and a little girl. Miss, her daughter, Miss Jane, about 10 years old, and her grandchild, about 5 years old, were the victims. The murderer, a young man, was shot and killed by the police.

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### STATE NEWS.

Beneficial Arnold's Descendants.  
The sons of the father are not all ways visited upon their posterity, so that the visitation is apparent to the world. At least, this is the case with the descendants of Beneficial Arnold. The Hon. Isaac N. Arnold, of Illinois, a grandson of Beneficial Arnold, and constant companion of the same family, was recently in England, and while there made the acquaintance of a descendant of the same family, and he is now in the United States.

They are living in honor and abundance, and are well known in their respective countries. They are living in honor and abundance, and are well known in their respective countries.

Rocky Mount Reporters. On last Saturday morning, a cotton gin, owned by W. D. Harrison, of Rocky Mount, in this county, Mr. John West had the misfortune to get his left hand so badly mangled in the saws that amputation was necessary. His right hand was also cut, but not very seriously. Mr. West has a wife and six children dependent upon him, and no doubt, would be very thankful for any favors during his prostration.

Fayetteville News. One day last week the body of a colored man was found in Cape Fear river, a few miles from Elizabethtown. The man was identified as having been missed for several days before he was found in the river. One of our blind country subscribers writes us as follows: "One day last week a large raven was into a neighbor's yard about 12 o'clock in the day, and stopped at the well to take a drink of water. The neighbor's house spied him, and proceeded to the spot with a pole and killed him."

Fayetteville Observer. We are glad to see that the Atlantic Road from Morehead City to Goldsboro has been leased to Maj. Jno. Gattling and his syndicate, and that he will be in charge of the line. He is a very strong one, and we doubt their good intentions. Four railroads to Fayetteville in less than five years, is not bad.

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### WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Christmas times and the little girls are happy.

J. R. Crist is dangerously ill at his home in Washington.

The Jubilee is being constantly replenished with whites and blacks.

Dr. Sael is spending Xmas with his family in lower part of the country.

A grand tournament took place on the 29th, on Chocomaucy. We have not learned the successful knights.

W. J. Crumpler will soon open a first class grocery and dry goods store in Norfolk. He has expert in the profession.

Sheriff Heales gives warning to those delinquent tax payers, that further indulgence cannot be given after 31st of January.

Prof. Chestnut, of the Farmville Academy, was in our city this week. He was accompanied by one of his first daughters.

The new year will be improved next year by the insertion of a speaking portrait of the representative ministers of the Synod of North Carolina, together with a biographical sketch of each as the price for 1884.

Rev. Mr. Carter, of Beaufort, preached two strong sermons at the Methodist Church last Sunday, morning and evening. Mr. C. seems to be methodized this way for other purposes than sermonizing. Query: What has he done with that furniture he bought in New Bern?

A serious homicide occurred on Christmas day, six miles from town. The following are the facts. One Swearer and Hassell had a difficulty in the morning about "shooting the mark." In the afternoon, while Hassell and his friend were shooting birds in F. P. Hedges' field, Swearer, brother-in-law of the Slade Woolard, passed down the public road, and as they were opposite Hassell they invited him to come out on the field as they wished to give him what he needed. Hassell declined to go, whereupon Swearer went over the fence and toward Hassell, but Hassell retreated several yards and being pursued he fired at his leg. This did not hurt him, so Hassell fired again the shot taking effect in his right eye, but still Swearer advanced on to Hassell and they "timbered" and Hassell mistimed Swearer on the head with the gun, and he fell to the ground and was dead in a few minutes. Hassell has a preliminary hearing to-morrow.

Pollockville Items.  
A colored man was trying to borrow money on Christmas morning from the store for his marriage. He had several offers, all in vain he said. "I don't amass, what am I to do? Wants to get married to-morrow night and am broke for the money." "Lor'y, Lor'!"

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### VALUATION OF LISTED PROPERTY.

Real and Personal, in North Carolina, by Counties, for the Years 1882 and 1883.

COUNTY.	1882.	1883.
Albemarle	\$2,128,000	\$2,200,000
Alexander	825,000	876,000
Alleghany	300,000	308,800
Ashe	1,071,000	1,151,000
Beaufort	1,745,200	2,212,500
Bertie	1,620,200	2,215,000
Bladen	1,188,900	1,162,100
Brunswick	918,270	875,200
Buncombe	1,775,800	1,944,400
Burke	772,100	1,041,100
Cabarrus	3,315,900	2,762,300
Caldwell	808,400	1,204,100
Camden	121,000	182,000
Carteret	521,000	574,000
Caswell	277,000	4,000
Catawba	744,200	744,200
Chatham	2,216,500	2,716,000
Cherokee	429,100	522,000
Chowan	764,700	859,000
Clay	177,200	203,000
Cleveland	1,428,800	3,291,100
Columbus	1,734,200	1,662,100
Craven	1,232,000	2,504,100
Cumberland	2,321,000	3,682,700
Dartmouth	805,400	628,700
Dare	107,100	224,700
Davidson	2,185,400	2,822,000
Davidson	1,096,100	1,273,000
Duplin	1,273,900	1,724,000
Durham	2,250,911	3,274,800
Edgecombe	1,070,071	1,482,125
Forsyth	2,990,370	4,436,400
Franklin	1,905,300	2,570,000
Gaston	2,679,000	2,895,700
Gates	721,800	1,095,400
Graham	139,700	200,400
Granville	2,270,000	2,822,000
Greene	1,357,810	1,717,000
Guilford	3,740,740	4,984,171
Halifax	2,082,913	3,774,000
Harnett	1,580,200	1,981,300
Haywood	768,200	1,059,800
Henderson	750,800	1,261,500
Hertford	1,396,000	1,833,000
Hyde	637,000	891,344
Iredell	2,332,960	3,735,327
Jones	305,800	348,800
Johnston	3,813,671	3,983,427
Jones	616,100	734,810
Lincoln	1,272,721	2,362,200
Lincoln	1,576,701	1,999,600
Macon	964,000	1,323,800
Martin	1,140,100	1,140,100
Martin	1,386,600	1,820,078
McDowell	746,200	821,248
Mecklenburg	9,932,100	12,170,150
Mitchell	248,000	248,000
Montgomery	729,400	1,044,000
Morgan	1,070,000	1,482,000
Nash	2,028,200	2,625,200
New Hanover	4,922,700	5,383,514
Northampton	2,355,400	2,839,400
North Carolina	2,679,000	3,133,078
Orange	1,506,000	2,045,051
Orange	359,000	352,300
Perquimans	1,377,000	1,710,000
Piedmont	1,070,150	1,308,000
Perquimans	939,400	1,174,400
Pitt	1,070,150	1,308,000
Pitt	2,427,700	2,841,322
Polk	322,800	720,000
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Randolph	1,386,600	1,820,078
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Robeson	1,809,000	2,452,500
Rockingham	1,070,150	1,308,000
Rowan	1,070,150	1,308,000
Rutherford	1,187,500	1,605,400
Salem	2,247,000	2,841,322
Stanly	948,700	1,270,400
Stokes	1,655,500	1,902,900
Swain	1,070,150	1,308,000
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Transylvania	432,000	599,500
Tyrrell	307,800	676,700
Union	1,070,150	1,308,000
Wake	1,482,000	1,872,200
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Wayne	1,811,000	2,325,200
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Yancey	559,700	742,700
Total	\$110,400,000	\$130,000,000

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