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Are respectfully invited to call and examine my Wholesale Prices of

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A large stock now on hand, consisting of

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July 28.

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A new and beautiful assortment, just received at

Pritchard's Drug and Chemical House,
Irwin's Corner,
July 28.

Blake's Aromatic Bitters.

An excellent Tonic and anti-Dyspeptic medicine, just at hand at

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Family Medicines,
Irwin's Corner,
July 28.

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For diseases of the Throat, Mouth, Stomach and Bowels, prepared and sold at

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July 28.

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THE DANCY CHAIN or Aspirations: a Family Chronicle.

SHOEPAC RECOLLECTIONS: A Way-Side Glimpse of American Life, by WALTER MARCHEL.

KATHIE BRANDIE: a Thrilling History of a Quiet Life, by HOLMES LEE.

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Call at P. J. LOWRIE'S
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March 31, 1857. 39-tf

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WHEAT FANS.

The subscribers are now engaged at Monroe, Union county, N. C. in putting up the above named Fans. In their manner of construction and operations and entire adaptation to the purposes for which they are designed, these Fans are unequalled by any that have heretofore been offered to the public. They are constructed of the best materials, and none but the best workmen are employed. An experience of five years in the business justifies the belief that entire satisfaction will be given.

All our work is warranted.

All orders will receive prompt attention and the machinery delivered according to order.

References:
D. A. Covington, J. P. Houston, Monroe, N. C.
James B. Robinson, Brum Morrow, Mecklenburg county.
Wm G Smith, Dr Watkins, Anson county.
ROSE & STEEL,
MONROE, Union county, March 20th. 6m

Dissolution.

The firm of MILLER & ORR was dissolved by mutual consent on the 6th of July. Those indebted to the late firm will please make immediate payment.

H. S. MILLER,
DAVID ORR,
Aug. 4, 1857.

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Fashion!! Fashion!!!

Well, Who Cares About Fashion?

WHY, EVERY BODY,
AS A MATTER OF COURSE.

Well, Where do You get the Fashion?

Why, at

FULLINGS & CO'S
EMPORIUM OF FASHION,

As Hundreds can testify who have been there the past week and fitted themselves out in

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at less prices than at any other house in the State. Now kind reader if you want to get the neatest, prettiest, cheapest, most fashionable and largest Stock of

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Fashionable GOODS
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Very Low Prices.

Well, it is simply because we import our own Goods, manufacture them ourselves and sell them to our customers at the same prices that other dealers pay for them in Philadelphia or New York, and then we give them an article better made and

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to give satisfaction or money returned.

We return you our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us, and if selling good and fashionable Goods at very low prices will insure a continuance of the same it shall be done at the EMPORIUM OF FASHION BY

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May 19, 1857.

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Office at J. Bickett's,
April 28. 43-3m

OFFERED AT COST.

THE balance of our heavy Stock of

LIGHT SUMMER CLOTHING
AND DRESS GOODS
will be offered from this day

AT COST.

Call at Springs corner.

HENDERSON & AHERNS,
August 11, 1857. 4t

Temple of Fashion
IS NOW OPEN.

Something Entirely New.

GENTLEMEN, one and all, young and old, who wish to wear Good, Fine Clothes, go to

J. W. COLE'S
NEW CLOTHING EMPORIUM,
First Door above Kerr's Hotel,
formerly occupied by Lowrie's Book Store, where you can get the best fits and the finest clothes for the least money than anywhere else in the State. The goods are all made up to order expressly for this market. Everything is gotten up in the very latest and neatest styles, and the making of every piece is

Warranted
to last, or otherwise made good. Let all go and look at his well selected stock of Ready-made Clothing, and be sure to examine his prices; he will put you up a suit so low that you will be compelled to wear fine clothes.

Gentlemen wishing any particular suits, by leaving their measures, can have them in 12 days.

warranted to suit or no suits.

He intends to sell very low and conduct a strictly Cash Business. The purchaser will certainly find the Cash System at least 20 per cent. in his favor. His motto is "quick sales and small profits," for CASH ONLY. Yes, if you want the worth of your money come to me.

J. W. COLE, Ag't.
Charlotte, April 28, 1857. 6m

500 Agents Wanted.

A HOMESTEAD FOR \$10.
THIRD DIVISION.

\$310,000 worth of Farms and Building Lots, in the Gold Region of Culpeper County, Virginia, to be divided amongst 10,000 subscribers, on the 7th of December, 1857. Subscriptions only ten dollars down; or fifteen dollars, one-half down, the rest on delivery of the land. Every subscriber will get a Building Lot or Farm, ranging in value from \$10 to \$25,000. These Farms and Lots are sold so cheap to induce settlements, a sufficient number being reserved, the increase in the value of which will compensate for the apparent low price now asked. More than 1,350 Lots are already sold, and a company of others, called "The Kappahannock Pioneer Association," is now forming and will soon commence a settlement. Ample security will be given for the faithful performance of contracts and promises.

Nearly 45,000 acres of land, in different parts of Virginia, now at command, and will be sold to settlers at from \$1 to \$300 per acre. Unquestionable titles will in all cases be given. Woodcutters, coopers, farmers, &c., are wanted. And also, 500 Agents to obtain subscribers, to whom the most liberal inducements will be given. Some Agents write that they are making \$200 per month. For full particulars, Subscriptions, Agencies, &c., apply to

E. BAUDER,
Port Royal, Caroline Co., Va.
Aug. 18, 1857.

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CHARLOTTE.

THE FIRST.—C. Austin, sheriff of Union county, settled his tax account with the Comptroller on last Friday. He is the "first of the season."

Mr Austin, however, was but one day ahead of our old friend Caleb Miller, Sheriff of Lincoln, who settled with the Comptroller on Saturday.

Caleb Klutts, Esq., sheriff of Rowan, and Wm. Flynt, Jr., Esq., sheriff of Forsythe, have also settled their accounts this week.

We learn that the average increase in the amount of taxes is about 25 per cent.—*Raleigh Standard, August 19.*

GOVERNOR WALKER.

The Government has received despatches from Gov. Walker, in which he complains of great injustice having been done him in regard to "who shall vote in Kansas." In his despatch of July 20 he says:

"On one point I have been grossly misrepresented. It is as to who, in my judgment, should vote upon the ratification of the constitution. I have been represented as desiring that every man should vote who happened to be in the Territory on the day of that election. This, indeed, would be desirable if there were conclusive evidence that all such persons were actual, bona fide settlers; but the only sufficient and usual proof of such a fact would be some previous residence. On this point, which is one of detail, I have never proposed to make suggestions to the convention, although, when asked my opinion by members of that body, I have indicated a previous residence of three or six months, and that the same qualifications should be adopted in the constitution in regard not only to that, but to all future elections; and, in my judgment, one or other of these terms of residence will be adopted by the convention, from whom I anticipate a cordial co-operation.

"It is somewhat extraordinary that, whilst this accusation of letting every man vote who may happen to be in the Territory on the day of the election has been preferred in the South as indicating a desire on my part to let in abolition vagrants and interlopers to control the result, the Republicans of Kansas have drawn an entirely different conclusion—viz that I designed in this manner to bring many thousand Missourians into the Territory to decide the contest.

THE FIRST LOCOMOTIVE.

The Charleston Mercury gives an interesting account of the first locomotive built in this country. It says that the South Carolina Railroad was the first one commenced in the United States, to be worked by steam power, and when finished and ready for use, which was on the 2d October, 1833, it was the longest railroad in the world—being 136 miles from Charleston to Hamburg. It was the first railroad in the United States that carried the mails, and the first locomotive built in this country was constructed for and used on that road.

This engine would be a curiosity if placed alongside of one of Norris's or Baldwin's latest improvements. It was named the "Best Friend," and was built under the direction of Mr E. L. Miller, of Walterboro, at the West Point foundry of Messrs. Kemble, N. Y. The engine had no tender, but carried its own wood and water. The wheels were of wood, with spokes like a wagon, and the wheel armed with a wrought iron tire. The engineer who ran the first locomotive that was used on this or any other road in the United States, was K. N. Darrell, an apprentice brought up in Dotterer's machine shop.

After a few trips, the wooden wheels of the "Best Friend" gave way, and were replaced by cast iron ones, the pattern for which was made, and the wheels cast, by another of Dotterer's apprentice boys, J. D. Petsch, then the foreman of that well known establishment. These, it is believed, were the first cast iron wheels used on railroad in this country. The "Best Friend" blew up after a brief career, and from its wreck another engine was built by Mr Petsch, at the Company's work shop, of which he was then in charge. It was called the Phoenix—Previously to this the crank axle had been used, but in the re-construction of this engine, Mr J. D. Petsch introduced the straight axle with outside connections, and also wrought iron tires on the cast iron driving wheels, neither of which, it is believed, had before been tried in this country.

A man was recently bitten in one of his arms by a lunatic in the Insane Asylum at Hartford, Conn. Shortly after the occurrence the arm began to swell, and exhibited signs of being poisoned. Medical men are of the opinion that the virus from the lunatic's teeth was communicated into his system by the bite, and that he will eventually become mad.

To keep skippers out of bacon in Summer—eat it early in the Spring. We never knew it to fail.

RECOLLECTIONS OF CROSS CREEK
From the Fayetteville Observer.

The Highlanders of Scotland, after their defeat at Culloden in 1746, migrated to North Carolina, under the advice of Neill McNeill. They found a resting-place on the banks of Cape Fear, at what has remained the head of navigation on that river to the present time.

As early as 1702 Cross Creek and Campbellton (now Fayetteville) began to assume importance in a commercial point of view, the fame whereof attracted many from abroad, and amongst others James Porterfield, an Irishman by birth, but who for some years had been a resident of Pennsylvania. Mr. Porterfield had five children—Eleanor, who intermarried with Col. Thomas Owen, the father of Gen. James and the late Gov. John Owen; one son who died in early life; John and James, who for many years were merchants in Fayetteville, and Denny, who is the subject of this brief sketch.

On the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, the whole family of Porterfields espoused the Whig cause. In the death of James Porterfield, Sen. the Whigs lost an able and influential friend. But his widow, animated by the same ardent temperament, made her mansion headquarters for the Whigs of Cross Creek. She was celebrated as an expert carriage-maker, and frequently spent nights in preparing bullets to be used by the Americans. At that time she lived in the house that has for many years been known as the residence of John McLeran, dec'd, and now of his son William.

Under such a father and mother, and in such times, Denny Porterfield grew to manhood. He became a soldier, served with distinction in the American army, and attained the rank of Major. It is not our object to give a detailed account of the exploits of Denny Porterfield, but will simply endeavor to record his daring bravery as exhibited in his last battle.

It is a well known fact that while Cornwallis retreated from Guilford Court House via Fayetteville and Wilmington to Yorktown, where he was compelled to surrender to the prowess of Washington, Gen. Greene instead of pursuing him, determined to relieve North and South Carolina from the persecutions of Lord Rawdon, and so pressed upon him, that in July 1781 he took post at the Eutaw Springs, where the Americans attacked him and drove him from his entrenchments. Foremost in this intrepid charge was the high-souled and valorous Denny Porterfield, who seemed to have a charmed life, as he exposed himself upon his mettled charger, with epauletts and red and buff vest on, to the murderous fire of the enemy. Lieut. Col. Campbell received a mortal wound while leading the successful charge. Porterfield and his brave companions rushed on to avenge his death, and took upwards of five hundred prisoners.

In their retreat the British took post in a strong brick house and picketed garden, and from this advantageous position, under cover, commenced firing.

At this crisis in the battle, Gen. Greene desired to bring forward re-inforcements to storm the house. To save time it became important, that some one should ride within range of the British cannon.—It was in reality a forlorn hope. The American General would detail no one for the enterprise, but asked if any would volunteer. Instantly Denny Porterfield mounted his charger and rode into his presence. Gen. Greene inquired if he was aware of the peril, if he knew that his path lay between converging fires, and in full sight of the British army. Porterfield modestly replied, that when he entered the American army he had subjected his powers of mind and body to the glorious cause, and if needs be was prepared to die in its behalf.

Greene communicated the command, which was to order into service a reserved corps that lay in ambuscade, ready to advance upon receiving the signal agreed on.

With a brave and undaunted bearing Major Porterfield dashed off upon his feet courser, and so sudden and unexpected was his appearance among the British, and so heroic the deed, that they paused to admire his bravery, and omitted to fire until he was beyond the reach of their guns; but on his return, they fired, the shot took effect in his breast, and the brave Denny Porterfield fell, and sealed his devotion to the cause with his blood on the plains of Eutaw. His horse escaped unhurt, galloped into the American ranks, and never halted till he reached his accustomed place in the ranks.

Gen. Greene, who witnessed the instincts of the animal, shed tears, and ordered David Twiggs, father of Miss Winny Twiggs now of Fayetteville, to take charge of the horse and carry him to Mrs. Porterfield at Cross Creek. And upon a Sunday afternoon the mother of the distinguished gentleman who communicated some of the facts detailed, remembered to have met David Twiggs coming into the Cross Creek, who in one breath announced the fall of his beloved Major and the success of the American arms at Eutaw. He brought with him the red buff vest that Major Porterfield wore, and Gen. James Owen has informed me that he remembers to have seen it and that

there was a rent or tear on one side and slightly blood-stained. On the retreat of Lord Rawdon, Gen. Greene retained possession of the field, and there the body of Denny Porterfield found an honorable grave. His horse lived for several years, a pensioner, roaming at pleasure on the banks of Cross Creek—known and beloved by all who venerated the valor and chivalry of Denny Porterfield.

PERSIA.

The difficulty between Great Britain and Persia originated in the capture of the City of Herat by the forces of the latter power. This, Great Britain contended, was contrary to treaty, and insisted that it devolved upon her, in her character of protector, and so forth, to compel Persia to withdraw from that advanced post on the road to India.

War was declared and the successes of the British troops compelled the Persian government to assent to a treaty of peace dictated by Great Britain. One of the conditions of this treaty was the evacuation of Herat. The insurrection in India has compelled the withdrawal of all the British forces from the Persian territories, and renders it impossible for the