HIGHLAND MESSENGER.

"Facts are past."

Friday, Oct. 10, 1845.

The First Gun from the Mountains!—In another column will be found the proceedings of an enthusiastic Whig meeting held in this town on Tuesday last, to appoint delegates to attend a State Convention to nominate a suitable candidate to be run by the Whigs for Governor at the next election. We are proud to know that good old Buncombe has taken the lead in this matter. She is just where she will ever be found in the battle for principles,—*in the front rank!*

We doubt not that the other counties of this District will immediately take measures to have themselves represented in the contemplated Convention.

Let the Whigs be astir! It is time to buckle on the armor afresh, and go forth in defence of what is dearer to us than life—the triumph of the Republican principles upon which the stability and prosperity of our country depend. If we are defeated in the contest for Governor, it will be our own fault—the result of indolence. But of this we have no fears. North Carolina is too firmly wedded to the principles of the Constitution to be driven from her allegiance. All that is necessary to secure a brilliant victory is to see that every man is at his post on the day of the election. We have some times been defeated in consequence of too great confidence in our numbers—many thinking it unnecessary to turn out. Now, although we are strong enough to elect our candidate by a handsome majority, if every man does his duty at the ballot box, we have no votes to spare. Let every man feel that the result may turn on his vote, and he will be sure to be found at the ballot box.

Our friends in the other portions of the State need have no fears for their mountain brethren. We tell them that they may depend upon us, as heretofore, and we will not disappoint them! The *Western Reserve* will strike deep at the vitals of Democracy! The result of the next election for Governor will show that the freemen of the mountains of North Carolina cannot, any more than formerly, tolerate the anti-Republican doctrines of the Democratic party.

The Charlotte Jeffersonian speaks of Hon. Charles Fisher, of the Second Congressional District, as the Democratic candidate for Governor at the next election. Come, gentlemen Democrats, have a little mercy upon poor Fisher! He has just been beaten for Congress, and now to put him forward to bear the heat and burden of the day, and be licked again, is excessive cruelty. Have mercy, gentlemen, have mercy!

Death of Hon. John White, of Kentucky. We learn from the Knoxville Register that the Hon. John White is no more! The Register says: A letter from Kentucky, dated Sept. 26, received by a gentleman of this city, conveys intelligence of the death of Hon. John White, of Kentucky. The letter states that he committed suicide on Monday, the 22 ult., at his own house in Richmond, in a fit of derangement. He had distinguished himself by a long and faithful career in Congress, during a portion of which he discharged with eminent ability the arduous duties of Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Massachusetts.—Hon. Isaac Davis, of Worcester, has been nominated by the Democrats of Massachusetts as their candidate for Governor, and Hon. H. W. Bishop, of Lenox, for Lieutenant Governor.

The Whig State Convention, which recently assembled to nominate candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor discharged their duty by selecting George N. Briggs, of Pittsfield, and John Reed, of Yarmouth, as the Whig candidates for re-election to those offices, both of them unanimously and by hearty acclamation.

The Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Church, decided by a vote, on the 10th inst., to adhere to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The vote stood, ayes 164, noes 5.

Michigan.—The Whigs of this State have nominated Stephen Vickery and John Lamb, for the offices of Governor and Lieut. Governor.

Working on the Sabbath has been made a penal offence, by a special enactment of the City Council of Richmond, Va. Just as it should be.

The Hon. Wm. C. Preston, who was recently lying dangerously ill, at Abingdon, Va., has recovered, and returned home to Columbia.

The Washington correspondent of the Charleston Courier, says there has been a falling off of the receipts of the Post Office in that city, of sixty per cent. since the cheap postage law went into operation.

We [illegible] received the first number of the Charle[illegible]ening News, a daily paper, published by J. N. Cardozo, Esq., at $8 per annum.

Public Meeting.

A numerously attended meeting of the citizens of Buncombe county was held in this place on Tuesday last, the 7th inst.

On motion of Col. Reuben Deaver, Col. R. W. Davidson was called to the Chair, and Wm. Williams chosen Secretary.

After the organization of the meeting, the Hon. T. L. Clingman explained the object of calling the citizens together, in a brief, but pointed, forcible, and eloquent address—an address full of true Whig fire.

The following resolutions were then introduced by J. W. Woodfin, Esq., and sustained by N. W. Woodfin, Esq., in an appropriate and able speech, at the close of which they were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the welfare and permanent prosperity of the Union depend on the Government being administered in accordance with the genuine Republican principles of the Whig party—and with the view of insuring the ultimate success of those principles, the Whigs of the Union ought to maintain, and if possible render still more perfect, their organization as a party.

Resolved, That the Whigs of Buncombe cherish the same great principles which they have hitherto maintained, and that, though last year beaten by fraud, we stand to our arms in the full confidence of a coming triumph.

Resolved, That in our opinion it is expedient that we should hold a Convention with a view to select a suitable person to canvass the State next year for the office of Governor, and that we respectfully suggest to our Whig brethren of the State the propriety of holding such Convention about the first week in January, in the city of Raleigh.

Resolved, That we entirely approve of the administration of his Excellency William A. Graham.

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient at this time to express a preference for any one as a candidate for the office of Governor, believing that a Convention of delegates from the whole State will be able to make the most judicious selection; and we are therefore content to abide the nomination then made, and pledge ourselves to give a hearty support to the Whig who may be nominated.

Resolved, That we earnestly exhort our brethren throughout the State to move with us, so that every county may be represented.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this meeting be authorized to appoint, at his leisure, ten delegates to represent the county of Buncombe in said Convention, and that any one of the persons so selected, in the event of his ascertaining that he cannot attend the Convention, be authorized to select a proxy.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and that they be published in the Highland Messenger, and that the other Whig papers of the State, generally, be requested to copy them.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

S. W. DAVIDSON, *Ch'n.*

WM. WILLIAMS, *Sec.*

We publish to-day an article from the Greensboro' Patriot on the Penitentiary question. Read all you can find upon the subject, that you may be able to vote understandingly.

Tart.—Ex-Gov. Isaac Hill, speaking of the Democratic candidate for Governor of N. Hampshire, says in his "Patriot"—"We know full well that a man of small pretensions may be Governor of the State; the new candidate is a little the smallest man of his genus that has yet been offered."

A Dirty Business.—The political papers of the North are loaded with commentaries on a book recently published by Wm. L. Mackenzie, purporting to give private letters addressed to Jesse Hoyt, late collector at New York, by B. F. Butler, F. P. Blair, Martin Van Buren, C. C. Cambreleng, J. G. Bennet, Wm. L. Marcy, and many other distinguished and notorious Democrats. Some of the letters are dated as far back as twenty years ago.—They are said to make "startling developements," and all that. Nobody knows how Mackenzie came by the letters; but whether by foul or fair means, every body ought to know that such a publication, disclosing matters of private and personal concernment, and written under the seal of social confidence, is a dirty and infamous act. Yet, it is the very thing for the morbid maw of the New York public, and immense numbers of the book have been sold. It will live its day, and go down to the vile dust where it belongs.

Just before the Presidential election, in 1844, a private letter of Henry Clay was surreptitiously obtained and published in the New York Democratic papers. The feeling of contempt for the perpetrators of that act, must also arise in every candid mind against the author of this miserable publication, who has in a similar manner violated the honorable rules and sacred rights of social intercourse.—*Greensborough Patriot.*

Our sentiments exactly. When we first got hold of these letters we felt inclined to publish them, but after getting into the merits of the case, and ascertaining that they had undoubtedly been stolen, we declined the idea. As the Patriot says, it is a violation of the honorable rules and sacred rights of social intercourse.

Jacob Cotton.—This fellow charged with killing Mrs. Mary West and her grandson, aged ten or eleven years, who resided near Salisbury, was convicted last week of the murders and sentenced to be hanged at Mocksville, Davie county, on the 24th of this month.

Steamboat Affray.—The Maysville (Ky.) Eagle says:—An affray occurred on board the steamboat Josephine, on the 13th inst., while descending the river a mile above Marietta, in which several individuals were more or less injured. A gentleman of New Orleans, and a gentleman from Cincinnati, very much enraged at each other, rushed simultaneously to their respective state rooms for fire arms, and soon reappeared in the main hall, each with his pistol. Blood and carnage was expected to follow, and a great scattering ensued. Both pulled triggers at the same instant. The Louisianian missed fire, and consequently did no execution; the Ohioan fired and severely lacerated the arm of his antagonist, though it was hoped that no permanent injury would result from the wound. A glass tumbler thrown by the steward of the boat at the head of the Louisianian, in the early part of the affray, was broken to pieces against the door which separated the ladies from the main cabin, and a fragment struck the Louisianian's lady, drawing the blood quite freely.—The Cincinnatian left the boat at this place, at the request of passengers, to prevent further bloodshed. The cause of the affray we have not satisfactorily learned.

Diamonds.—The Athens (Ga.) Banner of the 25th ult., says: "While at Gainsville last week, we were shown two diamonds, (one weighing we believe, 3 1-4 and the other 3 3-4 carats,) which were found in a gold mine belonging to Doctor Banks. We also saw a more valuable dimond found sometime since, and which having been cut in the form of a brilliant, and handsomely set in a breast pin, is in possession of Doctor Daniel. We learn that the Geological formation of much of Hall county, is favorable for finding these gems, and we doubt not that a few more discoveries will attract increased attention to that region of country.

Maine.—The returns from the Maine election held on Monday the 8th uhimo, exhibit a heavy loss on the Locofoco vote when compared with that of former elections. Morse was the Whig, and Anderson the Locofoco candidate for Governor. So close is the vote, that it is doubtful whether there is an election of Governor by the people. If Anderson has succeeded in being elected, his majority will be small, and the Locofocos will have but slight cause for rejoicing over the result. The returns so far show a gain of about 1500 for the Whig candidate over last year. We have hopes of Maine yet. If the Tariff of '42 is repealed by the next Locofoco Congress, the State will very probably wheel into the Whig ranks.

WARM SPRINGS, N. C., Oct. 1st, 1845.

Mr. Thos. W. Atkin:—Please publish the following appointments for my successor on Asheville Circuit, viz:

Asheville, Sunday,	October	26th,
West's M. H., Tuesday,	"	28
Pisgah, Wednesday,	"	29
Powers', Thursday,	"	30
Beaver Dam, Friday,	"	31
Liberty, Saturday,	Nov.	1st.
Salem, Sunday,	"	2
Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday,	"	3
Ridge, Thursday,	"	6
Smith's, (mouth of Ivy,) Friday,	"	7
Jewel Hill, Saturday,	"	8
Nelson's, Sunday,	"	9
Spring Creek, Tuesday,	"	11
Sandy Mush, Thursday,	"	13
Turkey Creek, Sunday,	"	16
Gudger's, Tuesday,	"	18
Providence, Wednesday,	"	19
Jarrett's, Thursday,	"	20
Sulphur Springs, Friday,	"	21
Pleas't Hill, (Jones') Saturday,	"	22

J. S. BURNETT.

New Mode of Electioneering.—The Locos of Georgia have adopted a very novel way—quite original—of carrying the State at the approaching contest. A military system of discipline is to be established, and all those individuals who are supposed to be indifferent as to the result, are placed under the command of captains, who are to gather them together on the morning of the election—*liquor them freely*—excite their "ardor by patriotic conversation"—and then require them to march to the polls, *silently* and vote—and they are not to be permitted to separate without doing so.

The Secret Handbill issued by the Democratic Executive Committe says: "Let suitable refreshments be provided for the company (doubtful democrats) at the place of rendezvous, and their ardor kindled by patriotic conversation." Also, "that they are expected and *required* to march to the polls in a body *and in perfect silence!*"

This is what is called "exercising the right of freemen!" *Columbia Chron.*

Religious Intelligence.

Wide opening in South Africa.—From letters recently received by the American Board, it appears that the Natal Colony in South Africa, containing about 80,000, is now peculiarly favorable to Christian instruction. The colonial government is very friendly, and twenty or more missionaries and teachers are earnestly called for. The readiness of the people to hear is thus described by Dr. Adams:

My arrival at a village is the signal for the people of that and the neighboring villages to assemble; when I address them thirty or forty minutes, and then proceed to another settlement. The day is occupied in this manner; and when I stop for the night, my hut is usually filled with men, women and children, whom I address in a familiar manner till I am weary. After they have retired to their own houses, I can hear them, frequently till a late hour, conversing together upon what they have heard. I have been often gratified at the pleasure manifested by the people on receiving a visit, and hearing them in some, with much apparent interest and solicitude, "When will you come again?"

In reference to the same region, Rev. Mr. Lindley says, in an appeal to young ministers:

We are surrounded by many thousands of heathen, to every one of whom we have the freest access possible. Your residence among them would be as safe as where you now are. The climate is one of the healthiest in the world. Every thing you would need for the body is here to be had. Of the privations and anxieties heretofore experienced by us, you would know nothing. The field which we have been for years trying to enter, is now fairly, fully, permanently open; and I declare to you, with all due seriousness, that the wide world of heathenism does not present a spot more favorable than this for the exercise of that love, which, as Christians, you profess to feel.

Revival among the Nestorians.—A recent letter from one of the Missionaries, says:

"Two of our helpers, priest Abraham and John, who are natives of the same village, have repeatedly cheered us with intelligence of tokens of unusual interest on the subject of religion there, during the most of the time since the commencement of our troubles of the past year. Of late that interest has become quite extensive, under the influence and labors of those pious native helpers—so much so that they now have scores of persons in their houses, uncalled, almost every evening, after the toils of the day, to hear the preaching of the gospel. And after the regular exercises of the evening, many individuals linger till a late hour to make enquiries and receive instruction. The members of our mission frequently visit that village and preach, both in the church on the Sabbath, and at the evening meetings."—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

Mr. John S. Guthrie died in Pittsboro, on the 19th ult. He was well known as an attorney, and as the representative of Chatham county for a number of years in the Legislature of North Carolina.

Gen. Saunders.—We have it from good authority that Genl. Romulus M. Saunders has been appointed Minister to Spain, and that he will leave this country early in the Spring.

Earth has no sweeter music than a gentle word breathed into a surrowing heart.

It is now certain that a statute in honor of Mr. Clay will be erected in Richmond. The amount in hand is not quite sufficient, but when the ladies engaged in the work have made their returns, the fund will be ample.

The sixty first Annual Convention of the Universalists of the United States, assembled at Boston on Wednesday last, in the Rev. Mr. Ballou's church.

The members of the Boston Bar have invited Daniel Webster to pronounce an eulogium upon the life and character of the late Judge Story.

The President has recognised Charles D. Wake, Consul of Her Britannic Majesty, for the States of North and South Carolina.

At a meeting of the citizens of Boston, held on the 20th ult., a committee was appointed to invite Edward Everett, our late Minister to England, to a public dinner.

A private letter says, that at Paris, Me., there has been snow within the last fortnight to the depth of an inch on a level.

A child aged three years, in Bangor, recently got hold of a piece of opium, swallowed it, and died. The opium was used by one of the members of the family for the toothache.

Some *wise* people in Concord, Mass., have resolved *not* to consider Texas as a part of the Union.

Caterpillars have seized upon the vegetation produced by recent rains in South Carolina, and are devouring every thing in field or garden.

It is rumored on good authority, says the N. Y. *Globe*, that Hon. J. C. Calhoun will be elected Senator from South Carolina, at the next meeting of the Legislature.

Never rejoice at the misfortune of others—the clouds may be rising which will overshadow your own prospects.

Bishop Soule.—The Lebanon, O., Star announces that Bishop Soule, who was so summarily disposed of by the Ohio Conference, took his final departure from Lebanon, last week, to his newly selected home at Nashville, Tenn.

The Southern Planter says, that if lime be sprinkled over wheat or oats, the rats will let it alone. We may add that lime is not considered injurious to the grain.

The population of the town of Saratoga Springs is ascertained by the census recently taken, to amount to 4276.

The past summer has been long, hot and dry, beyond any of its recent predecessors; and now it is predicted, as will be seen by the following, that we shall have a winter of quality unfavorable:

Sign of a Tedious Winter.—It is a remarkable fact that bees, this year, so far as we can learn, says the Hartford Times, have almost universally refused to swarm; and in some instances, after filling their hives, they have commenced laying up store on the outside. Such extraordinary conduct of these weather wise and provident insects it is thought indicates a winter of unusual length and severity.

Hoosier Wedding.—The ceremony of tying the nuptial knot is very much simplified in the Hoosier State, as the following scene will show:—"What is your name, sir?"—"Matty." "What is your name, Miss?"—"Polly." "Matty, do you love Polly?"—"No mistake." "Polly, do you love Matty?"—"Well, I reckon." "Well, then,

I pronounce you man and wife,
All the days of your life."

A merchant advertised lately for a clerk "accustomed to confinement." He received an answer from a person who had been seven years in jail.

Whatever is Woman?

'Tis home where'er the heart is,
Where'er its hopes can rest,
In cities or in cottages,
Thronged haunts or mossy nest;
The heart's a power ever,
And this in wave and wild,
The maiden with her lover walks,
The mother with her child.

'Tis bright wherever the heart is,
Its fairy spells can bring
Fresh fountains to the wilderness,
And to the desert spring.
There are green isles in each ocean,
O'er which affection glides;
And a heaven on each shore,
Where Love's the star that guides.

'Tis free wherever the heart is,
Nor chains, nor dungeon dens,
May check the mind's aspirings,
The spirit's pealing hymns—
The heart gives life its beauty,
Its glory and its power—
'Tis sunlight to its rippling stream,
And soft dew to its flower.

An important geological discovery has been made in Vermont by the State Geologist, of beds of iron ore, several yards thick; and co-extensive with the solid rock along the base of the Green Mountains. It was supposed that there was not in that State any regular solid bed of ore, interstratified with rock.

The Catterpillar.—The Alexandria (Lou.) Democrat, of the 17th inst., states, that this dreaded destroyer of the cotton plant has made its appearance on Bayous Boeuf, Robert and Rapide. Opinions differ as to the damage the present crop will sustain from the unlooked for appearance of the worm. Many think it can at this advanced period, do little more than injure the texture and quality of the staple, while others fear the worst consequences. Late cotton will undoubtedly suffer much, and with a continuance of the present fair weather, it is clear that the crop will not be a large one.

The coat worn by General Jackson at the battle of New Orleans, has been presented to the National Institute by Gen. Thomas A. Bradley, in behalf of a portion of the citizens of Tennessee, with the request that it have place by the side of the one worn by General George Washington.

Thirty six Indictments!—We learn from the Port Tobacco Times, that the Grand Jury of Charles county, Md., has found thirty-six indictments against Mark Cæsar, a free negro, for aiding and assisting in the escape of slaves from that county. The penalty is six years' confinement in the penitentiary on each indictment, or 216 years in all! He certainly stands a fair chance of "doing the State some service."

Congress.—In a little more than two months, Congress will be in session again.—An unusual number of new and exceedingly important matters will be brought before that body. Among other things of moment, there will no doubt be a proposition for a heavy grant of money to build fortifications, Military stations, Ship-yards, &c. in different parts of Texas.

There will be a proposition likewise, we are confident, for a considerable increase of the Army and Navy, in consequence of the Annexation of Texas; and for the appointment of a number of Custom House Officers, Indian Agents and other Officers for that State; and sundry new Members for foreign lands, at Courts where Texas is not now represented.

These and other grave matters will doubtless be brought forward by the Administration at the next Session, the consummation of all which must necessarily cost an immense sum. But if called for by the honor or good faith of the nation, the Whigs will be found foremost in their support.—*Ral. Reg.*

Wire fences are now made and highly approved in Scotland. Five wires are used, with oak posts, costing only about 12 1-2 cts per yard. The top wire is No. 8, and the others No. 5. This fence is said to be cheaper than one of boards or of posts and rails. As iron wire is becoming cheap and abundant in this country, we have no doubt it will be used extensively in this way in our Atlantic cities and States.

DIED,

In this place, on Monday evening, the 29th ult., ———, infant son of N. W. and Eliza G. Woodfin.

State of North Carolina,
HAYWOOD COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, September Term, A. D., 1845.

W. W. & E. P. Clayton,
vs.
James M. Armer.

Original Attachment levied on Personal Property.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant, James M. Armer, is not an inhabitant of this State—It is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Highland Messenger for six successive weeks, for the defendant to appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Haywood, at the Court house in Waynesville, on the 3rd Monday in December next, then and there to plead, answer, or demur; otherwise judgment *pro confesso* will be entered up against him, and the property levied on condemned to the plaintiff's use.

Witness, WALTER BROWN, Clerk of our said Court, at office, the 4th Monday in September, 1845.

W. BROWN, *Clerk.*

October 10, 1845.—Printer's fee $6. 268

NOTICE
To Those Concerned.

THE Copartnership of GASH & KILLIAN closes with this year. All persons indebted to the concern of L. S. Gash & Co. or that of Gash & Killian, are requested to make settlement with us between this and the 1st of January, otherwise we shall be under the necessity of using the means to bring our business to a close in some way or other. Persons having unsettled claims against us, are requested to present them at our counter for liquidation. We hope those indebted to us will not wait for a notice more special, least it should be taxed with Forty cts cost.

L. S. GASH,
J. W. KILLIAN.

Claytonville, N. C., Oct. 10, 1845.

State of North Carolina,
HAYWOOD COUNTY.

In pursuance of an order of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, of said county, I shall proceed to sell on the 1st day of January, 1846, a negro man by the name of JACK, which negro was apprehended as a runaway, and has been confined in the confinement Jail of said county for twelve months. Sale to be before the Court-house door at Waynesville.

J. B. ALLISON.

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State of North Carolina,
HAYWOOD COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—September Term, A. D., 1845.

James R. Love, James Gudger, John B. Love, Wm. Welch, and Dillard Love.
vs.
Hugh Johnston and wife Louisa, John Patton by his next friend.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that James Miller and wife Winny, Robert Love, John Love, William Love, Sarah Love, Elizabeth Love, Robert C. Love, and Robert L. Dulany, are a part of the heirs of kin of Robert Love, deceased, and are non residents of the State of North Carolina—Therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Highland Messenger, at Asheville, for six successive weeks, giving notice to the above parties to be and appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Haywood, at the Court house in Waynesville, on the 3d Monday in December next, to see proceedings had and witness the Probate of the last Will and Testament of the late Robert Love, in said County, in solemn form, according to law.

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HAYWOOD COUNTY.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, September Term, A. D., 1845.

W. M. Enloe,
vs.
James M. Battle.

Original Attachment Levied on Land.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant, James M. Battle, is not an inhabitant of this State—It is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Highland Messenger for six successive weeks, notifying the defendant to appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Haywood, at the Court house in Waynesville, on the 3rd Monday in December next, then and there to plead, answer, or demur; otherwise judgment, *pro confesso*, will be entered up against him, and the land levied on condemned to the plaintiff's use.

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BLANKS OF ALL KINDS FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.