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and Commission Merchant.

I TAKE pleasure in informing my friends, that I am prepared to give all business entrusted to me efficient and personal attention. I have a wharf for Naval Stores, with ample accommodations, Spirit House, and Warehouse. Consignments of Naval Stores for sale or shipment; and all kinds of country produce solicited. Cash advances made on consignments.
April 18 1850. 15

ALEX. MacRAE, Jr.
IMPORTER OF
CHINA, GLASS, AND EARTHENWARE,
and wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
South Side of Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
November, 9, 1850. 102.

J. M. ROBINSON,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
HARDWARE, IRON,

STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,
Front street, 3 doors South of
Market street.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Wilmington, May 4, 1850. 22

T. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MULBERRY & NORTH WATER STS.
WILMINGTON, NO. CA.
May 16, 1850. 27

WILLIAM M. HARRISS,
GENERAL
COMMISSION MERCHANT
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels
REFERENCES:
O. G. Parsley, Esq. } Wilmington, N.C.
Col. John McRae, }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
Will Peck, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., } Fayetteville, N.C.
Joseph Utley, Esq., }
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia
" Thompson & Hunter } New York.
" Pillsbury & Sandford, }
" Hunting & Tufts, }
" J. & J. P. Titcomb, Kennebunk, Me.
July 17th, 1850. 52 tf

WILKINSON & ESLER.
CASH DEALERS IN
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco, Segars, &c.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 30, 1850. 10-tf

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
General Commission and Forwarding Merchant.
Prompt personal attention given to Consignments for sale or Shipment.
And liberal cash advances made on Consignments to me or to my New York friends.
Wilmington, Jan. 30, 1851. 135-tf

BUSINESS CARDS.

GEO. HARRISS,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.
REFER TO
E. P. Hall, Esq., } Wilmington.
O. G. Parsley, Esq., }
J. A. Taylor, Esq., }
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, } New York.
" Thompson & Hunter, }
Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Butler, } Charleston, S. C.
H. F. Baker, Esq., }
Jan. 2, 1851. 123-tf.

ANDERSON & LATIMER,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
SOUTH WATER STREET.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Sep. 27, 1850. 82-1y-c.

LIFE INSURANCE.
THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE, continues to take Risks on Lives on fair terms.
SURPLUS OVER 1,000,000.
JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM, Agent.
Dec. 12, 1850. 93-tf.

MARTIN & CRONLY,
AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 3 1850. 86tf.

JOSEPH H. FLANNER,
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C,
Oct. 9th, 1850. 87-1y-c.

WILLIAM NEFF,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
SHIP CHANDLERY, SHIP STORES AND GROCERIES,
CORNER OF DOCK & WATER STREETS
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 7th 1850

DEROSSET & BROWN.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
BROWN & DEROSSET.
NEW YORK.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
March 17 1851. 1-y.

GEO. H. KELLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT.
Next door to A. A. Wannet's, on North Water st. will attend to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, such as Corn, Peas, Meal, Bacon, Lard, &c., and will keep constantly on hand a full supply of Groceries, &c.
References.
Willes Hall, of Wayne, John McRae, Wilmington,
W. Caraway, " Gen. Alx., McRae, "
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
Dec. 13, 1850. 115-1y.

SAVAGE & MEARES,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND
AUCTIONEERS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
EDWARD SAVAGE. GASTON MEARES
May 2, 1850. 1.

LEIGHTON, CHADBOURN & CO.,
General Commission Merchants.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 11, 1850. 11-tf.

CORNELIUS DuPRE.
WHOLE SALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oil, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars, Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c.,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Prescriptions carefully compounded by experienced persons.
March 28, 1851. 6

MARINE INSURANCE.
THE undersigned having received the Agency of the
AUGUSTA INSURANCE AND BANKING COMPANY OF AUGUSTA GA.
Will issue Policies on Vessels, Cargoes, Freight &c. at as reasonable rates of Premiums as any other Institution of the kind in the Country. The Capital of this Company is $375,000.
H. NUTT.
Wilmington, Aug. 18, 1850. 65-1y.

J. C. LATTA,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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General Commission Merchants,
BALTIMORE,
Will receive and advance on Consignments, and pay particular attention to filling orders for produce, &c.
Refer to Messrs. DEROSSET & BROWN.
March 13. 153-3m-p.

WEST & HEWLETT,
Auctioneers, Commission Merchants
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
REFER TO—
Potter & Kidder, John Dawson,
G. W. Davis, O. G. Parsley,
Barry, Bryant & Adams, E. P. Hall,
George Harriss Edward Cantwell.
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ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.
(Late Barry, Bryant & Adams.)
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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COACH-MAKING; JOBBING AND REPAIRING
Horse-shoeing, &c. done with neatness and dispatch:
Corner of Third and Princess Street: opposite Nixon's Livery Stable.
N. S. NEALE.
Wilmington, N. C., April 1 1851. 145-tf.

J. & D. McRAE & Co.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON N. C.
Particular attention paid to procuring freights and purchasing cargoes for vessels.
JOHN MACRAE, DONALD MACRAE, JOHN W. K. DIX.
August 1, 1850. 59.

MILES COSTIN,
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
REFER TO
E. P. Hall, Esq., Pres't Branch State Bank, } Wilmington, N. C.
Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank Cape Fear, }
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commercial Bank, }
Dec. 19. 1850 118-tf.

T. C. WORTH:
Commission and Forwarding
MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Feb. 19, 1851. 143-12 m.

WM. ALLSTON GOURDIN,
FACTOR,
No. 4 East-Bay Charleston South Carolina.,
IS PREPARED TO MAKE LIBERAL ADVANCES ON CONSIGNMENTS OF
RICE, COTTON, CORN, SUGAR, FLOUR, GRAIN, HAY, &c.
REFERENCES.
GOURDIN, MATTHIESSEN & Co } Charleston S. C.
GEORGE A. HOPLEY, }
ALONZO J. WHITE, }
TANDY WALKER, Esq., - - - - Greenville S. C.
May 21, 1850. 29-9mo-c.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
J. HATHAWAY. J. L. HATHAWAY.
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GEO. MYERS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, &c. &c.
SOUTH FRONT STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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GAUSE & BOWDEN,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
THOS. F. GAUSE. JOHN C. BOWDEN.
REFERENCES.
Alexander McRae, President W. & R. R.
E. P. Hall, " State Bank.
O. G. Parsley. " Commercial Bank.
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ELLIS, RUSSELL & Co.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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W. G. BROWNE,
PORTRAIT AND MINIATURE PAINTER,
REQUESTS persons who wish to have Portraits painted, or to view his collection of Paintings, to visit his Gallery in the Masonic Hall, between the hours of 9 and 5 o'clock.
April 5. 9-tf

A CIRCULAR.
We the undersigned beg leave to inform the Ladies and gentlemen of Wilmington and its vicinity, that our Spring and Summer Stock of Goods are now open for inspection: consisting of the latest styles of FANCY DRESS GOODS, directly imported from European markets. The greatest variety of SILKS, SCARFS, EMBROIDERIES, LACES, LINENS, BAREGES, CAMBRICKS, &c. &c. &c., too numerous to mention.
We do not hesitate in saying that our Stock is equal to any other in the southern market, in the selection, as well as in prices.
We would further add, that one of our firm is continually in the European markets, thus enabling us to have always on hand the latest fashions which may appear. We therefore most earnestly solicit a call before purchasing elsewhere.
We tender our sincere thanks for your kind and liberal patronage heretofore, and hope you will continue the same.
N. B. Gentlemens' stock of Ready Made Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps, are equal to the above.
H. & J. MAYER.
April 24. 17.

SUPERIOR SCOTCH SNUFF.
1,000 LBS. in ¼ and 2 oz. papers, for sale by
WILKINSON & ESLER.
April 29. 19.

GARDEN RAKES AND HOES.
EGG FRYERS, a new article, just received, a fine assortment, and for sale cheap, by
J. M. ROBINSON.
April 15. 13 No. 3 Front St.

PORTRAIT PAINTING.
J. MASSALON, Portrait Painter, would respectfully inform the citizens of Wilmington and the surrounding country, that he has permanently located himself in this place, and will be happy to receive the patronage of any ladies or gentlemen who may wish to procure faithful likenesses of themselves or any member of their family. He flatters himself, from his long experience in the art, that he will be enabled to give satisfaction. His rooms at Mr. Love's Furniture Establishment, Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.
April 5, 1851. 9-1y.

STOVES AND GRATES.

JUST RECEIVED A Large Supply of SHIP, PARLOR, CHURCH, AND OFFICE **STOVES!** of the BEST and most approved PATTERNS. wholesale & retail.
ALSO,
an assortment of

GRATES & FURNACES, Solar, Camphine, Fluid, and Oil Lamps, plain and japanned Ware, Steak Dishes, Coffee Urns, Biggins, Tea Trays, Waiters, Platform and other Scales and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.
POLLEY & HART.
Oct. 10. 89

DEEDS FOR SALE.
WARANTEE Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgageon land just printed, in correct form and for sale at the *Commercial Office.*

SPORTSMEN, ATTENTION!

JUST Received, a large assortment of Single and Double barrel, Bird, Duck and Deer Guns, of the finest finish and latest style, made by those celebrated makers CHANNS & SONS, and others of known celebrity. Guns of all weights and calibre, also, Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Game Bags, percussion Caps, and in fact the best collection of sportsmen's goods ever offered in this market. Gentlemen please call and examine.
POLLEY & HART.
Oct 3 86

BILLS OF LADING, &c.
FOLIO POST BILLS OF LADING bound in Books, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with a variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at *The Commercial Office.*

LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!
600 BBLS. Lincolnville White Lump; Also calcined Plaster, Plastering Hair, and Fire Brick, Hydraulic Cement; 1000 bbls. Lime &c., for sale by
J. C. & R. R. WOOD.
Contractors and Builders.
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ROSIN STRAINERS.
FROM No. 18 to 100, of a superior quality, for sale by
POLLY & HART.
March 29. 6.

FOR SALE.

A Good family Carriage, suitable for a Hack, of good and substantial material, will be sold or exchanged for a light Buggy. Apply at the *Commercial office.*
July 9. 46.

NEW SPRING & SUMMER GOODS.
WE have just received the handsomest and most beautiful assortment of fancy Dry Goods that ever was brought to this or any other market.—Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to call and examine.
Country merchants are particularly invited. Orders will be promptly attended to.
We also have on hand a splendid assortment of Spring and Summer Clothing, which we keep entirely up stairs. We have them made up ourselves, and do not want to pay profit to others. We are able to sell them cheaper than any House.
S. & D. TELLER.
March 13. 153.

HAY.
ONE hundred Bales Hay, shortly expected, by schr. E. S. Powell, and for sale by
GEO. HARRISS.
April 15. 13.

CRACKERS.
THE finest lot of Sugar, Soda, Water, Cup and Butter Crackers ever in this market and will be sold by package or retail. Very cheap by
PERRIN & HARTSFIELD.
April 14. 13.

TO TURPENTINE DISTILLERS.
THE subscriber would inform the *Distillers of Turpentine*, that he has now on hand at his Cooper Shop in this place, a supply of *seasoned timber*, sufficient for the present year; and that those who were disappointed in getting work last year, may rely upon being served this, as he has added greatly to his former arrangements; and having permanently located himself here, he will be enabled to pay strict attention to the quality of the work; and should any casks made by him prove bad, he will exchange them, or return the price of such casks: also, from the first of March next, he will deliver them *free of charge*, at any point in or around Wilmington. Hereafter his casks shall be marked with the letters A. M., on either head, so that the work may be known. The price will be $1 75 per barrel of 40 gallons. Should any change be made in these prices, due notice will be given in this paper.
A. MORGAN.
Jan. 25. 123-6m-p.

BACON SIDES.
25 HHDS. of Western Sides. For sale by
ELLIS, RUSSELL & CO.
April 26. 17.

NORTHERN ADVERTISEMENTS.

Account Books,
PAPER & STATIONERY ARTICLES.
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
77 Maiden Lane, New York.
INVITE Merchants, Dealers and all who require articles in their line, to call at 77 Maiden Lane, New York. We offer every variety of Blank Book, Paper and Stationery, at very low prices. As we both manufacture and import all goods in our line we are enabled to sell cheap and offer inducements to buyers. Orders receive prompt attention.
BLANK BOOKS,
For all kinds of business, Banks, Public Offices, County clerks, sets of books with Printed heading for Lodges, Divisions and others. Hotel Registers, Time Books, Notes, Drafts, Copy Books and Memorandum Books.
COPY YOUR LETTERS!
By the use of Francis' Manifold Letter writer, Letters and copies are written at the same time; the Ink is contained in sheets; the pen never wears out; both expeditious and economical; price $1, 2. 2,50 and 5,00.
CROTON INK.
If you want good black writing Ink use the Croton; flows freely from the pen and retains its color; also Indelible, Carmine and copying Inks.
PAPER & STATIONERY.
All sizes and styles of writing Paper at Millprice; Tissue, Colored, Drawing and Perforated Paper, Envelopes, Gold Pens, Note Papers, Scrap Books, Portfolios, Cards, Quills, Wax, Wafers, Steel Pens, Chessmen; Wallets, Writing Desks, and every variety of Fancy Stationery.
DIARIES FOR 1851.
From the full Cap size to the smallest pocket edition containing Almanac Time and Interest Tables, a space for memorandums for every day in the year, &c., suitable for business, Professional or Private use. Price 50c 75c, and $1. Sent by Mail free.
Book Binding executed in any style.
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
Manufacturing Stationers,
77 Maiden Lane, N. Y.
LEWIS FRANCIS,
CYRUS H. LOUTREL,
May 15. 31-w6t-tf.

NOTICE EXTRA.
OWING to the increased demands of our Trade in the following articles we have been induced to enlarge our Stock of Fruit, Confectionary, Nuts, Tobacco, *Segars* and Snuff of all kinds which retailers and others can select from, at lowest prices.
WILKINSON & ESLER.
April 22. 16.

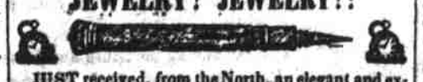
SASH, BLIND
AND DOOR AGENCY.
Formerly conducted by Guy C. Hotchkiss
THE subscriber is hereby informed, that I have been appointed agent for the sale of Window Sash, Blinds and Doors, manufactured by the New Haven Co., and am prepared to fill all orders in the above line. The quality of the work of the New Haven Co. is well known in this market. Builders and all persons in want of the above articles, are requested to send in their orders, and they will be promptly filled, Terms invariably cash on delivery.
WM. A. GWYER.
General Agent Commission and Forwarding Merchant.
April 18. 15

PINE OIL! PINE OIL!
Reduced in Price and improved in Quality.
PINE OIL of my manufacture can be obtained at the store of Messrs. POLLEY & HART, and will be furnished to customers by my Wagon every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at the reduced price of Forty Cents per gallon. Warranted superior to any other for sale in this place.
Oct. 17, 1850. A. H. VANBOKKELEN.

CAPE FEAR
MARINE RAILWAY
AND
SHIP CARPENTERING.

THE subscribers having now completed their Marine Railway, are prepared to take up Vessels of any size. They pledge themselves that all work done by them shall give satisfaction, both as to charges and workmanship. They have large force employed, which will enable them to perform all work with dispatch.
They are also prepared to build any size Vessel, from a PILOT BOAT up to a SHIP; and will warrant that their work will compare favorably with any done here or elsewhere, and upon as reasonable terms.
Always on hand a large stock of Timber, &c.
SAMUEL BEERY & SON.
REFER TO
P. K. Dickinson, }
DeRosset & Brown, }
Barry, Bryant & Adams, } Wilmington, N. C.
Geo. W. Davis, }
J. & D. McRae, & Co. }
June 27, 1850. 45-12m-o.

JEWELRY! JEWELRY!!



JUST received, from the North, an elegant and extensive assortment of fine Jewelry, Gold and Silver Watches, Clocks, Plated Ware and Musical Boxes, to which we would call the attention of Ladies and citizens of Wilmington and surrounding Country.
We will continue to sell goods in the above line at prices that will not fail to merit the continuance of the patronage we have received since our commencement in business, and having now procured a competent assistant, we will in future be able to despatch, at the shortest notice, every description of repairing requisite to adjust and accurately time.—Chronometer, Horizontal, Duplex, Lever, Repeating, and Vertical Watches.
N. B. Clocks, Jewelry, Plated Ware, and Musical Boxes, promptly and in a workmanlike manner repaired, and warranted to please by
A. G. BOWERS & BROTHER
(Sign of the Big Watch) Ft. St., Wilmington, N.
Oct. 18 1850. 100-tf

PRINTING INKS.
HUTCHINSON & Co.
No. 13 Spruce street, New York.
Wholesale manufacturers of the best black
ENGLISH PRINTING INKS.
For Steel and Lithographic Printing, and for Fine Book and Job Work, which they warrant to be composed of the purest materials, and to work easy upon all ordinary presses.
The combinations in these Inks, are such as to give a richness and permanency to work superior to any other Inks now in use. Sold at prices varying from 75 cts. to $4 per lb., put up in cans, and forwarded to order.
H. & Co. also manufacture colored Inks of every shade and quality, varying from $1 to $25 per lb.
March 27. 6-2m

LEARN TO PRAY.

Wake, little child, the morn is gay,
The air is fresh and cool;
But pause awhile and kneel to pray,
Before you go to merry play,
Before you go to school.

Kneel down and speak the holy words;
God loves your simple prayer
Above the sweet songs of the birds,
The bleating of the gentle herds,
The flowers that scent the air.

And when the quiet evening's come,
And dew-drops wet the soil,
When bats and owls begin to roam,
And flocks and herds are driven home,
Then kneel again to God.

Because you need him, day and night,
To shield you with his arm;
To help you always to do right,
To feed your soul and give it light,
And keep you safe from harm.

ADVICE TO THE PRESS.

The conclusion of the veteran Ritchie's farewell address to the public, contains a piece of advice to his brethren of the press, which is so replete with truth and sound wisdom, that we cannot deny ourselves the pleasure of placing it before our readers:

"One word to my brethren of the press, and I have done. They have called me the veteran of the press—Father Ritchie—and all those amiable epithets which seem to give me some right to speak to them in that character. You have a profession, gentlemen, of the highest importance to our country. In fact, I do not see how a great republic can be supported without an intermediate organ, which shall make known the acts of their agents to the people, or the opinions of the people, to their agents. But in a thousand ways the press is of inestimable importance to the people. It should, of course, be a profession of high honor to those who officiate at its fountain. It would certainly be one of the most dignified pursuits in society if it were conducted in the spirit which becomes its importance—with talent, independence, a gentlemanly liberality, and with a decency and courtesy, which are due from one editor to another. I have often asked the question, how can editors expect the respect of the world, if they do not show some respect for each other? No man knows better than the retiring editor of the *Union* the difficulties, the sacrifices, the drudgery which attend the profession, and yet it becomes you to overcome them all when your duty requires it. You must, therefore, carry into your task an indomitable spirit which quails under no difficulty. You should fear nothing but the neglect of your duties and the reproof of your own consciences. You should think for yourselves, listening, at the same time, to every man who will tell you the truth; and when you have made up your own opinions, carry them out in the firm spirit of the free press. I go further. Energy is not a sufficiently strong word. The true secret of success in every business is *enthusiasm.* I would especially frankly recommend to you a careful attention to your finances; but in this respect let my course be a warning, and not an example to you. In making these suggestions, I give you the result of a long experience, dear enough bought."

We cannot refrain from a feeling of sadness in perusing these last lines. It is the common belief that energy in any pursuit of life will insure success, and so it does in almost every other department of human industry but that of newspapers. Yet of all descriptions of labor, there is none which can compare in mere drudgery of mind and hand with that of the conductors of a public journal. The body of a day laborer derives refreshment from sleep, and is prepared with each rising sun to exert with cheerfulness its renewed energies. But the mind of a journalist is upon an eternal stretch. He has but little opportunity for that recreation from intercourse with men and books, which is necessary to keep the intellectual fountain full and fresh. Yet the mere composition is as nothing compared with the reflection, care and judgment which must be bestowed upon every movement. After such a life as this, we see a veteran of the profession left at the close of a long career, with less worldly goods than when he commenced his course. If this were a solitary case it would not be so remarkable a principle; but it is only one out of many similar instances. It is rather the history of a class than an individual.

Pecuniary obligations to the conductors of newspapers seem to sit more loosely on a man's conscience than almost any other kind of debt. They will take a paper for year after year, and derive all the benefit and amusement which the labors and outlay of its conductors can furnish, yet they often seem to think that it is perfectly consistent with honor and decency never to pay a farthing for the consideration they have received. Few persons have any idea of the enormous expenses of large newspaper establishments. When we take into consideration those expenses, the small sums which compose the aggregate of newspaper accounts, and the numerous delinquences of subscribers, the wonder is, not that so many newspapers die, but that any live.

The particular case of Mr. Ritchie is, it is true, aggravated by the desertion of his party in the matter of the contract for the public printing. If they had stood by him as he has stood by them, there might have been a different result. Whatever our political differences, we cannot but regret that a life of toil should meet with such a requittal.—*Richmond Republican.*