A copy of the San Francisco Daily Herald of the 12th ult has been placed before us, in which we find the obituary notice appended.

The melancholy intelligence of the decease of this gallant young man will touch the hearts of his brave companions in arms, who were the witnesses of his noble and fearless conduct on many a bloody field. We were ourselves well acquainted with Lieut. Bell, and admired him for the high qualities he possessed. His heart was ever open to the call of distress, whether requisi-tion was made on his limited purse or his personal service. While on duty, in Maxico, he was at one time detailed in command of a detachment denominated, in military phrase, "the forlorn hope, and the steady and determined manner in which he executed the duty entrusted to him, won the admiration and praise of all. He was appointed Adjutant of the Palmetto Regiment, and it has often been our pleasure to hear the highest encomiums passed upon him by his commander, Col. Gladden. He yielded up his life, not as he would have wished, clad in the habiliments of a soldier, and amid the clanger of arms, but a victim to an insidious disease that stealeth away the strength and life of the strong and the weak alike. His memory will be green and fresh in the hearts of all who knew his

(From the San Prancisco Daily Herald, Nov. 12.) DIED, in this city, of choicra, on the 7th instant, Mr. RALPH BELL, aged \_5

worth and manhood .- Courier.

years, late of Charleston, (S. C.)

To a host of friends in the "Palmetto State," th's sad announcement will be received with the deepest serrow. One well beloved by his associates, and standing high in the esteem of his fellow-citizens, has been called from life. A chavalrous spirit has fled-a generous heart has ceased to heat. His home will know him no more!

In the late war with Mexico, when the Palmetto Regiment was formed, Mr. Bell was elected Second Lieutenant of the Charleston Company. During the campaign he was enabled to perform efficient service the storming of Chapultepec, His gallant bearing at that time won for him unfading laurels, and he was presented by his native city with a sword as an acknowledgment due from an admiring people to a brave soldier. At the commencement of the emigration to California, he was one of the first to seek the shores of El Dorado, and he had for the past eighteen months been

engaged in the mines. In Mr. Bell's short illness, friend- administered to him, and every thing that hope could suggest was resorted to, to stay the hand of the dread Destroyer-but all in vain. Life's fitful fever is over, and the turf rests above the honored dead.

ECCLESIASTICAL MEETING .- On the 27th ult the Mississippi Synod of the Presbyterian Church met at Vicksburg, and Monday, the 2d inst., adjourned to meet in this city (New Orleans,) on the second Wednesday in January, 1852.

The Synod consists of four Presbyteries, embracing all the region of Texas, Louisiana, and most of Mississippi. There are, in these bounds, eighty ministers. The proceedings were conducted with

great harmony and decorum. From all that we can learn from several gentlen.en who were present, we should in-fer that this body has legislated with a view to the good of all men, without seeking to propagate the peculiarities of a sect. Instances of this might be specified, but our space forbids.

The only squinting towards politicsthat stumbling block of so many church formed, on the discussion of a report, in which the opinion was set forth that "the right observance and improvement of the Sabbath were calculated to promote the best interests of this glorious Union."

you may rely upon a rare treat."

The next day the students we hall early to see the scalpel used

as furnished to us, is as follows:

this part of the country. "Union."

Rev. Mr. ........ Mr. Moderator, I am time for ministers to began to preach volities.

Mr .--- , an elder and lawyer. Mr. Mod- fair way of recovery." erator, I think that those men who would object to "Union" would dislike the word "nation" still more.

made her first appearance before a Charleston audience last evening, at the 16,310; last year it was 18,960. excited, and we may safely affirm that the talled songstress. Since the new Theatre almost be said of Europe. has been opened, a more brilliant, attentive

"The Ric." and "The Echo Song" were loudly encored. But the gen of the won by Samuel Wescott, Jersey City. | sequence of the kind treatment we have power in the hands of the wisest and the brav-

The whole arrangements were conducted Browne, Charleston. with admirable system and good orderactive and efficient managers, were distributed in various parts of the house, to secure to all the possession of every seat previously engaged; and we feel warranted in assuring those of our friends, who desire to embrace this opportunity now offered, to enjoy the richest musical treat which has ever been offered in our city, that they may do so in full confidence, that all matters connected with the Theatre will be conducted

with propriety and decorum. Without partaking of the enthusiasm in advance, which has characterized the press of other cities where the fair Swede has poured forth her melodious notes, we must be allowed to remark that we have never attended her concert.

Above all, we take pride and pleasure in stating that no attempt to disturb or annoy the audience within took place, nor was there the least disturbance in the vicinity of the Theatre, that required interference .-Courier.

A late philosopher says, that an empty pocket is a great gulf between hope and success, as impossible as that which divided Laz rus from his friend the midionaire. That philosopher has travelled some.

A Good Parallel The Southern Press says that Milton's levils were of the North-not South.

Satan's first order was: "Assemble thou Of all these myriads, which we lead the chief! Of all those myriais, which we lead the chief. Tell them that by command, ere yet dim night Her shadowy cloud withdraws, I am to haste, And all who under me their banners wave, Homeward with flying march where we possess The quarters of the North."— "At length into the limits of the North They came and Satan to his royal seat.

the rebeilion a Northern one, but the pretences were similar to those of the North now. It was a "liberty" movement thenpretence of liberty against slavery. Thus Satan in reply to Abdiel, says: "At first I thought that liberty and heaven
To heavenly souls had been all one; but now
I see that most through sloth had rather serve,
Ministering spirits, trained up in feast and song Such hast thou aimed, the ministers of heaven Servility with freedom to contend."

And not only, continues the Press, was

~~~~ "WHAT ARE BIRDS GOOD FOR!"-The American Agriculturist for December, in answer to this inquiry, relates the following

"In connection with this subject, we will give an anecdote related to us last winter by Gov. Aiken, of South Carolina, of the rice birds. These little creatures gather around the rice fields at harvest time in countless myriads, and of course consume considerable grain. Some years ago it was determined to make war upon them, and drive them out of the country, and the measure was in some degree successful, so far as getting rid of the birds. What are birds good for!' The rice planter soon found out; for with the decrease of birds, the worms increased so rapidly that, instead of a few scattering grains to feed the birds, the whole crop was demanded to fill the insatiable may of the army that came to consume every young shoot as fast as they sprung from the ground. Most undoubtedly the birds were invited back again with a hearty welcome. Rice cannot be cultivated without their assistance.

"A Nw years ago the blackbirds in the northern part of Indiana were considered a for his country, and led the forlorn hope at grievous nuisance to the farmer. Whole fields of oats were sometimes destroyed, and the depredations upon late corn were greater that can be believed, if told. armers sowed and the birds reaped. He scolded and they twittered. Occasionally a charge of shot brought down a score, but made no more impression upon the great sea of birds than the removal of a single bucket of water from the great salt puddle. A few years later every green thing on the land seemed destined to destruction by the army worm. Man was powerless-a worm among worns. But his best friend, the hated blackbirds, came to his relief just in time to save when all seemed lost. No human aid could have helped him. How thankful should man be that God has given nim for his companions and fellow-laborers, in the cultivation of the earth, those lovely pirds. 'The laborer is worthy of his hire. Why should we grudge the little moiety claimed by the busy little fellows which followed the plow, and snatched the worm away from the seed, that it might produce grain for his and our sustenance? 'No honest man would cheat a bird of his apring and summer's work."

> ....... THE RULING PASSION.-The force of habit was well illustrated by an anecdote told us of a former professor at the Medical School in Cambridge. We have it from one of the students, who was present on the occasion.

After the delivery of a lecture, the professor said: "Gentlemen to-morrow I shall have the pleasure of dissecting a body before you. I had hoped to have that satisfaction this afternoon, but unfortunately legislators -- was manifested, as we are in- the subject was not exactly ready, not being quite dead. He is, how ever without a doubt defunct by this time, and to-morrow

The next day the students were in the hall early to see the scalpel used. There On this the whole amount of political was no corpse on the desecting table, and fuel was consumed, and the entire debate, every time the door opened every eye was turned to witness the advent of what Man. Mr. Moderator, I would talm would style 'a dem'd body." By to Alexandria, in about one hour and in suggest to the brother a slight change in and by the Professor solemnly strode down a run of twenty miles, three passengers killone word which offends many persons in the aisle to his desk, with his hand behind

announced to have the pleasure of dissec- ries guns and announced, and the passengs one judgment on her, and falsely decreed her utterly opposed to the change. If it has ting a subject here this afternoon. But I ers and officers amuse themselves in kills come to this, that we cannot, in this Synod, am sorry to state, gentlemen, that much to ling these fizards. Thousands are annually use the word "Union," I think it is high my disappointment, as it will be to yours, des reyed; but the dismal region extending

MADEMOISELLE JENNY LIND.—This lady
Made her first appearance before it number of subscribers this year was Theatre. Public curiosity had been much terms of subscription (\$5) yielded this year, \$81,550. One thousand prizes, in- Washington correspondents, by fast night's most sanguine expectations of all were cluding 500 medals, 450 paintings, statues, mail, state that the Austrian Charge, (Mr. Our city is thronged with visiters, and "Allston's Outlines," were distri- McCurdy) successor of C+1. Webb, is there, in palsied fear and leave her boson open to his many of whom have been attracted here buted among the subscribers, who hailed with the expectation of hearing this nuriv- from all parts of the Union, and it might Hulsemann, the charge from Austria, it is

and orderly assemblage, has never graced list, "the Dream of Arcadia," by the late we have similar hints from other quarters, it, than that which greeted this fair votaress of melody, whose visit will form an era in of life" last year, which was won by a American Secretary of State and Mr. the annals of our music loving community printer in the western part of New York, Hulsemann; that the latter has been de-

The meeting adjourned at a very late of the delay.

hour.—Telegraph.

that another and more formidable movement has recently been commenced, which has leading tendencies in common with the foregoing, but which is rather more practical in its aims. It is in effect a secret orbe allowed to remark that we have never before heard the human voice hold an audience so much under control, or so completely hold captive the brilliant assemblage of beauty and fashion that and then securing its triumph in the elec- for trial, tion of 1852. This movement, the Tribune says, has been backed by a subscrip-

mand and the balance in six months .- Bal-

Appointments of South Carolina. The following are the appointments of he South Carolina Conference, for 1851: Charleston District .- C. Betts, presiding older; Charleston, W. M. Wightman, D. D., editor Southern Christian Advocate; Chas. l'aylor, M. D., B. Jenkins, missionaries to China, Cumberland, W. A. Gamewell; Trin-ity, W. A. McSwain; Bethel, C. H. Pritchird; St. James, J. R. Pickett; Cypress, John W.Kelly, F. A. Mood; Pon Pon Mission, W. C. Kirkland; Black Swamp, A. M. Chreitzburg, J. J. Flemming; Savannah River Mission, M. L. Banks, R. Bunch; Walterboro, P. A. M. Williams, W. W. Jones: Combahee and Ashepoo Mission, J. R. Coburn, Daniel May; Okatie Mission, Joseph Wannock; Orangeburg, W. Crook, W. W. Mood; Barnwell, P. G. Bowman, Thomas Rayson, G. W. Moore, sup'y; Granite-ville and Aiken Mission, H. W. Mood; Cooper River, E. L. King, William Hutto; Cooper River Mission, T. E. Leadbetter, St. Andrews Mission, to be supplied; Beaufort and Prince Williams Mission, C. McLood, C. O. Lamotte; Ediste, Jehossee and Fenwick Islands Mission, C. Wilson, H. A.

Bass. Cokesbury District-Samuel Leard, presiding elder; Cokesbury, A. W. Walker, A. A. Avant, C. A. Crowell; Edgefield, S. H. Brown, and one to be supplied; Pendleton, A. B. McGilvary, S. H. Dunwoody; Pickens, John Finger; Paris Mount, D. Hilliard; Greenvillle Station, A. M. Forster; Greenville Circuit, S. M. Green, A. H. Har-mon; Union, R. G. Boyd, George W. Ivey, Laurens, S. Townsend, J. Wesley Miller; Newberry, C. Murchison, C. J. Pennington; Mt. Tryon Mission, James N. Burchell; Cokesbury School, J. W. Wrightman; H. A. C. Walker, agent for Cokesbury School.

Columbia District-S. W. Capers, preding elder; Columbia, (Washington st.,) endon. But a few week s will clapse before the Whitefoord Smith, D. D., (Marion street.) Phomas Mitchell: Congarce Mission, William Martin; Lexington, D. Derrick, James T. Kilgo; Columbia Circuit, J. W. J. Har-Camden, H. C. Parsons; Darlington, W. H. Flemming, D. W. Scale; Sumterville, Nicholas Talley; J. W. North; Santee, H. Spain; Wateree Mission, D. G. McDamel, A. J. Cauthen; St. Matthews, Williamson Smith

Georgetown District-T. R. Walsh, presiding elder; Georgetown, James Stacy; Santee Mission, S. P. Taylor; Conwayboro, James Parker, Israel P. Hughes; Blackriver Circuit, S. Jones, W. W. Lee; Blackningo, A. Nettles; Blackriver and Pee Dee Missions, M. Early, L. M. Johnston; Marion, M. A. McKibten, W. A. Clarke; Ben nettsville, J. M. Bradley; Cheraw, John T. Wightman; Cheraw Mission, W. J. Jackson; Chesterfield, W. C. Clarke, and one to be supplied; Wadesborough, C. S. Walker, W. E. Boone; Albemarle, W. S. Haltom; Waccamaw Mission, J. A. Minnick A. P. Martin; Sampit Mission, William Carson; Society Hill Mission, John A, Mood.

Lincolnton District-II. H. Durant, presiding elder; Charlotte Station. H. G. Stacy; Charlotte Circuit, D. J. Simmons, Jos. W. Faulkner; Pleasant Grove, W. C. Patterson; Concord, S. D. Laney; Lincolnton, John H. Zimmerman; Spartanburg, W. P. Mouzon; Spartanburg Circuit, Miles Pickett; Rutherford, P. F. Kistler; Catauba, L. Scarborough; Shelby, O. A. Creitzburg; Morganton, J. L. Shuford; McDowell Circuit, R. P. Franks; Lenoir, D. McDonald; Vorkville, L. M. Liulo,

The following have been transferred to the N. Carolina Conference.

Witmington District-W. Barringer. presiding elder; Wilmington Brick Church, W. G. Conner; Bladen Circuit, J. H. Robinson, D. Byers; Payetteville Station, Jos. H. Wheeler; Fayetteville Circuit, A. Irvine; Rockingham, W. L. Pegues; Montgomery, A. L. Smith, A. M. Rush; Cape Fear Mission, James J. Manns.

ear Mission, James J. Manns.

Several preachers were left without apthem, and Freedom's land expanded to a Conpointment, on account of ill health. Next timent, and from the Pacific to the Atlantic the conference to be held in Georgetown, So.

Alligaton Smooting .-- On a recent trip The word hun, and wearing a melancholy look. Tak-driven out of the Mississippi tiver, but the ter equals and perform her stated courses for their would, perhaps, be better than ing his stand, he addressed the students.
"Gentlemen, I expected yesterday, as I River. Every bear plying on that river cars be on her sisters that they have sat in unrighten the disease, unfortunately, has taken a fa- from the mouth to one hundred and fifty vorable turn, and the patient is now in a miles, furnishes them retreats in which their young are reared. They are as abundant now as they were fifty years ago. In AMERICAN ART UNION.-The Annual Florida, they are extensively killed for their

> but has not obtained his orders yet. Mr. alsojsaid, acts as if there was muschier brew-The choice prize, number 100 on the ing. Independently of these intimations,

> NEW PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS - We | RELEASE OF WH. CHAPTER, THE SLAVE

having for its object the aboltion of any toriff or duties on imports whatever, the total discontinuane of custom houses, and the establishment of absolute freedom of importation without any check, impost, or important or importation without any check, impost, or important or limitation whatever. The Tribune tells us amount of \$6,000 had been given in this Union.

"Democratic" candidate for President, at five thousand dollars of the bail. This has

A hen-pecked husband says that, instead tion of over \$200,000, payable balf on defor she is 1 and he is 0.

whiskey? Because it's frequently tapped, into pickle for his ewn back.

THE SUMTER BANNER. Sumterville, So. Ca.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1851. J. S. G. Richardson, Editor.

Messrs. A. White & Co., are Agents for the Banner in Sumterville.

27 The Southern Rights Association for Claremont will meet at Sumterville on Monday

Our Printers thought themselves bound to spend Christmas like all the world and the rest of mankind," and the consequence is, that we are compelled to omit publishing our outside this week. We throw ourselves upon the indulgence of our pat-It will be seen, by reference to another

column, that a subscriber "handles us without gloves." He is rather hard upon us, we think, hasmuch as it was a predecessor, who made the promises alluded to. Nevertheless, as every enterprise which has the good of our district for its aim, is regarded with interest by us, we thank him fd the limt.

ie Convention of the People. The Agislature, at its last session, appointed the second Monday in February next for the election of Delegates to a Convention of the people of South Carolina. Four are to be elected by Claremont Election County and three by Clare-

Freemen of South Carolina will be called upon

to choose these who shall represent their Sover-

shall fix the destinies of this State, this gallant, is; Winnsborough, A. McCorquodale, E. his glorious State. Long ago, when Liberty Meynardie; Lancaster, John A. Porter; yet was young, she delighted to tread these ver dant glades and sunny fields. She came over the great waters with those who endured not a tyrant's frowns or a tyrant's smiles. She nerved their bearts to meet the thronged dangers of strangeness and cheered them while the forests melted down before their labors and the busy hum of active tife possessed the domains of silence. The happy years glided noiselessly into the past and this people grew in greatness, and liberty will dwelt with them, their angel guest. A time of feed came upon them, the sun went dewn in clouds and no star forced one ray of Hope through the thick gloom but she still dwelt in light, and, when she went forth with them, darkness paled and fled before them. Fleets and armies thronged their borders and the minions of power would fain have manacled these free shores, but she derided them in the thunderings of Fort Moultrie and the rethat Her Sprit too was there. The night was ended and the day dawned upon a free and independent people, a people without fear and without repreach. Virtue, Gentleness and Refinement were the Graces of their homes-Justice Courtesy and Magnanimity jarrdiated their name abroad. Soch was the birth and such the youth of South Carelina. Radiant in her leveliness, blooming in lar youth of virtue and beauty, she joined herself in amity with her sisters of comthen parentses and remain history. She drew still closer the ties that bound them to each other. The glorious past had been one to them-the more glorious future should not be severed .-What was hers should not apart be hers, but their riches should be common. High up in the blue heavens bave culminated their bright stars;

But, see! when the vision is brightest, and a of the R. C. Oglesly from New-Orleans marring change comes over it. Has one star know no man in Claremont county, to whom in that resplendent constellation exceeded another in glory, and is Corolina's star the lesser ! ed 55 alligators. These creatures have been Is she to circle, a tributary planet, around hersisnumber does not seem to diminish in Red behoof! Rather would we blot her out. Shame | Conventicriminal. Shame be on them, that they have aspersed her fair fame and virgin honor. Shame be on them that they have robbed her of her own and called it righteous depravition, that they have shut her out from her own possessions lest she contaminate the soil of Freedom. Oh, that it had been an enemy that had done this, that we be small menial; if she shall, with coward Durk Culty with Austria - The News seat and draw over her brow the convict's cap; York Express says that the letters of its lifshe, who while in her cradle, like the infant Demi-Goal, throttled the monster, tyranny, shall,

cled up their bright courses and clustered round

But shame is not, and cannot be, the heritage of Carolina's sons. While the Palmetto grows her honor must ever be untarnished. The proud power opposed to us is drawing nigher and nigher in its deadly array. The day and the hour of contest will soon be upon us. Called to assume and for which he was offered \$6,000, was meaning himself discourteously, in con, our covereignty, let us place the insignia of performance was the sample plaintive air of "Home Sweet Home." which, familiar as it is, to every one, we had never heard really sung before it came from the melliniuous hips

The following are the lucky persons in South Carolina, if we may rely upon the list in the New York Hardis, C. J. Bollon, Columbia; G. W. Legg, Spartanburg; Dr. Columbia; G. W. Legg, Spartanbur something of an apology for hard and no dischoner, deterred by no danger, may safely pass through a night of gloom and emerge into a new and a happier day.

Senator Poote.

have already noticed the formation of a Approximation. The Washington Republic, of Saturday last, has the following:

The End of the Chaplin Cuse.—Mr.

Some one of our exchanges, remarking upon the stremous exertions recently made by this gentleman in behalf of the "Omnibus," begs to Some one of our exchanges, remarking upon

ter. During the debate upon the Compromise, it having been asserted, that in pursuing the course that he did, he was misrepresenting the feelings and views of his constituents; this same Secretary of the Treasury, and the main counsel and gave the required had as above architect of the present tand.) as the next stated. It is said that Gerrit Sunth paid untion; declaring, that if any six (we believe we are correct as to the number) responsible the same time placing "the party" on dis- probably saved Chaplin from the penitenti- cilizens of Mississippi were to signify their distinct and unequivocal "free trade" grounds, ary, as it is thought he will hardly appear approbation of his course, that he would forthwith vacate his seat in the Senate.

> Mr. FOOTE must either have been influenced by a spirit of vain boasting, in speaking thus; of he and his wife being one, they are ten; or he must have fondly imagined, that the love of Union would also overwhelm Mississippi, ry. Now, Sir, have you kept this promise ! Every time a man breaks a Divine law and the sincerity of his avowal, would not events, that since that time, almost the whole, relations-

people of Mississippi, through the only channels given for the expression of public sentimentpublic meetings, the Press and the Legislature -have signified their disaprobation of his course; and it is equally certain, that Mr. Foore's seat in the Senate has not been vacated. His decalartion would seem to indicate, that he was a man of the finest sensibility; but his acts are wholly iuconsistent with that declaration, evincing an utter want of pride, of truth and of dignity.

With regard to the discontent of the people of Mississippi, as expressed through their public meetings, he says, that it is but the ebulition of an effervescent excitement, which means nothing, and that the people of that State do not in reality know their own sentiments. But even granting, that they are in the full possession of that mount of intelligence, which it would seem is requisite to insure them in a knowledge of their own thoughts and wishes upon this particular subject, Mr. F. can only recognise, in the fact of his being invited home, the prevalence of that suicidical policy, which would induce the child to throw off the protection of the parent; and he gives the world to understand that the article, patriotism, enters much too largely into his composition to permit of his allowing his loved but inloving Mississippi to commit any act so subversive of her own interests, as that of ridding nerself of his services.

With regard to the attacks of the Press, he professes a supreme contempt " for newspaper cribblers," intimating, that their shafts when imed at so exalted an object as himself, are as armless as the arrows of the Lilliputians.

With regard to the resolutions passed by the Legislature condemnatory of his course; he has the unblushing effrontery to assert, that the gentleman who compose that body, although enlightened and patriotic, are yet guilty of misrepresenting the people, in the passage of such resolutions. So that, when the Press and the Legislature declare, that Mr. FOOTE misrepresensents his constituents, they are themselves misrepresenting the people; and when the people themselves declare, that Mr. FOOTE misrepresents them, they do but misrepresent their own views and feelings. Surely this particular portion of the universe was never destined to figure upon canvas-so difficult is it of representation. But then does not some one represent it! Oh the wilds; her smiles chased away the gloom of yes! Mr. Footh does. Happy Mississippi!happy in the possession of a servant who knows her better than she knows herself and loves her better than she loves herself. So others may think, and exclaim; but as for us, we are inclined to the opinion, that the case of Mississippi is much like that of "Sinbad, the sailor "that she has saddled herself with an "old man of the sea," and that it will take something more than words to dislodge him from his scat.

The circumstances, attendant upon a sojourn in Wasnington, are clothed with a degree of attractiveness far greater than that which invests the simpler features of the distant homestead; and the people of Mississippi may long in vain for the presence of their benefactor. Thoughts sponsive eclines of King's Mountain proclaimed of home have no charms for him; nor can the touching plaint of the exile-"home, sweet home"-find a responsive echo in his bosom -He is determined to stay it out; and not all the allurements employed by the Syrens-not the picture of all his social enjoyments-not even the anticipation of the caresses to be had at the hands of the juvenile Feete-can move him from his determination-or from Washington.

[For the Baner.] MR. EDITOR:-As the Election of Delegates to the State Conventor is to come off on the 2d. Monday in February next allow me the use of your columns, to bring to the notice of my Fellow Citizens the name of Matthew P. Mayes as eminently qualified to fill this distinguished post. Mr. Mayes will not only bring to this Convention a calm and dispassionate judgment, and integrity of character, as pure and unsulfied as that of any man in our District, but will bring to it, a large experience in public life, with a full knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of his position. In short, Sir, I I would sooner trust the rights and interests of her citizens than to Matthew P. Mayes. As the choice of Delegates to this I rest upon the highest grounds 'es, and the character and ability of those \_\_\_n to perform the great duty imposed upon them, I forbear saying any thing further at present. Such a choice, I am sure, would give general satis-

faction to the people.

Dec. 25th, 1850.

[For the Banner.]

SCENE .- Editor's Office. Editor scated by the table, pen in hand, and writing busily. A sub- Ah! hard as the life is, and dull as the trade is, scriber to his paper enters, and editor asks him to take a seat.

EDITOR .- Take a seat, Sir, by the fire ; cool weather this, but just such as we might expect; the old yearfhas just expired, and the new yaer come in. What's the news, Sir !

SUBSCRIBER .-- Oh nothing particular: I thought I would have a little chat with you, this morning, as the time has come to turn over a new leaf; and I thought a little plain country talk might help you on a little.

EDIT .- Ah! much obliged to you, Sir. Will be very happy, indeed, to converse with you, on any subject which you can turn to my advan-

Sun .- So I thought. Now the subject is the SUMTER Banner.

EDIT .- Ah! what about that ! Is it not such a paper as you like! Is it not such a sheet as old Sumter may well boast of ! Is it not a thorough Southern rights paper! Does it not, on all occasions, sustain the honor of South Carolina to its utmost ability! Does it not give all the news worth relating !

SUR.-Stop, Str. Your queries are too rapid. You divert my mind from its original thoughts, and I would like to talk leisurely. I would give you full credit for making a very good political newspaper; but you must recollect, Sir, there are some matters of local interest in which the people of Sumter are muchengaged; something else besides the advertising of Sheriff's sales, and the advertisements of your merchants; these are all very good, and I insist upon you continuing to advertise them. But my object is, this new year's day, to remind you of a promise made years back, and which I am sorry to see you have neglected much. EDIT .- Ah! what's that!

SUB .- You engaged at the outset to bring prominently before the people the importance of the Wilmington and Manchester Rail Road, to devote your columns li berally to its support ; to encourage it by all the means at your disposal, and in short, the people along the line of that enterprize were led to believe, that in the Sumter Banner, they would find a powerful auxila-

EDIT .-- I must, my dear Sir, plead guilty of

Sun .- Federal relations! federal relations! May the phruse be stricken from our Language I am tired, Sir, of all this cant about the glorious union, and I want to see our District paper a little more Southern; strictly southern, Sir; de voting more of its columns to our local interests, and in my humble opinion, it can advocate nothing better than the completion of the W. and M. R. Rond.

Edit .- I feel, my dear Sir, that the press might really have hastened the completion of this enterprise, and I scarcely know what apology make for my former neglect.

Sun .- Make none, Sir, but let our acts for the future, atone for your former neglect. Press upon the people, the importance of this Road; and do this often; not once a year, by making a short quotation from a Wilmington paper, but let it be done as it ought to be, by editorial addresses, &c; and then you may think you do the State some service.

Edit .- I will take your reproof in good part and will endeavour to act upon your advise. The Road, I know, is slowly, too slowly, reaching completion; I know the capitalists abroad are not sufficiently awake to the advantages this enterprise offers them; I know that if they were from time to time informed of its progress; they would soon become better disposed to subscribe; I know, too, that without additional stock being taken, the Road will not likely be completed, and those of our citizens who have spent their money and labor upon the work will lose seriously, unless the Road is finished; and

Sun .- You know enough, Sir, to awaken your dormant energies; rouse yourself and make your paper what it promised to be, the organ of Sumter District, the encourager of its enterprises By this course, you will regain the good opinion you have lost, and acquire, that of many which you do not now enjoy. Devote a portion of your paper to the encouragement of this Rail Road enterprise; give all the news that is in any way connected with it; note its progress from time to time; comment upon the work, and thereby create a spirit of rivalry amongst the contractors; stimulate them to greater exertions, and then, but not till thon, you will have discharged your duty to your patrons, and to the

CARRIER'S ADDRESS.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE SUMTER BANNER. Sumterville, December 25th, 1850. Oh! Christmas, bright Christmas, with joy do

we hail thee, Harbinger of fun and good cheer! With sounds of rejoicings and prayer we'll regale thee,

Then, welcome, then visitor rare

The sun, as he peeped o'er the tree-tops this morning. And turned his bright visage this way,

Received from the " b'hoys " of the village due warning. That he could'n't at all shine to-day. True to their word, "every son of a gun," Since then, has been buring his powder;

And, true to their creed-that in noise there is

Each tries, than the rest, to shout louder. Ha! b'hoys, you may stick to your "crackers"

and " rockets;" I'll hie to my patrons. I guess; To find out the state of their healths and their

pockets, And orge has Concourses the "rea." Pm out on my own hook to-day; | Comprise 5 bales at 12; 55 at 12 1-4; 50 at And the principal item, that I have of news, is

That " here is the Devil to pay." Now, knowing your hatred for long-winded And liking for "saws," old and new,

I'll simply inculcate that adage, which teaches To "give the Devil his due." Perhaps you're in doubt, as to what is my due-And, as I have, weekly, brought reading to you,

Good cents is the due that I'm needing. How full is this life, and all nature of change ! There's change, both for good and for evil; Thore's change in my patrons; but-is it not

strange !--There's none in the purse of their Devil. So change less a life is a great bore, I think : I long something new to begin-For instance-I'm sick of your types and your

And longing to " handle your tin." "Plank up"—and to me thou wilt ever be dear; To thee I will ever be civil;

Refuse-and there's one, who your meanness Won't spare ; Would'st see him !--then, "go to the--Printer's boy."

One pleasure I have, without cloy; Tis the thought, that those angels sans wings, velent ladies.

Are kind to the poor printer boy Sweet ladies, to you I have only to say, Let smiles be the meed of my verses; Ahem!-but, of course, if you wish to you may Both open your hearts and your purses.

And now you've a chance the good teacher to please-The case of the "Widow" I cite-For, the you're not made-as the moon is-of

cheese, You surely can throw in your mite To all, in conclusion; I've tickled your leisure With a harsh and rough jurgle of rhymes;

And now, if you're willing, I'll listen with pleasure. To a heart-tickling jingle of dimes \*My name-at your service.

Exception .- The Courier des Etats Unis to trial until a decision was had on the plea contains the message in full of the Presi- of abatement, the argument was lengthy. dent of the French Republic. Under the The Judge is to give his decision to-day. same head (of foreign affairs) he says, Sun. what it may be of some importance to those engaged in getting up another expedation against Cuba-if any such there be

--to know. These are his words: "As soon as the French Government was informed of the criminal attempt upon Cuba by certain adventurers, we sent an additional force to the commander of the his efforts with those of the Spanish authorities, for the purpose of preventing further attempts of the kind."

Those who engage, therefore, in that kind of business, hereafter, will not only have the Spanish naval force to encounter but that of France also, and of England, too, we have no doubt. So says the Balti-

"Oh! ah! how very strange, that one goose can suckle so many goslings," ex-claimed Miss Josephine Amelia Oliva Au-Why is a street door like a barrel of he adds a thorn to the rol which he puts therefore be put to the test. It is certain at all neglect, gross neglect; but really our federal gusta, while paying a visit to her country cousi .

WILLOW GROVE, DEC. 24, 1850. Mr. Editor:-The following is a list of he Officers appointed for this District, at the late session of the Legislature, which you will please publish and oblige,

> Yours very Respectfully, J. D. ASHMORE.

MAGISTRATES. James A. Carnes, John D. Jones and H.

COMMISSIONERS FREE SERIOLS. Wm. J. Reynolds, G. W Lec, John O. Heriot. R. L. Heriot, H. H. Wells, J. W. Stuck-

ev and John Frierson. CLAREMONT BOARD COMMISS'ES OF ROADS. John J Moore, William Nettles, Wm. N. White, Robt. L. McLeod, Levi Burkett, C. C. Jackson, Jas. W. Rembert, Isaac N. Lenoir, John N. McLeod, John S. Bradford, Mason H. Reams and Turner Davis.

SALEM BOARD COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS. J. W. Stuckey, Stephen Lacoste, J. E. Witherspoon, John E. Mullrow, John S. Bradley, H. G. Witherspeon, W. A. Muldrow, Ezekiel Keels, Hosea Wilson R S. McFadden, S E D. Johnson, James M. Baker and A. H. Thompson.

MANAGERS OF ELECTIONS SPRING HILL. James Corbett, Sen.

Telegraphic Intelligence. Reported for the Charleston Courier.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27. Wash'n time 23th, 10.20 P. M.—Ch'tn 19.30 P. M. New-York Market, Dec. 27.

The Cotton market to-day was firm, and he sales amounted to 1200 bales. General Matters. James L. Petrigru has been confirmed Inited States for South-Carolina.

Robert Smith was arrested in Philadelphia to-day, charged with an assault for aiding the arrest of Gibson, a fugitive slave.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27. Wash'ton, Dec. 28-10.05 P. M.-Ch'ton, 10.25 Accident to Steam Ship Ohio.

The steam ship Ohio reached Norfolk

on Thursday afternoon, in distress. She had 300 passengers on board, and one million of gold. Both the Engineers [Engines!] were disabled, and she was obliged to he to off Cape Hatteras 60 hours, on account of the rough sea. All hands were called to the pumps, and were in momentary expectation of sinking. The damage to the boat is estimated at 30,000 dollars. She will remain at Nortolk awaiting orders. The passengers and mails are all safe, and have gone North, via this city. The scene on board is described as being terrible.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29. Wash'ton time, Dec. 29, 7 50 P. M.—Ch'ton Dec. 29, 8 P. M.

New-York Market, Dec. 28. The sales to-day reached 1200 bales, with fair Uplands at 13 7-8, and Or cons 14 1-2; The week's business foots up 10.500 bales. The Rice market is quiet, only 400 tierces having been sold. Prime is quoted at 3.5-8. Sterling 10 1-2.

The Market.

Corres.-The transactions on Saturday last reached some 1500 bales. Prices as 123.8, 52 at 12 1-2; 184 at 12 5.8; 142 at 12 3.4. 83 at 12 7-8; 408 at 13; 319 at 13-1-8; and 57 bales at 12 1-4c; -- Courier.

Distressing Casualty. The Passenger Car on the Charlotte Rail Road, was thrown from the track yes-terday morning 2 th, directly over Elkin's Mill Pond, 10 miles from Columbia, by whici means several lives have been lost, & many of the passengers more or less injur-

It appears from what we have learned that one of the breaks attached to the passenger Car broke and fell upon the track which threw the Car off and in its fall turned so that the bottom of the Car was uppermost in the water, which caused serious difficulty in the way of escape for the pas-

sengers. The following is a statement of the killed and wounded as tar as we could ascer-N. Gibson, Agent of the Cor, killed, A child of Mr. H. Powell, killed.

A Negro girl the property of a Mr. Lyles, killed. Gen. Wm. A. Owens, and to be seriously injured, and compelled to return to

Columbia. E. G. Palmer, Sr., President of the Company, severely injured. Gen, Owens' son, seconsty injured.

J. R. Shurley, scriously injured.
J. Leitner, serious y agured. Several lady possengers were more or less scratched and broused, but not seriously.

Great praise is due Mr. P. P. Chambers, of Columbia, and Mr. J. E. Duntap, of York District, passengers, who at the risk of their lives, with the assistance of others, a ded in rescuing from a watery grave several of the passengers, who would otherwise have perished.

The Cuba Expeditionists.

The New-Orleans True Delta of the 18th inst., says:—The question was yesterday argued before Judge McCaleb, presiding in the United States Circuit Court, as to whether Gen. Henderson, could have his trial immediately, and the Court pass over Lopez and the others who have put in pleas in abatement. District Attorney Hunton was willing to go to trial at once, but would insist that Gen. Lopez should be PRESIDENT BONAPARTE ON THE CUBAN tried first, and as his counsel refused to go

SEE HERE .- Dr. Turnbull has discov ered a remedy for short-sightedness, by the application of an extract of ginger to the forehead, so as to effect the fifth pair of nerves.

"Well, captain," report Cuff, wiping West India station, with orders to unite his mouth with the nether end of his shining coat siceve, "I'se bery dry, so I won't be ugly bout it. Some niggers is too proud to drink wid a milishy ossifer-but I tink a milishy ossifer-when he's soberis jis as good as a nigger--specially if de nigger's dry."

> LAUGHABLE .-- A Yankee editor says he "like to died a larfin," to see a drinkin' chap tryin' to pocketthe shadow of a swingin'sign for a poeket handkerchief.

A BRUSH .- It is said that Barnum is in full chase after a few hairs taken from a brush between a party of Americans and Indians.