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MISCELLANY.

DOCTOR KANE.

One day, eleven years ago, there was a crowd gathered on the top of a burning mountain in the far off isle of Luzon. There were Chinamen there, and copper-colored Indians; small, fierce negroes, and wild Tagals; a strange motley crowd, queerly dressed, looking menacingly at a slim youth who stood among them. The youth had said he would go down into the crater of the burning mountain. 'But,' said the rough Indians and negroes, the bad spirits dwell there; no man who goes down into their smoking den can come out alive.'—'We shall see that,' replied the youth, smiling.

And he bade them tie a bamboo rope round his body, and lower him down.—They, not liking the business, but still not daring to refuse, held the end of the rope, and lowered away till the slim youth was hidden by the smoke of the burning mountain, and the crags and cinders Then they shivered and trembled in their superstitious fright, until the slim youth pulled the rope sharply, as a sign that he had seen enough, and wanted to be hauled up. They hauled him up safely at the top; and, when they saw that he was alive still, and smiled as pleasantly as before, they began to think he was something more than a man.

Some of the negroes, who thought he had insulted their gods, attacked him soon afterwards and tried to kill him. But the slim youth made such work among them with his sword and pistols, that they very quickly fled, leaving ever so many of their companions dead on the ground.

From isle to isle in the great Indian archipelago, this bold youth roamed, under the burning sun by day, and the deadly dews by night. Whatever nature had planted there that was rarest and strangest, he saw; for he had a fierce passion for knowledge, this youth.

A few months more, and you might have seen him among the jet-black Nubians on the distant borders of Egypt—rooting out queer old relics of the times of the Pharaohs, and roving through the deserts, where few white men have ever trod, and on the dusty ruins of the great Greek cities, groping through the vine leaves and the moss for some traces of the valor and the genius that had once shone there.

Yet another year, and the youth was on the coast of Africa a surgeon in a United States vessel. Not far from the cruising ground were the native slave marts, where the wild African kings sell their subjects at about a dollar a head. 'Thither,' said the youth, 'must I go.' And he went On the way he caught the deadly African fever, and every one said, poor fellow, it will be his last cruise!

They sent him home to Philadelphia, that he might die there, and his family and friends wept over him, and thought it hard that one so young and so promising should die.

While they were weeping, the youth—his name is Elsha Kent Kane—stole down to Washington, and went to see President Polk. He looked so beggard, with his trembling limbs and shaven head, that people wondered what he came to do there.—He let them know. He wanted to serve in the war against Mexico. The President sent him off directly with dispatches.

On his way to the army he fell in with a party of Mexicans, attacked them at the head of his escort, and made them prisoners One he had nearly killed with a sword-thrust in the fray; it was hardly over, when Dr. Kane was leaning beside him, tying up his artery with a piece of pack thread. But the brigands who composed his escort were not willing that any lives should be spared. They said they must have the prisoners to put them to death. Dr. Kane defied them. Standing between them and the prisoners, he shot the first brigand, and looked so fierce, with his revolver, first pointed at one, then at another, that they fell back scowling, and the Mexicans were saved.

A few more years, and the roving youth, now a strong, cool, and learned man, is among the eternal ices of the polar regions He is surgeon of the Grinnell expedition, in search of Sir John Franklin; and where ever knowledge is to be gained, or risk run, or strange sights seen in those wild ice worlds, there you may be sure he will be found, as bold, as smiling, as active as ever.

At home again, it is he who tells us what the Arctic voyagers have done, and he, who seems to know the most—of all Americans—about those fearful kingdoms of frost. So, when the government sends another ship there, he is appointed to command it, and other long years he spends in the midst of icebergs, and frozen seas, and bleak islands, where never grew a green leaf, leaves his ship at last, and comes back to us, in spite of all, safe once more—God bless him!

And now he is with us; but not for long. I fancy. There is a talk of more Arctic voyages; and who shall command them but Kane? A rumor of Journeys to Africa, to the deserts, where no white man has ever been; who could explore so well as he? Dangers to be overcome, doubts to be cleared up, knowledge to be gained everywhere, he will not be idle. Much as he has done, and learned as he has proved himself, he is yet only thirty-three years of age; the best half of his life is to come

The Schoolfellow.

A pedagogue told one of his scholars, a son of the Emerald Isle, to spell hostility, 'H-o-r-s-e, horse,' commenced Pat. 'No' *hors*-tility,' said the teacher, 'but *hos*-tility.' 'Sure,' replied Pat, an' didn't you tell me, the other day, not to say *hoss*? Be jabers its wan thing wid ye one day, and another the nixt.'

LEGION OF HONOR.

The British Government refuses to allow the British subjects who received the decoration of the legion of honor at the Paris Exposition to wear it in Britain.

FILLIBUSTERS EJECTED.

When the steamer Northern Light left New York on Monday, the 25th ult., for San Juan, a large number of men, designing to join Walker's corps in Nicaragua took passage with spurious tickets. When the steamer reached Sandy Hook the tickets were examined, and all persons who had not genuine ones were put ashore Fourteen of them have published a statement, explaining how they were supplied with spurious tickets. They further state that they were transferred to the pilot boat Enchantress, and landed on Sandy Hook seven miles from any habitation. They marched to the Hook, where they were well treated. They say:

"We organized into a military company, and Mr. Weed had the honor to be elected captain. We marched across the Horseshoe on the ice, and endured all manner of hardships before we arrived at this city. It was a person named Parker induced most of us to go, and we consider ourselves treated outrageously. Even Capt. Creighton, who was sent out to take charge of the emigrating party, turned away when Mr. Weed asked him for relief. We consider ourselves as respectable as most of those who went, and feel very indignant at what has occurred."

COMMODORE ABBOTT.

Advices from Hong Kong, dated the 16th of December, announce the death of Commodore Joel Abbott, commander of our East India squadron. This officer entered the navy in June 1812, and received his commission as Captain and Commander, in October, 1853 Out of the forty-four years that he was in the service, he only passed thirteen years at sea, ten years and nine months having been spent on shore and other duty, and twenty years and six months without any employment.

BEAR HUNT.

Two young men, residing in Granville, Vermont, a few days since, traced several bears to their den in a cave upon the Green mountains. While one of the hunters stood guard, the other, named Robbins, sixteen years of age, entered the cave armed with a double-barreled pistol, and succeeded in killing three bears without receiving a wound himself. After this, we ought to hear no more bragging from Connecticut about Old Put. Young Robbins should take the old fellow's cocked hat and regimentals. Killing three bears with two pistol shots is certainly a performance worth boasting about.—*Boston Post.*

COWHIDING.

Dr. W. Wood, of Cairo, was, on Saturday week, the recepient of the most genteel cowhiding we ever witnessed. If the facts, as stated to us, are correct—and we have no reason to doubt their truth—it was a most just and righteous punishment—Several days since a little girl, about eleven or twelve years of age, daughter of one of our citizens; was sent to his store for some articles, and while in the store Dr Wood shut the door, caught her up and kissed her, making use of the most indecent language and the most indecent advances toward her. His object was, doubtless, to commit a rape upon the child, but his design was frustrated. The father, justly incensed, went, cowhide in hand, and administered the longest and most severe hiding we ever heard of, which was submitted to in a meek and saintly manner seldom equaled. Tar and feathers would have been a light punishment for such conduct.—*Cairo Times and Delta.*

COLORED TROOPS.

A military association of colored men has been formed at Boston A colored lawyer has been elected Captain, and they ask to be admitted to the volunteer militia of the State as an independent company It is said their application is likely to be favorably acted upon.

JOSIAH R. GIDDINGS

The Hon. Joshua R. Giddings, of Ohio, has addressed a letter to his constituents in which he stated his determination to retire from public life at the close of the present Congress.

WHITE COAL.

The Bristol (England) *Mirror* says:—"We see by the Bristol Presentment, that a bag of *white* coal has been consigned to Messrs Miles & Kington, of this city, from Australia."

During a great storm on the Pacific ocean a vessel was once wrecked, and a Quaker, tossing to and fro on a plank, exclaimed, over the crest of a wave, to another who was drifting by on a barrel, 'Friend, dost thou call this Pacific?'

A LARGE AND VERY SUPERIOR STOCK of Fresh Family Groceries, Liquors, Wines, &c., just received by the subscriber, and for sale at the lowest prices, consisting in part of

Fulton Market Beef, Smoked Tongues, Dried Beef, Java, Laguira and Rio Coffees, Superior ground Coffee; best refined, pulverized and loaf Sugars; Young Hyson, Imperial, Gunpowder and black Teas of the most superior qualities; Chocolate, Cocoa and Broma; Nos. 1 and 2 Mackerel, in bbls., half barrel and kits; Cod Fish; nice scaled Herrings, in hermetically sealed boxes; Sardines, in half and quarter boxes; Buckwheat, in boxes and bags; Flour, in bbls; and bags; Crackers, in bbls. and boxes. Also, "Bent's" Soda, Water, Butter, Wafer and Dyspepsia Crackers, in tin boxes.

Fresh Butter; English dairy, Pine Apple and Goshen Cheese; Molasses and Syrups. A large and well selected stock of Ketchups, Sauces and Pickles, in bbls. and half barrels, and every variety and quality in jars of all sizes. Olives, in kegs and jars.

Also—Brooms, painted Pails, Willow Ware, House furnishing articles, &c., &c. For sale at prices to suit, by

Oct. 30] WM. L. S. TOWNSHEND.

CRANBERRIES.

ONE BARREL just received by L. N. BARLOW.

February 16th, 856.

LARD.

5 BARRELS N C, a prime article for sale by L. N. BARLOW.

February 16th, 1856.

RATES OF POSTAGE

To the East Indies, Java, Borneo, Labuan, Sumatra the Moluccas, and the Philippine Islands.

We are authorized to state that arrangements having been made by Great Britain for collecting in India the British, and other foreign postage on letters between the United Kingdom and the East Indies, whether transmitted via Southampton or via Marseilles, to the British mail hereafter *the United States postage only* should be prepaid in this country on letters for the East Indies to be transmitted by either of the above routes viz: *five cents* the single rate which the Atlantic conveyance is by British packet, and *twenty one cents* when by United States packet.

Owing to a reduction of twelve cent in the British postage levied in England, which took place on the 1st of February instant, the single rates of letter postage between the United States and Java Borneo Labuan, Sumatra, the Moluccas, and the Philippine Islands will hereafter be as follows:

To Java, via Southampton, 33 instead of 45 cents the half ounce; and via Marseilles 53 instead of 75 cents the half ounce; *prepayment required*

To Borneo, Labuan, Sumatra the Moluccas, and the Philippine Islands the rate will be 41 instead of 53 cents when sent via Southampton, and 61 instead of 73 cents the quarter ounce, or 71 instead of 83 cents the half ounce, when sent by closed mail via Marseilles; *prepayment also required.*

The rates above mentioned as chargeable on letters for the Island of Java will provide for their conveyance by British packet across Singapore but they will afterwards be subject to a Netherland rate of postage on account of the conveyance from Singapore to Java.

By the Prussian Closed Mail the rates to these countries remain unchanged.

NEWELL'S PATENT SAFETY LAMP & LAMP FEEDER.

A NEW ARTICLE, warranted to prevent all Accidents from the use of *Burning Fluid, Camphene, and other Explosive Compounds*, used for the production of Light. This Invention is applied to all common Lamps and Lamp Feeders, also, to Solar, Campheene Lamps, Lanterns, &c.

CERTIFICATE.

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 15th, '854.

I hereby certify that I witnessed the experiments of Mr. Newell, with his patent Safety Lamp, for furnishing "fluid" and am perfectly satisfied of the safety of the same. JNO. H. DICKSON.

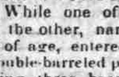
We are prepared to fill all Orders at short notice, for every description and variety of Lamps, &c.

All persons are cautioned against infringing upon the above patent, as the law will be rigidly enforced against all offenders.

C. & D. DuPRE

June 26th, 1855. 45 tf.

WILMINGTON & WELDON R. R. CO.



OFFICE OF THE ENG. & SUPT., Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 26, 1856

NOTICE.

AN EXTRA PASSENGER TRAIN will run from Goldsboro' to Rocky Mount and back on SUNDAY, March, 2

To leave Goldsboro' at 8,45 A. M.; leav Wilson at 9 A. M. returning, leave Rocky mount as soon as the Masonic ceremonies at Mr Gray's funeral are completed, and reach Goldsboro' in the evening. The agents at Goldsboro', Black Creek Wilson, Joyner's and Rocky Mount, will sell tickets for the round trip for the regular first-class one way.

Two coaches and one car to run.

S. L. FREMONT, Eng & Supt.

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J. R. RESTON,

WINES AND LIQUORS.

HAS JUST RECEIVED another lot of Cider and Vinegar, Stoughton's Bitters, Wine Bitters, Dunbar's Stomach Bitters, Hostetter's Bitters, and Baker's Bitters, Punch Extract, Arrack Punch, Concentrated Clear Punch. Daily expected in the Western, a lot of Kentucky and Susquehanna Whiskies among which are the "Oil of Rye," and Rye, Wheat Whisky, White Whisky, Old Monongahela, Bourbon and common Whisky. In store a choice lot of Brandied Peaches, Preserves and Pickles. Also, on hand, one bag of *African Pepper*, in the pod—the hottest in the world. I have had no use for fire all Winter—On cold days, I put the bag in the store, which warms the establishment, and my customers sit round it like a stove.

Feb. 25

FLOUR! FLOUR!

100 BBLS. FLOUR in store, and for sale in lots to suit, by T. C. & B. G. WORTH.

Feb 28.

RICE.

A SUPERIOR ARTICLE of clean Rice, fresh beat, in casks and barrels, just received from the mill. In store and for sale by RUSSELL & BRO.

Feb. 28.

NOTICE! NOTICE!

ALL accounts contracted with the subscriber on and after the first of March next, will be presented for payment at the end of thirty days

He will keep constantly on hand a large and well selected stock of choice Family Groceries Wines, Liquors, &c., at the lowest possible prices, and will endeavor in every case to give entire satisfaction. W. L. S TOWNSHEND.

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LARD AND BACON.

5500 LBS. N. C. (hog-round) Bacon. Lard in bbls—prime N. C. in store and for sale for cash, by ZENO H. GREENE, No. 7. Market Street

February 19th 1856

FRESH FRUIT.

LAYER and M. R Raisins, new and fresh, in whole, half and quarter boxes, Figs, Citron, Currants and Lemons at

Dec. 8. L. N. BARLOW'S.

THIRD AND FOURTH

VOLUMES of Macauley's History of Eng and received and for sale at

Jan 17. S. W WHITAKER'S.

MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, &c.

THE subscribers have just opened, and now ready for inspection, the largest and most complete stock of Medicines, Chemicals, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, &c., &c., they have ever offered; embracing all the new preparations of the day.

Nov. 8. C. & D. DuPRE, 45 Market street.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

10 BBLS extra old Nectar whiskey;
10 bbls. old Yannissee do.
2 cases Chateau Lafeur Claret;
1 " Pale Brandy;
2 " Margaux Claret;
2 " St. Emilion do.;
2 " Nathaniel Johnson's Claret;
24 casks Brandy. For sale by

July 19. J. H FLANNER.

EMPTY BARRELS.

500 SECOND hand, of superior quality, for sale by RUSSELL & BRO

Jan. 1. 123

SUGAR.

20 BBLS. "C" SUGAR. For sale by

Sep. 20. WILLIS M. SHERWOOD.

"The Intellectual Vigor of a People is indicated by the Character of its Literature."

THE CRITERION;

A LITERARY AND CRITICAL WEEKLY JOURNAL, 16 pages, 4to.

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The main feature of the CRITERION is its Reviews of Current Literature In this department are given thorough and able criticisms of all the most important Books as they are issued, pointing out their chief characteristics, and indicating their moral tendencies, thus keeping its readers informed of all new publications which deserve their attention. It also contains—

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To members of Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies, Lyceums and Debating Clubs, the subjects discussed in this paper will at all times prove of peculiar interest, and it is the design of the editors to thoroughly canvass from time to time those important philosophical questions which agitate all inquiring minds, correcting false theories, and encouraging profitable investigation.

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STEAMBOAT DISASTERS ON THE WESTERN WATERS AND STEAMBOAT DIRECTORY.

THE undersigned have now in course of preparation a NEW STEAMBOAT DIRECTORY, which will be issued in October next; the book will contain over two hundred pages, illustrated in the best style, and neatly bound in a durable manner. It will be one of the most interesting books ever published, and will be a book that will be interesting to all classes of people. The Steamboat Directory will contain a complete list and description of all the steamboats now afloat on the Western and Southern waters. The length, model, speed, power, and tonnage of each boat, where and by whom built, the name of the boat, with the trade she is in. Also, the names of Captains and officers, her age, &c., &c. The Directory will contain a history of 1000 Steamboats and Steamboating on the Western waters, since the application of steam, also, a sketch of the first boat built for the Ohio river, with the name of the builder, commander, and owner.

The River Directory will contain a list and description of all the Steamboat Disasters that have occurred on the Western and Southern waters, beautifully illustrated, with a list of all those who have perished by their burning, sinking and exploding, on the Western and Southern waters

The Directory will contain Maps of the Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, White, Red, Ouachita, Yazoo, and other rivers, with the towns, and cities laid down, with correct distances also, many other river and commercial items of interest to the people at large. The book will contain the cards of the various United States mail boats, with the trade they are in, &c., &c. The Directory will also contain a complete list of all the responsible Steamboat Licensed Officers, their places of residence, &c., &c; the new Steamboat Law, its requirements, with comments, showing wherein it benefits the incompetent officer, and injures the competent officer, &c., &c., and all the important United States Supreme Court Steamboat Decisions up to date; the Rates and important Commercial Privileges, Bills of Lading, important Decisions of the various United States courts, in regard to Freights lost and damaged, &c., &c; with many other things of interest.

The Directory will be illustrated in the best style and printed in the best manner The author has for six years been gathering together all the facts and items in regard to the numerous steamboat disasters on the Western and Southern waters, and now intends publishing them in book form.—The price of the work will be put at the low sum of One Dollar. Ten thousand copies will be issued for the boatmen; to others desirous of subscribing will have to do so at once, as none will be printed unless ordered in advance

This work is destined to have a circulation of over eighty thousand copies, as the publishers are receiving large numbers of subscribers, per mail, from all parts of the country, daily. Some of the oldest boatmen, as well as most scientific men of the times, are contributors to the Steamboat Directory.

The Directory will be issued in October, and will be an ornament to the parlor as well as steamb at.

By remitting One Dollar (post paid) you will receive a copy of the above work.

☞ All communications and letters should be addressed to

JAMES T. LLOYD & CO., Post Office Building, Cincinnati Ohio.

July 17th, 1855. 53-tf.

VARIETY AND EXCELLENCE.

THE largest assortment of Umbrellas is always to be found at the Emporium, and we sell them at lower prices than any other house in town

SHEPARD & MYERS. Hat and Cap Emporium.

Nov. 27.

PREMIUM AGAINST THE WORLD.

JUST received from Phœnix Distillery, per schr. Lewis Mulford, five bbls Old Magnolia Whiskey, also, on hand a genuine article of Old Hennessy Brandy, (Vintage 1848.) For sale by

Dec 6 WM. L. S. TOWNSHEND.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

THE undersigned is continually receiving direct from the Manufacturers, large supplies of Boots and Shoes of all the various kinds, and has now on hand, a good assortment of Men's & Boys' thick kip and calf skin Brogans. Received this week, a few cases Gentlemen's fine calf skin Boots, suitable for the Spring and Summer trade. For sale wholesale and retail.

Boots and Shoes Manufactured to order.

Also, for sale Grey's Ointment and Perry Davis Vegetable Pain Killer. GEO. R FRENCH.

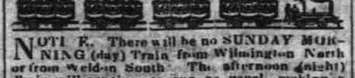
April 14. 13-tf

MESS PORK.

75 BBLS. Mess Pork, for sale by ZENO H. GREENE. No. 7. Market Street.

February 19th 1856.

W. & W. RAILROAD CO., Feb. 15, 1856.



NOTICE. There will be no SUNDAY MORNING (day) Train from Wilmington North or from Weldon South The afternoon (night) Train will continue to run as usual, making a connection all the way North to New York, and South to this place. S. L. FREEMONT, Superintendant.

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J. M. STEVENSON,

AGENT for the sale of all kinds of Produce.—Office on Princess st., under ADAMS, BRO. & CO., Wilmington, N. C.

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GEO. W. DAVIS.

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

SOUTH WATER STREET,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

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GEORGE H. KELLEY & BROTHER,

DEALERS IN

FAMILY GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

No. 11 NORTH WATER STREET,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WILL keep constantly on hand, Sugars, Coffees, Molasses, Cheese, Flour, Butter, Lard, Hams, Candles, Crackers, Starch, Oils, Snuff, &c &c.

REFERENCES:

O. G PARSLEY, President of Commercial Bank.
JOHN MCRAE, " Bank of Wilmington.

Wilmington.

A. M. GORMAN, Rev. R T. HEFLIN. } Raleigh.
S. W. WESTBROOKS, Rev W. H. BOBBITT, } Greensboro'.

Feb. 14.

JOHN A. STANLY,

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

WILMINGTON, N C.

Oct. 6th, 1855. 83.

CIRCULAR.

A BOOK FOR EVERY SOUTHERN METHODIST

Early in 1856, probably in the month of February, I expect to publish a new work to the particular features of which I beg leave to call your attention.

The Annals of Southern Methodism, for 1855, will be a 12 mo volume of not less than 360 pages, well printed, from stereotype plates, upon good paper It will contain all available statistics in every department of the operations of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

The design embraces the Plan of Episcopal visitation; accounts of the sessions of all the Conferences held in 1855, the appointments, numbers, &c; a summary of all reported revivals, notices of the dedication of new Churches; reports of College Commencements, with all else connected with our educational movements; a resume of our Missionary operations, embracing whatever seems of general interest to that department; the movements of the Tract and Sunday School Societies; whatever appertains to our publishing interests, with announcements of all New Books published by our Concern, or written by Southern Methodists; what the Church is doing for the instruction of Slaves Historical and Biographical Essays; interesting personal reminiscences; and a miscellany of important facts and incidents.

THE "ANNALS."

It is believed, will be a fair and full daguerreotype of the progress of Southern Methodism.

It will occur to you at once, that if I have succeeded in preparing this volume with any reasonable amount of skill, it will not only be a very agreeable book for present reading, but that every year will add to its value as showing the posture of Southern Methodism at this particular juncture of its history.

THIS DIGEST

Will be specially valuable as a Book of reference. On whatever question of general interest may arise in regard to the events of 1855. It is hoped that a satisfactory answer will be found in the Annals.

It has been believed that the Ministers in our Church will desire copies as soon as they can be obtained, I have paid regard to the what I supposed the tastes of general readers The older members of the Church will find sketches that carry them back to their earlier compeers, as in this department I have not restricted myself to the history of the year, but have collected whatever has appeared during the year, which, such story and biography, preserves the memoirs of the olden time, and of the early men of Southern Methodism.

The work will be published at One Dollar a copy. Those who subscribe in advance, shall receive the first copies issued from the press. A gold dollar pasted in a letter can be sent securely and is preferable to bills of distant banks. Those of the banks in North and South Carolina will be as good as gold. In return a copy will be sent well wrapped and prepaid.

My address is Goldsboro', N. C.

CHARLES F. DEEMS.

Dec. 29. 122-1m

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

HAVE this day associated my brother Oliver, with me in the General Grocery and Commission business. The firm will be GEO. H. KELLEY & BRO. We hope that our kind patrons and friends will continue their patronage which they have so liberally bestowed on the senior partner of the concern heretofore.

Our stock will consist of Sugars, Coffee, Molasses, Flour, Butter, Cheese, Lard, Bacon, Rice, Soap, Candles, Candles, Fish and Potatoes, Starch, Broom, Tobacco, and everything in the grocery line, except liquors. We also further promise not to be undersold in the price of our articles or bettered as to quality. We shall still continue the cash system, or 30 days to good and punctual customers.

Feb. 5. GEO. H. KELLEY 138-tf.

POTATOES.

130 BBLS Mercer, Chenango, and Planting Potatoes, now receiving. For sale by

Nov. 29. GEO. HOUSTON.

COFFEE.

A FULL Supply of Java, Laguayra and Rio Coffee, now receiving, and for sale by

Feb. 5. GEO. HOUSTON.

DAILY EXPECTED

25 Bbls, C. Yellow Sugar.
2 Hhds. Muscovado do.
10 Bbls. Crushed and ground do.
30 Bbls. Irish Potatoes—Planting and Mercers.
30 Bags Rio and Laguayra Coffee.
100 Ploughs, Corn Shellers and Straw Cutters. For sale upon arrival, by

ZENO H. GREENE, No. 7 Market st.

Feb. 5.

POTATOES.

YELLOW Potatoes, for planting; and white, for table use, for sale by

Jan. 22 GEO. HOUSTON.

REVISED CODE OF N. CAROLINA.

ENACTED by the General Assembly at the session of 1854, together with other Acts of a Public and General character, passed at the same session. The Constitution of the State. The Constitution of the United States, &c., &c. Price $1. For sale at the Book Store of

Jan. 12. S. W. WHITAKER.

PAINT.

I HAVE just received a lot of Bridgewater Fire and Water-proof Paint, (ground in oil,) in packages of 25, 50 and 100 lbs. each. This article, for roofs, vessels, and for dyes, &c., is superior to any other in market—is *cheap*—and should be universally used. Try it. GEO. HOUSTON.

Feb. 5.

DISSOLUTION.

THE firm of Wilkinson & Esler is this day dissolved by mutual consent, the business will be settled by J. Wilkinson.

J. WILKINSON. WM. M. ESLER.

Jan. 14, 1856.

J. WILKINSON will continue the Upholstering and Paper Hanging in all its branches. Those having accounts against Wilkinson & Esler will please present them, and those indebted will confer a favor by making payment immediately to

J. WILKINSON.

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BUSINESS CARDS.

JOSEPH WILKINSON,

UPHOLSTER & PAPER HANGER,

KEEPS ON HAND AND MADE TO ORDER, *Mattresses, Feather Beds, Window Curtains and Fixtures.*

All work in the above line done at shortest Notice. Wilmington, N. C., Market St.

Jan. 19, 1856. 1.

J. C. LATTA,

COMMISSION MERCHANT & GENERAL AGENT,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Oct. 1, 1855. 85-1y-c.

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM,

General Commission and Forwarding Merchant. Prompt personal attention given to Consignments for Sale or Shipment.

Liberal Cash advances made on Consignments to me or to my New York friends.

Wilmington, Jan. 30, 1856. 135.

JAMES ANDERSON. EDWARD SAVAGE.

ANDERSON & SAVAGE.

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

WILMINGTON N. C.

Liberal cash advances made on consignments.

March 27, 1855. 94.

RUSSELL & BROTHER,

(LATE ELLIS, RUSSELL & CO.)

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Liberal cash advances made on consignments of Naval Stores, Cotton, and other produce.

May 3, 1855.

C. & D. 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, 1855.

T. C. & B. G. WORTH,

COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANTS,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Jan 17, 1855. 125-c

JOSEPH H. FLANNER,

General Commission Merchant,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

May 9th, 1855. 87-1y-c.

JAS. H. CHADBOURN & CO.,

General Commission Merchants,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

JAS. H. CHADBOURN. GEO. CHADBOURN.

Jan. 1, 1856. 123.

HENRY NUTT,

FACTOR AND FORWARDING AGENT,

Will give his personal attention to business entrusted to his care.

Sept. 8, 1855. 75-1y-c.

GEORGE MYERS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCER

Keeps constantly on hand, Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, &c. South Front street,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Nov. 18, 1855. 109.

GEORGE HOUSTON,

DEALER IN

Groceries, Provisions, and Naval Stores;

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

VESSEL AND FORWARDING AGENT,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Aug. 2. 60-tf

H. DOLLNER. G. POTTER, JR. J. CAMERDEN.

DOLLNER, POTTER & CO.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

NEW YORK.

April 30, 1855. 20-1y.

L. N. BARLOW,

WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCER,

AND DEALER IN

LIQUORS, WINES, ALE, PORTER, &c.

No. 3, Granite Row, Front Street,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Feb. 17th, 1856. 140-tf.

S. M. WEST,

Auctioneer and Commission Merchant,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WILL sell or buy Real Estate and Negroes at a small commission.

ALSO:

Strict attention given to the sale of Timber, Turpentine, Tar, or any kind of Country Produce.

Office second door, South side of Market street, on the wharf.

June 12, 1855. 38-1y.

ADAMS, BROTHER & CO.,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

July 29. 58

J. WESSEL. H. R. EILERS.

WESSEL & EILERS.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS & WHOLESALE GROCERS, North Water St., Wilmington, N. C., intend to keep at the above stand a general assortment of Groceries, Liquors, and Provisions at wholesale—and to carry on a General Commission Business.

REFERENCE:

E. P. Hall, Pres't Brch Bank of the State.
O. G. Parsley, Pres't Commercial Bank.
P. K. Dickinson, Esq. } Wilm.
Poppe & Co. } New York,
Dollner & Potter.

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JAS. F. GILLESPIE. GEO. S GILLESPIE.

JAMES F. GILLESPIE & CO.,

PRODUCE AND FORWARDING AGENTS.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Particular attention paid to the receipts and Sale of *Naval Stores, Timber, Lumber, Corn, Bacon, Cotton, &c., &c.*

March 30, 1855. 6.

D. CASHWELL,

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Sept. 30. 84-tf

COCHRAN & RUSSELL.

(SUCCESSORS TO THOS. ALIBONE & CO.)

General Commission Merchants,

No 32, North Wharves, and 63 North Water Sts.

PHILADELPHIA.

J. HARVEY COCHRAN,
W. S. RUSSELL.

Liberal cash advances made on consignments.

July 30th, 1855. 58-tf.

HOOPER, DEARBORN & CO.,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

GEO. HOOPER. J. L. DEARBORN. WM. L. HOOPER.

July 28. 58-tf

ADAMANTINE CANDLES.

40 Boxes No. 1. Adamantine Candles, just received and for sale by ZENO H. GREENE.

Feb. 5.

THE TRI-WEEKLY COMMERCIAL

Is published every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY at $5 per annum, payable in all cases in advance.

BY THOMAS LORING—EDITOR and PROPRIETOR,

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

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No transfer of contracts for yearly advertising will be permitted. Should circumstances render a change in business, or an unexpected removal necessary, a charge according to the published terms will be at the option of the contractor, for the time he has advertised.

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No Advertisements is included in the contract for the sale or rent of houses or lands in town or country, or for the sale or hire of negroes, whether the property is owned by the advertiser or by other persons. These are excluded by the term "*immediate business.*"

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JOB, CARD AND FANCY PRINTING, EXECUTED IN SUPERIOR STYLE.

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AUBURN FOR SALE.

THE Plantation of the subscriber, near Raleigh, and on the Central Rail Road, is not yet disposed of. A description has already been given—but no one will of course make so important a purchase without visiting the premises.

Apply to WM. R. POOLE, Esq., who lives near the place, or to the subscriber.

T. LORING.

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 14, 1855.

THE NORTH CAROLINA

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMP'Y,

RALEIGH, N. C.

THE above Company has been in operation since the 1st of April, 1849, under the direction of the following Officers, viz:

Dr. Charles E. Johnson, President,
Wm. D. Haywood, Vice President,
John G. Williams, Secretary,
Wm. H. Jones, Treasurer.
Perrin Busbee, Attorney,
Dr. Charles E. Johnson, Dr. Wm. H. McKee, Dr. R. B. Haywood, } *Medical Board of Consultation.*
J. Hersman, General Agent.

This Company has received a charter giving advantages to the insured over any other Company.—The 5th Section gives the Husband the privilege to insure his own life for the sole use of his Wife and Children, *free* from any claim of the representatives of the husband or any of his creditors.

Organized on purely *mutual* principles, the life members participate in the *whole* of the profits which are declared annually. Besides, the applicant for life, when the annual premium is over $20 may pay one half in a Note.

All claims for insurance against the Company will be paid within ninety days after proof of the death of the party is furnished.

Slaves are insured for one or five years, at rates which will enable all Slaveholders to secure this class of property against the uncertainty of life.

Slave insurance presents a new and interesting feature in the history of North Carolina, which will prove very important to the Southern States.

The last four months operation of this Company shows a very large amount of business—more than the Directors expected to do the first year—having already issued more than 200 Policies.

Dr. Wm. W. Hargrave, Medical Examiner, and Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

All Communications on business of the Company should be addressed to

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

Raleigh, June 8, 1855.

LIME, HAIR, PLASTER & CEMENT.

CONSTANTLY on hand, and for sale by GEORGE HOUSTON.

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