

The Western Democrat. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

RUMORS OF WAR IN EUROPE.

The relations between France and Prussia are beginning to assume an appearance of decided hostility.

On the other hand, France is endeavoring to gain the alliance of Austria.

The war, if there be a war, will be one solely of interest.

RATIONS STOPPED.

We call the attention of the colored people, and all others interested, to the following circular.

WAR DEPARTMENT. Bureau Refs, Freedmen and Aban'd Lands, Washington, July 23, 1867.

It is believed that the extreme destitution heretofore prevailing in the Southern and South-western States...

THE DIFFERENCE.—There was a little passage in the House of Lords recently...

INSTRUMENTS REQUIRING STAMPS.—The following are the instruments to be stamped, and the stamps to be used in ordinary business transactions.

ARREST OF PROMINENT VIRGINIANS.—Richmond, Aug. 14.—Hon. John S. Pendleton, of Culpeper county...

WHAT IS DUE TO WOMAN.—The New York Evening "Gazette" says: "There never was a man who did too much for the happiness of a woman."

LETTER FROM MR. HOLDEN.

The following letter from Hon. W. W. Holden was read at a Republican meeting recently held in Lexington:

RALEIGH, August 7, 1867. To Messrs. Henderson Adams, William F. Henderson and Geo. Riley.

Gentlemen:—I regret very much it is not in my power to be with you to day.

Gentlemen, the day star of the Union for North Carolina is already above the horizon.

On the other hand, France is endeavoring to gain the alliance of Austria.

Very truly yours, W. W. HOLDEN.

INTERNAL REVENUE CIRCULAR.

The commissioner of internal revenue has issued a circular directing the attention of collectors to the provisions of the one hundred and fifty-eighth section of the internal revenue laws.

STATE NEWS.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—This College will open its next session on the 14th inst.

PARONED.—Gov. Worth has pardoned Jas. Brinkley, confined in Kinshou jail.

REWARD OFFERED.—His Excellency, Gov. Worth, has offered a reward of \$300 for the apprehension of Thos. Pratt.

A STORY WITH A MORAL.—A party of colored men came into town a few days since.

ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Aug. 8.—The late rains in this section have improved the crops very much.

COTTON CROPS.—It affords us much pleasure to inform our many readers of the great improvement of the cotton crops.

MORE RAIN.—A copious rain fell in this place and vicinity, last Thursday afternoon.

SWEET POTATOES.—The Bermuda Red Potato, the earliest of the species, is beginning to find its way slowly into this market.

THE N. C. UNIVERSITY.—We fear from all the intelligence that reaches us concerning this institution, that unless speedy and efficient measures are adopted to fill its halls with students.

TERRIBLE OUTRAGE.—We learn that on the 28th of July, Thomas Johnson, son of Oakley Johnson, while at work in his field in Grayson county, Va.

PLAIN TALK.—During the discussion of the suffrage question in the Connecticut Legislature, Mr. Hamersley, of Hartford, said:

WASTE NOTHING.—If you are a business man, waste not even the newspapers in which you advertise.

AGUSTA, Aug. 12.—Weather clear and pleasant. Cotton crop accounts continue favorable from Alabama, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

DETERMINED TO BE MARRIED.—Mr Watts had, by industry and economy, accumulated a large property.

MARY'S WELL—Mary was well aware of the consequences that would inevitably follow her father's course.

JOHN DUNN WAS A YOUNG MAN from the East, possessed of a good education, of indomitable industry and perseverance.

GOOD MORNING, MISS WATTS. How is your health?

"Well, I thank you, to tell the truth, sick at heart."

"Pray what is the trouble?" said John. "What can affect a cheerful, lively girl like you, possessing everything that can make you happy?"

"On the contrary, to make me miserable. I am almost weary of life. But it is a subject I cannot explain to you; and yet I have sometimes thought I might."

"Anything that I can do for you, Miss Watts, you may freely command."

"This is promising more than you would be willing to perform. But to break the ice at once, do you want a wife?"

"Indeed I do, the worst way. I don't know but you think me bold and deficient in that modestly becoming a woman; but if you knew my situation, and the afflictions under which I suffer, I think it would be some excuse for my course."

"Have you thought of the consequences?" said John; "my situation, I am poor, you are rich—I am a stranger—and—"

"Indeed I have; I am almost crazy. Let me explain; you and every one else know the unfortunate situation of my father. His habits are fixed beyond amendment, and his property is being drained dry."

"And yet, my dear young lady, what can you know of me to warrant you in taking such an important step?"

"It is enough for me that I am satisfied with your character and habits—your person and manners. I am a woman and have eyes. We are about the same age; so if you know me as like me well enough to take me, there is my hand!"

"And, my dear Mary, there's mine, with all my heart in it. Now when do you desire it to be settled?"

"Now, this minute, give me your arm; we will go to Squire Benton's and have the bargain finished at once. I don't want to enter our house of distress again until I can have one on whom I can rely, to control and direct the affairs of my disconsolate home and to support me in my determination to turn over a new leaf in our domestic affairs."

"But not in this old hat, and in my shirt sleeves, Mary?"

"Yes, and in my old sun-bonnet and dirty apron. If you are content, let it be done at once. I hope you will not think that I am hard pushed as that comes to me; but I want a master. I am willing to be mistress. I will then take you home and introduce you as my own dear husband's sister, sealed and delivered."

"So be it; permit me to say that I have always admired you from the first minute I saw you, for your beauty and energy, and industrious, amiable deportment."

"Now, John, if that is sincere, this is the happiest moment of my life, and I trust our union will be long and happy. I am the only one my father hears to; but alas! his resolutions are like ropes of sand. I can manage him on all subjects; you must take charge of his business, and I have so control, there will be no difficulty."

"They were married, and a more happy match never was consummated. Everything prospered, houses and barns were repaired, fences and gates were repaired, and the extensive fields smiled and flourished like an Eden. The unfortunate father, in a few years, sank into a drunkard's grave. Mary and John raised a large family, and they still live respected and wealthy—all from an energetic girl's resolution, forethought and courage."

AN ELOPEMENT.—Another illustration of the proverb that "love goes where it is sent, and laughs at bolts and locksmiths," has just occurred in this city.

The deaths from the fever in Galveston, Texas, for the week ending the 10th, were 51. There was an increase of ten over the previous day. It has appeared at Houston.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

The President, through Gen. Grant, has instructed Gen. Sickles that he can issue no order conflicting with the process of the Federal Courts.

A ridiculous rumor that Mr. Johnson has been advised by his friends to resign, and that he has seriously considered the proposition, has been circulated and discussed here for the last twenty-four hours by carbstone gossips.

There are rumors of the resignation of two or three members of the Cabinet, but there appears to be no foundation for them.

The jurors in the Surratt case report that if, under the charge of the court, they would have been permitted to find the prisoner guilty as an accessory to the plot to abduct Mr. Lincoln.

The Surratt jury—Surratt has been committed again to the custody of the marshal and has been remanded to jail.

THE REPORTED TREASURY MISMANAGEMENT.—The reported robbery of the U. S Treasury emanates from a new paper published by Ed. E. Dunbar.

NEW FALL GOODS AT BREM, BROWN & CO'S. We have just received a new stock of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods.

As Cheap as the Cheapest. We will sell better goods than can be bought elsewhere for the same money.

PATENT IRON COTTON TIES. Tons Beard's Patent Iron Cotton Ties. This tie is acknowledged to be the best in use.

CONCORD MILLS. Having opened a House in Charlotte, near the Post Office, for the sale of our own manufactured goods.

GEORGIA STATE LOTTERY, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE "MASONIC ORPHANS HOME," BOYD, WILSON & CO., MANAGERS, ATLANTA, GA. ONE DOLLAR—FULL TICKET.

GREAT SCHEME. \$50,000 in Prizes for \$1 PER TICKET. A PACKAGE OF 16 TICKETS MAY DRAW \$30,000.

BANKRUPTCY. Vance & Dowd. Having been admitted to practice in the Federal Courts, are prepared to file and prosecute applications in Bankruptcy.

Southern Bank Bills. Having orders for the purchase of various Bank Notes, we are able to pay good prices for them.

MRS. L. A. NORRYCE. Would kindly solicit the patronage of the citizens of Charlotte, and inform them that she is now prepared to do all kinds of Needlework.

A New System of Cutting and Fitting. Three afternoons in each week devoted to teaching little girls Ornamental, Fancy Embroidery, Braiding and all kinds of Needlework.

TURNIP SEED. Large Yellow Globe, large White Norfolk, Yellow Ruta Bags, large White Globe, large Red Top and large Purple Top.

THE CONSUMPTIVE'S ADDRESS TO HIS WIFE.

Sweet child of Heaven sent to bloom Upon the path that leads me to the tomb, To cheer me on unto that gloomy shore.

NOTICE. The law will be enforced against all persons trespassing on my Farm and lands near the Mecklenburg Female College.

Gunny Bagging and Rope. 44 BALES Gunny Bagging, 25 Coils Rope, 1a Store and for sale by STEPHEN HOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

New Furniture! CHEAP! At DAVIDSON'S FURNITURE STORE, OPPOSITE THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Where will be found a full assortment of everything usually kept in that line.

Bedsteads. Of good quality, will be sold at 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 Dollars.

Bureaus. At 10, 12, 16, 18 and 20 Dollars, and all other articles of furniture at prices to suit the times.

Chairs and Tables. Of all kinds, a full assortment, and Old Cane Seat Chairs, relettered with Cane, as good as new.

Metallic Burial Cases. Of all sizes and various patterns, kept constantly on hand.

Coffins. Of good quality, at 10 per cent less than they can be bought in this market.

Opposite the Methodist Church. Charlotte, N. C., August 12, 1867.

"Hard Times no More." BEAUTY IN THE REACH OF ALL! Photographs at \$4 per dozen.

By recent discoveries I am prepared to make the various styles of pictures at the above low rates.

While you are engraving your virtues on the hearts of your friends, relatives and lovers, remember "the fairest flowers fade and the stoutest oak must fall."

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