

erect and decided steps should have been taken to insure the success of the Republican cause.

Mr. Van Buren will never get South Carolina; and Virginia and Michigan are very uncertain. Mr. Clay will be very certain to get Connecticut, New Jersey, Indiana and Louisiana; and Pennsylvania and New York, are far more certain for Mr. Clay than for Mr. Van Buren.

Now summing all up, we should like to know where Mr. Van Buren is to get enough of votes to elect him. If he was defeated in 1840, with the immense power and patronage of the government all under his control—and backed as he was, with a party not only united upon him, but zealous in his cause, how can he hope to be elected now, destitute as he is of the power and patronage of the government, and to be sustained by a party distracted with conflicting personal preferences?

MESSRS. CLINGMAN AND WISE. Some sparring took place a short time since in the House of Representatives, between Mr. Clingman from this district and Mr. Wise of Virginia, in which the latter gentleman came off only second best.

His remarks made a most favorable impression upon the House, and nettled Mr. Wise, who endeavored to embarrass him by explanations and by asking questions. Mr. C. was, however, too clear headed, and too self-possessed, to be foiled by Wise, experienced as he is in parliamentary tactics.

Withdrawal of Mr. Buchanan.—Hon. Jas. Buchanan has addressed a letter to the Pennsylvania Democracy, withdrawing his name from the list of Presidential candidates. He says that in taking this step he is actuated "by an anxious desire to drive discord from the ranks of the party."

It seems that the nomination of Mr. Graham by the Whig State Convention, has created considerable uneasiness among the Democracy. An influential Democrat, who does not live a hundred miles from "these capes," said that he would rather the Whigs had nominated some other person, and Col. Hoke himself said, before the assembling of the Convention, that there was but one Whig he was afraid of, and he happened to tell it to some "chiel" that that Whig was the Hon. Wm. A. Graham.

Mr. Webster.—On the authority of the New York True Sun, (which paper has it "from undoubted authority,") it is stated that the Hon. Daniel Webster will not consent to be a candidate for the Vice Presidency, and that "he intends to go the entire for Mr. Clay."

Hon. James A. Pearce, (Whig) has been elected U. S. Senator from Maryland.

Library Notices

Campbell's Foreign Semi-Monthly Magazine. Philadelphia: James M. Campbell. We have just received the seventh number that has been issued of the fourth volume of this magazine. It is a select miscellany of European literature and art, and splendidly embellished with Sartin's beautiful mezzotints.

The Rural Repository. Hudson, N. Y.: Wm. B. Stoddard. We have before spoke of this neat little periodical. It is the neatest specimen of typography on our exchange list. There was commenced in the first number of the Repository, a tale entitled "The Gipsy Mother; or, the Miseries of Enforced Marriage," which is said to possess uncommon interest, that will be concluded in the tenth number.

The Guardian. Columbia, Tenn.: F. G. Smith. The December number of this periodical has been received. A new volume will commence with the number for the current month. Terms, \$1 per annum. This little offering a silver cup for the best essay that may be presented during the present year.

The Whig Almanac. New York: Greely & McElrath. We have received a copy of "The Whig Almanac and Politician's Register for 1844," for which the publishers have our thanks.

Messrs. Graham and Hoke.—In our paper of to-day will be found the letters of Messrs. Graham, (Whig,) and Hoke, (Locofoco,) accepting the nominations conferred upon them by the Whig and Democratic State Conventions. Each have promised to canvass the state. The campaign is now opened, and we may expect a warm canvass. It cannot be denied that the Whigs have a majority in the state, and they appear to be well pleased with Mr. Graham, and will doubtless make a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together, to place him in the gubernatorial chair, and they can do it if they wish.

Treating Jurors.—A friend inquires—"What is meant by treating jurors?" and adds, "Now if you can explain the object you will confer a particular favor on a few inquiring friends. For one, I cannot but believe that there is an object specially in view, for who can believe that a man will willingly tender money in these hard times without some object in view?"

Debt of Virginia.—We learn from Gov. McDowell's message to the Legislature of Virginia, that the public debt of that state amounts to \$7,350,000.

At a Political Abolition Convention, recently held at Utica, N. Y., John Quincy Adams was vehemently denounced as a "recrunt to the cause of human liberty."

The Charleston Mercury speaks of the Democratic National Convention in the following respectful manner:—"As to the National Convention we have never desired its existence, and therefore care but precious little whether it is composed of men or monkeys!" Pretty decisive.

We have constitutional scruples.—Star. Wouldn't drama be more palatable to your constitution.—Sander's Telescope. If 'twere you drama would.

The table was furnished with every luxury, while plenty crowned the board—temperance principles governed this "feast of reason and flow of soul."—Lincoln Courier. Wonder where the Courier-man got that definition for eating—"feast of reason and flow of soul?"

The nominations of Messrs. Upham, as Secretary of State, and Nelson, as Attorney General of the United States, have been confirmed by the Senate.

Another Warning.—We learn from the Wilmington Chronicle that a man by the name of Elijah Gregory fell from the steps of the Court-house in Sampson county, in this state, whilst drunk, and was so injured that he died in half an hour.

Debt of South Carolina.—According to the message of Gov. Hammond to the Legislature of South Carolina, the public debt of that state is \$3,465,164.

A Large Man.—Hon. Dixon H. Lewis, member of Congress from Alabama, says he has increased in weight 40 pounds since last March. He now weighs 460 pounds! A fat boy!

The new year passed off to admiration in our town.—Lincoln (N. C.) Courier. It didn't tarry long in Lincoln, surely. It is not all gone in Buncombe yet.

The time of holding the Virginia Whig State Convention has been changed from the 22d to the 7th of February next.

For the Highland Messenger. Flat Rock Calamity. At an adjourned meeting of the citizens of Henderson, held at the court-house on the 27th December, Gen. P. Brittain was called to the chair, and J. M. Edney appointed secretary.

Messrs. John Davis, C. de Choiseul, Wm. P. Murray, Meredith Freeman, and Elisha King. FROM THE COMPANIES. Clear Creek. J. M. Edney, Geo. Allen. Flat Rock. Charles Greger, Boyd McCrary. Green River. James Murray, John M. Kimsey. Free Bridge. Thomas R. Miller, Wm. Brittain. Willow. John McClain, George Orr. Davidson's River. L. S. Gash, John Clayton. Little River. Wm. Merrill, David Shuford. Cathey's Creek. Benjamin Wilson, Giles Glazener.

The above gentlemen are requested to solicit, receive and pay over all contributions, either in money or suitable provisions, at their earliest convenience. PHILIP BRITTAIN, Chairman. J. M. EDNEY, Sec'y.

For the Highland Messenger. Messrs. Editors.—Believing that you are ever anxious to hear of the prosperity of temperance, I send you a part of the proceedings of the Flat Rock Temperance Society, which met on Monday the 25th of December. It being Christmas times there was a considerable turn out of the people. The president being absent, the society was called to order by the vice president. The constitution was read by the secretary. The society then went into an election of its officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Moses White was chosen president, A. H. Brittain vice president, and J. G. Blackstock secretary. N. Blackstock, Esq., Mr. T. O. Roberts, and Rev. M. M. Weaver were appointed an executive committee. Mr. R. G. Brittain was then invited to address the society, who came forward with an address of considerable length; setting forth the evils of intemperance in the clearest manner, at the same time urging the remedy with an earnestness that did honor to the speaker and to the cause.—After Mr. Brittain closed his address, some remarks were made by other gentlemen present. The pledge was then presented to those who might wish to take it; whereupon several persons came forward and gave in their names.

For the Highland Messenger. Attention, Arithmeticians. On a level plain stands two liberty poles, 100 feet apart—one 100 and the other 105 feet high. Suppose in a storm the shorter pole gets broken, and the top falling, rests on the surface of the plain 24 feet from the butt, and in order to secure the other, it is found necessary to pass a rope from a ring fastened on the surface of the plain (80 feet from the longer pole) in an opposite direction from the one broken) to the top of the longer pole, and thence to the elbow formed by the break in the shorter pole. Now, allowing a yard at each end for fastening, and 6 inches for the loop round the top of the standing pole, how long should the rope be?

DIED. In the county of Henderson, on Christmas day, Mr. THOMAS BLACKWELL, aged 113 years. The subject of this memoir was perhaps the oldest person in this part of our country or in the state. He retained his memory, health, spirits, and vivacity to a remarkable degree till near the close of his earthly pilgrimage. Bradock's defeat was often the topic of his conversation, the particulars of which he related with great minuteness and interest. He was indisposed for some two or three weeks before his departure, during which time he prayed frequently that he might be spared to witness his birth day, Christmas, before he went hence, with a Divine interposition was answered. And on that day, in his 113th year, his spirit took its flight and went to that bourne from which no traveller returns. J. M. E.

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Now Publishing. (And will be ready for delivery about the 10th inst.) PROCEEDINGS OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON: BEING THE YEARS 1776 AND 1776. WITH THE JOINT PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNTIES OF NEW-HANOVER, DUPLIN, ONLEY, AND CUMBERLAND, EMPLOYED IN THE MOST INTERESTING MATTER, connected with the early history of the Revolution; that cannot fail to gratify the inhabitants of those counties, as well as the citizens of the state of North Carolina, at large.

ESTRAY. Strayed from the subscriber a small black and white DURHAM COW and two yearlings. The cow is neither marked nor branded—color, red brindle. Her calf is a bull, the other not remembered. The yearlings are marked with a smooth crop off of the left ear, and two ticks on the under side of the same ear—branded on the right hip "J. P." Any information respecting them will be thankfully received. Address CHARLES H. LANCE, Limestone P. O., Buncombe Co., N. C. Jan. 5. 177

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61-4 CENTS REWARD. RAN AWAY from the subscriber in May last, a bound boy named LAWSON H. FULLBRIGHT, about nineteen or twenty years of age. All persons are hereby forewarned from harboring or trading with the same.

\$30 Reward. Stolen from the subscriber on the night of the 30th ult, a grey horse about fifteen hands high and 7 or 8 years old. He has a tolerably long tail, with large and coarse hair, walks and trots well but canters badly. Under the saddle he has a habit of sticking out his nose, laying his ears far back and hanging his under lip. There are some appearances of the hair having been rubbed off the prominent bones about the eyes. There is also a very slight blemish in one of his eyes. A reward of \$20 will be given for the horse alone delivered at my house, and \$30 for horse and thief.

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