THE CHARLESTON NEWS: MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1869.



lately had, there is no danger of disease of this The reopening of the school of the Misses kind. ATTEMPT TO SWINDLE & NEGRO .- There is a negro man in this city named Johnson, whose son, Ben, was, a short time since, sentenced by a court in Charlotte, N. C., to twenty years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for stealing a watch. The circumstances connected with the case left no reasonable doubt in the minds of the jury that the accused was guilty. He was caught in the house one night, and the next morning the watch was missed. However, after he was imprisoned, the watch was found where it had been placed by the owner for safe-keeping and its hiding place forgotten. All of this has been communicated to Johnson by a negro in Charlotte, who offers, if twentyfive dollars be sent him, to procure the release of Ben. Johnson, who is an old man, wished to send the money, but he has been advised to go to the Governor of North Carolina and state the circumstances, and ask for the release of his son, which he will probably do. THAT DEMOCRATIC POLICEMAN .- At half-past eleven o'clock Friday last, the committee from the Loval League called upon the Mayor and requested him to remove the "Democratic members" of the police force, and to put Republicans in their places, assuring him that he would receive the undivided support of the Republicans if he did so. He assured the committee that he would gradually relieve the force of the objectionable members. The committee then retired. They were not gone more than five minutes when three Aldermen called upon the Mayor, two white and one colored. The colored one desired the appoint ment of a white man upon the police force. One of the white Aldermen assured the Mayor that he knew the candidate to be a liberalminded man, who was willing to let every man vote as he pleased, but he was not assured that he was a Republican: he had once made a good policeman, and was a number one man. The other Alderman was surprised to hear his friend express his doubts about the candidate's Republican tendencies ; why ! he was a "truly loil" one, and should have the appointment by all means. This last appeal had the desired effect, and the candidate was announced as a "Knight of the Baton." The Alderman went away satisfied; but oh, horrors! the Alderman who was so certain of the politics of the candidate he so zealously espoused, received information, which left no doubt in his mind. that he had been supporting a Democrat. His sleep was troubled-visions of woodsawyers sawing him into bits for having "gone back" upon the twelve hundred adherents to the Radical faith who desired to be "put on guard;" of long preambles and resolutions from the Loyal League censuring him for such unrepublican conduct; of Sam Dickerson rising up and calling him traitor, floated o'er his mind. In the morning he called upon the Mayor and requested him to recall the appointment, but the Mayor refused, stating that the appointment had been made upon the Alderman's assertions, and that the appointee would have to remain upon the force. The Alderman left digusted with things generally. The force if it has gained a Democrat, is also a gainer in having a resolute man-one who by long experieace is acquainted with the duties of a policeman, and knows how to discharge them with firmness and discretion.

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Murden will take place on Wednesday next, instead of this morning, as heretofore announced.

LOSS AND GAIN IN COTTON .- Some weeks ago notice was given that Mr. John H. Holmes, of Boyce's wharf, one of our Charleston cotton brokers, had procured a bale of new cotton and had placed it under cover in his office, with a view to test the loss or gain in weight. The cotton was carefully weighed at 3 P. M. on September 6, and at 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. on each following day up to September 30. The result has been given us in tabular form through the kindness of Mr. Holmes. The main results are these: On September 6 at 3 P. M. the bale weighed 419 pounds, events of the past two years." weather being damp. On September 8, 9, 10 and 41 the weather was dry, and point out the special advantages that Baltimore the weight fell to 4173 pounds at 3 P. M. September 11th. A succession of damp days follow- ton, as one would infer he is learned in matters ed, and at 9 A. M. on September 18 and 21 the of this sort. Merchants in the interior who

day, at 3 P. M., the bale weighed 420 pounds. thermometer. As the mercury fell the cotton grew heavier; as it rose the cotton became lighter. And we should say that a difference of ten degrees Fahrenheit with stored cotton should be generally equal to a gain or loss of 14 pounds a bale. The following table shows the weight of the bale on each day, with the state of the thermometer, the direction of the wind and the character of the weather : NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

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Baltimore and Charleston

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS. The Courier, a paper which has been libe-rally sustained by the merchants of Charleston for many years, in its issue of Friday last, under the head of "Baltimore Trade," perpetrates the following: "We do not hesitate to assert that, in the natural course of events, Baltimore will absorb almost the entire jobbing husiness of this city and other Southern cities, and we are warranted in this assertion by the

We would like to have the writer of this article can offer to the country merchant over Charlesbale had risen to 4203 pounds; and by September | have not only tried Baltimore but New York. 25-at 9 A. M. and 3 P. M.-the bale reached 4211 say they buy goods in our market as cheaply pounds, the maximum. On the last recorded as anywhere-freights on heavy goods added. We can only account for this article by sup-The key to the whole table is the range of the posing that a few Baltimore advertisements brought it out. Well may we exclaim, "Save us from our friends." MANY MERCHANTS. I'we think that "Many Merchants" have misunderstood the intention of the Courier, which was, we presume, to suggest that the Jobbing Merchants of Charleston, not the country merchants, will find it to their advantage to buy their stocks in Baltimore.-ED, NEWS.]

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