A Neat Operation.

On the last trip down of the Magnolia two very elegantly dressed gentlemen came aboard at Vicksburg, and took a state-room together. Shortly after the boat got under, way, one of the gentlemen came up to the temporary or acting clerk, a worthy citizen, and asked for some thread and sealing wax, which being given to him, he proceeded to tie up a small longitudinal package, which he handled very daintily, and, having duly sealed and fastened, wrote the words, "Valuable—J. K." and delivered it to the acting clerk, to be deposited in the iron safe, as it contained bank notes to the value of $5,000. On the arrival of the Magnolia, the two strangers told the acting clerk that they would go up to the hotel, and secure rooms, and then return for the package of money left with him, and then settle for their passage. The clerk politely accepted to this request, and the gentlemen left. The next day passed, and the strangers had not returned to get their package. At night the captain, on looking into the passage-book observed that the two showy strangers had not settled for their fare; he inquired into the matter, and the acting clerk acquainted him with the fact of the valuable deposite "By Jupiter," exclaimed the excitable captain, "if they haven't called before this, it is a sham. Let us look at it." The package was produced, and duly opened in the presence of witnessess, when it proved to be composed of a number of slips of newspapers, about the width of bank notes, folded together, and then enveloped in stout brown paper, and duly tied with thread and sealed with wax. "Well," exclaimed the amiable and jokeloving captain, "L—, you are badly sold; that is about as neat an operation as I have ever seen." In the meantime, the well-dressed strangers had taken the "shute," and disappeared in the mass of erring mortality which surges through our streets.—*N. O. Delta.*

Gov. D and the Scarecrow.—Governor D., of—no matter what State—was a plain farmer-like man; in fact, aside from his political office, his profession was that of a farmer. He had an orchard behind his house, to which he paid a great deal of attention.

In personal appearance, the Governor was not very prepossessing. He was tall and gaunt, and when about his work, was generally in the habit of wearing a faded dressing-gown, which was of exceeding length, coming nearly to his feet.

It chanced one day, that a gentleman fashionably dressed called at the Governor's residence and inquired for him. He was in quest of a certain office which lay in the Governor's gift.

"He is not at home just at present," said Mrs. D., "but if you will come in and take a seat, no doubt he will be along soon."

The visitor accepted the invitation, and seated himself in the plain sitting-room, entered into conversation with the Governor's lady.

"I believe," said he, "that this is considered a fine agricultural place. Does your husband own much land?"

"Some thirty acres. He is quite a farmer."

"I caught a glimpse of an orchard just behind the house. That, I suppose, belongs to him?"

"Yes; he prides himself on his orchard."

"I see you find it necessary to use scarecrows to frighten away the birds."

"Scarecrows!" The Governor's lady astonished. "No," said she, "we never employ any."

"Why, I am quite sure that I saw one in one of the trees, rigged up in a long fluttering robe."

"I don't think Mr. D has put any into the orchard. You can look from this window, and perhaps you will see the object which you mistook."

"There it is now," was the reply, as he pointed out a figure standing on a limb of one of the trees, dressed in a pair of overalls, with a faded robe fluttering in the breeze, "that's the scarecrow! I was sure that I was not mistaken!"

"*That a scarecrow!*" said Mrs D. in amazement, "*why, that's my husband!*"

The victim of this embarrassing mistake had just enough voice left to inquire for his hat, upon which he immediately withdrew, thinking it best to defer his application for office to a more convenient season.
Yankee Blade.

The Lord's Business.—Our friend Col. Harper, says the Knickerbocker for December, who did the city good service as mayor, (but whose tin porringer around the Park fountain didn't prove a profitable investment.) is a good deal of a wag, and loves a joke as well as his dinner. We happened to be sitting in the counting room of the "brothers" one day, when there entered a sleek-looking gentleman, with a strait-collared, cut away coat, and a broad-brimmed drab hat. He advanced towards "the Colonel:" "Is Mr. Hopkins in?" I'm *one* of them," said the ex-Mayor. "Well, sir, my name is Uriah G Hopkins. I belong to the Oneida Conference.—I am a minister of the Gospel. I want aid. I came here on the Lord's business!" "The man who attends to the Lord's business," said the Colonel, without moving a muscle, "is out at present: he will be in at two o'clock!" This was the simple fact—all donations to religious and charitable societies being delegated to only one particular partner of the house.

Anecdote of a Gate.—A correspondent of the Home Journal, writing of gates, tells this anecdote:

"I once passed through a door-yard gate which did, though unintentionally, give an indication of the designer's character. The gate was a common one, shut by a chain and ball. But the post to which the inner end of the chain was attached, was carved and painted in the likeness of a negro, with one hand raised to his cocked hat, and the other extended to welcome you in. As you opened the gate toward you, in going in, the negro post-porter bent toward you, by a joint in his back, and fairly bowed you in. Upon letting the gate go, the spring in his back brought him up standing again, ready for the next comer. This faithful fellow performed the amiable for his master for many years, without reward, except now and then a new coat—of paint; and finally died of a rheumatic back, contracted in his master's service.—*Yankee Blade.*

Telegraphic Feats.—The English papers record the following remarkable telegraphic feats as instances of the perfection to which the use of electricity, as a medium of communication has attained:

"In the Sydenham Palace a block of marble was much wanted. The telegraph was set to work, and a message sent to Cairo, asking if they had a block that would be suitable. Almost directly an answer was returned that a block was then lying at the quarry at Cairo, and a ship was lying in the harbor about to sail for England. Immediately another message was sent back ordering the marble, and it came to England by that very ship. The other instance was quite as curious. When the Queen went to Ireland, it was arranged she should launch at Tamworth, but it was discovered there was no plate at hand. They wanted to borrow it from Sir Robert Peel at Drayton Manor, but Sir Robert had got to Switzerland. Then came the question, whether they should send to Birmingham and get some plate there, or send word to Geneva by the electric telegraph. They did the latter, and almost immediately a message came back from Sir Robert Peel, placing Drayton Manor and all its contents at the service of the Queen."

A man six feet high, standing in the middle of an extensive plain, can see the surface of the earth around him to the distance of three miles on every side—that is, he stands in a circle whose diameter is six miles.—A man of equal size, standing outside of this circle, could not be seen by the man standing in the centre. The convexity of the earth interposes to prevent one from seeing the other.

The following inscription is copied from a church yard in Essex:—

Here lies the man Richard,
And Mary his wife;
Their surnames was Pritchard,
They lived without strife;
And the reason was plain—
They abounded in riches,
They had no care or pain,
And his wife wore the breeches.

A Snake Story.—The Buffalo Express says:—"Miss Permelia Dumas, daughter of J. B. Dumas, tavern keeper at Strykersville, Wyoming county, N. Y., recently ejected from the stomach a black snake some six or seven inches in length! It had a white ring around its neck, very distinctly marked. The serpent was about the size of a common goose quill.

A Wife with three Husbands.—Gertude Kohler, a German woman has been arraigned at Albany, charged with having three husbands. When asked what had induced her to leave her two first husbands, she answered that they were "nichts goot," and that Mr. Kohler was worth "about six hundtret of such tirty rascals. I try dem all," said she, "and takes de bestest; and if he not goot, I tries blenty more, till I finds a Dutchman dat suits jest right."

Due Maturity for Marriage.—When the mother takes no pains, the marriage of the daughter, even if not in itself intelligible, is likely to be unduly deferred. For the age at which marriage is a very material consideration. Aristotle was of opinion that the bridegroom should be thirty-seven years of age, and the bride eighteen, alleging physical reasons which I venture to think exceedingly inconclusive. Eighteen for the bride is the least to be objected to, and world yet be rather early in this climate. A girl of that age may be not absolutely unprepared for marriage, but she has hardly had time for that longing and yearning affection which is to be her best security after.

The woman should marry, therefore, rather before than after that culminating period of personal charm, which, varying much in different individuals, is but a short period in any, and occurs in early youth in almost all. She should be between twenty and thirty years of age, but nearer the former than the latter period. Now, the man at such an age would probably be too light for the man's part in such a marriage; and the more so when marrying a wife equally young. For when two young people are joined together in matrimony, it is as if one sweet pea should be put as a prop to another. The man may, therefore, be considered most marriageable when he is a little beyond thirty. In the case of a serious and thoughtful man, it need not be deferred so long, for, in such a case, a remark made in a letter of Lord Bacon's will probably be verified—that a man finds himself seven years older the day after his marriage.

Jokes Never Die.—Jokes are immortal. Capital or shocking they survive the most studied speeches of orators, the profoundest papers of statesmen. Had some antedeluvian editor treated his readers to one, we do not believe that all the waters of the flood could have drowned it. A good joke now a-days, goes to help digest the roast beef and cherry puddings of a thousand families. It makes the circuit of the worlds, steams over the ocean, skates on telegraph wires, tunnels, mountains, rides expresses, excites the risible of armies and of evening circles, makes many merry, and harms no one. Verily, a good joke is a great thing, and a bad one is abominable. Let jocose people beware.

No Choice.—In one of the courts recently, an individual attired in a Quakerish-looking garb, was called to the witness stand. The judge, taking him for a member of the Society of Friends, thus addressed him: "Will you swear or affirm?" "Just as thee d——n please, sir," was the reply.

Young America.—"My son," said a doating father who was about taking his son into business, "what shall be the style of the firm?" "Well governor," said the one-and-twenty youth, looking up in the heavens to find an answer. "I don't know; but suppose we have it 'John H. Samplin and Father.'" The old gentleman was struck with the originality of the idea, but could not adopt it.

Mrs. Partington.—Mrs. Partington says she never cared much about grand spectacles, or other sights; but there are two things she would like to have seen—the inoculation of Frank Pierce and corporatoin of Queen Victoria.

"Illustrated with cuts," said a young urchin, as he drew his pocket knife across the leaves of his grammar. "Illustrated with cuts," reiterated the schoolmaster, as he drew his cane across the back of the young urchin.

The man who "carried the thing too far," has let it drop. The sheriff is after him.

The following pun is one out of a number of specimens given by the "State of Main," of a budget of them recently submitted in competition for a prize of a silver cup in Portland:

"When does a man rob his wife?"
"When he *hooks* her dress.

A Constantinople letter of Nov. 16th says that the greatest excitement prevails in Affghanistan.—Dost Mahommed has declared to the shah of Persia, that the Affghans are at war with Russia, and that he means to attack them in the direction of Chirvan, and that he is resolved to march through the Persian territories, even against the crescent of the shah, if refused. The khan of Bokora has been killed by a band of rioters, mostly Affghans.

Heavy Rents.—It is stated that the property on Broadway and the south corner of Courtland street, New York, fifty feet front by one hundred, has been leased at $8000 per annum for fifteen years, the lessee to put up a building costing $50.000, to revert to the owner at the expiration of the lease. A bonus of $100,000, it is said, has been offered for this lease, and refused, it being considered as really worth three times that sum, from the rental expected to be realized.

A Solemn Question.—At a recent meeting of a parish, a solemn, straightbodied, and most exemplary deacon, submitted a report in writing, of the destitute and others standing in need of assistance in the parish.

"Are you sure, deacon," asked another solemn brother, "that you have *embraced* all the widdows?"

He answered that "he believed he had done so, but if any had been omitted, the omission could be easily corrected."

An Old Man.

CHESTER DISTRICT, South Carolina, January 3d, 1853.

Messrs. Mortimer & Mowbray—Gentlemen:—For the last five years I have been a severe sufferer from Rheumatism, the seeing your recommendation of Hamp'on's Vegetable Tincture, I purchased a bottle and the first dose has so much relieved me that I consider it but justice to give to the suffering world the result of the application.

Mine was acute Rheumatism in the back—so bad that I was confined to my bed for the last six months. The first bottle acted like a charm, the second restored strength to my poor afflicted back, and I am now as well and feel as young as when I was sixteen. I am now seventy four years of age.

I consider your Tincture the greatest discovery of the age; and poor suffering humanity ought to erect a monument to Dr. Hampton, who has saved thousands from pain. And you, gentlemen, have acted the part of public benefactors in disseminating the benefits which have resulted from your invaluable Tincture.

I am a plain cotton planter, and have never written for literary fame; but when my fellow beings are afflicted, shall I hesitate, or, through modesty, withhold any information valuable to my fellow man? So, if you consider this worthy of a place in any of your newspapers, you are at liberty to make use of it.

Yours, truly, ALVAH KEMBALL.

A cure by Holloway's Ointment and Pills of a Tumour in the Knee.

Eighteen months ago Mrs. Jones, of Portugal-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, caught a severe cold, which settled in her knee, and formed a tumor on the joint, which in the course of time became so stiff that she could not bend it, and it continued so for twelve months. She tried remedy after remedy, but to no purpose and she became fearfully alarmed. At last she rubbed Holloway's Ointment into it unsparingly every night and morning, and took the Pills, which completely dispersed the tumor, and the joint has become again as pliant as ever, and free from pain.

Sold at the Establishment of Professor Holloway, 244, Strand (near Temple Bar, London,) and by all respectable Druggists and Dealers in Medicines throughout the British Empire, and of those of the United States, in Boxes at 37½c., 87c., $1 50, each. Wholesale by the principal Drug houses of the Union; by Messrs. A. B. & D. Sands, New York; S. B. & J. A. Evans, Wilmington, N. C.

☞There is a considerable saving by taking the largest sizes.

N. B. Directions for the guidance of patients in every disorder are affixed to each Box.

The Citizens intend to elect this ticket, *just as it stands.* If either of the gentlemen, whose names are used, doe not wish to serve, he can decline after the election:

ROBT. H. COWAN,
WM. B. JONES,
WM. A. WRIGHT,
D. McMILLAN,
THOS. H. HOWEY,
ELI W HALL,
JOHN GRIFFITH.

Dec. 22, 1853.91-te—16te.

TEMPERANCE TICKET.
For Commissioners of Town.

O. G. PARSLEY.
R. H. COWAN.
J. J. CONOLEY.
J. S. GREEN.
W. A. WRIGHT.
I. NORTHROP.
Dr. W. W. HARRISS. D17-87-te

For Commissioners of the Town of Wilmington.

MILES COSTIN,
THOMAS H. LANE,
Dr. W. W. HARRISS.
D. A. LAMONT.
L. A. HART.
J. H. FLANNER.
ALFRED MARTIN. [D13—83-tDnoo

The following gentlemen will be supported by many citizens, for Commissioners of Town:

MILES COSTIN,
THOS. C. MILLER,
Dr. W. W. HARRISS,
ELI W. HALL,
D. McMILLAN,
A. H. VANBOKKELEN,
Dr. DAN'L DuPRE. [Dec. 15—83-te*

NOW'S YOUR TIME. From N. Y. per shers. L. P. Smith and Ben; 45 boxes Ada. Candles; 10 boxes sperm do.; 10 kegs of best Goshen Butter; 25 boxes of prime Cheese; 20 Stewart, Bassing & Co., hard ass'd Candies; Low for Cash, at GEO. H. KELLEY'S.

DIED,

In Hinde's county, Miss., on the 11th instant. Mrs. Sarah Eliza Reynolds, consort of Dr. James M. Reynolds, and daughter of the late Col. Giles W. Pearson, of this State.—The deceased was taken, in the bloom of youth, from the midst of a circle of endeared friends, under the afflicting circumstances that accompany "sudden death." In all the relations of daughter, wife and mother, her deportment furnished a beautiful exemplification of that perfect peace and happiness that is only secured by a habitual cultivation of the affections. Sad as is the lot of those whose hearts have been made desolate by this occurrence, they have the consolation of a well founded hope, inspired by the unostentatious and consistent piety of the deceased, that she has received the favor of Him, who has promised to be with the faithful, "in all time of our tribulation, and in all time of our prosperity—in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment." [Com.]

On the 15th ult., of typhoid fever, at his residence on New River, Onslow county, Mr. John B. Gornto, in the 27th year of his age. Mr. Gornto was a young man of good standing, distinguished for his good morals, gentle manners, uprightness, industry and integrity. His entire course of conduct through life, permanently secured for himself the love, esteem, admiration, friendship and confidence of all who knew him. In the death of Mr. Gornto, the community at large have lost a friend, a neighbor, and a citizen; and the loss will be deeply felt, and most sincerely regretted.—But this sincere regret cannot recall him; he has gone, leaving a kind mother, a loving brother, and an affectionate sister, with other relations and many friends to mourn their irreparable loss. Com.

☞Wilmington papers, and N. C. Standard please copy.

Marine Intelligence.

PORT OF WILMINGTON, N. C.—November, 1853.

ARRIVED.

19—Schr. Cyrus Chamberlain, Hawes, to Rankin & Martin. The C. sailed from this port on the 4th inst., with naval stores and lumber, for Boston. On the 7th inst. she experienced a severe gale from N. E., and lost deck load, sails and spars;—she was towed up to town on Monday by the steam-tug Sam Beery.

Brig Rideout, Smith, from Boston, to Jas. H. Chadbourn & Co.

Steamer Fanny Lutterloh, Stedman, from Fayetteville, to E. J. Lutterloh.

20—Steamer Douglass, Howell, from Fayetteville, to John Banks.

21.—Schr. Jonas Smith, Firman, from New York, to Miles Costin.

Schr. Champion, Bartlett, from Boston, to Adams, Bro. & Co; with 150 sacks salt.

Schr. Vermont, Elliott, from New London, to Kidder & Martin.

Steamer Spray, Jones, from Fayetteville, to A. H. Vanbokkelen.

Steamer Sun, Rush, from Fayetteville, to Jos. J. Lippitt.

CLEARED.

18—Schr. Ariel, Barlow, for New York, by J. R. Blossom; with naval stores, &c.

19—Brig Buena Vista, Somers, for Porto Rico, by George Harriss; with lumber and shingles.

Brig Geo. Washington, ——, for Portsmouth, N. H., by Russell & Bro.; with 81,296 feet lumber.

20—Schr. Ambassador, Allen, for New York, by J. & D. McRae & Co.; with 491 boxes sugar, 650 bush. pea nuts, 20,000 feet timber, 20 cords pine wood.

Schr. H. P. Russell, Diggs, for Baltimore, by Russell & Bro.; with lumber, cotton, &c.

20—Brig J. E. Gowan, Jordan, for West Indies, by Adams, Bro. & Co.; with lumber.

Schr. Siam, Durham, for West Indies, by Adams, Bro. & Co.; with lumber

21.—Schr. Lucy, Eaton, for New York, by J. & D. McRae & Co.

22.—Schr. H. Hallock, Pow, for New York, by J. H. Flanner; with naval stores

Schr. L. P. Smith, Derrickson, for New York, by DeRosset & Brown; with naval stores.

Brig A. H. Wass, of Wilmington, from Liverpool, for New York, with boats washed away and short of provisions, was spoken 27th ult., lat. 45 N., lon. 24 W.

The Key West correspondent of the Charleston Courier, writes, on the 8th inst., that Brig Rufus Soule, (of N. Y.,) Chapman, from Wilmington, N. C., for New Orleans, had put in leaky. Her cargo was landing, and she would be examined and repaired.

Milford, Nov. 21.—The Rapid, from Wilmington, N. C., for London, arrived here with loss of main boom.

$200 REWARD.

RUNAWAY from the Subscriber, about the 1st of May 1850, his negro man JANETT, at that time hired to Mr. Gregory in Macon, Ga. The said negro is about 26, or 27 years old, about 5 feet 11 inches high, rather spare made, dark copper collor. He is supposed to be lurking either in Bladen or Sampson Counties. The above reward will be paid for the delivery of said negro to me, or his lodgment in any Jail, so I can get him again.

Dec. 23, 1853.—16-2m* D. McDANIEL.

THE WILMINGTON MALE AND FEMALE SEMINARY,

WILL resume operations on the first Monday of January next, in Society Hall, which has been commodiously fitted up for the purpose.

The Female Department will be in charge of Mrs. Jewett, assisted by Miss H. A. Beals, an accomplished and experienced teacher from New England.

It is the aim of the undersigned to make this department equal, in its advantages, to any Female School in the country.

The method of instruction and discipline pursued and to be pursued in this school, has been submitted to enlightened critics in elsewhere, and always with marked approval.

For several months it has been before this community; with what success, it is left for the intelligent patrons and pupils of the school to decide.

Patrons and the public are cordially invited to visit the school at any time, and test the character of our instruction by rigid personal examination.

For terms of admission, &c., inquirers are referred to our school cards, which may be had of the Principal or of his brother, S. Jewett. G. W. JEWETT, Principal.

Dec. 23, 1853. 16-tf

NEGROES FOR SALE.

BY virtue of a decree of the County Court of New Hanover county, I will sell at public auction, at Exchange Corner, in the town of Wilmington, on Wednesday, the 25th of January next, several VALUABLE NEGROES. Terms cash.

WM. J. HAND, Com'r.

Dec. 22, 1853 91-1m—16-1m

NOTICE.

IN pursuance of a decree obtained at December Term, 1853, of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of New Hanover county, I will sell at public auction, at the Court-house door in Wilmington, on Tuesday, the 24th of January next, on a credit of six months, THREE LIKELY NEGROES, two men and one girl. ELI W. HALL, Commissioner.

Dec. 21, 1853 90-3tn&3tjbs—16-2

ASHES! ASHES!! ASHES!!!

THE public are particularly requested to save their ashes, as there will be a sale for them soon, and they will be called for at their houses. [Dec. 20 - 89-tf

NEGROES TO HIRE.

SOME able bodied Turpentine hands to hire for the ensuing year. WM. A. BERRY.

Dec. 20. 89-t31D

BY EXPRESS,

ODD-FELLOW'S OFFERING, for 1854, one of the most beautiful annuals ever published, a worthy Gift Book for the Brethren of the Order. This volume contains literary articles of great merit, and has six most elegant colored engravings, illustrating two subordinate and three encampment Degrees and the Degree of Rebekah, also four steel engravings. The Brethren of the Order may feel proud to present such a Book to their wives and families.—For sale by J. T. MUNDS.

NAILS, SHOT, WHITE LEAD, OIL AND WINDOW GLAS, ust received, and offered for sale by

Dec. 21. FREEMAN & HOUSTON.

WE can supply all the necessaries for good BUCKWHEAT CAKES—consisting of best Buckwheat Flour and Goshen Butter; Duplin Honey, and Cream Tartar, and Soda. For sale low, by

Dec 2 W. M. SHERWOOD & CO.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

THE Subscribers have this day formed a Co-partnership under the name and style of JAMES F. GILLESPIE & CO., for the purpose of carrying on a GENERAL AGENCY AND COMMISSION BUSINESS.

JAMES F. GILLESPIE,
GEORGE S. GILLESPIE.

Wilmington,, Nov. 4th, 1853 (Com. copy.) 53-tf—10-tf

JUST RECEIVED—A general and splendid assortment of PERFUMERY and FANCY ARTICLES, suitable to Fall Trade. TOILET SOAPS and LUBIN POWDERS; 30,000 HAVANA CIGARS. A fresh and large supply of DRUGS, MEDICINES, and CHEMICALS. 100 ozs. of French and English QUININE. A large supply of WHITE LEAD just received. For sale by

Sept. 16, '53.—11-tf—3—] C. & D. DuPRE.

☞ Herald and Commercial copy.

THE CARPENTER'S NEW GUIDE, a complete Book of Lines for Carpentry & Joinery; Treating fully of Practical Geometry, Soffits, Grains, Niches, Roofs, and Domes; and containing a great variety of Original Designs. Also, a full exemplification of the Theory and Practice of Stair Building, Cornices, Mouldings, and Dressings of every description, including, also, some Observations and Calculations on the Strength of Timber, by Peter Nicholson; the whole being carefully and thoroughly revised by N. K. Davis, and containing numerous New, Improved, and Original Designs for Roofs, Domes, &c., by Sam'l Sloan, Architect; Sixteenth Edition, 1854. Quarto, Cloth Binding. Price $4. Received and for sale at S. W. WHITAKER'S.

MORE DRAB OVER COATS.—A new lot of those beautiful Over Sacks, just received at

Dec. 17. SCOTT & BALDWIN'S.

NOTICE.

HAVING changed my business and sold my stock of goods, I hereby give notice to all indebted to me, that their accounts are made out and ready for settlement, and respectfully request their immediate attention.

W. C. HOWARD.

P. S.—Also, all indebted to the late firm of HOWARD & PEDEN, who do not pay up by the 1st of January next, will find their accounts placed in the hands of officers for collection. [nov 18] W. C. HOWARD.

FOR CHRISTMAS TIMES.—Splendid Rosewood Dressing Cases, elegantly furnished; Writing Desks, papier mache, rosewood and ebony; Ink Stands, papier mache, mahogany, rosewood and glass; Ladies' Companions, splendidly furnished with sterling silver; Thermometers, papier mache and other fancy styles; Card Cases, papier mache, pearl and shell; Port Monaies, siler, pearl and velvet; Letter Clips of various styles and sizes; Paper Weights, do.; All received and for sale at the New Book Store, by

Dec. 21, 1853. T. MUNDS.

WILMINGTON WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Beeswax, ₱ lb.	.25 @ .00	Naval Stores, ₱ 280 lbs.	
Beef Cattle,		Turpentine,	
₱ 100 lbs.	5 00 @ 6 00	*Virgin dip.	0 00 @ 3 00
Bricks, ₱ M.	7 25 @12 00	Yellow dip.	0 00 @ 3 75
Candles, ₱ lb.		Hard	0 00 @ 2 20
Tallow	14 @ 16	Tar	0 00 @ 2 35
Adamantine	28 @ 35	Pitch	0 00 @ 0 00
Sperm	50 @ 62½	Rosin, No. 1	0 00 @ 0 00
Coffee, ₱ lb.		do. No. 2	0 00 @ 0 00
Java	14 @ 16	do. No. 3	0 00 @ 1 10
Laguayra	13 @ 14	Sp'ts Turp.,	
Cuba	00 @ 00	₱ gallon	00 @ 58
Rio	12 @ 13	Varnish, ₱ gal.	20 @ 22
St. Domingo	11 @ 12	Oils, ₱ gallon.	
Cotton, ₱ lb.	9 @ 10	Sperm	1 15 @ 1 65
Corn Meal,		Linseed, raw	75 @ 80
₱ bush	85 @ 90	do. boiled	00 @ 90
Domestics,		Whale	0 00 @ 0 00
Sheeting, ₱ yd.	7½ @ 8	Rosin	20 @ 75
Yarn, ₱ lb.	16 @ 17	Potatoes,	
Eggs, ₱ doz.	25 @ 00	Sweet, ₱ bush.	65 @ 75
Empty Barrels, each,		Irish, do	0 00 @ 00
Spts. Turp.	2 12½ @ 2 40	do. ₱ bbl.	2 50 @ 3 00
Feathers, ₱ lb.	55 @ 58	Provisions, ₱ lb.	
Fish, ₱ bbl.,		N. C. Bacon,	
Mullets	6 00 @ 6 25	Hams	12 @ 00
Mackerel, No. 1	@00 00	Middlings	9 @ 00
do. No. 2	@ 0 00	Shoulders	9 @ 00
do. No. 3	@ 0 00	Hog round	9 @ 9½
Shad, Ocean	00 00@00 00	Western Bacon,	
Herrings, East.	@ 0 00	Middlings	7½ @ 8
do. N.C. roe,	@00 00	Shoulders	7 @ 7½
do. Smoked,		N. C. Lard	12 @ 00
₱ box	40 @ 50	West'n do	12 @ 00
Dry Cod,		Butter	22 @ 27
₱ cwt	3 75 @ 4 00	Cheese	11 @ 00
Flour, ₱ bbl.,		Pork, Mess, ₱	
Canal	7 00 @ 9 50	bbl.	16 50 @17 50
Baltimore	0 00 @ 0 00	do. Prime	00 00 @00 00
Fayetteville	0 00 @ 6 50	Beef, Mess.	13 50 @14 00
Grain, ₱ bush.		do. Fulton	
Corn	00 @ 00	Market	00 00 @20 00
Oats	00 @ 60	Poultry.	
White Beans	@ 00	Chickens, live	15 @ 25
Pease, Cow	00 @ 00	do. dead	00 @ 00
Rice, rough	1 08 @ 1 10	Turkeys, live	90 @ 1 00
do., clean,		do. dead,	lb 00 @ 00
₱ lb.	4 @ 4½	Salt,	
Hay, ₱ 100 lbs.		Alum ₱ bush.	00 @ 00
Eastern	0 00 @ 0 00	Liverpool ₱ sack,	
Northern	0 90 @ 95	ground	0 00 @ 0 00
Iron, ₱ lb.		do. fine	00 @ 0 00
English, ass'd.	4½ @ 00	Sugars, ₱ lb.	
American, ref.	5½ @ 00	Porto Rico	7 @ 8
do. sheer	0 @ 00	New Orleans	5½ @ 7
Swede	5½ @ 00	Muscovado	5½ @ 7
Lime, ₱ bbl.	1 25 @ 1 37½	Loaf & crush.	10 @ 11
Liquors, ₱ gall. (domestic.)		Clarified and	
Whiskey	33 @ 34	Granulated	7 @ 9
N. E. Rum	38 @ 40	Soap, ₱ lb.	5½ @ 7½
Gin	38 @ 40	Shingles, ₱ M.	
Brandy	37½ @ 40	Contract	5 00 @ 5 50
do. Apple	75 @ 1 00	Common	2 00 @ 3 00
Lumber, ₱ M., (River.)		Staves, ₱ M.	
Floor. B'ds.	00 00 @13 00	W. O. Bbl.	20 00 @0 00
Wide do.	0 00 @ 8 50	R. O. Hhd.	00 00 @00 00
Scantling	0 00 @ 0 00	Ash Head'g.	0 00 @12 00
Molasses, per gallon.		Timber, ₱ M.	
New Orleans	00 @ 00	Shipping	00 00 @00 00
Cuba	00 @ 25	Mill prime	8 00 @10 00
Nails, ₱ lb.		do. inferior to	
Cut	5½ @ 0	ordinary	5 00 @ 7 00
Wrought	10 @ 12½	Tallow, ₱ lb.	9 @ 10

Note.—River Lumber, Tar, and Turpentine, sold in the water are subject to the expense of landing, inspection, cooperage, &c.;—say on Lumber 80 cents to $1 ₱ M.; Tar and Turpentine about 10 @ 15 cents ₱ bbl.—and on naval stores, when brought per railroad, about the same expenses are incurred.——*For Virgin or mixed Turpentine a deduction of one-fifth is made, according to quality.

FREIGHTS:

TO NEW YORK.		
Turpentine, Rosin, and Tar, per barrel,	$ 55	a $ 60
Spirits Turpentine, do.	00	a 90
Rice, per 100 pounds, gross	00	a 22½
Cotton, per bale,	1 25	a 1 50
Cotton goods and yarns, per foot,		a 6
Flaxseed, per cask,	00	a 90
Ground Peas, per bushel,	6	a 8
Lumber, per M.,	5 00	a 7 00
TO PHILADELPHIA.		
Turpentine, Rosin, and Tar, per barrel,	50	a 60
Spirits Turpentine, do.	80	a 90
Ground Peas, per bushel,		a 8
Lumber, per M., as to size	5 50	a 8 00
Cotton goods and yarns, per cubic foot	6	a 0
Rice per 100 lbs		22½
TO BOSTON.		
Turpentine, Rosin, and Tar, per barrel,	55	65
Spirits Turpntine, do.	00	a 90
Lumber, per M.	10 50	a 11 00

Wilmington Bank Rates of Exchange.

Baltimore	1 per ct. prem.	Philadelphia	1 per ct. prem
New York,	1 " "	Virginia	½ " "
Boston,	1 " "	Charleston,	1 " "

REVIEW OF THE WILMINGTON MARKET,

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 22D, 1853.

Turpentine—Since our last Thursday's review the Turpentine market has been unsteady, and quotations of yesterday show a decline on the soft article of 10@15 cents, and on the hard of 5@10 cents—₱ 280 lbs. The receipts for the week ended to-day have been heavier than for some time past, and foot up 10,412 bbls., as follows:

	Bbls.	Yellow dip	Virgin.	Hard.
Thursday	3,070..	$3 85@3 90..	$3 08@3 12..	$2 30
Friday	2,912..	3 90	.. 3 12	.. 2 30
Saturday	1,200..	3 90	.. 3 12	.. 2 30
Monday	1,000..	3 85	.. 3 08	.. 2 30
Tuesday	1,670..	3 75	.. 3 00	.. 2 20@2 25
Wednesday	560..	3 75	.. 3 00	.. 2 20

The article this morning has rather a downward tendency in price. Some parcels are now on market, for part of which $3 70 is offered for yellow dip, and $2 20 for hard, ₱ 280 lbs. [We quote the actual price received for virgin dip, being a deduction of one-fifth from the price of yellow dip.]

Spirits Turpentine—Has also ruled unsteady during the week, and the transactions since Thursday last have been light, reaching only 839 bbls., as follows:

Thursday	200 bbls.	60 cents ₱ gallon—bbls.		included.
Friday	70 "	61 " "	do.	do.
Saturday	100 "	61 " "	do.	do.
Monday	409 "	60@61 " "	do.	do.
Wednesday	60 "	58 " "	do.	do.

There was nothing done on Tuesday, and yesterday only a small lot changed hands (as noted above) at 58 cents. The market is extremely dull, and we learn that other parcels were offered at above figures, without finding a buyer.

Rosin.—In Rosin, but very little has been done during the week, and the only sales we can hear of are as follows: On Thursday, 2,000 bbls. Common, and Saturday, 600 do. do., at $1 10 for large size bbls. The market is firm at above figure, and we learn that it has been offered for one or two parcels, but sellers are holding at a higher price.

Tar—The receipts of Tar this week reach only 423 bbls., which has all changed hands at last week's quotation—$2 35 ₱ bbl. The article seems to be in fair enquiry, and last sale was on Monday at above prices

Coffee—Store rates have advanced a shade since our last review, on some descriptions, and the supply is getting light. See table for prices, as in quantity and quality.

Cotton—Comes in slowly, and is in good enquiry. Sales on Friday last of 11 bales mixed quality at 10 cents, Tuesday 24 bales on private terms, and Wednesday, 15 do. at 10 cents ₱ lb., for good quality; we quote at 9@10 cents ₱ lb., as in quality.

Corn Meal.—Is in light supply, and only small receipts.—Selling from store at 80@90 cents ₱ bushel.

Empty Barrels—There is a heavy stock of Spirits Turpentine Barrels on market, and little or no demand. We note some small sales of second hand at $2 12½ each; new held at $2 40.

Feathers—Have advanced a shade since last review, and a small parcel sold on Saturday at 58 cents ₱ lb. There is a light supply on market, and a fair enquiry for them; generally held at 55@58 cents ₱ lb.

Flour—Northern brands remain without alteration in price, and supply in store moderate. Sales at our quotations, as in quantity and quality; see table. No Baltimore brands in market. The stock of Fayetteville brands in market is very heavy, and prices have declined a shade since our last. We note sales during the week from store and wharf at $6@$6 25 ₱ bbl. for superfine. The article is dull of sale, and demand limited; last sale was at lowest figure. Sells from store in small lots at $6 25@$6 50 for superfine.

Fish.—No receipts of mullets this week that we know of, and we refer to our table for store rates.

Grain.—In Corn we have no receipts to note since our last review. The market is almost bare of the article, and it meets with ready sale at high figures. We learn that there are several cargoes now expected.——Oats.—No receipts, and but a light supply in store; retails at 60 cents ₱ bushel.——Beans.—One lot of about 60 bushels received, and sold at —— ₱ bushel.——Peas—There is but a light stock of Cow Peas in store, and we hear of no sales——Ground Peas come in freely, and but few buyers in market; sales since our last at 75@90 cents ₱ bushel.

Hay—Received this week, 270 bales North River make, which sold at 90 @ 95 cents ₱ 100 lb. from wharf. The supply in store is fully sufficient for demand.

Lumber—River—One raft received this week, sold on Wednesday at $8 50 for wide, and $13 ₱ M. for flooring boards.

Liquors—We reduce our quotations 1 cent ₱ gallon on Whiskey. For store rates see table.

Molasses—About 25 hhds received coastwise on Monday, but not yet sold. Former receipts selling from wharf at 23 cents in lots of 5 hhds and upwards, and 24 cents ₱ gallon by single hhd.

Potatoes—Sweet Potatoes come in very slowly, and sell quick at 75 @ 80 cents ₱ bushel from carts. The supply of Irish Potatoes in store is light, and are held firm at $2 50 @ $3 ₱ bbl., in consequence of the high prices in other markets.

Provisions—The price of N. C. Bacon has gone down a shade, in consequence of the heavy stock in store. There is little or no demand for the article, and only small sales at our quotations. There is also a good supply of Western make in store, and no demand; quotations nominal at 8 @ 9 cents for sides, and 7½ @ 8 cents