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Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank Cape Fear,
O. G Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commercial Bank,
} Wilmington, N. C.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
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SOUTH FRONT STREET,
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AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
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E. P. Hall, " State Bank.
O. G. Parsley. " Commercial Bank.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
Jan. 21, 1851. 131-tf.

FOR SALE.
IN STORE.
100 Bags Rio Coffee;
75 Bbls. Superior Baltimore Flour;
15 Bbls. Glue;
40 Bales Oakum;
J. & D. McRAE & CO.
May 6. 22,

GUANO---GUANO---GUANO.
20 tons superior Peruvian Guano, daily expected, per Schr. Palestine, from Baltimore and for sale by
J. & D. McRAE & Co.
April 8. 10.

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.,
O. G. Parsley, Esq.,
J. A. Taylor, Esq.,
J. D. Bellamy, Esq.,
} Wilmington.
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington,
Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co.,
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Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
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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. Winslet'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 111-tf.

CORNELIUS DuPRE.
WHOLESALE 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, Cargos, Freight &c at as reasonable rates of Premiums as any other Institution of the kind in the Country. The Capitol 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.
Oct. 1 1850. 87

HALL & LONEY,
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.
Oct. 26, 1850 96-1y-c

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ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.
(Late Barry, Bryant & Adams.)
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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COACH MAKING.
COACH-MAKING; JOBBING AND REPAIRING.
Horse-shoeing, &c. done with neatness and dispatch;
Corner of Third and Princess Street; opposite Nixons'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.

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

T. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MULBERY & 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
Col. John McRae,
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington,
} Wilmington, N. C.
Will Peck, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co.,
Joseph Utley, Esq.,
} Fayetteville, N. C.
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia
" Thompson & Hunter
" Pillsbury & Sandford,
} New York.
" Hunting & Tufts,
" J. & G. P. Titcomb, Kennebunk, Me.
July 17th, 1850. 52 tf

WILLIAM A. GWYER,
GENERAL AGENT, FORWARDING
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

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

WILKINSON & ESLER,
WOULD respectfully invite those wishing good Segars to call and examine their large assortment, among them may be found:
10,000 Principe, Justo Sanz, good;
20,000 Regalia, Lion; Jenny Lind, and Mensurado;
10,000 Havana, La Nacional, prime;
10,000 Lady in the cage handsome;
18,000 Pantillos La Terrestio, do
17,000 De La Vuelta, old enough to walk;
20,000 half Regalia, Jicolinaal, very superior;
15,000 Wandering Jews, very cheap;
8,000 El Galleo, fine;
14,000 La Cathedral;
20,000 Low price, various qualities.
Our stock of Segars &c., is much larger than ever offered in this place, and at lowest cash prices.
Call on WILKINSON & ESLER,
Market street.
March 14. 1

JUST IN TIME!
THE following articles we have just received:
3 doz. Silk under shirts;
4 doz. Gause merino "
5 " patent Drawers;
20 doz. Linen Coats, assorted;
100 doz. Gents. half Hose;
50 doz. fine assorted Shirts, with a great many other articles, all of which will be sold very cheap. Call soon and get bargains at
S. & D. TELLER'S
May 15. 27.

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.
WarranteeDeeds, and Deeds for Mortgage or 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 CHANEE & 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.*

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. 4S.

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.

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. 16. 123-6m-p.

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

WOODEN WILLOW WARE.
A LARGE assortment, for sale by
HOWARD & PEDEN.
May 13. 26.

RECTIFIED WHISKEY.
15 BBLS. Rectified Whiskey;
5 " Old Rye do.;
N. E. Rum, Rose Gin, and a full assortment of Wines,
PERRIN & HARTSFIELD.
May 24. 30.

LOOK AT THIS.
100 BOXES Sweet Oranges;
25 do French Lemons;
75 do Superior Eleme Figs;
50 Drums Extra Smyrna do;
10 Bags do Naples Walnuts;
5 Baskets Superior Olive Oil;
Imported and Domestic Segars. For sale low by
WILKINSON & ESLER.
May 22. 29.

GLUE,
ENGLISH and American, constantly on hand, for sale by
ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.
May 2. 11

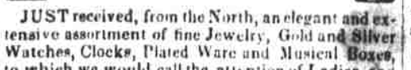
NOTICE EXTRA.
OWING to the increased demands of our Trade in the following articles we have been induced to enlarge our Stock of Fruit, Confectionary, Nuts, Tobacco, *Segars* and Snuff of all kinds which retailers and others can select from, at lowest prices.
WILKINSON & ESLER.
April 22. 16.

SASH, BLIND
AND DOOR AGENCY.
Formerly conducted by Guy C. Hotchkiss
THE public are 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 a 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 BREEY & SON.
REFER TO
P. K. Dickinson,
DeRosset & Brown,
Barry, Bryant & Adams,
Geo. W. Davis,
J. & D. McRae, & Co.
} Wilmington, N. C.
June 27, 1850. 46-12m-p.

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) Fr. St., Wilmington, N.
Oct. 18 1850. 100tf

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. B. WOOD.
Contractors and Builders
Dec. 22. 1850. 119.

ROSIN STRAINERS.
FROM No. 18 to 100, of a superior quality, for sale by
POLLY & HART.
March 29. 8

DAILY EXPECTED.
25 BARRELS No. 3 Mackerel, for sale, by
ELLIS, RUSSELL & Co.
May 20. 23.

PIANOS.
MRS. H. WHITAKER has this day received at her Music Room, two more of those fine ROSEWOOD PIANOS warranted in every particular.
All those in want of a Piano would do well to call soon at her Music Room on Market Street opposite the Episcopal Church: Also, Piano and Guitar Music constantly on hand.
Wilmington, May 20. 23-1mo-p.

STILL THEY COME.
ANOTHER large lot of superior Imported Havanah and Regalia Cigars, which adds to our large stock now on hand, will enable us to compete with any house in the State, call on
WILKINSON & ESLER.
April 29. 19.

FISH, FISH.
25 BBLS. of No. 1 Mackerel;
25 do of No. 3 do, to arrive per Schr. E. L. B. Wales, from New York Apply to
GEO. HARRISS.
May 24. 30.

COTTON YARN.
6 BALES. of Blunt Creek Factor, 7 to 10's;
3 " " " " Shirting;
1 " " " " Sheeting; at
GEO. H. KELLEY'S.
May 27. [J. H. & N. C. Telegraph copy. 27.

TOBACCO.
25 BOXES 8's superior Tobacco, for sale by
HOWARD & PEDEN.
April 1. 7

WHISKEY.
200 BBLS. Rectified, for sale low by
SAVAGE & MEARES.
May 29 32.

MR. MIDSHIPMAN PIPP.

BY JAMES HANNAY, LATE R. N.

It was confoundedly dull at Malta. The scandal which usually sets in there, as regularly as the *sirocco*, had fallen short that year. The island was more virtuous and more uncomfortable than usual. There was to be no regatta for one thing. The Admiral would not allow the boats to sail without having their guns in. To be sure, a brisk course of dousing is always rather exciting, but apt to grow monotonous. Accordingly, the midshipmen of the fleet were *au desespoir*. One enterprising military man had started a duck-hunt, the fun of which consisted in hunting a duck with good dogs that could swim; and one Captain had tried a midshipman by Court-Martial, for looking disrespectfully at his cocked hat. But the duck had escaped, and the midshipman been acquitted, and all was stagnation once more. Picnics to Boskette Gardens were at an end, for the strawberries were all eaten. Besides, there was a general scarcity of 'tin' in the squadron and of libels in the Malta Newspapers, and under such circumstances at Malta, 'the mourners go about the streets.' These are the times when you hear a general wish for a war; when one or two men turn 'blue'; when other men work at navigation, and when a few artful fellows try to advance themselves in the profession—beginning by paying attention to the plainest of the captain's daughters.

At this period, Pipp, a midshipman of the 'Preposterous,' was one of the most promising specimens of the new school to be found in the profession. One of those youths at whom Sir Charles Napier gives a glance of tom's temptuous thunder; over whom the old school bewail as over a lost soul, one who could 'draw iron tears down *Benbow's* creek,' as Milton (slightly altered) says. What the principles of the new school are, it would be difficult to define with accuracy. It may perhaps be said to be founded on the one great principle of believing the old school to be bores who hold explored notions. In vain you argue with these young gentlemen. You tell them with that affecting regard for antiquity which is so touching in a middle-aged gentleman of respectability, that Nelson and Collingwood were frequently without a teapot: they grin. You remind them that the gallant Howe ate his junk, too, frequently off a biscuit: they asked you to pass the sherry. You quote Dibdin, and they repond with Keats. Of course, you have nothing left but to bewail over the lost profession, and to hint at our lot in the war. For, who can expect us to beat the French if our midshipmen drink chocolate in the middle watch?

Pipp came out to join the flag-ship, as a youngster of nearly six feet, and two years older than he ought to have been by the Admiralty Regulations. He had been originally sent to Cambridge, being intented for the church, but had been ignominiously plucked for the 'little-go.' His father sent for him home, and informed him that he was a disgrace to the family, and must be sent to sea. Pipp, who was one of those easy affable fellows who are quite ready to go anywhere, and whom nothing appears to disturb, very readily assented. Accordingly, one morning he walked aboard the 'Preposterous' over the gangway, and looking about him spied the officer of the watch.

'The 'Preposterous,' I think?' he said.

'Yes,' said the lieutenant, drily.

'Ah—I've come to join.'

At these words, old Ricks, the Captain, who was prowling about the poop turned round. 'Eh!—what is it, eh?'

'Come to join the 'Preposterous.'

'What's your name, sir?'

'Pipp of Dam—deil!' muttered old Ricks, 'host his traps on board.' And Mr. Pipp began his naval career.

In a short time, it became apparent that the new school had received a remarkable ornament. Mr. Pipp's hair curled naturally, and he encouraged the tendency by the aid of a tobacco-pipe. His uniform had been made by a new-school tailor, who deviated gracefully from the precision of orthodoxy. He was appointed to the mizen-top, and at crossing to-gallant yards in the morning, used to go there in white kid gloves. And there was nothing undignified in his taste to ascend, either! He paced gracefully from ratline to ratline in a style that would have done for the grand staircase at Versailles.—Before long Pipp was a notable man in Malta, the dread of the 'old school,'—the terror of the dun—the scandal of the serious—the envy of the youngster—and the hero of the unmarried. You saw him 'just above the horizon' in the morning, adorning himself at his chest; doing a little work in a gentlemanly way in the forenoon; eating plum-cake at 1 p. m., and at night, in a billiard room. The ivory music of the Strada Forni Billiard Rooms will be long remembered by all those who received their naval education (as we may almost) say on shore at Malta! Which of us forgets the Italian Count with the white beard, who would give the aspirant twenty-three out of twenty-four, and playfully make the game of the balls? Pipp was a very good performer when he arrived to join, and soon became one of the best of the frequenters. He had a weakness in favor of quails, then plentiful at Malta (alas! *non sum* QUALIS *eram!* I can't get quails in this barbarious land!) and was usually to be seen during the evening, at Joe Micallef's in Strada Teatro. There he partook of his favorite birds under the placid and benignant smile, the radient fatness of Joe's countenance.

Pipp's views of the nature of duty were singular. He and a few other gentlemen had established a peculiar standard of merit.

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