

MISCELLANY.

A TIGER COMBAT.

"There was a famous tiger—a monster of a tiger—named Kagra, who had triumphed at Lucknow on several occasions. He was certainly one of the largest I have ever seen, and beautifully streaked with his glossy coat, as it moved freely over its muscular limbs and long back. The connoisseurs in sport had despaired of finding a fitting adversary for Kagra, when news arrived that a tiger of enormous size and strength had been taken, uninjured, in the Terai—the long strip of jungle land between Oude and Nepal, just at the foot of the Himalayas. It was anticipated that there would be glorious sport when this new monster was brought face to face with the redoubted Kagra.

"The cages of Tagra and Terai-wallah (the name given to the new monster) were brought to opposite sides of the court yard, both commanded by our positions in the gallery. We could see the long, shining backs of the tigers as they roamed round their cages in great excitement; occasionally there was a snarl and a display of teeth alarming to witness, as some attendant approached the cages. It was intended that the animals should become aware of each other, and hence the previous delay, for, ferocious as the tiger is, he is a cowardly animal, and, if brought unexpectedly into the presence of danger, may cower and retreat from the contest.

"The signal was given—the bamboo railing in front of the cages rose simultaneously on either side—the doors of the cages opened. Terai-wallah sprang, with a single bound, out of his cage, opening his huge jaws widely, and shaking from side to side his long tail in an excited way. Kagra advanced more leisurely into the arena, but with similar demonstrations. They might have been fifty feet apart, as they stood surveying each other, open-mouthed, the tail playing all the time. At length Kagra advanced a few paces; his adversary laid himself down forth with up on the court-yard, just where he stood, facing him, but with his feet under him, extended, evidently quite prepared for a spring. Kagra watched his foe intently, and still advanced slowly and cautiously, but not in a straight line, rather toward the side, describing an arc of a circle as he drew near.

"The Terai-wallah soon rose to his feet and likewise advanced, describing a similar arc on the opposite side, both gradually approaching each other, however. It was a moment of breathless suspense in the gallery. Every eye was fixed on the two combatants as they thus tried to circumvent each other; it was enough to arrest attention, for the tigers were unusually large; both were in beautiful condition, plump and muscular; the color of the Terai-wallah was somewhat lighter than that of Kagra—a more yellowish hue shone between the black stripes. Both very beautiful, and very courageous and very formidable.

"At length, as they thus advanced step by step, very slowly, Kagra made a spring. His former victories had probably made him a little self-confident. He sprang, not as if it were a voluntary effort of his own, but as if he were suddenly impelled aloft by some uncontrollable galvanic force which he could not resist. The spring was so sudden, so rapid, so impetuous, that that it had quite the appearance of being involuntary. The Terai-wallah was not unprepared. As rapidly as Kagra hurried himself up into the air, so rapidly did he jump aside; both movements seemed to be simultaneous, so admirably were they executed. Kagra alighted, failed; but before he could recover himself, before he could well have assured himself that he was foiled, the Terai-wallah was upon him. The claws of his adversary were fixed firmly in his neck, and the horrid jaws were already grating near his throat. It was the work of a moment. We could scarcely see that the Terai-wallah had gained the advantage—we could scarcely distinguish his huge fore paws grasping the neck, and his open mouth plunged at the throat—when Kagra made another spring, a bound in which he evidently concentrated all his energy. The Terai-wallah was dragged with him a little, the claws that had been dug into his neck were torn gratingly through it; the open mouth snapped fiercely but harmlessly at the advancing shoulder, and Kagra was free.

"It was but an instant that the two tigers stood surveying each other, open-mouthed, after Kagra had shaken off the grip of his antagonist. With distended jaws—their mouths opened to their utmost limit, their beautifully streaked skins starting from their forms in excitement, their eyes distended as they watched each other, the ends of their tails moving once or twice, as if, with convulsive twitches—they stood. Kagra was the first to attack again. This time his opponent was too near to try his former stratagem of slipping to one side. He met him boldly. They stood, at this moment, near the centre of the arena, and as the sharp claws moved incessantly, and the huge mouths tried to grasp the neck on either side, it was impossible to distinguish the attack from the defence; all was so rapid.

"Drawing gradually nearer, as they thus fought with claws and mouths ferociously, uttering fierce snarls as they did so, each seemed to have succeeded in gripping his antagonist. With their mouths buried in each other's throats, and their claws dug deep into the neck, they rose at length to the contest on their hind legs—straining and tugging, and wrestling, as it were, with each other, each with its utmost force and skill.

It was a spectacle of startling interest, that; and, however you may turn away, good madams, and exclaim horrible! or savage! believe me, there were many elements of the sublime in that contest; and doubtless, such contests often take place in the jungle. They stood more than six feet high as they thus grappled with each other.

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RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

On Thursday a singular accident occurred on the Harlem railroad. The mail passenger train was proceeding at its usual speed, when, owing to a defect in the iron, the axle of the hind truck of the baggage car broke short off, and the truck was at once hurled back upon the first passenger car. Striking the first truck of this car it detached the two trucks, passed under the car through its whole length, ripping up the floor and the seats on both sides, with the exception of a few at the further end. The force of these two detached trucks dislodged the other truck of this car, and the three were then hurled upon the second passenger car. The first truck of this, unyielding to whitened the shock, was likewise ploughed through the flooring of this car also, scattering seats and passengers in all directions.

They were finally brought up by the hind truck and the train was stopped, when the four trucks were found piled up in a heap at the end of this car, and nearly reaching to the roofing. These two cars contained eighty or one hundred passengers—men, women and children—and, marvellous to relate, with a single exception, not one of them received a scratch.

BATHS--BATHS.

Keep Cool during the Hot Weather and be Healthy. THE PROPRIETOR respectfully informs the citizens and visitors of town, that his BATH ROOMS in connection with his Eating Saloon, at the W. & R. Depot, is now ready for the reception of customers. Single Tickets 25 cents—5 for \$1. To be had at the Book-store, on Market street, and at the Depot. B. B. BROWN, Proprietor. April 10.

WHITE LEAD.

4000 LBS. pure, in kegs of 25, 50, and 100 lbs. each, for sale by GEO. HOUSTON. April 11.

MOLASSES! MOLASSES!!

25 SWEET CUBA, in store and for sale by ZENO H. GREENE. May 1. (N. C. & A. Copy.)

FLOUR! FLOUR!

50 BBLs. fine, superior and family, just rec'd., and for sale by ZENO H. GREENE, May 1. No. 7 Market street.

N. C. BACON.

5000 LBS. Hog round, for sale by ZENO H. GREENE, May 1. No. 7 Market street.

JAVA COFFEE.

25 BAGS old government Java Coffee, for sale by GEO. HOUSTON. March 6. 151

LAGUYRA COFFEE.

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THE NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE above Company has been in operation since the 1st of April, 1845, under the direction of the following Officers, viz: Dr. Charles E. Johnson, President, Wm. D. Hayward, Vice President, John G. Williams, Secretary, Wm. H. Jones, Treasurer, Perrin B. Hayward, Medical Director, Dr. Charles E. Johnson, Medical Board of Dr. Wm. H. McKee, 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. Resides, the applicant for Insurance pays a premium in advance of \$30 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 insured. Slaves are insured for one or five years, at rates which will enable all Slaveholders to secure their 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 agreeable amount of business—more than the Directors expected to do the first year—having already issued more than 100 Policies. Dr. Wm. H. HARRIS, 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.

WIL. & WELDON RAIL ROAD CO.

WILMINGTON, 13th April, 1856.

A DIVIDEND OF 25 PER CENT.

On the profits of this Company for the past six months has been declared, and will be paid to Stockholders on or after 15th May next. Books for transfer of stock will be closed on 1st May next. By order, JAMES S. GREEN, Treas. April 22. 16-155

LEMON SUGAR.

MILFORD'S CELEBRATED LEMON Sugar, prepared by the Family, Hotel and Ship use, from the best Lemons, in a concentrated form, then crystallized with sugar, for the instant production of Lemonade. In this pure state it surpasses Lemon Syrup, and is more convenient and cheaper than Lem on, as it will not spoil in any climate. For Parties and traveling, it is invaluable. The Sugar is neatly put up in canisters of 1 lb. each, 2 lbs. in a box. For sale by GEO. HOUSTON. April 3.

RATES OF PILOTAGE.

JUST printed and for sale at The Commercial Office, the Rates of Pilotage for the Bar and River. 33-47.

LIME.

700 BBLs. fresh burnt Rockland Lime, now landing, and for sale by GEO. HOUSTON. April 25.

DRIED FRUIT.

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INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

THE subject we expect to devote as much space as possible to the various operations which require, for our works of improvement, advance, and all the other interests of the State.

EDUCATION.

It is a source of regret to all interested in the Educational interests of our State, and who is not, that our papers, so much devoted to party politics, &c., that this great cause has been too much neglected; we propose, therefore, to devote to this subject, a portion of our space. We will foster and carefully advance Education, not only in our Schools, but in our Colleges, and in our Agricultural, MANUFACTURE, COMMERCE, at this stage of our history commanding the attention of all our good citizens and money-worshipping millionaires. We will calculate to throw light on either of those inseparable branches of industry, will be carefully treated and inserted as they come.

TERMS.

1 copy in advance \$2 per annum 1 copy at the end of the year, \$2 50. C. G. DAVENPORT, Editors and Proprietors. Jan. 12. 129-3

GRANBERRIES.

ONE bbl. just received and for sale by L. N. BARLOW. Dec. 8. 114-4.

JUST OPENED.

A FRESH supply of Koozo, Batley's Sedative, South American Remedy, and a number of new preparations. C. & D. DUPRE, Nov. 8. 45 Market street.

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NOTICE.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public, that he has now transferred the Auction business on his own account, and hopes by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of that patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon him. M. CROLY.

FOR SALE.

500 VERY FINE selected Empty Spirit bbls. 150 bags Guano. 200 Brown Salt, 100 Herring, 10 half bbls. Snuff, by Adams, Bro. & Co. March 6.

PROSPECTUS OF THE PLYMOUTH BANNER.

THE subscribers having purchased the "Village" establishment, and commenced publishing a weekly Newspaper of the above title, at the middle of January, 1856. Our paper will be independent in all things, and in no way giving all parties and creeds a respectful hearing. It will be devoted to the interests of Plymouth, North Carolina, and to the interests of Education, Agriculture, Internal Improvement, and the development of the resources of the State.

We will do all in our power to make our paper interesting to the general public, and to the business man. Proper attention will be given the Marine List and Price Current. In short, we will endeavor to make the Banner a neat paper, and a complete and reliable source of information to the counting room, and one worthy the support of those favoring us with their patronage.

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SAMUEL A. HOLMES,

ATTORNEY AT LAW, WILMINGTON, N. C.

Will attend the Courts of District, Sampson and New Hanover counties, next door East of the State Bank. April 5. 9-1y

J. M. STEVENSON,

AGENT for the sale of all kinds of Produce. Office on Princess st., under ADAMS, BRO. & CO. WILMINGTON, N. C. Feb. 12. 131-1y

GEORGE R. FRENCH,

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BOOTS, SHOES, LEATHER, AND SHOE FINDINGS, NO. 11, MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, N. C. March 6. 151

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GEORGE H. KELLEY & BROTHER,

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W. G. MILLIGAN,

MARBLE MANUFACTURER, NORTH WATER STREET, WILMINGTON, N. C. Monuments, Tombs, Head and Foot Stones, and all kinds of Marble Work furnished to order on reasonable terms. June 5. 39-1y-c

JNO. D. ASHTON,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSEL AT LAW, SHAWNEETOWN, ILLINOIS. Will practice his profession in the twelve Judicial District and Supreme Court, and the United States Court for Illinois. Sept. 27. 84-1y

NIXON'S HOUSE.

(FORMERLY MRS. BORDEN'S) WEST SIDE RAIL ROAD, GOLDSBORO', N. C. THIS extensive and well known public Refreshment has been purchased by the subscriber, and is now open for the reception of guests on the 4th inst. The pleasant and conveniently situated in the centre of business, and in direct opposition to, and WEST of the Ticket Office, of the Wilmington and Weldon and the Central Rail Road Companies, where the cars stop on their arrival and departure, and where FAMILIAR SERVANTS will be waiting to take baggage, and give such other attentions as the traveler may require. THE HOUSE has been remodelled, repaired, and thoroughly renovated from cellar to garret, and furnished throughout with New Furniture, selected with special care, and arranged with a view to the comforts of the casual guest or permanent boarder. THE TABLE Will be richly furnished with the substantial, the dainties and delicacies of the seasons, foreign as well as domestic markets will be rendered tributary to the constant supply, which will be served up in the best style, orderly, obliging and well trained servants. Will be a Storehouse for the best Wines and Liquors, and superintended by a gentleman of courtesy and integrity, thoroughly acquainted with his business—comprising the knowledge of what is due to the rights and comforts of the public, as well as to himself and his employer. THESE are among the best in the State, have been placed in the keeping of a skillful and careful manager, who will always have under his care the best and most experienced waiters, and it will be among the chief cares of the proprietor to see that horses of his guests be well fed and thoroughly groomed. This entire establishment has been purchased and fitted up at an enormous expense, and it will be the pleasure, as of course, it will be the interest of the subscriber, to render the House in every respect equal to any in the country. He therefore trusts that the generous public will renew and continue the liberal patronage heretofore extended to this House, while under the care of its former proprietress, Mrs. Borden, who died for it a celebrity throughout the entire Union. H. M. NIXON. Aug. 18. 87-1y

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.