



# TARBORO, N. C.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1837.

## Republican Nomination.

Election on Thursday, 27th July.

FOR CONGRESS.

Gen. LOUIS D. WILSON.

## County Candidates.

For Clerk of the County Court.

Col. JOSEPH BELL.

Clerk of the Superior Court.

JAMES W. CLARK, Esq.

Capt. DAVID C. BELL.

Being defeated in his attack on Gen. Wilson for voting in the negative on the motion to organize the State Convention, the Editor of the Washington Whig has ventured a demonstration on his voting in the Convention against Mr. Edwards's amendment, abolishing all religious tests as qualifications for office. Unluckily for the Editor, the present is a more injudicious selection than the preceding one; for on examining the Journal of the Convention we find that a still larger majority of the delegates from this Congressional district voted with Gen. Wilson on that question. We doubt whether any better evidence could be adduced of the General's rigid adherence to "the democratic principle," that the representative should be governed by the "will" of his constituents, than the above two votes; for we unhesitatingly hazard the assertion, that no votes in his whole public career gave more universal satisfaction not only to his immediate constituents, but to the people of the district generally, judging from the votes of their delegates, than those specified; and their presentation, by his opponents, as subjects of censure or hostility evince too plainly their flimsy pretences. The Editor appears to be fond of poetry—the following distich is worthy of his special attention:—

"He who aims at duck or plover,  
Is sure to get himself kick'd over."

But where is the Whig candidate all this time? Can they urge nothing but promises in his favor? Do they depend wholly for success upon detracting from the well earned reputation of his competitor? We pause for a reply.

The correspondent of the Washington Whig declines complying with our requisition, previous to furnishing him with the information he desired—but, inasmuch as he asserts in reference to the conduct of the Republican candidate for Congress, that "there is one point which we do not like to have handled," contrary to our usual practice with anonymous writers, we will state for his particular edification and for the information of "the enlightened freemen of the district," that his "supposed case" was thoroughly investigated in 1829, in every shape, form and feature which personal and political hostility could devise—the result was, his opponent received only 143 votes in the whole county. Since then Gen. Wilson has received repeated testimonials of increased and increasing confidence from his fellow citizens. Can "Publicus" require a more full, explicit, or satisfactory answer to his suppositions?

On Saturday the 1st inst. Dr. Thomas H. Hall was elected

Magistrate of Police of this town, in place of Francis L. Dancy, Esq. declined.

We took a circuitous route a few days since through the counties of Halifax, Martin, Beaufort, and Pitt, and we can truly say that we never witnessed at this season of the year, a more heart-cheering prospect than that which now presents itself to the eye of the agriculturist. The crops generally look fresh, green and luxuriant—and should nothing occur to mar their promising appearance, the farmers will be well repaid for their toil in the abundance if not in the price of their products.

We understand that a murder was committed in Halifax county a few days since, by one—Cole, upon a free negro. A man of suspicious appearance passed through this place on Wednesday last, B. R. Hines, Esq. the County Solicitor, immediately issued a precept against him, but we believe he has not yet been taken. He is about 25 or 30 years of age, of common size, light hair, said when in this place that he had lately come from Missouri, that he was raised in Wake county and was going there—his clothes were bloody and his head bandaged, and he said that he had been beaten by some persons in Halifax without any provocation. He is beyond doubt guilty of some misdeed, and is a fugitive from justice.

The Philadelphia Gazette gives the following description of the brilliant display of Northern lights, which occurred on the night of the 1st instant:—

Aurora Borealis.—On Saturday evening the horizon was visited by one of those splendid phenomena, which from the time of good old Job, have been subjects of admiration and of speculation as to their cause and composition. We have rarely seen a more varied and splendid exhibition of the Northern lights. The north part of the heavens was lighted up with a steady glow, while from the northwest there shot up quite to the zenith, beautiful stripes or ribbons, of varied colors, from the crimson to the cold blue, that mingled with the darkness of the unlighted atmosphere. Meantime, the lightning was playing in sheets, thin and gauzy, as if some one was shaking a transparent veil in the sky, and the wavy motion showed a sort of flash in the ethereal composition, as if it was catching a faint light from a distant source—this motion was peculiarly delicate. Between 10 and 11 o'clock, the northwestern streamers disappeared, and a bold well defined column shot up from the north quite to the zenith; it varied from a bright red to a deep blue, and seemed as if its hues were supplied from the great fountain of light that lay along the northern horizon, quiet but most effulgent. As late as 3 o'clock on Sunday morning the north was luminous.

Gen. Memucan Hunt was yesterday presented by the acting Secretary of State to the President, and delivered his credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Texas near the Government of the United States. *Globe, 7th inst.*

In noticing Mr. Macon's death in our last, we inadvertently stated his age to be 83—it should have been 79 next December. *Warrenton Rep.*

In another part of our paper will be seen the correspondence of the Governor and Council, which contains the reasons for not calling an extra session of the General Assembly. The Govern-

nor questions the justice of removing the penalty the banks have incurred by refusing specie payments—and we think he might safely question its constitutionality also. We shall be rejoiced to find a spirit of mutual forbearance and compromise, governing the transactions between our citizens and the banks. It will be pleasant to see the citizens, by their own election, refraining from exacting the penalty; and the bank itself, by a corresponding friendliness, affording accommodation to the citizens in change, and exchange, by all the means in their power. We do not believe they ought to extend their discounts, during the suspension of specie payments; and learn that they have no intention of doing so. But they ought most clearly to show every indulgence to their debtors, that their own safety will permit; and we have casually heard that such is the determination.—*Raleigh Standard.*

Caution.—Our readers are cautioned against retaining Notes of the old State Bank of North Carolina, in their hands, after the first Monday in November next. They are now as good as any Notes, at the counter of the Bank of the State; but after the day above-mentioned, they will be good for nothing. We hope our country friends will avail themselves of this notice, and send these bills to Raleigh, for redemption, as quick as possible; we hope also, that they will make this matter known thro'out every neighborhood.—*ib.*

Granville District.—We are authorized to announce Col. John L. Henderson, of Granville, (Whig) as a Candidate to represent the Congressional District, composed of the counties of Granville, Warren, Franklin and Nash. *Raleigh Reg.*

Cotton.—One hundred and forty-seven bales were sold at Fayetteville last week for \$8 12 1/2. *ib.*

Snow in North Carolina, June 21st, 1837.—Our correspondent at Jefferson, Ashe county, writes as follows: "On the morning of the 21st instant, Snow was seen falling at Jefferson, N. C.! The weather has been unusually cold for several days. Our citizens are now (8 o'clock, A. M.) seen crowded around the fire side, or riding in their overcoats, a strong breeze from N. W. No frost since 16th May. Let it be remembered that Ashe county is in an elevated situation. Perhaps its altitude is greater than that of any other county in the Union." *Raleigh Star.*

Texas.—Resolutions were unanimously adopted at the late session of the Legislature of Mississippi, declaring it expedient, in a national point of view, that Texas be annexed to the United States without delay, it being "essential to the future safety and repose of the Southern States;" and instructing their Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best exertions to effect this desirable object.—*ib.*

## FROM FLORIDA.

The Savannah Georgian has received intelligence from Florida, stating that Gen. Jesup and staff arrived at Black Creek on the 3d inst. on a tour of inspection. The Indians were still peaceable, and exhibit no eminent disposition to renew hostilities.

The statement made that Micanopy has been executed, is totally without foundation.

The North Carolina Cherokees.—The Cherokees residing in the mountains of North Carolina, are the most wild, savage and ungovernable of the whole tribe; and some apprehensions have been felt in relation to what their future conduct might be. They are somewhat stubborn, and do not seem to be willing to remove. They, however, as yet, manifest no hostile intention. Maj. Payne, of the United States Army, passed

here a few days ago, on his way from Valley river, North Carolina, to New Echota, Georgia, and he informed us that the Indians were entirely quiet, manifesting no hostile intentions whatever. The troops at Valley river were in good health, and every thing going on well.—*Tennessee Jour.*

## From the Raleigh Register.

Our University.—The late Commencement Exercises of this Institution, were highly gratifying to its friends. A very large concourse of Visitors, of both sexes, were in attendance, together with a respectable number of Trustees and the whole scene passed off with spirit and interest.

The public Exercises and Exhibitions were held in Girard Hall, so called in honor of one of the most munificent benefactors of the University, a commodious building with large Galleries, just completed with becoming taste and in good style, by order of the Executive Committee.

On Monday evening, select Orations were delivered on the rostrum by the following competitors, selected from the Freshman Class, viz: D. Sellers, L. R. Caldwell, J. A. Lillington, A. M. Shipp, W. M. Shipp, W. H. Henderson, J. W. Cameron.

On Tuesday evening, by competitors from the Sophomore and Junior Classes, viz: D. D. Ferebee, J. Summerville, J. W. Evans, J. H. Headen, W. R. Walker, W. A. Huske.

And on Wednesday evening, by Representatives, chosen by the two Literary Societies: Messrs. B. M. Hobson, J. J. Jackson, T. D. Meares, representing the Dialectic, and Messrs. J. M. Burke, H. W. Burgwin and W. S. Pettigrew, the Philanthropic Society; and W. J. Long, under the appointment of the Faculty.

These Forensic Exercises were well sustained, and evinced a commendable attention to the study of Eloquence and public Declamation.

On Wednesday forenoon, the Hall was crowded to overflowing, to hear the Hon. Robert Strange, who had been selected to deliver the Annual Address before the two Literary Societies. The deep and profound attention, interrupted only by occasional bursts of applause, paid to this chaste and eloquent Address, is the best commentary on its merits. Suffice it to say, that the well earned reputation of Judge Strange as a popular Orator, acquired fresh laurels.

On Thursday (Commencement day) the Degree of A. B. was conferred on the following members of the Senior Class, viz: William W. Avery, Augustus Benners, Perrin H. Busbee, Peter W. Hairston, George S. Holley, Samuel B. Massev, Leonard H. Taylor, James G. Womack.

The following Order was observed:—

- MORNING.
1. Prayer, by Prof. Mitchell.
2. Salutatory Oration in Latin (second distinction) by James G. Womack, of Chatham.
3. Oration on the importance of Southern Literature, (third distinction) by Augustus Benners, Newbern.
4. Oration on the future prospects of our Country (fourth distinction) by P. W. Hairston, Pittsylvania, Virginia.
5. Oration on the Causes which have retarded the progress of Political Economy in this country (fifth distinction) P. H. Busbee, Wake.

EVENING.

- 1. Oration on the Character of the Aborigines of America (sixth distinction) by L. H. Taylor, La Grange, Tennessee.
2. Valedictory Oration (first distinction) by William W. Avery, Burke.
3. Report on the Public Examination.
4. Degrees conferred.
5. Prayer, by Prof. Mitchell.
The Degree of A. B. was also conferred on Mr. Pride Jones, a member of a former Senior Class; and the Degree of A. M. on the following alumni of the U-

iversity: Henry W. Miller, Lemuel B. Powell, Michael W. Holt. The Honorary Degree of D. D. was also conferred on the Rev. Basil Manly, of Charleston, S. C. a native of this State, and one of the Alumni of the South Carolina College.

We were pleased to see, that the Public Halls and Rooms of the College were undergoing thorough repair, and will be in a very comfortable condition by the beginning of the next Session. A large accession of Students is promised. About 30 were examined for admission into the Freshman Class alone, and it is confidently believed that at least an equal number will apply for admission when the College re-opens on 3d August next.

The Board of Trustees, we are informed, have passed an Ordinance that the popular and important science of Civil Engineering shall be taught forthwith, and introduced into the system of studies either by embracing it in the present Professorship of Mathematics, or by the endowment of an independent Professorship, as the Executive Committee may deem best.

Upon the whole, the University is evidently in the ascendant. The Students are orderly and industrious, and their intercourse with the Faculty of the most social and liberal kind. A marked improvement in this feature of the Institution was observed, and commented on by all who have been conversant with its past history. We neither saw nor heard, on the one hand, of any instances of overbearing, supercilious contumely on the part of the Teachers, nor, on the other hand, of unbecoming liberties and frivolous levity by the Students. Their intercourse seemed to be distinguished by a mutual spirit of kindness, confidence and affection.

The State may well be proud of the Faculty of the College. A more patient, learned, or devoted body of men to their several Departments, cannot be found. The Institution, we think has been extremely fortunate too, in the selection of the successor of its late President, the venerable Dr. Caldwell. When Governor Swain was first elected to the Presidency, some of the friends of the University considered it an experiment full of hazard. Accustomed to look for such Officers among the reverend Clergy, to men who had devoted the meridian as well as morning of life to laborious study, and looking with astonishment at the rapid flight of the new incumbent, to the Bar, the Bench, and the Executive chair of his native State, they doubted whether he possessed that maturity of character and austerity of demeanor, which seemed to be demanded for the station, or could at once lay aside the seductive charms of political life and popular fame, and assume with patience and complacency the humble toga, amid the secluded shades of literary retirement. But all doubt on the matter has been dispelled by the test of experience; and the acknowledged ability, dignity and energy, with which he has administered his Office, and presided over the various Departments of the Institution, is not only gratifying to his friends, but has fully justified the expectations of those sagacious gentlemen who were foremost in pressing the Office upon him. Such we know at least are the sentiments of

## MANY VISITERS.

Post Offices, Changes, &c.—From the Post Office Department we learn that the post offices established during the year ending June 30th, 1836, were 666, discontinuances 345, making a nett increase of 321.

During the year ending June 30th, 1837, the offices established were 956, the discontinuances 280, making a nett increase of 676. The whole number of post offices in the United States on the 1st inst. was 11,767.

The changes of postmasters in the former year were 1,844, and in the latter 2,235.

The appointments of postmasters in the former, including the offices, were 2,510; in the latter, 3,191, being at the rate of more than ten each day, Sundays excepted.

Considering the numerous complaints in which there is action, the correspondence which grows out of them, the instructions of postmasters, &c. some of them may be formed of the business done in this branch of the Post Office Department.—*Globe.*

The Nashville Union contains the reply of Gen. Jackson to Judge White, who in giving testimony before a Committee of Congress, made some statements which Gen. Jackson considered as impugning his honor and integrity. The reply is a very voluminous one, filling nearly the whole of that paper.

Washington Market, July 11. Turpentine, new dip, \$1 70. Old \$1 60. Tar, \$1 00.—*Whig.*

Petersburg Market, July 11. Cotton—little doing; but a feeling is manifested. Prices 10 cents.—*Con.*

Latest from Europe.—The packet ship Oxford, at New York furnishes Liverpool papers to the 3d of June. The political intelligence they contain is said to be of little importance. An important event has taken place in the Canton market.

The Rev. Alfred Norton and Benjamin Watson are expected by divine permission to hold two days meeting on the 22d, Saturday and Sunday, 22d and 23d of the present month, at the Old Church in Tarboro'.—*Con.*

## DIED.

In Nashville, on Wednesday the 5th inst. after a short illness, Maj. John G. Blount.

At his residence in Nash county, on the 3d inst. after a severe illness of six weeks, which he bore with the utmost patience and fortitude, Peter Arrington, Sen'r, in the 70th year of his age. He deceased, was one among the most respectable citizens, a good neighbor, a kind husband and an affectionate father, and has left a wife and six children and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their irreparable loss.

## Prices Current, At Tarboro' and New York.

JULY 10.	per	Tarboro', New York.
Bacon,	lb.	10 12 10
Beeswax,	lb.	20 25 22
Brandy, apple,	gall	45 50 42
Coffee,	lb.	13 16 9
Corn,	bush.	70 80 60
Cotton,	lb.	6 8 8 1/2
Cotton bag,	yard.	20 25 16
Flour, sup.	bb.	57 58 56
Iron,	lb.	43 5 3 1/2
Lard,	lb.	10 12 8 1/2
Molasses,	gall	55 60 25
Sugar, brown,	lb.	11 13 6 1/2
Salt, T. I.	bush.	70 75 30
Turpentine,	bb.	150 175 225
Wheat,	bush.	100 125 100
Whiskey,	bb.	60 65 28



## Notice.

A GENTLEMAN who has been in the habit of paying heavy doctor's bills for himself and family, besides suffering the pains of sickness and constant alarms from fall fevers, can now at a small price secure to himself and family the blessing of health and a perfect exemption from those fevers, which always harass the minds of persons living in sickly settlements. To any gentleman suffering from I would sell at a moderate price.

A small Tract of Land, (55 Acres) with a very comfortable and Convenient Dwelling House.

All necessary out houses, yard and garden, well enclosed, in a neighborhood of moral, intelligent, and wealthy citizens, situated immediately on the road from Mr. H. Sims's to Louisa, 7 miles from the former. Apply to Subscriber at Sims's Bridge.

L. S. Sims.

Nash county, July 14, 1837.

The Halifax Advocate will insert the above three times and forward each.

## Corn Fans.

An excellent new Corn Fan, made by Mr. John Wilson, of Hamilton, can be had on reasonable and accommodating terms, on application

At this Office.