



SELECTIONS

(From the Scottish Patriot.)

The auld man's complaint.

Oh! I canna tell you hoo,
But I'm weary, and am dull;
My heart is wae and like to break,
I greet against my will:

And yet there's naething either,
To mak' me feel me wae,
Unless it be the boding thought
O' life's fast closing day:

Oh! I'm auld and lonely noo,
And wadna care to die;
For its lang sin' Mary's kindly heart
Was warm wi' love o' me!

I wadna dowie a' the day,
Sin' she left me here alone—
The cauld, cauld grave's my refuge noo,
Sin' a' I loved are gane.

I canna bear folk's laugh,
An' I canna hear them sing;
I'm discontent wi' a' I see,
And fret at every thing.

But this springs a' for love o' them—
That lang time gane before—
For the tale o' an orphan boy,
Wad gar my heart run o'er.

But my sorrow's a' my ain,
And I ae cup is at the brim,
But I'd rather bear it a' mysel',
Than trouble ony one.

QUESTIONING THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

One of the many announcements to which the candidates for the "highest office in the gift of the people" are exposed, is the receipt of letters from Tom, Dick and Harry, accompanied by a request that they be answered at "earliest convenience."

Now the most convenient period with Gen. Harrison or Mr. Van Buren for answering nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand of these silly missives, would be the time appointed by Sheridan for paying his debts—that is, the day after the day of judgment. We are not in favor of the Presidential candidates adopting the silent system as a general rule—we think that when interrogated on cardinal questions of policy by a known sovereign citizen, or a body of citizens, it behooves them to make a prompt and frank reply, but to carry on a correspondence with every self-important little personage who pompously subscribes himself "The People," would be the acme of absurdity.

There, for instance, is Mr. Cocoon—he soils a sheet of foolscap with a view of "drawing out" Gen. Harrison, or the present incumbent of the White House, as the case may be, on his, the writer's, hobby. He speaks of the high office for which he is before the people, dwells on the right which under a Republican Government citizens have of knowing his sentiments on questions of vital importance to their interests, and winds up by asking, if he should be elected, and that a bill were brought before Congress to encourage the growth of morus multicaulis, would he veto it?

Mr. Chronometer follows in the same style, but tells the Presidential candidate whom he addresses, that much as he admires the general features of his policy, he cannot consistently give him his support till he first ascertains whether or not he is in favor of wooden clocks, and if, being so, he would lay a deep duty on all time pieces which would affect their entire exclusion.

Mr. Locomotive apologizes for his intrusion on the time of one whose duties must be so multifarious. He feels a repugnance at putting questions to a Presidential candidate, but as the question which he is about to ask has reference to the all-important subject of public improvements; and is so closely bound up with the interests of himself and his six other fellow-citizens, he has no other alternative left; he distinctly hints that his support and that of his six other friends were contingent on the reply. Having gone so far, he then poses the question, "If elected will you use your influence to have a rail-road chartered for connecting Frog Pond with Mjowow Creek?"

A man whose hobby is the improvement of the breed of stock, threatens Gen. Harrison with violent opposition unless he publicly and unequivocally states whether or not he is in favor of the importation of asses (though there was a sufficient supply in the market). And another threatens Van Buren with certain defeat unless he shows that he "is all right" on the vexed and long agitated question of property doing a beef-steak. Hundreds, he tells him, will withdraw from his cause unless he distinctly states his preference for a steak broiled on a gridiron, or fried with onions. Of course, as there is so much at stake, the Democratic candidate cannot refuse to give a categorical reply.

The Soap Locks Society, before giving a pledge of their support, must know each of the candidates' opinions relative to bear's grease and black canes. If even a remote design be entertained to prohibit the use of those indispensable articles, let it be known, let it be published to the world, that their friend may be known from their foe.

So the game goes on; every grog shop politician in the country calling for 'light' on subjects which are too trivial to occupy the attention of a village constable. Is it to be wondered at then that Van Buren or Gen. Harrison have not time to do all their own writing?—N. O. Piquette.

Our Position.—We believe we are not particularly chargeable with political instability, but, upon mature deliberation, we have come to the conclusion that, after the 4th of March next, we will fight on the administration side.—Louisville Journal.

BATHER OLD.—A gentleman who travelled in Peru, in 1834, stated, that while on a tour at Payta, Mr. Charles Ridgison, United States Consul there, introduced him to an old Indian lady 142 years of age.

KEEP IT BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

Now or never, fellow-citizens, is the time for the important fact to be blazoned abroad. Trumpet the truth through all the streets of Ascalon, in Washington, and in New Orleans, and in the great future city of Bath behind New Orleans, and at Prairie Cottage and at Bayou La Branche, and everywhere before and behind New Orleans, as well as in every other corner, part, parcel, and portion of these great United States.

Keep it before the People!—Awaken the echoes in the farthest corners of the Union and thrill the nation with the loud reverberation. Fellow-countrymen, unborn millions are yet to pronounce upon our acts, so just look out what you are about. We are just stepping over the first stumbling block in the way of Republicanism, and if you are not cautious you will bark your shins, sprain your ankles, or fall upon your noses. Two more big stones are in our path, and when we succeed in rolling them out of the way, we may at once proceed to laying the iron for a grand rail-road track to eternity.

But keep this thing before the people, yes, and behind the people, and all around the people, so that the people can't possibly move without seeing or tumbling over it.—Hang it upon the horns of the moon, that all the world may look at it, or if you can't hang it on the moon, hang it upon the tallest liberty pole you can find, and if you can't find a liberty pole, why, hang the thing, hang it somewhere else.

Only keep it before the people! because, although the people don't care two pins about it, yet, if you make a noise on the subject, it will appear very clear to them that the thing is of some consequence, and the more noise they make the better.

It would be an excellent plan, to send out to China for a cargo of the loudest kind of gongs, and set them a going all over the U. States, to the tune of "Come to Dinner." Then, when you get the people all seated with their mouths wide open, pull up the curtain, and exhibit this new Gorgon!

Freemen of America, guardians of the country, brothers of the press, we charge you, with tears in our eyes, to keep this thing before the people! Remember Bunker Hill, and the battle of New Orleans, and keep it before the people! Think of the green graves of your buried grandfathers, and keep it before the people! Think of your wives and children, and of your children's children, and keep it before the people! Lay your hands upon your hearts, and keep it before the people! Put your hands in your pockets, and keep it before the people!

We don't know exactly what it is, or what it means, and we haven't time to inquire, but we observe all our political neighbors are extremely anxious about it, so, as in duty bound, we implore you, as you love your country, Keep it before the People!—Piquette.

NEGROES.

And other Valuable Property, FOR SALE!

NOTICE is hereby given, that on Monday the 30th day of November next, there will be exposed to Public Sale, at the late residence of Col. John E. Butler, dec'd, in Burke county, 5 miles south-west of Morganton, all the personal property belonging to the estate of said deceased, consisting of 28 VERY LIKELY

NEGROES,

amongst which are men, women and children.

Four head of Horses,

Seven head of MULES, large and well-conditioned;

A number of Cattle, Hogs and Sheep;

1 Road Wagon; 1 two-horse Wagon; 1 Barouche, and 1 Carryall, with harness attached to each;

A considerable quantity of Corn, Wheat, Rye, Oats, &c., &c.

A general assortment of Farming and Mining Tools, besides various other articles.

And a credit of 12 months will be given, and bond, with approved security, required.

CHARLES McDOWELL, Adm'r.

R. C. PEARSON, Morganton, N. C., 29th Oct., 1840.

THE UNDERSIGNED,

HAVING obtained administration on the estate of Col. John E. Butler, dec'd., at October Session, 1840, of Burke County Court, respectfully request all persons indebted to the estate of the deceased, to make immediate payment; and those having claims against it, to present them, duly authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

CHARLES McDOWELL, Adm'r.

R. C. PEARSON, Adm'r.

Oct. 29, 1840, 14122

Fifty Dollars Reward!

WILL be given by the subscriber, for the apprehension and delivery of a villain that passed himself in the counties of Haywood and Buncombe by the name of THOMAS GREENLEE. He is a person of rather delicate make, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, with dark hair and a thin visage. When he left here, he was dressed in country jeans, and riding a bright bay horse, supposed to be worth \$60 or \$70. He had in his possession \$54 of bank notes of the following description, viz: A \$20 note on the Bank of Columbia, two other \$5 notes on other Georgia banks \$10 dollars in South Carolina bills and a \$4 note on the State Bank of N. Carolina, all of which I paid him towards a \$70 note of hand forged upon Wm. H. Thomas of Cherokee county. Also a dark drab overcoat pattern, with necessary trimmings, consisting in part of red padding, and flannel cotton drilling, and dark pearl buttons. The above reward will be given for the said Thomas Greenlee if delivered with his horse, and any part of the above described goods and cash, or \$25 for his person alone.

SAMUEL CHUNN, u. 22.

Asheville, Nov. 6, 1840.

All editors desiring to justice will please give the above a few insertions.

Wines, Liquors, Cordials, &c.

J. COCHE, FRENCH COOK,

CONSTANTLY keeps on hand, all kinds of Wines, Liquors, Cordials, Confectionary, Bread, &c., &c., &c.

He can cook, in the best French style, on short notice, any dish that may be desired.

An apprentice will be taken to learn the Baking business.

He also wishes to hire a woman who is capable of doing all kinds of house work.

Asheville, Oct. 6, 1840. 1422

Sheriff's Sales.

I WILL expose to public sale, at the court house in Asheville, on the first Monday in December next, the following tracts of LAND, or so much thereof as will satisfy the tax and costs due thereon for the year 1839. To wit:

50,000 ACRES,

granted to Mark Mitchell and Thomas Davidson, lying on the south-west side of French Broad river, and on the waters of Big Pine creek and Pawpaw joining Hall and Walton and McIntire's old survey, on the east side. Valued at two thousand dollars, by Zachariah Candler. Tax due thereon six dollars.

One other tract of

50 ACRES,

granted to Peter Borders, lying on the waters of the north-east fork of Pole creek, joining the lands of Mangum Jones. Valued to fifty dollars by Z. Candler. Tax due thereon, fifteen cents.

One other tract of

2000 ACRES,

being the unmod part of a large tract of land granted to Hall, Walton and McIntire. Valued at two hundred dollars, by Z. Candler. Tax due thereon, sixty cents.

W. JONES, Sheriff of Buncombe Co.

October 22, 1840. 1421

THE Raleigh Register will copy the above for one month.

6-14 CENTS REWARD!

REWARD from the subscriber, on the 11th ult., an apprentice that was bound to me to learn the tanner's trade, by the name of JEPHTHA FRANKLIN QUEEN. The above reward will be given for his apprehension and delivery to me in Haywood county, at my residence on Luffy river, but no charges nor expenses paid. And I do moreover forewarn all persons from harboring said boy, as I will put the law in force against all such.

NATHL. BLACKBURN, p22

Nov. 6, 1840.

State of North Carolina,

MACON COUNTY.

Original Supplemental Bill.

HENRY GRADY,

WM. D. SMITH and MALORY B. PATTON,

IN EQUITY—FALL TERM, 1840.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that William D. Smith, one of the defendants in this case—It is ordered that publication be made in the "Highland Messenger" for six successive weeks, notifying the said defendant, William D. Smith to appear at the next Court of Equity to be held for the county of Macon, at the court house in Franklin, on the 4th Monday in March next, (1841) to answer plaintiff's bill of complaint, or judgment pro confesso will be entered against him, and the cause set for hearing as to him ex parte.

Witness, SAUL SMITH, clerk and master of our said Court, at office, the 4th Monday in September, A. D. 1840.

SAUL SMITH, C. M. E.

[Printer's fee, \$5 50.] 61-21

Blanks! Blanks!!

JUST printed, and for sale at the "Messenger" Office, a new assortment of BLANKS—among which are Constables' Warrants, with Judgments and Executions; Superior and County Court Solicitors' Indictments for Affrays, Assaults, &c., &c.

All orders for Blanks of any kind, promptly attended to.

Asheville, July 24, 1840. 8

Notice.

I HEREBY forewarn all persons from trading for five Bonds, or Notes, given by me to Robert Rogers for thirty dollars each—given in December, 1839. The consideration of said bonds having totally failed, I do not intend paying them. The said bonds are in the possession of Edmond S. Foster; and a suit will be instituted in Equity against the said Robert Rogers, Edmond S. Foster and others, respecting the said bonds and the consideration for which they were given.

JAMES SWIM, p121

October 30, 1840.

Wanted to hire.

LIBERAL wages will be given for a smart, active NEGRO MAN, who can come well recommended. He will be hired by the month or year, according to the wish of the owner.

Apply at this office. Oct. 30.

Notice.

APPLICATION will be made to the next Session of the Legislature of North Carolina for an act to incorporate the town of Asheville.

Oct. 9th, 1840. 1418

MARRIAGE LICENSE, BONDS, &c.

Superior and County Court Writs.

AND a general assortment of other Blanks, just printed, in superior style. For sale, at this office, at our usual moderate prices.

Sept. 18, 1840. 15

PROSPECTUS

OF THE

WESTERN-CAROLINA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE;

A monthly paper, devoted to the Temperance Reform, published at Asheville, N. C.

At a place early in September, resolved on publishing a paper of the above title and character and appointed Dr. John Dickson and D. R. McAnally to conduct it. From the many pressing engagements Dr. Dickson already has, he deems it impracticable for him to be recognized as one of the editors, though he will cheerfully use all his influence otherwise, to promote its interest; the subscriber therefore, in obedience to the wishes of the convention proceeds to issue this prospectus in his own name, with a hope that he will be aided in the undertaking by the friends of the temperance cause throughout the country, and that the paper may soon have an extensive circulation.

FRIENDS OF THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE! To you we make a most earnest appeal—while thousands upon thousands of dollars are annually expended at theatres, at circuses, at the race track, or grogery, while no pains are spared, the luxury, of retirement and ease foregone, and no labor deemed too severe to advance the interests of political aspirants, can you do nothing in a cause that must be dear to every true patriot, philanthropist, and Christian? Recollect there are but few, very few, such papers in all the Southern country. The Western part of North Carolina, the Western part of Virginia, and the Eastern part of Tennessee particularly, need a periodical of this kind, and it is for you now to say whether they shall have it.

The very low price at which it was fixed by the Convention will make it necessary that a very large subscription be had before the publication of it can be justified.

Should the subscription be deemed sufficient the first number will be issued early in January next.

TERMS.

THE WESTERN-CAROLINA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE will be published on a medium sheet in quarto form, each number making eight pages, and will be furnished to subscribers at the very low price of FIFTY CENTS a copy. Where single copies are taken the payment must be made invariably upon the receipt of the first number.

Postmasters, editors or publishers of papers and all Ministers of the gospel are authorized agents.

All papers friendly to the cause, will please give the above a few insertions.

VENDITION EXPOSAS.

JUST printed and for sale at this office, on our usual terms.

Sept. 25, 1840.

ADMINISTRATORS' SALE.

THERE will be sold, at the late residence of GEORGE PATTON, dec'd., on Swannano, (commencing on Tuesday, the 17th day of November next, and continuing from day to day, until completed,) all the personal property belonging to the said deceased, consisting of

Eight likely young Negroes,

Cattle, Horses, Hogs, Sheep; a quantity of

Corn, Fodder, Hay; Household & Kitchen Furniture, Farming Tools, &c.

A credit of twelve months will be given, and purchasers required to give bond and approved security.

JOSHUA ROBERTS, Adm'r.

CALVIN PATTON, 1420

October 23, 1840.

NEW TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT IN ASHEVILLE!

A. J. FAIR

WOULD respectfully inform his friends, and the public generally, that he has commenced the TAILORING BUSINESS, in all its branches, in this place, and hopes, by constant attention to business, to merit and receive a liberal share of public patronage. He hopes to be able to give general satisfaction.

He can always be found at his shop on Main street, a few paces below Mr. Smith's store. Asheville, Oct. 9, 1840. p18

Notice.

THE subscribers, having taken out letters of administration upon the estate of GEORGE PATTON, dec'd., hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate, to present them, duly authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to come forward and make payment.

JOSHUA ROBERTS, Adm'r.

CALVIN PATTON, 12 34

August 18, 1840.

NOTICE.

APPLICATION will be made at the next Session of the Legislature of North Carolina to incorporate the Asheville Female Seminary, and the Boarding House connected with the same.

Oct. 6th, 1840. 14-18

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the subscribers by a book account of twelve months' standing, are requested to call before, or during the term of our Superior Court, and close their accounts by note or cash. All persons indebted to us by note are requested to make payment. Many of our customers can pay us a little money, which will be thankfully received.

F. & M. PATTON, p18

Asheville, Oct. 9, 1840.

BLANKS.

WE have now on hand, and shall continue to keep, a large and general assortment of

BLANKS,

printed on good paper, and in the latest style, which will be sold on the usual terms. We now have

Constables' Warrants, &c., &c., and Bonds,

Superior Court Ca. Sa's, and Bonds,

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