

Commissioners. The good news was entirely unexpected to him.

A Steam Carriage for Plank Roads—Mr. Fisher, of New York, has patented a steam carriage for ordinary travel on plank macadamized roads. The Post says he has introduced a New method of working steam extensively—by the combination of the radius and parallel rods he gives steadiness to the machines even at the highest velocities, and, by other arrangements for cutting off the steam, &c., enables one person to work the engine with perfect ease and effect. A committee of the Mechanics' Institute, consisting of professor Benwick, Mr. Dunham and M. Meigs, report favorably upon his instrument, and the editors of the American artizan, competent authorities, speak of it at length, and in terms of praise.

Good as a Gold Mine—During the Geological Survey of this State, Professor Edmonds discovered and purchased an immense tract of phosphate of lime—an article possessing all the properties of bone manure. The "diggings" are located in Essex county, about a mile from Lake Champlain. The first cost of the tract was \$500. One half of it was sold last week for \$30,000!! A canal boat load of the phosphate was forwarded to England in June last, and sold for \$35 a ton—which makes the Essex County manure mine of more value than any of the quartz mines of California. Before the latter can be converted into ducks, you have got to crush, grind and fuss over it for a week or two. The former is ready for market as it lies, and requires nothing to convert it into money but a pick-axe and shovel. Before we close, we would mention that Professor E has just been appointed State Geologist to the State of North Carolina Salary \$3,000 a year. We congratulate him on his good fortune.

Probable Murder—A letter to the editors from a respectable gentleman in this county, gives the particulars in relation to the recent discovery of a horse near Mount Willing, which appeared to have been killed under very suspicious circumstances. We hope our brethren of the press will give them publicity. If a foul deed has been perpetrated, the description of the horse may give information to the friends of the unfortunate individual, and perhaps lead to the detection of the felon. The letter says: "A bay or dark chestnut sorrel mare, with both hind legs white about half way up to the hock joint, and her right fore leg white nearly to the knee with considerable white in the face was found near Mount Willing, in a private place in the woods, about two hundred yards from the main road leading from Mount Willing to Chapel Hill, with her skull badly broken, supposed to have been done with an axe, on the 26th or 27th of November last, as she was found on the 28th not putrid. Several of the neighbors here have seen the mare, but none know any thing of her. There is strong fear and suspicion that the rider was also murdered. The mare, when found, was spattered with mud and had the marks of a saddle, bridle and martingales. "You will please, from the above prepare, a notice, and publish in the Recorder, and request editors of newspapers, both east and west to give the notice a few insertions in their papers. By so doing you will very much oblige your friends in this part of the county, and perhaps confer a great favor on the loser of the horse, or his friends."

Hillsborough Recorder.

Weldon Rail Road Bridge Burnt—The bridge belonging to the Portsmouth and Roanoke Railroad Company at Weldon, N. C., was burned down Thursday morning last, at nine o'clock. The fire is supposed to have been communicated by a spark from the train that passed that morning. The original cost of the bridge was more than \$100,000. It is estimated it will

take \$40,000 to replace the wood work.—*Raleigh Star.*

The Charleston Standard thus emphatically condemns a project intended for the protection of the Southern States, which we also disapprove of on two grounds. 1st, Its impolicy, and 2dly, Its impracticability.

The Standard says: "Dangerous Tampering.—We notice that Mr. McDougald, of Georgia, has introduced a bill into the Georgia legislature, to prevent the introduction of negroes into that State for hire, sale, or traffic. It has been only two years since a bill of this sort in Georgia was repealed. The old bill is of no effect, inasmuch as the negro stations were on this side of the river, and the Georgia purchasers had only to step across the bridge and buy as many as they chose. In addition to the bill being of no use, it may do harm in the end. We hold that slaves are property, and that the institution is a valuable one. Why then seek to erect barriers against a free traffic in that sort of property."

Philadelphia, Dec. 6, 1851
The most atrocious act that was perhaps ever heard of came to light lately in this city. A lady, belonging to Lancaster, come down to this city on a visit to her sister, bringing with her a white girl, fourteen years of age, to attend to her infant of about nine months. The child was sick and cross, and daily became more unmanageable, until at last medical aid was called in. The physician was puzzled, and, but for an accidental discovery, might have remained so. While the girl alluded to was nursing the infant belonging to the sister living here, it was observed to have something in its mouth which it was unable to swallow. On examination, a pin was found. The girl was scolded for what was thought to be only carelessness, when she confessed that the child had swallowed one, and that she gave it on purpose so that it would cry, and the mother have to relieve her of it. This occurrence led them to suppose that the child of the visitor was also suffering from a similar treatment—Upon being charged with the act, she confessed to have given it a large number of pins, and even needles, at various times. This horrible fact soon became apparent in the wretched condition of the child. A needle made its appearance in the knee of the child, and was cut out. Its sufferings were so constant and acute that it had no rest day or night. The mother and child returned home, and death has since released the innocent from its sufferings. The girl has been arrested, and is now in Lancaster jail.

Pennsylvanian.
The "oldest inhabitant" in Vermont, as we learn by the census returns, is a black man a native of Martinique, and now a resident of Pomfort. His name is Peter Nassau, and his age 130 years. The oldest inhabitant in Massachusetts is also a negro residing in Marshpee. There is no record of his birth, but from the best date can be attained, he is 116 years old. He was once a slave and is a native of New York. He has always said that his mistress told him he was twenty one years of age the first year of the French War in 1757. He is now blind and has not been able to do much work for the past forty years. The oldest inhabitant of Georgia is a white woman, living in Clarke County. She is 130 years old and was living, within a mile of her grand-children to the sixth generation. In Louisiana there is a negro slave, living in the First Municipality of New Orleans 140 years of age. He appears dried and shrivelled up.

Petersburg Democrat.
Cincinnati, December 26.—The weather, after a spell of rain, is again excessively cold, and the river still frozen over. Sales of hogs at \$4, 80a\$5.90.
Advices from St. Louis report a deficiency of one third in the hog crop.

CLIPPINGS.

Beautiful Sentiment—Ik. Marvel in his 'Reveries of a Bachelor,' thus writes:

"A man without some sort of religion, is at best, a poor reprobate, the foot-ball of destiny, with no tie linking him to infinity and to the wondrous eternity that is begun within him; but a woman without it is even worse—a flame without a heat, a rainbow without color, a flower without perfume."

"A man may, in some sort, tie his frail hopes and honors, with weak shifting ground tackle, to business, or to the world; but a woman without an anchor which they call faith, is adrift and a wreck! A man may clumsily contrive a kind of moral responsibility out of his relations to mankind; but a woman in her comparatively isolated sphere, where affection and not purpose is the controlling motive, can find no basis for any system of right action, but that of spiritual faith. A man may craze his thought, and his brain to trustfulness in such poor harborage as Fame and Reputation may stretch before him; but a woman where can she put her hope in storms, if not in Heaven?"

"And that sweet trustfulness—that abiding love—that enduring hope, mellowing every page and scene of life, lighting them with the pleasantest radiance; when the world's storms break like an army with cannon?—Who that has enjoyed the love of a Christian mother, but echoes the thought with energy, and hallows it with a tear?"

Etymology with a Vengeance. Johnson once made a bet with Boswell that he could go into the fish market, and put a Billingsgate woman in a passion without saying a word that she could understand. The doctor commenced by silently indicating with his nose that her fish had passed the state in which a man's olfactory could endure their flavor. The Billingsgate lady made a verbal attack common in vulgar parlance, which impugned the classification in natural history of the doctor's mother. The doctor answered, "You are an article, madame." "No more an article than yourself, you b—y misgotten villain." "You—you," stammered the woman, choking with rage at a list of titles she could not understand. "You are a pronoun." The beldam shook her fist in speechless rage. "You are a verb—an adverb—an adjective—a conjunction—a preposition—an interjection!" suddenly continued the doctor applying the harmless epithets at proper intervals. The nine parts of speech completely conquered the old woman, and she dumped herself down in the mud, crying with rage at being thus "blackguarded" in a set of unknown terms, which not understanding, she could not answer.

Just so—The best reason a merchant can give for not advertising, is, that by refusing to let the public know that he has goods to sell, he is not subject to the expense of employing clerks to assist in selling them.

Alone—A witty bride in Paris, was observed to gaze most wearily when alone with her spouse in an Opera-box. A friend, who had noticed it from the pit, came up and reproached her. "It has been so," said the culprit, "ever since my husband told me we were one. I am so dreadful bored when I am alone!"

Enormous outlay for Advertising—Townsend, the Sarsparilla man, says that his books exhibit an outlay for advertising in the course of five years, in the various papers of the United States—\$800,000. He says, for six months he cut off all his advertisements to see if his medicines would not go on their merits, just as well as by advertising. He lost \$300,000 by it; sales dwindled right down to nothing, for his competitors, seeing him drop off, went on advertising heavily, and got the start of him.—*Great West.*

The Hon. Henry Clay has

resigned his seat in the U. S. Senate.

A LADY, about purchasing a pair of shoes cautioned the shopman, as he handled her ankle, "not to get above his business."

Terrible Conflagration—Great Destruction of life and Property.—Philadelphia, Dec. 27th.—One of the most destructive fires that has ever visited our city, occurred early this morning.

About 1 o'clock flames were seen issuing from Hart's building at the corner of Chesnut and Sixth streets, which was speedily destroyed, together with several books and musical stores and Harper's Restaurant in the basement.

The flames next communicated to the Shakespeare building, on the opposite side of Sixth street, adjoining the Chesnut street Theatre, which was totally consumed. Brown's Hotel, on Chesnut street, adjoining Hart's building, shared the same fate.

About 3 o'clock the walls of Hart's building fell into the street, instantly killing two colored men; and severely wounding several firemen and policemen. Many others are supposed to be killed, as at the time the wall fell the street was crowded with spectators.

The entire block on the west side of Sixth street, from Chesnut to Carpenter streets, is a heap of ruins. On the east side of Sixth st., and north side of Chesnut street, Hart's fine building, Brown's Hotel, Johnston's law book store, and several other valuable stores are completely destroyed. Many other buildings, on both sides of Sixth street, are damaged, and the loss cannot be less than \$200,000. The fire was not subdued until 1 o'clock this morning.

The heaviest losers are Dr. Schenck, whose establishment was completely destroyed; T. & T. W. Johnston, law booksellers; H. Blakiston and Getz & Buck, booksellers. Many music, periodical and other stores on 6th street, also suffered severely.

It is reported that Police officer Johnson has been killed. W. W. Haley, Esq., is also missing and supposed to be killed. Besides these there are reports of two or three others having been killed.

Workmen are now engaged removing the rubbish.—*Norfolk News.*

Marshal Soutt died on the 20th ult., in the 82d year of his age.

MARKETS.

Our exchanges this week have been so few, for reason of the Christmas holidays, that we are unable to give our readers such full accounts of the markets generally as we intend to do hereafter.

TARBORO' MARKET, JAN. 3.
Corn—\$2 25 to \$2 50. Pork—\$8 to \$8 50. Turpentine \$2 10. Tar—\$1 25. Cotton—about 7c.

Washington Market Dec. 23.
N Stores—In O. Turpt. no change to notice—Serape has declined 15c. per bbl. We now quote O D. \$2 30, Serape \$1 25. Tar \$1 10 to \$1 12½, Rosin 80c. River very low and receipts of produce light.

Corn arrives in sufficient quantities to supply the retail demand—and sells \$2 25 measure

The Rev. F. H. Baring, is expected to preach at the Old Church in this place on the second Sabbath, 11th inst.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Post Office at Tarboro' the 1st of Jan'y 1852, which if not taken before the 1st of April next, will be sent to the General Post Office as dead letters.

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| Archer Eliza 2 | Howell B D |
| Allen William | Harrison E A Mrs |
| Adams Nathan | Hines W |
| Allen Charles J | Jone Mary E Mrs |
| Bennett Mark Rev | Jones Calvin |
| Bryan E M Mrs | Jenkins W A 2 |
| Bunting Gray | Jenkins J D |
| Bunting Richard | Johnson J W |
| Bradley W W | Jones Morning Mrs |
| Bryan Elias | Killebrew J J |
| Boyd Robert | Lewis R H |
| Bryan Jacob | Liston George |
| Battle W S | Mayo John |
| Barnes & Mercer | Meeks G A |
| Barnes Elias | Morgan W B |
| Cutchins Josiah | Noble A M |
| Cromwell Elisha | Owen Jvay |
| Collins Summer | Petway W D 2 |
| Dupree Mr | Pittman Martha Mrs |
| Ehrnghans J C | Pitt E S Mrs |
| Foxhall Sarah Mrs | Staton W D |
| Flowers Gray | Sawyer Harda |
| Frankfurt Lewis | Sweeny M S |
| Foxhall S Miss | Thomas L D |
| Garrett R H | Trevathan Dempsey |
| Howard M Mrs | Whitehead Wiley |
| Hussey T C | Walker Henry |

LARGE SALE!
OF VALUABLE

Real & Personal Property.
Commencing 12th of January, 1852.

THE Subscribers, as Executors of the late Richard Hines, offer for sale the very valuable Plantation, he died possessed of, containing about 2700 acres, a little over half of which is cleared and in a high state of cultivation. This Plantation is situated on the

North side of Tar River,
IN EDGECOMBE COUNTY,

Six or seven miles east of the Railroad, and nine miles above Tarboro', adjoining the lands of Richard Harrison, and others. There is on the premises a large and comfortable dwelling, with eight rooms and all of the necessary out houses and fixtures of the best kind and in good order.

We will not go into a detailed statement of the superiority of this Plantation, but invite all persons wishing to purchase valuable land to examine this. A plot of the land with a survey of the cleared portion is left in the hands of Mr. Isaac B. Farmer on the premises, who is well acquainted with it and will give any information to persons wishing to purchase. We will sell it in one tract or divide it into two or three. If not disposed of at private sale before the 12th of next January, we will, on that day, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the premises, offer it at public sale to the highest bidder. It has not been necessary for a Physician to visit during this year.

We will also sell, at the same place,

One Hundred and Ninety
NEARBY,

Of the most valuable kind; among them are three Carpenters, [one of these a Wheelwright,] two Blacksmiths, one Painter, three first-rate house servants, [one of them a seamstress,] a good ostler, and some of the best cotton-pickers in the State.

ALSO, the Stock and Crop.

Consisting of 150 stacks of fodder, 2000 bushels of Rye, 400 bushels of Peas, three hundred and fifty fat hogs, 250 out hogs, 68 head of cattle, of the most improved breed. Among them are many fine milk cows, and nine yoke of young oxen, large and well broke; 1 pair of horses, 1 pair of splendid thoroughbred fillies, three blooded mares, 2 very fine ponies, one hundred and fifty head of sheep, the seed from near 400,000 pounds of cotton, two Gins, one wheat thrasher, three saddles and bridles, forty casks of plaster and lime, eight wagons, ten carts, thirty-six sides of leather, household kitchen furniture, and all the farming implements of every description. The sale will continue from day to day until every thing is disposed of.

TERMS OF SALE.—The land will be sold on a credit of one, two, and three years. Bonds bearing interest from date, with approved security, will be required. The other property will be sold on a credit of six months, for all sums over ten dollars; all under that amount, cash; the purchaser giving bond and security before the property is delivered.

W. R. Smith,
Peter E. Hines, Ex'rs.
Raleigh, Nov. 27.

NEW BOOKS.

MOBY Dick, by Herman Melville, Lady Wortley's Travels in the U. States, De Quincy's Life and Manners, Fifteen decisive Battles of the World, Thackeray's Sketches in Ireland, Pickwick Papers, continued by Reynolds, Gems of Beauty—Leaflets of Memory—Other Annuals of 1852, on sale by Joseph H. Bowditch, Tarboro', Dec. 20, 1851.

W. L. POMEROY,

BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,
No. 16, Fayetteville Street,

RALEIGH,

OFFERS for sale a very general assortment of standard Theological, Law, Medical, School and Miscellaneous Books.

The new publications of the day as received. These and in short almost any Book can be furnished on reasonable terms, either by application to him or Joseph H. Bowditch, Tarboro'. Raleigh, Dec. 20th, 1851.

NOTICE.

AT a regular meeting of the President and Directors of the Greenville and Raleigh Plank Road Company, on motion of F. B. Satterthwaite, Esq., it was resolved "that the President is directed to give notice according to the terms of the Charter, that an installment of Two Dollars per share be required to be paid 'in, on or before the 23rd day of February next. Alfred Mays, Pres. by Gould Hoyt, Clk. Dec. 17, 1851.

PROSPECTUS OF
THE SOUTHERNER.

The undersigned proposes to publish in the Town of Tarboro', from the 1st of January, 1852, "The Southerner," a Democratic, Agricultural and Miscellaneous newspaper.

From the small number of Democratic papers in the State, we confidently ask the support of the party. Few political fields offer to the ready and willing workman in our cause, promise of a more abundant harvest, than North Carolina. Our party are becoming, day by day, more unanimous on the subject of slavery and its incidental doctrines, which our opponents so confidently thought would destroy our organization, while many of their own party are fast becoming dissatisfied with the existing position, they would have us occupy in our National Union. To encourage and perfect this unanimity of our own party, and to show to the dissatisfied of our opponents, that such dissatisfaction springs from a true appreciation of Liberty, and a correct view of patriotism, is the peculiar and proper work of the Press. Support then, Democrats as you ought and can, your party papers throughout the State.

"The Southerner" will be the exponent of Edgcombe—it will advocate her principles, cherish the progressive spirit of her people, and defend her reputation and good name. As such, we hope to embody in it, by the talents of our farmers and citizens generally, the practical rules and successful experience, which have increased so much her productive industry; and thereby make it, to the citizens of other counties, a neighborly and instructive messenger.

As a village paper, we hope to make "The Southerner," by the variety of its matter, interesting to all. Its columns will be open to a free and liberal discussion of all subjects—instructive or amusing.

TERMS.
In advance 2 00
Otherwise 2 50

GEORGE HOWARD, JR.
Papers throughout the State will confer a favor by copying the above.

A. & H. Harris,
GENERAL
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Norfolk, Va.

WILL make CASH advances on consignments, if desired.
Nov 1851

Just Received,

A FRESH SUPPLY of Jayne's Alterative, Expectorant, Sanative Pills, &c. Hasting's compound Syrup of Naphtha, a positive cure for Colds, Coughs, &c. Houghton's Pepsin, the true digestive fluid, or gastric juice, for the cure of indigestion, dyspepsia, &c. Hoofland's celebrated German Bitters, for the permanent cure of liver complaint, jaundice, dyspepsia, nervous debility, &c.

A DESIRABLE
Residence & Farm.
TO RENT.

THE Residence and Farm belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett, lying about eight miles northwest from Tarboro', between Fishing and Swift Creeks, in the neighborhood of H. Blair Bryan and Patrick McDowell, Esqrs., and containing open land sufficient, it is supposed, for five or six hands, is now offered to rent for the year 1852, on private terms.

There are on the premises a good Dwelling house, Kitchen and Work house, Dairy, Smoke house, and Store house, besides every other necessary out house, nearly all of which are good framed buildings. Also, a good Orchard of various kinds of fruit trees, and some eight thousand turpentine boxes.

The water is excellent, and it is confidently believed that the place is one among the healthiest in Edgcombe county.

Any person wishing to rent, can examine the premises and learn the price, by calling on Patrick McDowell, Esq., who lives about one mile from the place, and is authorized to rent it for the ensuing year.
December 3, 1851.

FIVE DOLLARS.

Stolen from the room of the subscriber, during Christmas week, a new olive-colored CLOTH OVERCOAT, with a velvet collar, and lined with soft woolen goods, alternate dark and red squares figured. The above reward will be given for its delivery to me—and any information concerning it thankfully received.
Geo. HOWARD JR.

WHEELER'S

HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA.
SUBSCRIBERS to the above Work, and others desirous of obtaining a copy, can do so on application to Geo. Howard.