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Authorized Capital \$1,000,000  
Cash Capital paid in \$300,000  
Surplus Fund \$30,000

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Cash Capital \$250,000

## DAWSON BANK.

Cash Capital \$500,000

## HON. A. M. WADDELL.

...report of the debate in the House of Representatives on February 1, 1877, which was introduced by Mr. Holman of Indiana, Chairman of the committee on Appropriations, makes a comprehensive and accurate record of the proceedings on that day. It is a valuable document, and one which every citizen should possess.

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## CITY ITEMS.

**WANTED.**  
I will take a pair of mules and feed them well, in fact, take the best care of them for their work during the winter to work in the city.

**Obed Jenkins, who was sentenced to twelve months in the work house for an assault on Mr. Jas. Heaton, has been turned over to the city authorities and will work out his time on the streets, as we understand the work house is not in proper condition to take charge of prisoners, and keep them safe.**

**The night marauders have changed their plan of operations; instead of robbing residences they set fire to them. The police have instructions to arrest all suspicious persons who are lurking around, unless they can give satisfactory reasons for so doing.**

**At a meeting of the Mechanics Protective Union, held on the 6th instant, the following persons were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year: W. A. Jordan, President; G. W. Price, Jr., Vice President; J. D. Sampson, Secretary, and Jos. H. Willis, Treasurer.**

**The attention of the Health Officer is called to the vacant lot on the southeast corner of Ninth and Market streets. It is a bed of miasmatic diseases, and unless it receives the proper attention before warm weather sets in, the consequences will be fatal to those living in the immediate neighborhood. The lot should be filled up.**

**Mr. City Marshal, you are respectfully requested to inspect the open sewer, west side of Third street, between Market and Princess streets, and give your opinion, whether the intolerable stenches which arises from it is not injurious to the health of the residents of that locality. We have been informed that it is just a little unpleasant on a warm day.**

**It is said that in the county of Onslow there exists a lead mine which was worked during the Revolutionary war, and from that mine many pounds of lead were taken, from which bullets were made to be used in defence of our country. Somebody should develop that mine, if it can be located, and there are persons who know where it is but have kept the matter silent.**

**Officer N. Carr has performed some very valuable service to this community lately, having put to flight (capturing two) the whole gang of desperadoes at Thornbury, who have been carrying out their plans of robbery and incendiarism. There are several more haunts which will be broken up, as officer Carr says he is determined to make this part of the country too hot for them. Great credit is due to the above officer for his shrewdness in this matter, and he is entitled to the thanks of this community.**

**The rum holes and gambling dens, which every city has more or less, are the fountain head from which springs murder, arson, robbery, burglary and all the other evils. The precincts of Paddy's Hollow is becoming notorious as the rendezvous of all the lowest characters that infest our city. They seem to have no respect for law and order. There has been several cases before the Mayor for keeping their rum shops open on Sunday, and as they are dealt with in a summary manner we hope the nuisance will eventually be broken up.**

**We have called the attention of those interested to the bad condition of some of the side-walks, and shall continue to do so whenever we find it necessary. To day we call the attention of the City Marshal to the sidewalk on the east side of Second street between Dock and Orange streets, near McLain's alley. The bricks have been removed for some reason, and a portion of the walk has been raised, which makes a step of at least six inches. A lady passing there a few nights since, and not knowing the condition of the walk, struck her foot against the irregular place and, but for the help of a gentleman who was in her company, would have received serious injury, as it was she fell. Now if that walk is not repaired soon, we shall refer to it again, and in a more pointed manner.**

**The Raleigh Sentinel is of the opinion that Gov. Vance need not fill Walt's place on the bench that the economy may be begun as the amended Constitution reduces the judges to nine, and says that if "nine judges can do the work of the courts in 1879 it seems that eleven ought to do it in 1877."—Wilmington Star.**

**But Gov. Vance didn't take the sensible advice. He has appointed Gen. Cox, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee. Had Settle been elected and had he appointed Col. Knough, there are those who are uncharitable enough to have suggested that it was done as a reward for political services.—Magnolia Monitor.**

## SAVANNAH BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, 1876.

The following letter was received by the Mayor of this city from the Savannah Benevolent Association.

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Therefore, Resolved, That the thanks of this Association and of its members individually, and in the name of our grateful people, be and they are hereby tendered to all those who, whether citizens or strangers, who gave their personal services in any capacity, and also to all those who, in Savannah, in the State of Georgia, elsewhere in the United States, and in other countries, contributed money or supplies to the relief of the needy, sick, and suffering in the late epidemic in this city.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed and signed by the President and Secretary.

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## A WONDERFUL STORY OF THE DEEP.

An Immense Sea Monster Captures and Swallows a Sperm Whale. Captain Drewar, of the bark Pauline, of London, who has just arrived at Cork from a long voyage, favors the public with the following account of an ocean marvel:

Bark Pauline, July 8, 1875, latitude 5 deg. 13 min. North, longitude 35 deg. West, Cape San Roque, northeast coast of Brazil, distance twenty miles, at 11 a. m., the weather fine and clear, wind and sea moderate, observed some black spots on the water, and a whitish pillar some thirty feet high above them. At the first sight I took all to be breakers, as the sea was splashing up fountain-like above them, and the pillar a pinnacle rock, bleached with the sun, but the pillar fell with a splash, and a similar one rose. They rose and fell alternately in quick succession, and good glasses showed me it was a monster sea serpent coiled twice round a large sperm whale. The head and tail parts, each about thirty feet long, were acting as levers, twisting itself and its victim round with great velocity. They sank out of sight every two minutes, coming to the surface still revolving; and the struggles of the whale and two other whales that were near, frantic with excitement, made the sea in their vicinity like a boiling caldron; and a loud, confused noise was distinctly heard. This strange occurrence lasted some fifteen minutes, and finished with the tail portion of the whale being elevated straight in the air, then waving backward and forward, and lashing the water furiously in the last death struggle, when the whole body disappeared from our view going down head foremost to the bottom, where no doubt it was gorged at the serpent's leisure; and that monster of monsters may have been many months in a state of coma, digesting the huge mouthful. Thence two of the largest sperm whales came toward the vessel, their bodies more than usually elevated out of the water, and not spouting or making the least noise, but seeming quite paralyzed with fear; indeed, a small diver went through my own frame on beholding the last agonizing struggle of the poor whale that had seemed as helpless in the coils of the vicious monster as a bird in the talons of a hawk. Allowing for two coils round the whale, I think the serpent was about 160 or 170 feet long, and 7 or 8 feet in girth. It was in color much like a conger eel; and the head, from the mouth to the always open, appeared the largest part of its body. It is curious that the whale, that lives on the smallest food of any fish in the ocean, should be but a meal for another monster. For I think it is as feasible that the serpent swallowed the whale as that the lion contrived to consume a whole turley.

I wrote this far little thinking I could ever see the serpent again; but at 7 a. m. July 13, in the same latitude and eighty miles East of San Roque, I was astonished to see the same or a similar monster. It was throwing its head and about forty feet of its body in a horizontal position out of the water as it passed toward the stern of our vessel. I began musing why we were so much favored with such a strange visitor, and concluded that the bond of copper, might have looked like a fellow serpent to it, and no doubt attracted its attention. It was put on to keep the vessel's side clear and free from barnacles, which it does remarkably well; and if the agitators about the deep had the giant fish which it would be both useful and practical to make the vessel tight, in place of disfiguring it with plague spots that would be constantly rubbed off. If the shipowners, with two competent surgeons, so fitted, much misery, uncertainty, and perpetual lawsuits would be avoided. Why then is it? It was startled by the cry of "There it is again," and a short distance to leeward, elevated some sixty feet in the air, was the great leviathan, grimly looking towards the vessel. As I was not sure it was only our freboard it was viewing, we had all our axes ready, and were fully determined should the brute encounter the Pauline, to chop away at its backbone with all our might, and the wretch might have found for once in its life that it had caught a Tartar. This statement is strictly true, and the occurrence was witnessed by my officers, and the crew, and myself, and we are ready at any time to testify on oath that it is so, and that we are not in the least mistaken.

A Bawling Game.  
Let us approach the matter gently, yet, as softly and delicately as we can. Trumbull and Palmer and Littlefield at a quadron ball in New Orleans—Did they go there for the "hidest" "hidest" "hidest" Washington, and was that the boasted mission of the Democratic statesmen to Louisiana?

When the nation was in peril, when the foundation of the republics fabric reared by our fathers was tottering, as it were, and becoming "sluggish" like an eagle, when the cry of the whole people were upon them, Palmer and Trumbull threw those awful responsibilities aside and attended a "soggy" ball, say, yes, say a nigger ball, and what is worse, a bad nigger ball, say—a ball given by a bold, notoriously bad nigger woman at that. Ye gods, wait a minute while we weep!

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## VARIETIES.

Look out for counterfeit silver money. Liquor law violators are being closely watched.

Better gas lights now—a word from the Mayor did it.

This is the year for re-assessing the real estate of our city.

Our merchants are beginning to think of new spring stocks.

If you can't catch 'em, shoot 'em—we mean the robbers.

Farmers have begun to prepare their lands for another crop.

The public schools are doing well, both in country and city.

We don't hear the saw mills as of old—it must be dull times.

Who will take the Opera House? It is a good "Penny-packer."

Don't use any but the very best kerosene oil there is danger in it.

The doctors don't make much money now—our city is too healthy.

The fire department needs more hose. Hope they will get them soon.

A good harvest for the lawyers at January term of Superior Court.

The court house is quite desired, only a few stragglers lounging around.

Somebody will be happy on the 14th inst, when somebody is announced President.

Our Mayor is a very liberal man and gives—in every case that requires it—the fullest extent of the law—\$60 and costs.

If our farmers are successful with their crops this summer, our worthy sheriff will be happy collecting taxes.

We don't hear any complaints of "chicken abstractors." The Mayor's lecture to the police has made them more vigilant.

Why not get up a surprise party? There are many persons in our city who are needy, and would like to be surprised with a well filled purse. Don't all speak at once.

Shad will soon be plentiful and, we hope, cheap. We advise those who eat them to get a machine which will, when placed in the mouth, throw the bones one way and the meat down the throat. Great invention, that.

A meeting of colored Republicans was held recently at Anderson, S. C. Resolutions were adopted favoring the annexation of San Domingo to the United States, with a view to making it a home for the freed people of color.

A meeting in Darlington county, same State, adopted resolutions stating in effect that colored people of South Carolina had been forced to the conclusion that they could not live among the white people of the State and preserve their liberty of opinion and political action, and therefore felt it a duty to themselves and their children to seek homes in Liberia or San Domingo.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### WANTED.

#### COUNTY BONDS.

DESIRING TO INVEST THE COUNTY SINKING FUND IN COUNTY BONDS OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY, WE HAVE MADE PROPOSALS FROM HOLDERS OF SAID BONDS, stating the amount they desire to sell and purchase. Finance Committee, proposals for Bonds, lowest bids will be received. Proposals received by either of the undersigned up to the 21st inst.

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