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of Groceries, and will have weekly additions to their stock. They will sell to the wholesale trade at a small commission.

**Our Terms CASH ON COUNTRY PRODUCE.**  
We occupy the well known stand recently occupied by T. M. Farrow.

**H. B. WILLIAMS & CO.,**  
Trade Store, 2nd St., between the West Corner,  
Charlotte, Jan. 21, 1858.

**Dissolution.**  
THE FIRM OF BECKWITH & BRITTAIN was this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to said firm are requested to come forward immediately and make payment, as the business of the firm must be closed.

**R. W. BECKWITH.**  
W. J. BRITTAIN.

**Notice.**  
H. B. WILLIAMS & CO. have bought the entire stock of Beckwith & Brittain. I shall continue the business at their old stand, where I shall be happy to meet my old friends and customers.

**R. W. BECKWITH.**  
June 10, 1858.

**J. A. ESTES & CO.,**  
FACTORS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

**FOR THE SALE OF Cotton, Grain, Flour, and all kinds of Country Produce.**

**Office, North Atlantic Wharves, Charlotte, S. C.**

**According to the terms of the Consignment, we will not be responsible for any loss or damage by fire, or any other cause, unless the goods are insured by the consignee.**

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**JOHN L. BROWN, S. T. WHITSON, and A. C. STEELE, Executive Committee.**

**NEW FIRM.**  
THE undersigned having entered into Partnership for the purpose of carrying on the Confectionary, Bakery, Fruit,

**AND**  
**Retail Grocery Business,**

**Has taken to call the attention of the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country to the fact that they are now prepared to supply the public with all kinds of confectionery, bakery, fruit, and groceries, at the lowest prices.**

**MOODY & NISBET.**  
February 9, 1858.

**THE LIVER INVIGORATOR!**

**PREPARED BY DR. HARTFORD.**  
It is the most powerful medicine ever known, and is the only one that will cure all diseases of the liver, and all other diseases of the system.

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We are now receiving in Store, several kinds of Wrapping Paper.

**For Merchants and Druggists, and can furnish at short notice such description of Paper as are used by Printing Offices and Cotton Factories, and will allow a fair price for the waste of the latter.**

**J. Y. DRYCE & CO.,**  
Agent for Western Mills.  
May 18, 1858.

**WHEAT WANTED.**  
THE subscriber, having purchased the Steam Flouring Mill in this place, is prepared to buy Wheat, for which he will give the highest market price in cash.

**JOHN WILKES.**  
Charlotte, Aug. 9, 1858.

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**Poetry.**

**The Two Lads.**

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**IS IT A FAILURE?**

**Years ago it was hoped that our representative republican form of government was going to solve many knotty questions in the social, civil, and political system, and introduce a more equitable, free, quiet, and stable order in the world.**

**Has the new political forms produced the anticipated good? Look around, we do not mean in Newark, nor even in New Jersey, but in New York and several other States; yes, cast your eyes over to New England, to go no further. Has the last half or three-quarters of a century given birth to new political or civil institutions which are any improvement on the old ones? Have even the old ones been retained in all their soundness and vigor, or is the remark, now so commonly heard, that one good old institution after another, once useful and efficient, is not what it once was, but has lost almost or quite all its vitality?**

**For example, they have been discussing, and probably are now in some of the Western States—indeed, many are so occupied here—whether the Grand Jury system is worth preserving? It was useful, several centuries ago, they say, in the out-of-the-way island of England, but the rest of Europe knew little or nothing of it, or of the petty jury either. We shall not enter into the debate; our design is simply to state how mankind are drifting from their old moorings. A century, aye, half a century ago, writers on English law were full of eulogiums on both Grand and Petty Juries. All that is gone by; even the spelling of its name, once written *Jury*, is altered now; but the body itself has suffered a more serious revolution. So inadequate has this noble institution become, once held by our English ancestry to be the palladium of liberty, that it is now regarded, or at least spoken of, particularly in the neighboring metropolis, as a palladium of liberty only to scornfuls, who deserve to be kept bound in chains forever, if not to hang upon the gallows. What a stupendous change! And who is to blame? Is it that strangers migrating from a remote region where it has been unknown, are ignorant how either to manage or appreciate it? Is it because the modern press, far from the jury trial, examines the evidence, and pronounces the verdict of guilty or not guilty long before courts of justice can begin the investigation, and thereby usurp the functions of the judicial department? As said before, we are not about to investigate the reason that institutions once boasted of as miracles of wise invention have so fallen in the estimation of many, not in our country only, but in Great Britain, where they had their origin. Recent intelligence informs us that Lord Chief Justice Campbell proposes a modification of one of the fundamental principles of the jury system, such a modification less than the whole law is at length acknowledged by some in the very land of its birth that a jury, for some reason or other, is not what it once was.**

**There is another very important part in our political system which men are beginning to pronounce a failure also; we allude to the method prescribed by our constitution for the selection of citizens to fill the offices of trust, influence, and government among us. We might mention a failure of the school system in New York, which the *Journal of Commerce* pronounces so "degenerate that nothing but the early substitution of worthy men in the Board of Education can save it from a total dereliction and overthrow." Thus one after another of our most vital organizations is threatened with destruction.**

**But we forbear, because we would leave room to add a word upon, if possible, a still more important feature of our free Government; that is, a universal suffrage. This principle lies at the bottom of any kind of government whatever, both in the Union and the separate States, and if it cannot be maintained the whole Government becomes a wreck. Yet that it is not maintained, but that in fact men are elevated to offices the most important who are not only morally and intellectually unqualified, but persons who are not in reality the choice of the people, we have the testimony of the press in the city of New York and several other towns of large population. The ballot-box in some places is known to be infested with cheats and bullies, the respectable public franchise is rendered so uncomfortable that the men who really pay the taxes and support the Government have relinquished the business of elections to bullies, shoulder-busters, and trading politicians. These control the poll and dictate to the primary assemblies, where candidates are nominated.**

**The result of this state of things is such that the institution of popular elections is not prospering under our management, but, like the others that have been mentioned, turns out in the hands of many communities, according to their own testimony, a lamentable failure. Unfortunately for the judiciary of several States, just at the time when the purity and value of suffrage was rapidly depreciating by an egregious mistake which is now visiting them with its bitter fruits, their judiciary was cast into the elective franchise, in consequence of which, in addition to the degeneracy of juries, they have to lament that of the bench also, and, as the necessary result, a failure of justice itself, which if unchecked in its downward progress, must lead to a change now unthought of, or too radical to be mentioned. —*New York Daily Advertiser* of Nov. 2.**

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