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Selected Poetry.

THE EMPTY CRADLE.

In the lonely, quiet chamber
There's an empty cradle bed,
With a print upon the pillow
Of a baby's shining head.
Tis a fair and dainty cradle,
Downy soft the pillow's white,
But within the blankets folded
Lies no little form to-night.

Once the mother sat beside it
When the day was growing dim,
And her pleasant voice was singing
Soft and low a cradle hymn.
Now there's no more sound of singing
When the evening shadows creep,
For the cradle bed is empty
And the baby gone to sleep.

Little head, that used to nestle
In the pillow's white and soft;
Little hands, whose restless fingers
Folded there in dreams so oft;
Lips we pressed with kindest kisses—
Eyes we gazed with purest ray—
Underneath the church-yard aisles
They have laid you all away.

Ah! the empty, useless cradle!
We will put it out of sight,
For our hearts shall grieve too sorely
For the little one to-night.
We will think how safe forever
In the better fold above,
That young hands in which we sorrow
Resteth now in Jesus' love.

Selected Story.

THE DIAMOND CROSS.

The most experienced and sagacious of detectives are not always successful. We of the force are, like other men, fallible, and even the best laid plans, sometimes wholly fail to achieve their purpose. I have been many years in the business, and although I have aided in bringing a large number of noted criminals to justice, there have been several instances in which my better judgment has been blinded and my most elaborate traps eluded by the rascals of whom I was in search. It is a terrible aggravation to a detective to find his labor set at naught, but of all my failures I never had one that so filled me with chagrin and mortification as one that I once made in New York. It made me appear the more ridiculous because the case was a very simple one, and the chief actor in it was a woman. To be taken in by a male sharper is bad enough, but to have yourself and your profession laughed at by a woman, is too much for a detective, proud of his sagacity, to bear with equanimity. I don't often care to speak of it, but as I am not likely to be caught in a similar trap again, I don't mind telling you the story in confidence.

The present fashionable generation may not remember the firm of Stephens & Martley, jewelers, who formerly transacted a large business on Broadway, not far from Duane Street. Their store was one day entered by a very beautiful and richly dressed lady, who had left her carriage waiting at the door, and who asked to be shown some diamond crosses. The salesman exhibited a tray containing a large number of very valuable trinkets of that description, studded with gems of exceeding richness and purity. After considerable hesitation she finally chose one and inquired the price.

"It is worth thirteen hundred dollars," replied the salesman.
"I will take it," said the lady. "Be good enough to do it up nicely."
"Shall we send it?" asked the salesman politely.
"No, thank you. I will take it with me."

She tendered in payment two crisp new bills, one of a thousand dollars and one of five hundred. The salesman took them to the cashier, who examined them to see that they were genuine, and opened his drawer to return the necessary change. To his annoyance, he found himself short of small bills, and rather than pay out all his small change he sent the two bills back to the customer to ask if she had not the exact amount. The lady examined her portemonnaie, but was unable to find anything but three

and was driven rapidly away. In fifteen minutes afterward the cashier, having occasion to open his drawer, was attracted by a peculiar line on the thousand dollar note. He examined it closely, and at once pronounced both bills to be counterfeit. The lady had cleverly changed the notes when they had been returned to her.

It was then too late to trace the fair swindler. I was sent for by the firm, but an inquiry into the facts of the case did not permit me to offer any strong hope of recovering the diamonds or the two hundred dollars. The salesman was sure that he would know the face again, and he remembered that the lady was dressed in blue silk with a lace shawl. He could recollect nothing more, except that he thought that the carriage had wheels with gilded hubs and spokes. This was slight material, but I made the necessary notes in my memorandum book, and left the store. For several days after that I kept a sharp lookout in the streets for a carriage with gilded wheels. I visited all the livery stables and hackney coach stands that I could think of, but my search was in vain. At last passing one day through Bleeker St., I met a carriage driving rapidly toward Broadway. Its description answered very well to that which Stephens & Martley's salesman had given me, but a glance inside showed me that it was empty. I stopped it, however, and dressed questioned the driver. The carriage was a public one, and the driver remembered taking a lady in blue silk, four or five days previously, to Stephens & Martley's. So far, I was on the right track, but the trail was soon lost again. In answer to my questioning, the man said that the lady had taken his carriage at Union Square, where it was then standing, and after visiting the jewelry store had been driven to a dry goods store on Chatham Square, where she dismissed him. He did not notice whether she entered the store or not, and he had never seen her since.

I took the man's number and looked well at his carriage and horses. Having thus mentally photographed his establishment, I gave him a quarter and let him go. There was nothing more to be done for the present except to telegraph a general description of the woman and the diamond cross, to the principal cities of the country, and to keep an eye on the outward bound steamers for Europe and elsewhere. This I managed to do without much difficulty while attending to other business. More important cases soon engrossed my attention, and the affair of the cross gradually fell into the background, when, after the lapse of several months I received a telegram from a detective in Boston, saying that a noted gambler named "Jumping Johnny," who had twice been in State Prison for counterfeiting, had been seen in that city lately in suspicious intimate relations with a woman residing in Columbus Avenue, who answered in some respects to the description of our heroine. The house in Columbus Avenue, and the appearance of the woman were altogether too respectable for such close connection with Jumping Johnny, without mischief being in the wind.

I had the pleasure of Jumping Johnny's acquaintance, but I started that same night for Boston to look at the woman, taking Stephens & Martley's salesman with me to identify her. I procured a couple of officers from the Boston force and proceeded to the house in Columbus Avenue. It was a large, handsome structure of brown stone, and I noticed that the curtains at all except the lower story were closely drawn. I suspected from this that the upper rooms were all unfurnished, and that the lower and basement floors only were occupied by the inmates, who had doubtless their own reasons for choosing an innocent-looking dwelling in a fashionable quarter, for carrying on a business that might not bear the scrutiny it would be subjected to in a more public locality. But this of course, was guess-work.

I posted an officer on the curbstone before the house, and another in the rear alley, with instructions to keep his eye on the back gate and the roof.
"I don't want Jumping Johnny," I explained to these sentinels. "I am after the woman who stole our diamonds. If you see a woman come out, detain her."

I did not care to trouble Jumping Johnny, because, first, I had no evidence whatever that he was implicated in the diamond swindle, and second because I was employed to recover Stephens & Martley's property, and to find the party who stole it, and it was not my business to ferret out counterfeiters; I reserved that part of the affair for a separate job.

The name on the door-plate was simply "D'Orsay." I rung the bell, and after some delay, during which I detected a pair of eyes scrutinizing us from behind the basement blinds, the door was partly opened by a very angular servant with a shock of fiery red hair, who placed her anatomy in the passage and demanded our business.

"I would like to see Madam D'Orsay, if you please. Is she at home?"

"I don't know."

"Be good enough to find out, if you please. Our business is very important."

"What is it?"

I placed my finger on my lips mysteriously.

"It wouldn't do to tell it here in the street," I said, "I saw a cop on the sidewalk out here." The girl looked wise and returned my wink. "O! you belong to them, do ye?" she observed. "Well walk in."

She ushered us into a large parlor, handsomely furnished, and left us alone. In a few moments we saw through the open door an elegantly dressed lady descending the stairs. "By heavens!" exclaimed the salesman, starting. "That's the woman who I caught the cross."

"I was on the right track then, at last," she entered the room with a queenly step and stood still, looking at us inquiringly. She was certainly the most beautiful woman I ever saw, before or since. She evidently had no remembrance of my companion, or if she did, she concealed her recognition of him admirably.

"This gentleman," I said, "rising and pointing to my companion, 'is from the firm of Stephens & Martley, of New York.'"

She turned very pale and grasped the back of a chair for support.

"I, madam," I continued, "am an officer of the detective police. We have called in relation to a certain diamond cross purchased by you from Stephens & Martley several months ago which was paid for in counterfeit notes."

She sank into a chair, pale as death, and trembling in every limb.

"What is the penalty?" she asked.

"We will talk of that afterwards," I said, "is the cross still in your possession?"

She brightened up at this and looked at me eagerly.

"It is," she said, "will you let me go if I will return the cross and the money? O, sir, please let me go. You only want the property back, surely. I will pay you that and more too, if you will not take me away."

It was hard to resist this kind of talk. She sat there wringing her hands, and with her beautiful eyes suffused with tears—a picture to melt a heart of stone.

"You don't know what it is," she said, "to be forced to lead a life like mine. You don't know what it is to be compelled to it by one who owns your body and soul, as mine is owned. God knows I would be better if I could go."

"Is Jumping Johnny your husband?"

She looked around her a little fearfully, and answered, "No."

"Our object," I said, "is principally to recover our property, but I don't propose to make any promises beforehand. Return the cross and the two hundred dollars, and we will consider your case afterwards."

She arose to leave the room, and for the first time it struck me how short she was even for a woman. Her proud queenly carriage had something to do, perhaps, with my first impression, for I had taken her for a tall woman. I now saw that she was of quite petite figure, hardly larger than a girl of twelve.

without being seen by my men outside. She was absent a very long time, during which I heard an animated discussion going on in the adjoining room in which the shrill tones of a child's voice could be plainly distinguished. The words, however, were unintelligible.

I had become thoroughly tired of waiting, and on the point of making a disturbance, when the door opened and a hideously deformed boy appeared, limping on a crutch. He was hump-backed, and a dreadful scrofulous mark disfigured one half of his ugly face. As he opened and closed the door I caught a glimpse of Madame D'Orsay seated in an armchair, with a lace handkerchief to her eyes, evidently weeping.

"Mother told me to give this to you," said the dwarf in the same shrill cracked voice which I had lately overheard. "She will be out herself in a moment. You won't arrest her, will you sir?"

"I don't know," I answered, shortly, taking the diamond cross, and putting it in my pocket. "Where are the two hundred dollars?"

"I am going to get this changed," said the boy, holding up a five hundred dollar bill. "If you will wait a minute I will bring back the money."

I let him go, and he limped out the front door and down the street, dragging his club feet painfully. I was glad to have the hideous little monster out of my sight.

I waited some fifteen or twenty minutes after that, but neither Madame D'Orsay nor the boy put in an appearance. At last my patience became exhausted, and I tried the door leading into the inner room. It opened readily, but there was no one in the apartment except Madame herself, who still sat in the arm chair before the dressing table, with her face buried in her handkerchief.

"Come, come," I said, "this won't do. You've had time enough to cry in. Put on your things and follow me. I've some friends outside who are waiting for you."

A loud coarse laugh greeted this speech, as I tapped the woman gently on the shoulder. The handkerchief fell, and disclosed the features of the bony servant-girl who had admitted us to the house. Her lovely person was dressed in her mistress's clothes, and her fiery shock of hair was concealed by a blonde wig, the exact counterpart of the madame's own hair, which was a wig itself, for all I know.

"Ye thought it was the lady of the house, did ye?" exclaimed this interesting female, jumping up. "Well, ye see it isn't. Thanks to your politeness in waiting so long, the madame has got well out of your reach by this time, if her crutch and that beautiful club foot don't interfere with her speed."

"Ten thousand curses!" exclaimed I, seizing her roughly by the arm, and shaking her, "do you mean to say—"

"Yes, I do," she replied, with a broad grin. "Ye couldn't bring yourself to believe that her pretty ladyship could make herself so ugly, could ye? Master Policeman, you're nicely sold."

I dropped her arm, and seizing the salesman as I ran through the hall, dragged him out of the house.

"The bird has escaped us," I said, as soon as we reached the sidewalk, and I could recover my breath. "Madame D'Orsay has given us the slip, but we have recovered the cross at all events."

I took the jewel from my pocket and handed it to him. He took it, and turned it over and over in the sunlight.

"It's a beautiful thing," I remarked, looking over his shoulder.

"Yes," he said, "it's a beautiful thing!"

"These diamonds are of unusual brilliancy," I ventured again, as he continued to examine it.

"Yes," he replied; "of unusual brilliancy—for paste! In fact they are the best imitation I ever saw."

"Isn't that your cross?" I exclaimed in tones of thunder.

"The setting is ours," he said. "The diamonds are probably of Jumping Johnny's own manufacture."

It could not be helped; the clever woman had walked off under my very nose with her stealings in her pocket. We went back to New York that night, and I gave up all further attempts to trace her. From information that I afterward received from Jumping Johnny I suspected that the couple had gone to Europe. Perhaps Madame D'Orsay has ere this found her match among my brother detectives across the water.

Miscellaneous.

A Man Rescued.

Jessie McDonald was hard at work at the wash-tub, one day, when her little son Fergus came rushing into the room crying as if his poor little heart would break.

"Daddy'll die up there," he sobbed; "they can't get him down."

"Die! up where?" exclaimed Jessie, wringing the soap off her hands and wiping them upon her apron.

"On the top of the factory chimney, the rope has slipped down and they can't get up another, and the ladders are all too short."

Jessie flew out of the house and ran to the foot of the new factory chimney round which a crowd of workmen were gathered in loud discussion. On the top of the chimney stood Angus McDonald, far beyond the reach of help, to all appearance. When the staging was taken down, he, the most skillful of the workmen, had been left to do some last bit of work. By a strange accident the rope by which he was to let himself down had slipped and fallen, where it lay in a heap.

Jessie covered her eyes with her hands. "Lord help me!" she prayed from the depths of her heart. A sudden thought came as the answer to her prayer.

"Angus," she called, "unravel your stocking, man, and tie a bit of mortar to the end of the yarn, and let it down to me."

Of course one of Angus' blue socks, knitted of the best yarn, spun by Jessie herself. He raveled it out, tied on the mortar, and let it down to the ground.

Meanwhile Jessie had sent for a ball of stout twine. The end of the twine she tied to the end of the yarn.

"Now, draw the yarn up slowly," she said. Angus followed her directions, and as the yarn went up higher and higher, and higher, she let out more and more twine from the ball in her hands. What steady hands they were! No tangling of the twine nor dropping of the ball. If she had been unrolling a clothes line, she could not have done it more quietly. At last Angus called out:

"All right, I have got the twine; now what are you going to do?"

"Tie on the rope," answered Jessie. There was not a sound among the crowd; you could have heard a pin drop as, with breathless interest, they watched her at work.

She tied the rope and the twine together as firmly as any sailor could have done. Eager eyes watched it ascend, higher, higher, until Angus called out:

"All right, I've got the rope, stand under."

He secured the rope, came down head over hand—ah! one can't tell about such things! The workmen cried like children, and pressed round Angus and Jessie with words of praise and affection. The man who was wiser than the rest said, "Let them go home alone."

And in the little kitchen the husband and wife and child knelt, and thanked God that their hearth was not made desolate!

A New Capitalist.

The Detroit Free Press furnishes the following rich article:

He didn't look as if his pockets held fifty cents, but a rich man had a right to dress as he chooses. He looked up Griswold street until he saw the right kind of a face, and then asked:

"Can you show me a lark?"

"Yes, sir; three doors below, or just across the street, or right back there."

"Thanks. I'd like to put some money in some bank, but I'm a little afraid of banks. I always did prefer a note of hand to a bank."

The citizen picked up his ears and asked: "Yow have some money to lend, have you?"

"A trifle," was the answer. "Do you know of anybody who'd like to take some and give me a note for a year at seven per cent? I think of going to Mexico for a while."

"Let's see," said the citizen, "I don't know but I'd take some myself."

"Lemme get a drink and then we'll talk," said the stranger.

"Yes, certainly; come on," replied the citizen, and the two went into a basement. Drinks were ordered by the citizen, one after another, until his shinsplinters felt lonely. He said he could make good use of a few thousand dollars for a year, and some of his friends might also take a few thousand more. The stranger put down gin, whiskey, lager and brandy until his legs gave out. The citizen laid him on a bench and tried to sober him, but the fellow went dead asleep while they were trying to force vinegar down his throat. The burkeholder said he was an old loafer, and a policeman was sent for to take him to the station. When they got him down there and searched him, they found four cents, a brass-backed comb and a door key in his pockets, and the citizen who wanted to borrow a few thousand dollars went to see if the mail had come in.

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Struck Aisle—The man who fell down in church.

A Cleveland druggist is named Whyborn—Nobody knows.

"What can't be cured must be sold fresh," is what they say in Porkopolis.

Among the things sent to the starving people of Kansas was a tract headed "The Wickedness of Gluttony."

A Newark policeman had a pair of boots half-soled last fall with a boarding-house beef steak, and he hasn't had wet feet all winter.

An Indianapolis father shot six times at a supposed burglar, and was astonished to hear the fellow ask, "Wazzer mazzer fazzer? Wazzer doing?"

A Tennessee man wrote his will on a paper collar, and it passed through the Probate Court as well as any other will, though a little unhandy about filing.

A Chicago paper says that a young widow in that city, who writes well, is training herself for an editor. We hope that we are not the editor she is training herself for.

After waiting four years a Michigan lover finally popped the question, and the girl answered: "Of course I'll have you! Why, you fool, you, we could have been married three years ago!"

Of course a woman doesn't want her plants to freeze, but still one can't blame a man for raising a row when he hops out of bed in the morning and finds a geranium plant in each trowsers leg.

Sunday school teacher to pupil: "Now, my little man, can you explain to us the cause of Adam's fall?" Little man (emphatically): "Yes, sir; 'cause he hadn't any ashes to throw on the sidewalk."

A profound observer of human nature has remarked that a woman can crowd more comfort and solid happiness into one day's shopping than attends the effort of the most gifted and unselfish philanthropist.

A Dubuque boy was troubled for fear that he would not know his father when they both reached heaven, but his mother eased him by remarking: "All you'll have to do is to look for an angel with a red nose on him."

Monthly Nurse—"My dear sir, just look here," taking the blanket from a fine pair of twins with which the master of the house had been presented.

"Oh, yes," said the blushing young husband, "I suppose I can take my choice."

Scene, a butcher's stand. Butcher: "Come, John, be lively now; break the bones in Mr. William's chops and put Mr. Smith's ribs in the basket for him." John (briskly): "All right, sir; just as soon as I've sawed off Mrs. Murphy's legs."

Mr. Marrowfat threw out a fine thought at the table last evening. He remarked that a man with much honesty about him in these times must feel a good deal like tying it up in a rag for safety.

A boy six years old, having been much lectured by his father on the boyishness of crying when any calamity happened, cheered the parents heart the other morning by saying: "Harry Bolton cried nearly all the day 'cause his father died; but if you should die, pa, I wouldn't cry one bit."

A lady remarked to a popular divine that his services were a little too long. "Don't you think so?" said she—"just a little?" "Ah! dear madam," replied the divine, "I am afraid you don't like the 'sincere milk of the Word.'" "Yes, I do," said she; "but you know the fashion nowadays is condensed milk."

"This is my last call," remarked a flippant young gentleman to a young lady who was soon to be married, on a recent occasion. "I never call on a married woman or unmarried ladies after they have reached twenty-five." "You do well, sir," gravely remarked an elder lady present. "At that age, and after marriage, they begin to know the value of time, and do not like to waste it."

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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 29, 1876.

CONNECTICUT WILL GO DEMOCRATIC.

A short time ago, Grant's Washington Ring sent a man to Connecticut to request the Chairman of the Central Committee of that State to make a searching investigation of the probable result of the election on Monday, April 3. The utmost pains were taken by the Connecticut radical official, who was well paid by Grant's Ring for his labor, and was requested to give the facts, and the facts only. His report, which has just arrived, has cast a gloom over Ring circles. He says that he regrets to be obliged to state, as the result of his investigation, that the Democratic party will certainly carry the State by a majority of about three thousand.

A GOOD WORD FOR THE DEMOCRATIC HOUSE.

The dissemination of news from every portion of the civilized world to every other portion, by telegraph, has made the correspondent a commentator upon, rather than an announcer of events. Just at this time, Washington is the scene of rapidly succeeding incidents of vital interest to the country; and to faithfully chronicle the details of each day's news would take more space than many times the limits of a letter. Many things of importance occur to which I do not even allude, because, before my letter can reach you, your readers will have become familiar with the facts through the telegraph. But the telegraph can do no more than furnish brief outlines, and it is still the province of the correspondent to supply the substance of such information as may be of special interest to the reader. The correspondent whom you know, and upon whose truthfulness you can depend, is of special importance to your readers at this time, when it is the universal complaint of our party that the telegraph has been used against us in an attempt to create public opinion adverse to the Democratic House. No Congress has ever labored harder, or accomplished more in the same length of time, than has the present one; yet the impression has gone through the country that valuable time has been wasted, and nothing done. The work done has been, much of it, of a character that renders secrecy a necessity. And, while the House may have appeared to do little, the committees have labored incessantly, night and day. In addition to the necessary legislation, it has devoted upon the House to unearth and drag to the light a mass of

RADICAL RASCALITY.

official corruption and malfeasance in office, without precedent to the history of any government. The rotten accumulations of fifteen years of Republican misrule are suddenly disclosed, and lie festering in the public sight. The abuse and villainies which have been covered up and winked at by the Republican majorities of previous houses, it is the duty of the present democratic majority to uncover, and to bring the guilty officials to justice. This has been so well done that there are at this time a score of investigations in progress. And the work is not yet half commenced. With all that has been disclosed, the people are not prepared for the depth of villainy that will yet be brought to light.

Who could have believed that men could be found so lost to all sense of honor or decency as to bury the bones of horses and mules in the national cemeteries, or worse, to divide one body into several parts, putting them into different graves because they were paid so much for each grave? And yet this has been done by men living in the very shadow of the White House, and favored with the personal friendship of Grant, himself. The Land Office has been filled with jobs upon which thieves, big and little, from Delano and his son, John, down to the chief clerk just dismissed, have fattened. But the day of reckoning has come, and the facts will soon be made public.

MONTGOMERY BLAIR

has created a very perceptible stir in political circles in Washington, by the

publication of a letter in favor of Tilden. The fact that Mr. Blair is not a Tilden man by personal preference, but from what he conceives to be party necessity gives more weight to his views than they would otherwise have. One thing is noticeable in connection with this subject; there is a growing disposition to consider the interest of the party as a unit, rather than the interest of any one section or faction. The man who can carry the most States will be the nominee, if these wise counsels prevail; and whoever he may be, Hendricks, Thurman, Bayard, Tilden, Davis, or Parker, he will receive the united support of a party organized for success, and not to be defeated by internal dissension. And to insure success beyond the chance of failure, he must be the man who can draw the largest support from the ranks of the enemy. Mr. Blair, who was a member of Lincoln's Cabinet, says that Tilden is the man, and offers a strong argument to prove it. There are men here to-day, bitterly opposed to Tilden, because of his attitude on the money question; but I believe, from the tone of conversation here during the past few days, that there is a determination to do nothing that will imperil our success in the coming election.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

An exchange in speaking of the Political Outlook says:

"Radicalism, corruption, villainies and rascality still hold high carnival, and this once fair land is cursed with a host of thieves and shysters who are vile enough to commit crimes of any enormity to perpetuate their own power, and to keep the reins of government in their own hands. We might as well expect mercy from the jaws of tiger, the fangs of the adder, or the teeth of the shark, as to look for justice from the hands of those who now govern the land; and who are insensible to everything that will not result in their profit, the disgrace of the government at home and abroad, and add heavier burdens to the people of the South."

As the Carthaginian chief, Hamilcar, led his son Hannibal into the temple, and there placing the hands of the youth upon the altar, made him swear by the eternal gods that he would be an inveterate enemy to the Roman people. So that party that has held the sceptre of government in the United States has shown on every occasion a spirit of animosity, bitterness and hatred to the South, while at the same time it was itself guilty of perfidy worse than the Carthaginian. The most sagacious eyes can not penetrate the nether darkness that will breed over us, or behold beyond its gloomy confines one ray of hope, if Radicalism is not shorn of its strength and its power snatched from its hands. But as "devil with devils damned, firm concord holds," in like manner the Radical party is thoroughly organized, and will continue to strive with united efforts to hold the supremacy. New Hampshire has gone Republican with an increasing majority; some conservatives had seen in their dreams bright visions of a Conservative victory there, but it was lost. And if the Conservatives do not awake from their sleep of political security, and stop dreaming of success without laboring for it, and add to their boasted faith in the future success of the party a few more works, they will be badly and shamefully beaten in States they had thought to carry by making a very small effort. Radicalism has got to be killed out by waging against it an unceasing warfare, and until we are willing to engage in such a contest, it is worse than vain to expect a decisive victory to be won on our side. Dislosures at Washington of the villainies of Radical officials only cement the sounders closer together, and increase the anxiety of others of the same class to get an opportunity to steal and swindle the government; that though they be paupers like Belknap when he first got in office, or poor like Grant when made President, they may retire from office millionaires."

THE ENFORCEMENT ACT AND THE DECISION.
The long looked for decision in the Grant Parish cases has been delivered at last, and the Supreme Court of the United States has declared in effect that the so called enforcement act is contrary to law and in direct violation with the Constitution of the land! The Grant Parish cases grew out of a riot between the two races in Grant Parish La., 1873. Indictments under the so-called Enforcement act were found against certain whites, charging them with conspiracy to deprive colored citizens of their rights, &c., and murder. Ninety-eight in all were indicted, but only nine were tried in the United States Circuit Court. The first

trial was a failure owing to the disagreement of the jury, but the second resulted in their conviction, and a motion was made in arrest of judgment before Judge Bradley of the United States Supreme Court. The causes have now been remanded with instructions to discharge the defendants.—*Observer.*

Hard Times.

Says an exchange: "We hear from every quarter and from most everybody the cry of hard times. All branches of business seem dull for the present, the future prospects dark and gloomy. The year of the Presidential election, everybody will say, is never a good time for business. The currency or some other important question too much agitated and everything kept in an unsettled state. Nobody expects anything but ill success and misfortunes; and every man fears that he will lose what he has worked for and be cheated out of his earnings. All seem decided that the times are going to be worse and fear to hope for a brighter future."

Such feelings are enough to keep business and everything else depressed. When people look for nothing but bad luck, and refuse to put forth exertions and efforts so as to attain some desirable end, they should expect nothing great to be accomplished. But let them stop finding fault with the times, and go to work with the proper spirit, address themselves to their task, endeavoring to succeed and hoping for success as the reward of their toils, and they will not find it so difficult to make a living though the times may be hard.

Radical Republicanism.

Here is a definition of Radicalism from the Cincinnati Enquirer worthy of a place in Appleton's Encyclopedia. The Enquirer says: "The Republican party is a party that exists simply on its hates. It hates the foreign-born citizens. It hates Catholics. It hates skeptics in religion. It hates everybody that doesn't keep Sunday and fails to regulate his diet according to its ideas. It hates Democracy. It has some loves, but they are all connected with itself. It loves office. It loves fraud. It loves speculation, and it loves stealing. By the Republican party in this we mean the average Republican politician, and not the manly Republican voter who is honest but misguided."

Washington.

The retirement of \$188,000 in legal tenders has been ordered, being 80 per cent of National Bank notes issued during the month.

It is reported that Gen. Butler is retained for the defence of Belknap before the Senate.

The Treasury will cease issuing fractional currency at the end of this week, unless an appropriation for printing passes.

D. A. Russell, Post-Trader, paid Senator Thayer \$800 to \$1,200 and \$4,000 to the last Presidential campaign fund.

Mr. Sargent, of Massachusetts, denies having paid Belknap \$2,000 for contracts.

The Committee on Military Affairs have agreed to a bill gradually abolishing negro regiments.

WASHINGTON, March 26.

General Sherman says that he has not the slightest desire to return to Washington, and will not unless compelled to do so by the passage of Mr. Barnum's bill, which fixes the headquarters of the army in this city. He does not like the influences of society, and he could not live decently on his pay and keep up appearances. Now that it is proposed to reduce his pay nearly one half, and require him to have his quarters in Washington, he doesn't know what he will do.

COIN CIRCULATION.—The Treasury Department is receiving, from San Francisco, fourteen tons of silver coin, to prepare for circulation of silver. This will amount to half a million dollars. The amount of silver in the vaults of the Treasury at the present time is less than \$30,000. Orders have been received at the Department for \$20,000 fractional currency. The amount of fractional currency still in the vaults is \$2,000,000, though none has been printed since the middle of last month. Since that time the requisitions upon the Treasury from the banks and other offices, to be supplied with fractional currency, amounts to \$3,000,000.

The Richmond Whig gets off the following: "They have had a visit from something 'very like a whale' in the harbor at Wilmington. But there will be a bigger whale than that and much more blubber in the Old North State at the next election, when the Radical weasels come to grief."

Outlines.

Another Belknap transaction reported from Manchester, N. H. — Gales badly damaged vessels. — The yellow fever is raging fearfully at Rio Janeiro. — Two lives and a Philadelphia block of buildings lost Sunday night by fire. — Seven lives lost by storm in Eastern Connecticut. — In the Grant Parish cases and the Kentucky election case the Supreme Court decided against the Enforcement act, and Louisiana prisoners ordered to be discharged. — A Washington pension agent \$49,000 "short." — Some of the business men of Richmond have petitioned Congress not to repeal the bankrupt law. — Black and Carpenter say there is nothing in the Force bill since Supreme Court decision. — Five hundred lives lost by wreck of steamship *Jocan* in Arabian Sea. — Belknap articles of impeachment were reported on Thursday, 30th. — Spencer investigation adjourned till Thursday. — General Crook gained complete victory over Indians. — Schenck will conclude testimony to-day, 29th. — House passed resolution refusing to deliver recusant witness Kilbourn to Attorney General or other parties. — Estimated five millions dollars damage by flood in Worcester county, Massachusetts. Thought four lives lost. — G. N. Kilpatrick stands out in the declaration that the letter about using a corruption fund in New York to be paid to Clews by Presidential aid, a la Black Friday, is true.

The late decisions of Supreme Court are bearing fruit, vide telegrams. — Representative Wilson, of West Virginia is hopelessly ill. — Pennsylvania Republican Convention met yesterday and suggested Hartranft for President. — Ohio Republican Convention instructed delegates to vote for Hayes. — Senate Judiciary committee reported a uniform bankrupt bill. — Half of a black burned in New Orleans. — Gov. Ames of Mississippi resigns, and impeachment proceedings are withdrawn. — Worcester Mass., was panicked yesterday on account of the threatened washing away of a reservoir dam above the city. — Hereafter Federal prisoners from certain Southern States will be sent to the West Virginia instead of Albany penitentiary. — Gen. Custer, in his examination before a Congress committee, said the post-trader frauds could not have gone on without the connivance of the War Secretary. — Articles of impeachment against Belknap were formally presented yesterday in Congress by Proctor Knott, of the Judiciary Committee. — An angry personal colloquy took place in the yesterday between Bayard and Boutwell. — New York markets March 30th: Gold, 113 1/2 @ 113 3/4; cotton, 13 1/2 @ 13 9-16 cents.

State News.

A COLORED MAN TO HAVE A MONUMENT. — Wilmington Review: The citizens of Brunswick county are to erect a monument to the memory of Daniel Rowell, a colored man of said county, who died a week or two ago. He was a good Conservative and in time back he has stamped that county in the cause of "Honest Government."

Winston Sentinel: The recent election in Texas resulted in a Democratic majority of 50,000, and among the names of successful candidates we notice that of Rufus S. Eymun, attorney at law, a son of Benj. F. Eymun, of Stokes county, N. C., who was elected Solicitor of Ellis county. Mr. Eymun left here only two or three years ago and his many friends will sincerely rejoice in this evidence of his popularity and prosperity.

The Salisbury Watchman says that old Jim Locke, colored, and a respectable young man named Pleasant Barring, got into a dispute at a sale in Rowan county, on Friday of last week, when Barring struck Locke in the face. Jim's son Bill was standing near, and, whipping out a knife, he made a pass at Barring, cutting a gash in his abdomen five inches in length. Inflammation set in, and Barring has since died. Bill Locke escaped and has not yet been found.

On last Sunday evening two young men were sitting on the river bank, in Rutherford county, fishing, both in the same hole, with a bottle of whiskey sitting between them. During the time a little cloud passed over them with a slight shower of rain. All at once, unexpectedly to the young men, there came a keen flash of lightning and struck the bottle of whiskey sitting between them and tore it into atoms. The young men were slightly stunned but were not hurt in the least. This fact we get from a reliable gentleman residing in our town who was in that neighborhood a few days ago.—*Shelby Banner.*

Big Farming.—We are informed by Mr. W. B. Parks, that a negro man in this county, Hopewell neighborhood, made last year thirteen bales of cotton and three hundred bushels of corn with one mule, and that on thirty-seven acres of land, he himself made forty bales of cotton, and on thirty acres of land he made fifteen hundred bushels of corn. We think this beats anything in the farming line we have heard of yet. Who says there is no money in farming? —*Democrat.*

MODEL TOWN OF THE STATE.—Asheville must be a delightful town. It has ten churches, four hotels, one of the finest court houses in the State, and is without a bar room. Not even a pint of liquor can be bought in its precincts. The drug stores do not sell it a medicine. We have been to Asheville, and never have we seen healthier people.—*Torch Light.*

A WOMAN AND A LIGHTNING-ROD MAN.—A friend in Salisbury writes the *Observer* as follows under date of the 20th ult.: "A lightning rod man, with box-toed shoes, tried to sell an Anson county woman a lightning rod the other day. He explained to her that conductors were scarce in that county, and lightning was a bad thing any way. After depositing her quid of tobacco on the ground for safe keeping, she delivered herself thusly: 'Now, you jest hitch a pair of shafts to them tar shoes of yours and haul yourself away from here, for your health mout fall.' He left."

\$12 a day at home. Agents wanted. Outfit and terms free. TRUE & CO., Augusta, Ga.

FREE TICKET To Philadelphia and return. Agents wanted. Outfit and terms free. TRUE & CO., Augusta, Ga.

Agents Wanted. Medical and Diplomas Awarded for HOLMAN'S PICTORIAL BIBLES.

\$77 per week guaranteed to Agents. Male and Female, in their own homes. Terms and outfit free. Address: P. O. VICTORY & CO., Augusta, Maine.

THE TANTIE CO., St. Louis, Mo., Pa., Emery, Wholesale and Machinery.

\$5 to \$20 per day at home. Same as above. Terms and outfit free. Address: P. O. VICTORY & CO., Augusta, Maine.

WANTED. Agents for the best packages in the world. It contains 15 sheets paper, 15 envelopes, golden Pen, Pen-holder, Pencil, Patent Ink Measure, and a piece of jewelry. Single package with pair of elegant Gold Stone Buttons, post-paid, 25 cts. 5 for \$1.00. This package has been examined by the publisher of the *Enquirer* and found as represented—worth the money. Stitches given away to all Agents. Circulars free.

BRIDE & CO., 765 Broadway, New York.

"PSYCHOMANCY, OR SOUL CHARMING." How either sex may fascinate and gain the love and affections of any person they choose, instantly. This art all can possess, free, by mail, for 25 cents; together with a Marriage Guide, Egyptian Oracle, Dreams, Hints to Ladies, etc. 1,000,000 sold. A queer book. Address T. WILLIAM & CO., Pub's, Philadelphia.

Ten years ago Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co. established their advertising agency in New York City. Five years ago they absorbed the business conducted by Mr. John Hooper, who was the first to go into this kind of enterprise. Now they have the satisfaction of controlling the most extensive and complete advertising connection which has ever been secured, and one which would be hardly possible in any other country but this. They have succeeded in working down a complex business into so thoroughly a systematic method that no change in the newspaper system of America can escape notice, while the widest information upon all topics interesting to advertisers is placed readily at the disposal of the public.

NEW YORK TIMES, June 14, 1875.

ENCOURAGE HOME PEOPLE —AND—
HOME ENTERPRISE!

GEO. S. HACKER,
CHARLESTON, S. C.

TERMS CASH.

The only Door, Sash and Blind Factory owned and managed by a Carolinian in the City.

Always on hand a large Stock of Doors, Sash, Blinds, Mouldings, Brackets, Scroll and Turned Work of every description. Glass, White Leads, and Builders' Hardware. Dressed Lumber and Flooring delivered in any portion of this State.

March 20 75-42-ty.

THE CELEBRATED
SOUTHERN WAGON,

MANUFACTURED BY
W. C. OWEN & SONS,
MONROE, N. C.

We are still engaged in the business of making the above Wagons, and will sell them very low. Will take good wagon timber, country produce, or even CASH in payment for wagons. New Wagons constantly on hand for our own make. Repairing done promptly and in good order. Thanking our customers for past patronage, we hope, by honest work and fair dealing, to merit a continuance of the same.

W. C. OWEN & SONS,
Aug. 21, 1875-13-6n.

JOB WORK
NEATLY EXECUTED AT THIS OFFICE.

NOTICE. U. S. Internal Revenue, SPECIAL TAXES.

May 1 1876, to April 30 1877.

THE Revised Statutes of the United States, Sections 3237, 3238 and 3239, require every person engaged in any business, avocation, or employment which renders him liable to a SPECIAL TAX, TO PROCURE AND PLACE CONSPICUOUSLY IN HIS ESTABLISHMENT OR PLACE OF BUSINESS, A STAMP denoting the amount of said SPECIAL TAX for the Special Tax Year beginning May 1, 1876, before commencing or continuing business after April 30, 1876.

THE TAX ENGRAVED WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE QUOTED ARE THE FOLLOWING VIZ:

Restaurants, retail liquor,	\$200 00
Dealers, wholesale liquor,	100 00
Dealers in malt liquors, wholesale,	50 00
Dealers in malt liquors, retail,	20 00
Dealers in leaf tobacco,	25 00
Dealers in cigars,	500 00
And on sales of over \$1,000, fifty cents for every dollar excess,	\$10,000.
Dealers in manufactured tobacco,	5 00
Manufacturers of stills,	10 00
And for each still manufactured,	20 00
And for each worm manufactured,	10 00
Manufacturers of tobacco,	10 00
Manufacturers of cigars,	10 00
Dealers in tobacco, first class (one or two horses or other animals),	50 00
Dealers in tobacco, second class (two horses or other animals),	25 00
Dealers in tobacco, third class (one horse or other animal),	15 00
Dealers in tobacco, fourth class (one horse or other animal),	10 00
Dealers in tobacco, fifth class (one horse or other animal),	5 00
Brewers of less than 500 barrels,	50 00
Brewers of 500 barrels or more,	100 00
Any person, so liable, who shall fail to comply with the foregoing requirements will be subject to severe penalties.	
Persons or firms liable to pay any of the Special Taxes must procure and apply to J. J. MOTT, Collector of Internal Revenue at Statesville, and pay for and procure the Special Tax Stamp or Stamps they need, prior to May 1, 1876, and WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.	

D. D. PRATT,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Office of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., February 1, 1876.

March 20 42-4t.

Caudle & Liles

DEALERS IN
General Merchandise,
MONROE, N. C.

Have in Store for the Fall and Winter trade, a full Stock of
DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,
NOTIONS, HIREWARE,
HATS, CAPS, SHOES,
Crockery, &c.,

to which they invite the attention of their friends and customers. Having bought their stock at bottom prices, they are enabled to offer bargains, and persons wishing to buy will do well to call and see them before purchasing elsewhere. They sell for CASH, no matter from this date, and will have no bad debts to make up on their cash customers. Cotton and other country produce bought and sold. Call and see them, at the corner N. W. of the Court House. All persons indebted to the firm must come forward and settle up at once.

Nov. 30, 1875-27-4t.

JUST RECEIVED A FRESH SUPPLY OF

PRIME RIO COFFEE,
GREEN AND ROASTED.

New Orleans Molasses,
"A." SUGAR,

Pearl Hominy, Cream Cheese,
CANNED FRUITS,

PLAIN AND FRENCH CANDIES,
Jellies, Raisins,

FIGS, ORANGES,
Fine Northern Apples,

MOUNTAIN HONEY, &c., &c.
All of which we sell at lowest cash prices. Bread and Cakes and a well-selected Stock of Crackers always on hand.

Feb. 4-36-4t.
C. E. WOLFE.

CAROLINA CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
Feb. 15, 1876.

SCHEDULE

PASSENGER AND EXPRESS FREIGHT.

Leave Wilmington	7:00 a. m.
Arrive at Monroe	8:00 p. m.
Arrive at Charlotte	7:30 p. m.
Leave Charlotte	6:30 a. m.
Arrives at Monroe	8:10 a. m.
Arrive at Wilmington	7:40 p. m.

FAST FREIGHT AND PASSENGER.

Leave Wilmington	8:00 p. m.
Arrives at Monroe	8:15 a. m.
Arrive at Charlotte	10:45 p. m.
Leave Charlotte	5:30 p. m.
Arrives at Monroe	7:50 p. m.
Arrive at Wilmington	10:40 a. m.

LOCAL FREIGHT.

From Wilmington, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.
From Charlotte, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

CONNECTIONS.
Connects at Wilmington with Wilmington & Weldon, and Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroads. Semi-weekly New York and Tri-weekly Baltimore and weekly Philadelphia Steamers, and the River Boats to Fayetteville.

Connects at Charlotte with the Western Division, North Carolina Railroad, Charlotte & Statesville Railroad, Charlotte & Augusta Air Line, and Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad. Thus supplying the whole West, Northwest and Southwest with a short and cheap line to the seaboard and Europe.

S. L. FREMONT,
Chief Engineer and Superintendent.

The Peoples Drug Store

CLOVER, TIMOTHY,
AND
Orchard Grass Seeds
FOR SALE.

Best Soda 3 lbs. for 25 cts.

After presenting to all our customers the compliments of the season, with our sincere thanks for their liberal patronage, we desire to inform them all—together with the "scattering few" who are not yet our customers—that we will soon have in store the largest stock of Drugs, Medicines, and all articles in our line, ever offered to the people of this country.

We have no Old Stock!
All that we offer is NEW FRESH and PURE, and will be sold at lower rates than can be secured in North or South Carolina. We intend to sell Drugs like Monroe merchants sell calico—"low for cash." We are headquarters for all goods in our line, and fully intend to carry stock enough to enable us to sell goods cheaper than anybody else.

"Times are Hard,"
and everybody must buy goods at low rates "for cash." If you want Pure Drugs at low rates, this is the place to buy them. In a few days our large stock of Fresh Garden Seeds will be opened. We have bought enough to supply four counties, and we want everybody to have them. Continue to trade with us, for if we can't suit you in quality and prices it will be useless for you to go any where else.

Those who have not paid their accounts will find it their interest to do so at once. **WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.**

BLAIR, WALSH & FLOW.

Read! Read!

In order to reduce our Stock, and to make some other arrangements, we offer, for thirty days,

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF
WINTER GOODS.

AT
Greatly Reduced Prices
FOR CASH,

WE HAVE A NICE LOT OF
Ladies Cloaks, Sacques,
Ties, &c., &c.

Also Ribbons, Embroideries, and Trimmings at about half former prices.

Come and see them; we know you will buy.

H. M. HOUSTON & CO.
Monroe, N. C.

Dec. 3, 1875.

Attention, Planters!

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY!

THE
STONO GUANO
COMPANY,

Of Charleston, S. C.
OFFER THEIR SUPERIOR
Soluble Guano

thoroughly ammoniated, on reasonable terms. Also their
ACID PHOSPHATE,
FOR COMPOSTING,

which is unequalled. Recognizing the advantages of cash transactions, we are prepared to make a liberal discount to Grangers and dealers on all orders accompanied by cash.

Any information can be had as to price, terms, analysis, &c., from Messrs. Stack & Moore, Agents at Monroe, N. C.

BINFORD, CROW & CO.,
State Agents for North Carolina,
Wilmington, N. C.

Jan. 31. 35-2m.

STEAM SAW MILL.

The undersigned has in full operation at Ames' Turn Out, on the C. C. Railway, six miles East of Monroe, a Steam Saw Mill and Shingle Machine, where he is prepared to furnish the public with first-class lumber of any size, Lathes for Plastering, and Shingles of any size, from 1 to 8 inches wide and from 15 to 30 inches long. A Cotton Gin is also attached. For prices or other particulars, address

H. W. SIMPSON,
Ames' Turn Out, C. C. R'y.
Feb. 8, 76-37-6n.

FIRST-CLASS

Meat Market.

BY
McMANUS & CO.

The undersigned having bought out Ogburn & Rich, call the attention of the public to the fact that

THE MONROE ENQUIRER.

Local Matters.

The County Commissioners will hold a meeting to-day.

Jas. Pratt, the Barber, requests us to state that he has moved his Barber Shop to a room upstairs in J. D. Stewart's new building.

The second Quarterly Meeting for Monroe station, for 1876, will be held next Saturday and Sunday.

Never give up the ship. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup may cure you, as it has done others. It costs little, and can never harm. Price, 25 cents.

We see that the tax-listers for Monroe township have advertised that they will take the list of taxables between the 10th and 20th of April.

Six advertisements of dwelling for sale, and if you want to buy call and see us. It is a desirable place, in a good neighborhood, and is offered low down, for cash.

Why pay regular Agents high prices for Sewing Machines when you can buy them at the Enquirer office from \$5 to \$25 less than makers prices? Cabinet Organs sold at proportionate low rates.

We are requested to state that the Good Templars will re-produce the temperance drama, "Satan," on Tuesday and Wednesday nights of Court week, the 11th and 12th inst. The proceeds of one night will be given for the benefit of the Monroe High School.

Cigar Store.—Messrs. J. M. Mendel & Co. have opened a branch house of their Charlotte store, in this place, at the old post office stand. They are said to be gentlemen of energy, and will, no doubt, succeed with their new enterprise. Their adv't will appear next week.

A DARING BURGLARY.—We learn that the residence of Mr. Sam'l Adams, near Pleasant Grove Camp Ground, was broken open on last Monday while the family were at church and the contents completely ransacked. Nothing was missed except money, (\$14) which was, no doubt, the object of their search.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.—That the Enquirer office has been moved to rooms upstairs in J. D. Stewart's new brick building, where we will be pleased to have our friends and patrons call and see us. Entrance by stairs on corner next to W. W. Blakeney's store.

SUPERIOR COURT.—The Spring term of our Superior Court convenes on next Monday, the 10th inst. A good deal of business will be brought before the court. The State and Civil Dockets are both heavy, 75 to 80 cases on each. No important criminal cases, (unless some should be moved here from Stanley), but several important Civil cases. Among them several against the C. C. Railway.

COL. S. H. WALKUP, Chairman of the Congressional District Executive Committee has called a meeting of the members of said Committee (one from each county in the district) to convene in this place on next Tuesday, the 11th inst., for the purpose of selecting a place for the meeting of the District Convention, which will nominate our next candidate for Congress.

"A young man from the country" walked into our office the other day and inquired if "this here place wuz the post office?" He was informed that it was not, and that the post office was in the next building. "Yes, I know it is, but this 'ere cussed place is improv'n so fast I thought there might be two of 'em."

THE PRINTER'S DELIGHT.—The latest amusement is termed the "Printer's Delight," and is performed in the following manner: Take a sheet of note paper, fold it up carefully, and enclose a bank note, sufficiently large to pay up all arrears and a year in advance. And what adds immensely to the feat is to send along the name of a new subscriber, with cash to balance. Keep your eye on the printer, and if you detect a smile, the trick is a success. Try it.

TO BUSINESS MEN.—The biggest political battle ever fought in North Carolina will be witnessed this year. The circulation of country newspapers will be greatly increased, which will exert to the use and benefit of advertisers generally and local advertisers in particular. The Enquirer, while maintaining its modes and unassuming character, will doubtless find its way to every fireside in this county and circulate largely in other counties. We ask our merchants and other business men to consider the advantages of advertising from now till the campaign is ended.

A SPELLING MATCH was had at the Monroe High School between 43 boys and 22 girls, on last Friday, resulting in a victory for the girls, counting proportionately, as at the close there were seven girls still up and only eight boys. The following were standing at close of match: Mary Stevens, Mollie Pepper, Alice Stewart, Bettie Stewart, Eugenia Hodges, Alice Armfield, Mamie Elberbe, Thos. Benton, B. Baker, Sam'l Stewart, C. C. Long, Robert Broom, Spencer Walsh, C. A. Plyler, James Blakeney.

HOMICIDE IN STANLEY COUNTY.—Mr. Geo. Cagle was killed by D. A. Criscoe at his residence, in Stanley county, on the 28th ult. Criscoe was living on Cagle's plantation. A difficulty arose between them previous to the death of Cagle, in which Criscoe drew a gun on Cagle. A few days before the last difficulty Criscoe whipped his wife and left home, and she went to the house of Cagle. Criscoe returned and went to Cagle's house and abused his wife, and Cagle informed him he must not do so at his house. A few weeks passed between them, and Criscoe tried to borrow a knife, but failed to do so, and went home and soon returned and continued to abuse his wife, and was ordered out of the yard by Cagle. He went out and lingered about the gate, cursing and swearing. Cagle went out to reason the case with him, when Criscoe made for him with a sharp pointed shoe-knife. Cagle tried to defend himself with a stick, but failed, and Criscoe plunged the knife into his body in two places. Cagle moved a few steps and fell dead. Criscoe fled.

LATER.—We learn from the Observer that D. A. Criscoe, who killed Geo. Cagle, in Stanley county on Tuesday last, has surrendered himself and been committed to jail in Albemarle. A gentleman who arrived in the city last evening from that section, thinks it very doubtful if any true bill is found by the Grand Jury against the slayer. He believed that his wife was unfaithful to the marriage vows, and that Cagle was the cause of her infidelity, and it is probable that he will be able to establish this. If so, he will be but lightly punished. Criscoe is a young man; Cagle was an old man.

THE METHODIST CENTENNIAL.—We have room to copy just a few words on this subject from the Raleigh Advocate:

"The conspicuous era in the history of North Carolina Methodism has come, and its extensive programme fully carried out in all of its minutest particulars. To say that it was a grand and glorious success from its auspicious beginning to its happy termination, is but the expressed utterance of the entire community. The citizens of Raleigh, and the throng of visitors from abroad, the press, secular and religious, who were the delighted participants in the exercises, all united as with the voice of one man, in saying that the Centennial of North Carolina Methodism held in this city, beginning on the 21st of March, 1876, was crowned with complete and glorious success.

The attendance was large—numbering, often, two thousand souls. The Addresses were carefully prepared, full of historical instruction, chaste in language, able in argument and deep in research. They were exceedingly edifying to the audience and are to be published in book form so that all the people can read them.

The results of this Centennial celebration are beyond human computation. It has intensified the love of the Methodists for their own chosen denomination. It has placed Methodist history, doctrine and success so clearly and prominently before the minds of public men as wonderfully surprised them, and won their enthusiastic admiration.

The sum of \$12,145 was pledged by the citizens of Raleigh to assist in building a Metropolitan Church in that city.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS.—The New York Bulletin says Spring trade is moving steadily, with a promise of increase. Western and Southwestern merchants are arriving freely. The Bulletin adds: "As we seem to have pretty much got through with bankruptcies and suspensions and other deal weight of that kind, it looks as if the pathway ahead afforded a reasonable promise of a return to more expansive results for trading enterprises, and commercial ventures of all kinds, than are now possible. The return, however, is not going to be as speedy as some expect. We can only reach our objective point by slow stages, and it is those slow stages that are so hard for a naturally go-ahead people to bear. The opportunity for a further exercise of patience, clearly, is not going to slip away all of a sudden; but the time is assuredly coming when the croakers and the dismal men cannot, as now, have things so much their own way."

MOODY AND SANKEY.—Messrs. E. J. Hale & Son 17 Murray Street New York have issued a new publication entitled "Moody and Sankey. The book, which covers 268 pages is edited by Frank S. Reader and gives an authentic account of the lives and services of the two great evangelists. It is illustrated with full page portraits of both Moody and Sankey, and gives, in addition, the words and service of three of their best songs: "Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By," "Calling Now" and "The Ninety and Nine."

Editors will appreciate the incident which is thus faintly hinted at by the Hartford Post: "The young man who came into this office this morning, sat down on a box, and then bounced up with a yell and fled like one bewitched, is requested to return four long brass tacks that stood on the box when he took his seat. No questions will be asked—we understand it all; but we want those tacks—we have use for them. That box is specially devoted to parties who not only read our exchanges, but spirit them away, and the tacks are what we depend on for excitement."

NEW RULES IN BASE BALL.—The following is of interest to lovers of the national game: The National League of professional clubs has decided that the ball must weigh not less than five and not more than five and one-quarter ounces, and be not less than nine and not more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The ball is to be round, and must not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter at the thickest part. The umpire has full power over the game and the players. He can call or suspend the game at any time when he thinks that the rules have been violated by either of the contestants of the day. A new rule expels any member for betting on any game in which he participates. The rule on the running of bases on foul balls has been changed so that the runner can return to the base without being put out, and a base runner can run on a foul fly as well as a fair fly.

"THE LOST CAUSE."—A magnificent picture 14x18 inches in size, beautiful in design and artistic in execution. It represents a Confederate soldier after the war returning to his home, which he finds ruined and desolate. In front of the ruined cottage, telling a sad tale of the miseries of war, are two graves with rude crosses, on one of which some friendly hand has hung a garland. To the right the cypress and rising moon indicate peace and rest. The stars, seen through the trees, represent the Southern Cross. It is a picture that will touch every Southern heart, and should find a place in every Southern home. One copy sent by mail, mounted on a roller and postpaid, on receipt of 25 cents, or three for 60 cents. Address John Barrow & Co., Bristol, Tenn. Agents wanted everywhere to sell our cheap and popular pictures. \$5 to \$10 per day easily made. No money required until pictures are sold. Send stamp for catalogue and terms.

NO EXCUSE FOR BEING SICK.—No person can use Boschee's German Syrup without getting immediate relief and cure. We have the first case of Coughs, Colds or Consumption, or any disease of the Throat and Lungs, yet to hear from that has not been cured. We have distributed every year, for three years, over 250,000 Sample Bottles by Druggists in all parts of the United States. No other Manufacturer of Medicines ever gave their preparations such a test as this. Go to your Druggists, Blair Walsh and Flow, and get a bottle for 75 cents and try it. Two doses will relieve you. Samples Bottles 10 cents each.

PIANOS AND ORGANS.—SPECIAL CASE OFFERS.—For cash in hand we offer Pianos and Organs at positively the lowest prices ever known. Here are the figures:

A 7 Octave Rosewood Piano, Carved Legs, Maker's price \$400. Our price \$215.

A 7 Octave Rosewood Piano, Carved Legs, Largest Size, Maker's price \$425. Our price \$235.

A 7 Octave Rosewood Piano, Carved Legs, Largest Size, Rich Case, Maker's price \$500. Our price \$275.

A 5 Octave Parlor Organ, Walnut Case, Double Reed, Seven Stops, Maker's price \$175. Our price \$110.

A 5 Octave Parlor Organ, Walnut Case, Double Reed, Nine Stops, Maker's price \$200. Our price \$120.

All from strictly first-class Makers. Guaranteed and money returned if not as represented. Other styles at proportionately low rates. Stool and Cover with each Piano. Very low rates for one half cash and balance in one year. For Illustrated Catalogues and further information send at once to Ludden & Bates' Southern Music House Savannah, Ga. 43-1m.

In this place on the 25th ult., of Scarlet Fever, little Bessie, daughter of Capt. L. A. W. and Mrs. M. M. Turner; aged 16 months.

In Sharon, Mecklenburg county, on the 26th ult., of dropsy of the heart, Mr. W. A. Austin; aged 50 years. Mr. A. was at one time a citizen of this place.

"Pa, what is a Radical?" "A Radical is a rampaging animal of the genus homo; but is occasionally found in the Middle States. It is a satanic spawn of Puritan parentage conceived in sin, born in iniquity, nursed at the breast of jealousy, rocked in the cradle of prejudice and self esteem, and subsisted by public and private plunder! Now, my son I have explained Radical, can you parse it?" "Radical is a compound, unconstitutional noun; black in person, doling in number, African in color, and desperate case and governed by the nigger, according to the old Puritan rule—one ignorant governs another." "Now my son you catch your pony and take a ride."

A DOLLAR AND A HALF TOWN.—No wonder New Hampshire went Republican. She was the best bought up little State ever on the block. The Merrimac Journal publishes two letters showing that two hundred and fifty dollars were sent to one little town of one hundred and forty votes. The town is called South Hampton. About one dollar and a half to each man carried the whole place by a tremendous majority.

General News.—Boston, March 28. The Post publishes an account of an interview with Gen. Kilpatrick. He denied that he left Washington to escape testifying before the investigating committee. He says he is ready to swear that Gen. Butterfield offered him \$20,000 to assist him in securing the New York collectorship, and can bring a half dozen witnesses who saw the offer in writing.

How busy are the little B's, They improve each shining hour, And gather money every way, While holding on to power.

Belknap stood on his burning ship, Babcock stood at the rudder, Beecher with uplifted hands, Cries "my brudder! O my brudder."

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, March 30.—Gov. Ames has resigned, and impeachment proceedings have been stopped. Col. J. M. Stone, President pro tem of the Senate, is in the gubernatorial chair.

Boston, March 26. Thos. W. Piper, convicted of the murder of Mabel Young, in the church belfry, was sentenced to death to-day.

Cliffin & Co's. boot factory, at Hopkinton, was burned last night. Loss \$200,000. About two hundred and fifty employees are ousted.

The merchants of Atlanta, Ga., petition against the repeal of the bankrupt law.

MONROE MARKET.	
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY TROTT, CROWELL & CO. MONDAY, April 3.	
Cotton, 1/2 lb.	6 a 14
Bacon, "	12 a 15
Lard, "	18 a 20
Butter, "	18 a 20
Cheese, "	18 a 20
Pork, "	8 a 10
Beef, "	5 a 6
Beeswax, "	25 a 30
Hallow, "	8
Rice, "	10 a 13
Coffee, "	25 a 35
Sugar, "	10 a 15
S. Potatoes, 1/2 bu.	80 a 85
I. Potatoes, "	— a 50
Corn, "	80 a 85
Meal, "	80 a 85
Oats, "	45 a 50
Flour, 1/2 sack,	\$3 25 a 3 40
Chickens, "	20 a 25
Eggs, 1/2 doz.,	10 a 12 1/2

New Advertisements.

Mrs. COVINGTON's Picture Gallery is now completed, and she is doing some line work. Call and see specimens. Gallery two doors West of Stewart's old stand. Feb 12, tf.

FOR RENT.

For the balance of the year, a desirable one-story Dwelling, situated in a pleasant neighborhood, close enough to business portion of town. A splendid Well on the lot, with garden, out-houses, &c. Will be rented at low rates. Apply to W. W. BLAKENEY. April 3-44-1m.

NOTICE.

The public are hereby warned against trading for a certain note given by me to Leo Parker, for Fifty Dollars, dated in the Spring of 1875, as the conditions for which the said note was given have not been fulfilled. ZACHARIAH SMITH. April 3-44-1t.

SOMETHING NEW FOR THE LADIES

In a few days we will open at our store, one door north of J. D. Stewart's Dry Goods store, a full line of MILLINERY GOODS, especially selected for this market. The ladies are respectfully invited to examine our Stock before purchasing their spring Hats and Bonnets. Miss Dickinson, a first class Milliner, will have charge of this department. The day of opening will be announced hereafter. TOWNSEND & CO. March 27-43-2t.

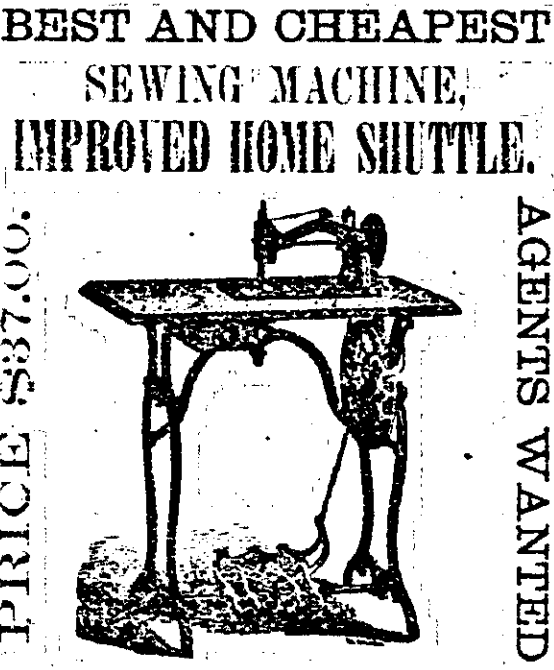
DENTAL NOTICE.

My office in Monroe will be closed during the third and fourth weeks in April, as I will be at White's Store during that time, and will be prepared to wait on any persons in that vicinity wishing work done. B. S. TRAYWICK, D. D. S. April 3-44-2t.

DESIRABLE DWELLING FOR SALE.

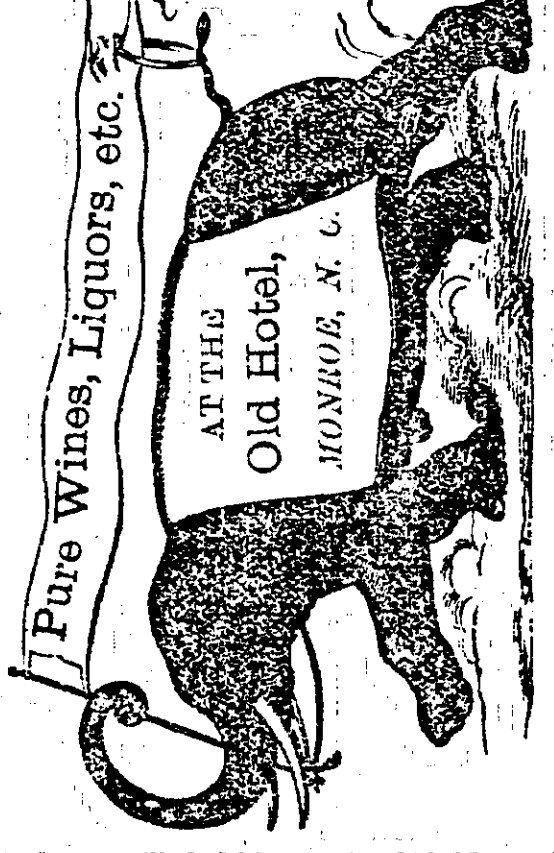
A one story Dwelling on a lot situated in a new part of Monroe in a good neighborhood, is offered for sale. The house is well finished throughout, painted and plastered. Good garden spot. Will be sold low down for cash. Apply soon at the ENQUIRER OFFICE. April 3-44-1t.

THE BEST AND CHEAPEST SEWING MACHINE. IMPROVED HOME SHUTTLE.



PRICE \$37.00. in every county in North and South Carolina, Georgia & Florida. D. G. MAXWELL, Gen'l Agent, CHARLOTTE, N. C. April 3-44-1t.

The Elephant HAS COME



And you will find him at the Old Monroe Hotel, and if you want any Good, Pure Whiskey for medicinal purposes, just send or bring your ing. I have just received a large lot of Pure Whiskey, and all kinds of Rum, Gin, Ginger Brandy, Blackberry and Cherry. All kinds of Fine Whiskey, from \$2.00 to \$10.00 per gallon. Just call and see for yourself. Yours Fraternally, B. M. PRESSON, At the Sign of the Elephant. Feb 21-38-3m.

WILD OATS, THE Champion Comic Paper OF AMERICA.

Prospectus for 1876.

This sparkling and brightly illustrated weekly, humorous and satirical paper has entered upon the seventh year of its jolly existence, and this being the Centennial year of our nation's independence, the publishers take pride in saying that it will not be, as it never has yet been, a whit behind the times in holding up the humorous or satirical side of everything American. The merry side of this great and glorious year will receive special attention in the bright columns of America's favorite humorous paper. The publishers of Wild Oats point with pride to the wholly unanticipated success of their paper, and pledging themselves that it will be in the future even better than in the past, they ask a continuation of that kind patronage which has placed it at the head and front of American humorous papers. We have made arrangements which will enable us to present Wild Oats in a brighter and better shape than heretofore, having recently taken possession of our new publication office, and had fine copper-plate type cast especially for us, together with all the vast paraphernalia required in the production of such a paper as we give the public at the low price of ten cents per copy. We are also making arrangements with some new writers, and shall at the same time retain such old favorites as Thomas Wolfe, Frank Bellows, Hopkins, Wolf, Wales, Frank Beard, Bibber, Oppen, Stockhardt, Rothgater, Ben Day, Kettell, Palmer, Cox, Mann, Kingsbury, Stull, White, Sperry, Eaton, Sheldon, etc., while the editorial department will remain in the hands of its founder, the venerable Brickfoot, of whom enough is known without more being said. As an additional inducement to subscribe for the Centennial year, we have at great expense prepared a comic chronicle, the crowning effort of that graphic mason, Hopkins. It is a work of art, worthy of an elegant frame, and is worth at least one-half the price asked for the subscription. It is a "horse piece," being a burlesque of Mæzetta tied to the back of the fairy, untamed steed. A copy will be sent to each subscriber during the year. Advertisers are beginning to find out that Wild Oats reaches a greater number of lives than any other illustrated paper in America, and therefore it is a first-class medium of advertising. To those who know Wild Oats we need not say that it has not, does not, and will not contain a word or an illustration which may not be taken into every family in the land. We give in various sized doses, but never vulgarity in any shape. It is thoroughly American in sentiment, wholly original, sharp and incisive, and right to the point in dealing with men and events of the day. One copy at any time will convince you of this.

Subscription Price.—Post paid. One Year, \$4.00. Six Months, 2.00. Single Numbers, 0.10. Address: COLLIN & SMALL, 80 Beekman Street, N. Y.

SOMETHING NEW In Charlotte.

A LONG FELT WANT SUPPLIED.

The undersigned begs leave to inform Lawyers, Clerks of Courts, Principals of Schools, and the public generally, that his

BOOK BINDING ESTABLISHMENT IN CHARLOTTE

is now in full operation, and that he is prepared to show first-class work, which has been done at his Bindery.

BOOKS BOUND In Every Style.

Names printed in Gold on Bibles, Prayer Books, Psalms, Umbrellas, &c. HE IS PREPARED TO GET UP Blank Books, Receipts, Notes, Drafts & Checks. Blank Books from the smallest Memorandum to the largest Bank Ledger. In connection with the above I will keep on hand a splendid stock of

Books and Stationery. PAPER HANGINGS A Specialty.

Soliciting a share of your favors, I am, Yours Respectfully, H. L. Koellsch. March 27, 76-43-1y.

Wanted—Business Men.

To engage in the sale of a Business Book. PROF. PARSONS' NEW LAW BOOK. THE PERSONAL AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

OF A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES; How to Exercise and How to Preserve them.

THE WORK IS ESSENTIAL TO Every Voter in the Union; to every Tax Payer and Magistrate; to every Man who Buys, Sells, or Exchanges property; to every Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Commissioner of Solicitors; to every Landlord and every Tenant; to every Notary, Clerk, or Bookkeeper; to every Executor, Heir-at-Law, or Legatee; to every Man who Receives or Pays Interest; to every one who has Property to take care of, or business to transact, Civil Duties to perform, or Rights to maintain. Send for Circulars, giving Terms, etc. S. S. SCRANTON & CO. Hartford, Conn. 43-1t.

J. H. STEVENS, House & Sign Painter.

Would respectfully inform the citizens of Monroe that he is fully prepared to undertake and execute all work in his line, with promptness. All kinds of Graining beautifully and artistically done with Bestine's Graining Machines, transferring the natural growth of the wood. Doors, Mantels, &c., re-Grained at low rates. A portion of the public patronage solicited. All orders left at the Drug Store of W. H. Smith & Co. will receive prompt attention. Refers, by permission, to Dr. T. W. Bickett, Dr. W. H. Smith, and T. C. Willoughby, Esq. Feb. 21-38-1t.

FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY.

W. H. FITZGERALD, Agent, MONROE, N. C. For Southern Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Richmond, Va. Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Co. of Richmond, Va. Faneuil Hall Fire Insurance Co. of Boston, Mass. is prepared to place large lines of Insurance in first class Companies at equitable rates. March 27, 76-43-1t.

Save Money.

Why pay double prices. You can buy \$15 worth of goods for \$10. Why not do it? The Great N. E. Dollar Sale, 33 Bromfield St., Boston, is firmly established, and for years has sold really valuable goods worth \$1.50 to \$3 at a fixed price of ONLY ONE DOLLAR. We are endorsed and recommended by the best papers and leading merchants. Our sale is an honorable business enterprise and we do not sell at less than other dealers. In these times it pays to save money. We sell Jewelry, Silver and Plated Ware, Glassware, Cutlery, Dry and Fancy Goods, Groceries, Teas, Coffees, Spices, and in fact every thing, including 5,000 elegant books. Retail at \$1.50 to \$4, and all for just one dollar. There is no "ticket," "order slip" or other trickery. One dollar secures any article on the list. We O. D. list you see goods before paying. Over 75,000 persons attest the popularity of our great sale. We need agents everywhere. We cannot give any idea here of our business. Our list of goods would fill this entire paper. Send at once for our list. Over 75,000 persons attest the popularity of our great sale. Will you do it? If so address at once H. ORMISTON & CO., N. E. DOLLAR SALE, 33 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

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Do you want Books, Cards, Love Letters, Prints, Photographs? Why then do you waste money on swindlers. Instead send to the old reliable house of Hunter & Co. Established in 1830. We supply all books, all goods and at lowest rates. Send for some of these. Trunk Full of Fun, 15c; How to win a Sweetheart, 30c; Golden Wreath Fortune Telling, 40c; Book of Love Letters, 50c; Boxing Made Easy, 15c; Morgan's Memory Exposed, 25c; Hunters Guide, 25c; Grangers Exposed, 15c; Illustrated, 50c; How to write short hand, 50c; How to unmask an evasive party, 30c; Dancing made easy, 50c; How Gamblers Win, 30c; Leap Year Cards, Love Making Cards, Fortune Telling Cards, Courtship Cards, 4 kinds, each in one only 30c; Complete Pocket Holy, 50c; Chesterfield's Letter Writer, 40c; Monitor of Freemasonry, 75c; How to win and how to lose, 15c; The Laws of Love, 30c; Ladies Guide to Beauty, 30c, &c., &c., &c. Remember any or all of the above will be sent to you prepaid on receipt of price. We import and hunt up foreign and scarce books. We make it a study. We want your patronage. Send for our circulars. It will pay you to deal with us. Do not risk money with swindlers, but send at once to the "old reliable." Hunter & Co., Himsdale, N. H.

FOR RENT!

A FOUR-HORSE COTTON FARM in Providence is offered for rent for the present year by H. M. HOUSTON. March 6-43-1t.

TO FARMERS!

Make Your Own FERTILIZERS.

USE HARRIS' EMPIRE COMPOST, OR, HOME-MADE Fertilizer.

UNION COUNTY, N. C., Dec. 1875. I used this year two tons of Harris' Empire Compost, and am so well pleased with it that I consider the formula alone worth \$100 to me, and I shall use a double quantity the next season. The cheapness of it, and the general utility, making it indispensable to farmers. I never expect to use any other kind. A HEMBY.

BEAVER DAM, N. C. Nov. 1875. I certify that I have used Harris' Empire Compost, and find it as good as the Navassa under Cotton, at about one-fourth of the price. One ton goes over ten acres. Dr. T. L. DOSTER.

Chemicals for making the above Fertilizers for sale by B. D. HEATH & CO. Monroe, N. C. Feb. 7-36.

THE OLD PACIFIC GUANO AND ACID PHOSPHATE

For Composting with Cotton Seed. STANDARD ADVANCED AND PRICE REDUCED.

These Fertilizers have been used in this section for years and are known to be FIRST CLASS in every respect, and we can safely recommend them to the farming public. EVERY BAG WARRANTED GENUINE. Call on us for circulars and prices before buying. BURROUGHS & SPRINGS, Agents, CHARLOTTE, N. C. Feb. 28. 39-2m.

Union County, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

G. W. Helms, Adm'r of Jonathan Norcott, dec'd, Plaintiff, AGAINST Wm. J. Norcott, Brown Crump and wife, Apsey Crump, James Crump and wife, Rebecca Crump, and others, heirs of J. Norcott, dec'd, Defendants.

State of North Carolina, To the Sheriff of Union County—Greeting. You are hereby commanded to summon W. J. Norcott, M. M. Norcott, Brown Crump and Apsey Crump, his wife, James Crump and wife, Rebecca Crump, and others, heirs at law of Jonathan Norcott, the Defendants above named, if they be found in your county, to be and appear before the Clerk of our Superior Court and Judge of Probate, at a Court to be held for the County of Union at the Court House in Monroe, within 20 days after the service thereof, and let the said defendants take notice that if they fail to answer said petition and complaint within that time the plaintiff will take judgment against them for the relief demanded.

Hereof full not, and of this summons make due return. Witness, S. H. WALKUP, Clerk of said Court at office in Monroe, this eighth Monday after the second Monday in August, 1875, and in the 100th year of American Independence. Issued the 12th day of March, 1876. S. H. WALKUP, Clerk.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court in the above case, on the affidavit of petitioner, that Brown Crump and wife, Apsey Crump, James Crump and wife, Rebecca Crump, are non-residents of this State, it is therefore, on motion, ordered that publication be made, for six successive weeks, in the Monroe Enquirer, a newspaper published in said county, notifying said defendants to appear within 20 days after the expiration of said notice at the Clerk's office of the Superior Court of Union County, at the Court House in Monroe, and plead, answer or demur to said petition, or the case will be heard ex parte as to them. Witness, S. H. WALKUP, C. S. C. March 20-42-6t. 12.

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Farm and Household.



Makes for Farm Work.

A correspondent of the American Farm Journal thus strongly states the superiority of mules over horses for farm work in the South:

"Mules on an average are more valuable than horses, are more easily raised, are not so subject to disease, are not likely to run away in wagoning and plowing, are longer lived, will do more work and require less feed and attention; they are stronger, will draw a heavier load and stand a great deal more hardship, and are in every way preferable to the horse for general farm use. (Mules come in earlier, being ready for light work when three years old. They will then do enough work on the farm to pay for food; after having attained the age of four years, they are ready for any kind of service. But the horse (colt) must be kept until he is four years old before he is worked at all, and when he is four he must be a first-rate colt to bring as much as the mule will at two years old. But assume the animals are both required for farm work, see what a difference there is in favor of the mule. The working life of the mule can be safely estimated at thirty years, and that of a horse ten years. So while a mule is working its life out, three horses will be required to do equal service. But these are not the only items. The saving of feed is at least one-fourth, or less than 647 bushels of corn, and 427 tons of hay. These amounts, added to the original saving in purchase of animals, show an advantage in favor of the use of the mule over the horse of over \$1,000 during the ordinary life of the animal. The mule is less dainty about food, unground grain and dry feed being just the thing for him.

The Possibilities of an Acre of Land.

No man knows what these are. We know that two hundred bushels of corn were once grown on one acre, and that five bales of cotton have been made on the same area of soil, but we do not know that the limits of production were reached in either case. We should try to find out not merely how much of any given crop can be produced on an acre of land but how cheaply it can be grown. A big crop may not in all cases, be a profitable one. It may cost too much to make it. The greatest yield with the smallest possible outlay of capital and labor is what we aim at. As we have said before, I wish to impress the truth on the reader's mind—our farmers are often poor, not so much because their crops are small, and small they are, compared with what they might be—as because it costs too much to make them. We must learn to make larger crops with less labor. To do this, we must go over less ground, and make science and practical skill properly supplement muscle and machinery.—Rural Carolinian.

Care of the Teeth.

The teeth decay. Hence unseemly mouths, bad breath, imperfect mastication. Everybody regrets it. What is the cause? The reply is, want of cleanliness. A clean tooth never decays. The mouth is a warm place—ninety degrees. Particles of meat between the teeth soon decompose. Gums and teeth must suffer. Perfect cleanliness will preserve the teeth to old age. How shall it be secured? Use a quill pick and rinse the mouth after eating; brush and castile soap every morning; brush and water on going to bed. Bestow this trilling care upon your precious teeth, and you will keep them. Neglect it, and you will be sorry all your lives. Children forget; watch them. The first teeth determine the character of the second set. Give them equal care. Sugar, acids, saleratus and hot things are nothing, when compared with food decomposing between the teeth; long use may wear them out; but keep them clean and they will never decay. Practice upon this advice and you will never forget it.

The Soil For Cabbage.—Cabbages require a strong, heavy, clayey land, warmed with an abundance of nitrogenous manures. Night soil is very useful in cultivating this crop. At any rate, whatever manure you use do not use sparingly. It is a good plan to apply ashes either to the plant when transplanted or when it first starts in the hill, as a terror to the maggot, which is always threatening the life of the young cabbage.

"Facts are Stubborn Things."

Thousands of human beings are yearly borne on the swift current of disease down to the grave, just because they do not possess a sufficient knowledge of themselves. A man meets his neighbor, and the first salutation is, "How are you?" or "How is your health?" The reply frequently is, "Oh, I am well, with the exception of a cold." Most persons lightly regard a cold. Reader, do you know that a cold is one of the most dangerous of maladies? A cold not only clogs up the pores of the entire system, and retards circulation, but it is productive of Catarrh, which is quite apt to lead to Consumption. "Oh," you say, "it is nothing but a cold in my head." True; but that cold is really a mild form of Catarrh, and if not arrested in its course will become chronic. Catarrh is one of the most disagreeable, offensive affections in the catalogue of diseases. The passage to the nose is obstructed, the sense of smell impaired, and there is a disagreeable sensation of pressure in the head. In the more advanced stages, there is a discharge having an offensive odor. If the disease be allowed to continue in its course, thick, hard incrustations will form in the head, the bones of which sometimes become softened and break away in pieces. Why will persons continue to suffer from such an annoying, disgusting disease, when they can just as well be cured of it? Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy will cure the worst forms of Catarrh; in fact, it is the only sure and safe remedy which has yet been offered to the public. Many harsh, irritating preparations may, for a time, relieve the urgency of the symptoms, but they do not cure the disease. Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy is soothing and healing in its effects, and when used with Dr. Pierce's Nasal Douche, according to directions, does not fail to effect a cure. Sold by all Druggists.—Adv't.

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Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Notions and Fancy Articles, White Goods, Ladies' Dress Goods. A large Stock of Ladies and Misses Trimmed Hats, at short profits. Gents and Boys' Fur and Wool Hats, Boots and Shoes, Ready-Made Clothing.
In the Hardware Line, we keep a Good Stock of Pocket and Table Cutlery, Trace Chains, Weeding Hoes, Grub Hoes, Dixie Steel Swope, Shovels, Forks, Spades, &c.
Saddles and Bridles, Horse Collars, Sags, Coffee, and Molasses.

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A large lot of Chewing Tobacco, at Wholesale or Retail, on as reasonable terms as can be brought at any other house. Agents for E. W. Brady's Celebrated Window Shades.
Give us a trial before buying elsewhere, and satisfy yourselves that we sell as cheap as any other house—FOR CASH.
Thankful for past patronage, we open by fair and honest dealing to merit a continuance of the same. mOct. 19, 1875.—21-1f.

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Fifty second-hand Pianos always on hand, at prices ranging from \$75 to \$300.
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March 6-40-1f.

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OGBURN & ARMFIELD,
MONROE, N. C.

LIVERY AND SALE STABLE
HORSES AND MULES

The undersigned give notice that they are still in the above business, at Monroe, and have constantly on hand a fine lot of
HORSES AND MULES
Of all grades, from the humblest to a steady pacer to the sturdy team that will do any kind of work, and at a full and diligent, as can be found in any equine collection, and we feel warranted in assuring the public that we can give as good bargains in horses as can be obtained anywhere in the State.

EXCHANGING

Beck's the business of selling horses, we also buy and swap. While we don't deny that we can be beaten in a swap, yet to keep things lively we are always ready for a trade. So give us a call, all you wish to buy, sell or swap.

HORSE DROVERS

will, at all times, find ample accommodations at our Stables for their stock—attentive hostlers, clean, airy stables, plenty of provender and reasonable charges.

LIVERY DEPARTMENT.

Horses and Vehicles hired, and careful drivers to convey travelers to any point. This branch of our business is ever ready, and we are prepared at all times to furnish easy, comfortable, or teams and carriages, at the most favorable prices. Jan. 24th 36-1y

State of North Carolina,
UNION COUNTY,
SUPERIOR COURT.

John W. Griffin, Adm'r of Isaac Newsom, dec'd, J.

Against
Haupton Newsom, Philip Newsom,
and other next of kin and heirs at law of Isaac Newsom, dec'd.

Order of Publication.

In the foregoing proceeding, it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Haupton Newsom, Philip Newsom, Reuben Birmingham and wife, Charity Birmingham, the next of kin and heirs-at-law of Ephraim Newsom, dec'd, viz: Joseph Newsom and Joel Jenkins, the heirs at law and next of kin of Eliza Newsom, dec'd, viz: M. A. Manning and wife, Martha, J. T. Hanes and wife, Mary, Jefferson Graves and wife, Eliza, J. W. Spaton and wife, Frances, E. L. Givens and wife, Catherine, E. L. Newsom, I. J. Newsom, J. B. Newsom, and W. R. Newsom; the heirs at law and next of kin of Percy Davis, dec'd, viz: Haupton Davis, Isaac Davis, Joseph Davis, Albert Davis and wife, Sarah Ann, Martha Davis and Mary J. Davis; the heirs at law and next of kin of Wm. Newsom, dec'd, viz: James Newsom and Wm. Newsom, are all non-residents of this State, and their residences unknown to Petitioner. Upon motion of T. D. McCauley, Esq., attorney for Petitioner, it is ordered by the Court that publication be made for the above named non-residents for six successive weeks in the Monroe Enquirer, a newspaper published in the town of Monroe, in Union County, N. C., for said Defendants to be and appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County and State aforesaid, at the Court House in Monroe within twenty days from the expiration of this notice, then and there to plead, answer or demur to the Petition of J. W. Griffin, Adm'r of Isaac Newsom, dec'd, which is filed for the settlement of said Estate; otherwise, the proceeding will be heard *ex parte* as to them, and judgment given according to the prayer of the Petitioner and the merits of the case.

Witness, S. H. Walkup, Clerk of the Superior Court of Union County, at office in Monroe, N. C., this 11th February, 1876.

S. H. WALKUP, C. S. C.

ATTENTION!

B. D. HEATH & CO.,

DEALERS in Merchandise generally, once more invite the attention of their many customers to the fact that they are now able to offer unusual inducements in their varied stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, in fact, of most everything kept in a first-class general store. We make a specialty of FLOUR, TOBACCO, and FERTILIZERS. Have on hand and to arrive in the next ten days, 400 BARRELS FLOUR, which was bought for cash, and will be sold lower than the lowest. We only ask a call and examination of same. To convince the closest buyer, we will sell you a good barrel of Flour at \$6.25; a common barrel at \$5.50. We also keep constantly on hand a large stock of Zells and Wands.

FERTILIZERS,

which we sell at reasonable prices, payable in Mitting Cotton, at 15 cents per pound last November next. Our

TERMS ARE CASH

for everything except Fertilizers. We find from experience that the pay-down system is the best for both buyer and seller, from the fact that every item then acts on its own bottom, and the buyer will not pay for a large per cent to make up losses on those who do not pay. All we ask is, when you come to Monroe, call and get our prices, before you buy.

B. D. HEATH & CO.,
Monroe, N. C.
March 6-40-1f.

At Old Stand.

Having bought the interest of Mr. R. W. Schorn in the business lately conducted by Schorn & Braden, I take this method of informing the public that I can be found at the old stand, where I keep on hand at all times, a full supply of

FINE WINES
AND LIQUORS,

Cigars,
Tobacco,
LAGER BEER, &c.

Be sure and give me a call, and you will be satisfied. Next door to Central Hotel, Monroe, N. C.
A. R. BRADEEN.
March 6-40-1y.

THE
Big Coffee Pot.

HAVING MOVED MY
TIN SHOP
to the new building in rear of J. D. Stewarts old stand, I announce to the public that I am now better prepared than ever to furnish any and all kinds of

TIN WARE.

either Wholesale or Retail, cheap for cash. Roofing, Gutters, and in fact anything in the TIN LINE done as well and cheaply as can be had in this market.
Has a full stock of Cooking and Heating Stoves on hand at all times, which are offered at low prices. Is prepared to do STENCIL WORK, and can cut letters from half inch to six inches.
Tinware sold at wholesale at as low prices as can be had in any Northern market.
LOOK OUT FOR THE BIG COFFEE POT
J. W. RUDGE.
Aug. 30, 1875.—14-1f.

THE
People's Bank of Monroe.

H. M. HOUSTON, PRESIDENT.
E. A. ARMFIELD, CASHIER.

Board of Directors,
J. D. STEWART, T. D. WINCHESTER,
J. C. HAMILTON, J. C. HAMILTON,
C. ARSTIN, JACKSON SIMMONS,
A. F. STEVENS, A. H. CROWELL,
H. M. HOUSTON.

This Bank is now open for the transaction of a regular Banking Business; will receive deposits of Cash and Currency, allowing interest on same; loans and discounts made on liberal terms; will deal in bonds, stocks, and other securities; Gold and Silver Coins bought and sold; loans made on real estate, cotton in store, &c., on liberal terms. 24f

LUMBER
AND
BUILDING MATERIAL

I am now dealing in all kinds of Building Materials, and am prepared to sell Doors, Sash, Blinds, Pine, Walnut and Oak Lumber at a little lower prices than any other person in this market. A good stock of the above goods kept on hand at my Lumber Yard in Monroe, at all times.
My Saw Mill and Planing Machine is still in full operation, under the supervision of S. J. Willoughby and J. C. Young, and I am prepared to furnish dressed lumber at the following prices per 1000 feet:
Weather Boards and other Lumber, dressed on one side, but not jointed, \$14 50
Bastard Ceiling and Flooring, dried, dressed and matched, \$20 00
Quartered Ceiling & Flooring, dried, dressed and matched, \$22 50
Common Lumber in the rough, 20 feet in length, and under, \$12 50 per 1000 feet. Lumber from 20 to 30 feet long is worth \$2 50 per 1000 extra, and from 30 to 35 feet is worth \$7 50 per 1000 extra. Special Lumber for Sash, Doors, Window and Door Frames, \$5 00 per 1000 extra.
Post Oak, for Fence Posts, per 1000 feet, \$15 00
Oak Wagon Timber, per 1000 feet, 20 00
Picked Heart Lumber for Fencing, per 1000 feet, \$15 00
The above are the prices for Lumber at the Mills, and 20 cents per 100 will be added for hauling any Lumber delivered in Monroe.

I have some one and two-story Dwelling Houses in Monroe, just put up, which I offer for sale; or I have some unimproved lots on which I will build Houses to suit purchaser. Two of the unimproved lots lie near the public square, and are suitable for business houses, with room on either one for a dwelling also. I will also take building contracts and furnish all the material and put up any kind of a house that might be wanted.

Thanking the public for past patronage, I would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same, pledging myself to do all I can for their interests.

T. C. WILLOUGHBY.
Monroe, Oct. 12, 1875.—20-1y.

OLD EYES MADE NEW!

From experience, we know that every person

enough to use Glasses, has found great difficulty in procuring such as will prove satisfactory. Elderly

GENTS and LADIES

can get rid of this difficulty by going to H. Smead's Jeweler Store, where they will find a great quantity of Spectacles

MADE
YOUNG.

A great quantity on hand from which to select a pair, and at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$3.00.
H. SMITH.
Dec. 7-27-1f.

NEW STORE.

TOWNSEND & CO.,
Brick Store, one door north of J. D. Stewarts dry goods store.

Fancy Groceries,
CONFECTIONERIES,
Fruits, &c.

Highest price paid for Chickens, Eggs and Butter.
CASH buyers will find it to their interests to give us a call.
HAVE ON HAND
1,000 ORANGES,
25 Bbls. Sweet Potatoes,
10 Bbls. IRISH POTATOES,
of the very best kinds for seed.
Jan. 24-31-1f.

Stevens & Co.,

DRY GOODS,
NOTIONS,
CLOTHING,
HATS,
BOOTS, and
SHOES;
ALSO
A FULL LINE OF
GROCERIES.

OUR FALL STOCK IS
NOW COMPLETE,

INCLUDING A LARGE LOT OF
FURNITURE.

AND OFFERED ON OUR USUAL
FAVORABLE TERMS.
Monroe, N. C.
Oct. 26, 1875 22-4f.

NEW FALL AND
WINTER GOODS.

AT
WINCHESTER, STITT & CO'S.

Our Mr. T. D. Winchester has just returned from the Northern markets where he has purchased a new and very select stock of Fall and Winter Goods, which are now being received in store, and which will be sold at low prices, for cash.
Our Stock comprises a full assortment of
STAPLE and FANCY
NOTIONS, CLOTHING,
HATS,
BOOTS and
SHOES, GROCERIES,
HARDWARE, BAGGING and TIES,
and in fact, we keep almost everything usually found in a General Stock.

We return our thanks for past encouragement, and respectfully invite the public to call and examine our Goods and hear our prices before buying elsewhere
WINCHESTER, STITT & CO.
Oct. 5-19.

BURGESS NICHOLS & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail dealers in
FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c., &c.

Chamber and
Parlor Sets, Bed-
rooms, Bedsteads,
Wardrobes, Wash-
stands, Tables, Chairs,
of every description.
A full assortment of everything pertaining to our business. We carry a Large Stock, and our offer inducements to the trade. We solicit a call.
No. 5 West Trade Street,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
49-1y.

BARNES' FOOT-POWER SCROLL
SAWS AND LATHES.

\$5.00 to \$11.50 averaged per day with these Machines. All wood workers should use them. Boys can make \$5 per day with them, besides learning a profitable trade. For a sample of saving send 25 cents for The Mystic Puzzle, or Barnes' Dream. We send it by mail. Say where you read this, and address, for full description.

W. F. & JOHN BARNES,
Rockford, Wm. George Co.,
Illinois.
Box 2,044.
\$11.50 AVERAGED PER DAY.
Fulton, Mo., Dec. 14th, 1875.

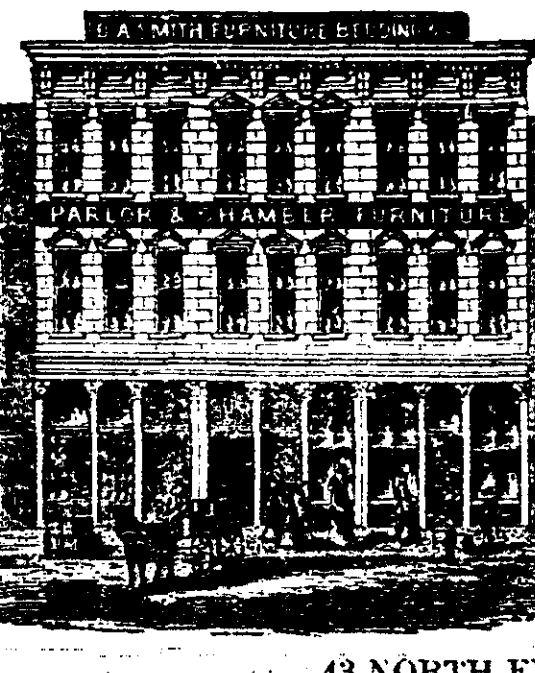
Messrs. W. F. & JOHN BARNES, Rockford, Ill.—Gentlemen: I saved 140 feet for balustrade for porch, and 15 brackets, in first two days running. Every one who has witnessed the working of the Saw has pronounced it the most useful machine ever invented. I have been working from twelve to sixteen men, and have done all my shop work (except saving) on your machine, running it all since I purchased it, and have paid nothing for repair, except for saws, which amount was comparatively small. Three weeks since I purchased some imported woods and some nice designs, and turned my attention to fret work. I have averaged per day, since that time, \$11.50. I know of no occupation as pleasant and profitable for a mechanic to spend his winter days as the above. Your machine runs so lightly and easily that it will not tire the most delicate man after a little practice; in fact, I consider your machine indispensable to any carpenter, however small his business is, as he can introduce the little machine to his scrap pile, and make enough brackets in one week to pay for his machine. I consider my machine just as essential in my shop as a set of bench planes. Very truly,
M. FRED BELL,
Architect and Builder.

Address, for full information,
W. F. & JOHN BARNES,
Rockford, Illinois.
Box 2,044.
March 6-40-6m.

JAMES PRATT
Barber and Hair-Dresser,
MONROE, N. C.

Takes pleasure in attending to the wants of his customers and the travelling public at all times, (except Sundays). He solicits patronage, and will endeavor to give perfect satisfaction. His shop is established and conducted upon the best principles, and the work is inferior to none done in

D. A. SMITH, Wilmington, N. C.



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N. B.—A full stock of Metallic Cases, and Wood Coffins always on hand. Orders by telegraph promptly attended to. Wilmington, N. C., May 4th, 1875.49-1y.

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Has been thoroughly tested every season and found
EQUAL TO ANY
AND SUPERIOR TO MANY.

ARMFIELD & LANEY, Agents,
Monroe, N. C.

The high standard of quality has been maintained, and it is considered by those who have given it a fair trial
THE BEST AND CHEAPEST
FERTILIZER MANUFACTURED.

DeROSSETT & CO., General Agents,
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To whom apply for Local Agency at office 1011 St. Feb 28-39-2

COTTON FOR GUANO!

A FAIR EXCHANGE.

THE CELEBRATED FERTILIZER,
WILCOX, GIBBS & CO'S
MANIPULATED GUANO!

Is offered on the following liberal terms:—On Credit to 1st November, 1876, with option of paying in Cotton on the basis of 17 cents for Mitting, delivered at Planter's nearest dock, (planter paying expenses on Cotton to destination).
THE ADVANTAGE to the Farmer in buying on these terms is plain, as he will know when he buys the Guano, that 412 pounds Cotton (Mitting) will pay for it, no matter how low the price may be, and can make his calculations accordingly. The quality of THIS GUANO IS UNEQUALLED, as has been thoroughly established by the use of the MANY THOUSAND TONS we have sold. Our Agents sell on the same terms.

WILCOX, GIBBS & CO.,

Importers and Dealers in Guano, Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga.
For sale by JAS. T. PETTEWAY, Agent,
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A very desirable STORE ROOM on Depot street, near business part of town. Suitable for a Millinery establishment or Confectionery. Apply to
HORACE SMITH,
March 6 40-1f.