

Our County Court was held this week. We have had about the usual quantity and variety of State and civil cases—none worthy of special notice.

We heard it remarked, at the close of the recent election, that the Whigs in Pitt had "eaten the entire swine" during the canvass, merely reserving the tail for a final display, should they prove victorious. The last Washington Whig gives a vivid description of the manner in which this useful appendage was "used up" at a Public Dinner at Pactolus, on the 16th ult. as it says, "in honor of the Whig victory in that county."

Among the recent decisions of the Supreme Court we notice the following: Also in *Hines v Spruill et al.* in Equity, from Edgecombe, declaring that there is error in the interlocutory decree.

Melancholy Accident.—We learn that on Sunday morning last, as three negroes were out a ragoon hunting, in bowing down a tree near Coffield's bridge, in Halifax county, the tree fell on a small cypress which bending over struck Jerry, a negro man belonging to Mr. G. C. Pittman of this county, and knocked his brains out, killing him instantaneously.

We some time since published a statement respecting the sudden & mysterious death in Florida of Dr. John H. Parker, a native of this county and formerly a resident of this place. It will be seen from the subjoined article, that the dreadful suspicions of his being murdered by his slaves, are now realized:—

Murder Will Out.—In November last our community were thrown into consternation by the mysterious disappearance of Dr. John H. Parker, formerly of North Carolina. Search was made, and his body found in the Escambia river, about 25 miles hence. It was concluded that he had fallen, by accident, from a small boat (in which he was in the habit of crossing the river,) and got drowned. It now appears by the confession of one of his slaves named Lewis, that the Doctor was murdered by Lewis and another slave named Henry, and thrown into the river. The deceased was killed by Lewis, who struck him with an axe on the side of the face, and then gave him several other blows, which despatched him. Lewis, it is said, has lately manifested symptoms of mental derangement, but, in relation to this matter, there is too "much meaning in his madness," to leave any doubt of the horrible truth of his confession.

Pensacola Gazette.

We have been favored with the first number of "The Farmer's Advocate, and Miscellaneous Reporter." It is published semi-weekly in Jamestown, Guilford county, by Mr. John Sherwood. We invite attention to the Prospectus, which will be found in our advertising columns. A paper of this description has been long needed in this section of the country, and we doubt not it will prove of incalculable advantage to the agricultural community. It can be seen at our office, and we will gladly forward the names of such as may feel disposed to patronize this laudable undertaking.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Nine counties remain to be heard from, respecting the Governor's election. The Whigs thus far claim a majority of 17,669 in favor of Governor Dudley. We will publish in our next, a statement of the votes for Governor, in the different counties, agreeably to the returns; and a List of the members elect to the General Assembly. The Standard has the following remarks on the subject.

The Result.—Our returns are now complete. We have heard from the Senatorial District of Buncombe, Haywood and Macon, which has elected a Democratic Republican Senator, and one member of the same politics from Macon. This gives us 23 out of 50 in the Senate, and 55 out of 120 in the House of Commons. We now state with confidence the political character of our next Legislature. We can have no motive for misrepresentation or concealment; and while truth and candor requires us to say the friends of the administration have not a majority in either branch of the Legislature, we can say,

with equal certainty, that the *Bank Whigs* are also in a minority.

The few States Rights men in both houses, hold the balance, and will decide such questions of a political character as may arise. If we cannot boast of a majority for the administration and the sub-treasury—so our opponents, proper, cannot claim a majority for Clay and a National Bank.

It is a fact, beyond question, that while the opposition carried every county where they commanded a majority—the friends of the administration have lost the ascendancy by divisions. Such was the case in Bertie, Sampson, Orange, Stokes, and Yancey; to say nothing of other counties in which our friends claim the majority. In those counties there has been a loss of 8 members; more than sufficient to have secured the majority in both branches. Our enemies may boast and brag—but our friends abroad may be well assured, that our opponents will be able to effect nothing of a political character—neither instructions, direct nor inferential.

Whatever may be the impressions of others, we are satisfied with the present aspect of affairs in this State. The bitter waters of federalism have extended to their utmost bounds, and must hereafter recede from before the frowns of an honest and patriotic people. The virtuous democracy of North Carolina will arouse to a vigilant exercise of their patriotic duties, careless of the reproaches of corrupt and interested partisans, or the bullying and threatening of crazy politicians. The people have nothing to fear. The God of justice is with us; and our State will be one of the firmest pillars in the temple of Constitutional Liberty.—*Raleigh Standard.*

We learn, from the Lincolnton Republican, that Messrs. Clement and Ribelin, from Rowan, are opposed to a National Bank. This is but the commencement of the decrease of the celebrated federal majority of fourteen.—*ib.*

Senator Brown.—In answer to several inquiries on the subject, we state that the term for which the Hon. Bedford Brown is elected to the U. States Senate, expires on the 4th of March 1841. The time for electing a Senator by the Legislature of North Carolina is at the session of 1840.—*ib.*

State Elections.—The elections for the Legislature in Alabama, have terminated in favor of the Democratic Republicans, by an increased majority. Mr. Crabb, (Whig) has been elected to Congress, in place of Lawler, (Whig) deceased.

In Kentucky, the Democracy are gaining ground, though still in the minority. Henry Clay, Jr. son of the Hon. Henry Clay, has been beaten for the Legislature in the county in which his father resides. The proposition for a State Convention is lost by an overwhelming majority.

In Illinois, the Democracy have again triumphed and elected Edwards their candidate for Governor; and probably Douglass, their candidate for Congress.

In Indiana, the Whigs still retain the ascendancy.

In Missouri, the Democracy stand steadfast, and have secured a large majority in both branches of the Legislature.

The President.—A private letter from the White Sulphur Springs, announces the safe arrival of President Van Buren at that place. Our correspondent states that "the plain, Republican, and unostentatious manners of the President, elicit the admiration of all; and I will add, deservedly so, because he is unquestionably the choice of the people, now and hereafter." There are now between 5 and 600 visitors at the White Sulphur.—*Petersburg Constellation.*

From the Halifax Advocate.

Mr. Webb: I send you the enclosed communication from my friend Gov. Branch, which should have been handed you before. I had intended to have accompanied its publication with some remarks in explanation of the course and principles of Gov. Branch and a defence of my own position. But a severe domestic affliction compels me to postpone the duty to some future occasion.

Very respectfully, Yours,
ROBERT C. BOND.
Aug. 27, 1838.

Enfield, Aug. 9th. 1838.

My dear Sir: By the last mail I received intelligence of the indisposition of Mrs. Branch, now at the Springs, near Athens, and also of the death of her carriage driver. This will make it necessary for me to leave in the next stage, and as my enemies may misrepresent my motives, I deem it prudent to put some of my friends in possession of the fact.

In relation to the politics of the day, I have but a word to say. My motives for permitting my name to be put in nomination are known to you. They were of the most patriotic and elevated character, and yet it appears that my conduct is condemned by a large majority of my fellow citizens. A long and ardent devotion to the Republican principles of 1798 and '99, induced me to throw myself in opposition to

the strong Federal current which is sweeping over the land and threatening the destruction of the rights of the States. If my overthrow shall have the effect to induce the people to pause and survey the ground on which they now stand and the dangers ahead, I shall not regret my sacrifices.

I am well satisfied that many patriotic and honest men have been led into error by their bitter hostility to the Van Buren party, and for such I still entertain respectful and kind feelings. They have overlooked principle in their hot and vindictive pursuit of men. I had hoped that a long course of faithful public service would have protected me from the illiberal and unjust animadversions of my old political friends, if not from my opponents. In this I have been disappointed. I am however not deprived of an approving conscience, and an abiding faith that my countrymen will (when passion and prejudice subside) not only do me justice, but repudiate the false and anti-republican doctrines now in the ascendant.

Accept renewed assurances of esteem,
JNO. BRANCH.
To Doct. R C Bond.

New County.—By reference to an advertisement in to-day's paper, it will be seen that application will be made to the next Legislature of North Carolina, to form a new county out of parts of Halifax, Northampton and Warren counties.

Halifax Adv.

The steamer Gov. Dudley, intended to ply between Wilmington and Charleston, arrived at our wharf, on Friday the 17th inst. after a boisterous passage from Norfolk, where she stopped on her passage from New York to erect a mast.

Wilmington Adv.

Col. A. J. Yoor, of Halifax, N. C. was elected, on Saturday before last, President of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company. Col. J. is also a member of our State Senate.—*Hal. Reg.*

North Eastern Boundary.—Gov. Kent, of Maine, has determined to wait no longer the tardy proceedings of the British Government, but to proceed forthwith to run the boundary line between that State and the English provinces, according to the Treaty of 1783. This determination is producing a great stir among the Canadians, and may lead to serious consequences, if speedy measures are not adopted by the General Government to avert the collision.—*ib.*

It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of *Thomas Deas, Jr.* Esq. Attorney at law of this place, who departed this life on Saturday the 4th inst. aged about 30 years.

The circumstances attending the death of Mr. D are truly distressing. He was a candidate to represent this county in the next Legislature, and was returning from the lower part of the county where he had gone to attend a public gathering, a few days previous to his death. On arriving within six miles of this, it was discovered that he was in a state of mental derangement. On the evening of his death he started for home, as was supposed, but not reaching this that night, serious apprehensions were entertained by the citizens of our village, that some misfortune had befallen him, and immediately search was made for him that night in the neighborhood where he was last seen: his horse was found on the bank of Broad River near by, but no traces of its owner could be seen. On next morning search was again made, and melancholy to relate, he was found in the bottom of the river, having apparently been drowned the evening previous.

In the death of this young man the community has been deprived of one, who, by his natural endowments, was benefited for any station in life, and who by the exercise of a highly gifted mental capacity, might have reflected lasting honor upon his native State; mild and courteous in his demeanor while at the Bar, he gained the esteem of all his legal associates. He has left an aged Father and Mother, a brother and several sisters to deplore a loss which to them is indeed irreparable.

Rutherford Gazette.

Chapel Hill.—Among the improvements at Chapel Hill, preparatory to the late commencement, we have heretofore failed to notice the painting of the society halls, which, we are told by several intelligent members of the college, exceeds any thing of the kind in this part of the country. The whole is tastefully executed, and the ceilings are richly ornamented with the names and mottoes of the societies, in gold letters. The work was done by Mr. P. W. Fanning, of Wilmington, in this State; who is self-taught artist, and a worthy and intelligent gentleman, well deserving encouragement and patronage.

Raleigh Standard.

Pulaski.—The captain and owners of the schooner Merchant, charged with unfeelingly passing by the wreck of the Pulaski and refusing assistance, make affidavit that they never saw the wreck, and be-

lieve the schooner was not within fifty miles of her.—*N. Y. Star.*

New Cotton.—A bale of new Cotton, weighing 429 pounds, staple and color both good, was received at Augusta, Ga. on the 17th ult. and sold for 14 cts. per lb.

We are authorized to state that the Branch of the Bank of the State of Georgia, located in this city, will resume the payment of its notes in specie, on Monday next, the 20th inst.—*Augusta Chron.*

Maj. Crawford, President of the Board of Commissioners of Internal Improvement, has succeeded in negotiating in New York, a loan of half a million of dollars to carry on the Western and Atlantic Rail Road now in progress by the State of Georgia from the Tennessee line to the Chattahoochee.

Milledgeville, Geo. Journal.

Loan for Mississippi.—The Vicksburg Bank has arranged for a loan of \$1,500,000, and the Mississippi State stock of five millions issued for the establishment of the Union Bank has been so far negotiated as that the parties are authorized to draw immediately for two millions.—*N. Y. Star.*

Selling the bear that is not hunted.—Some wag has been hoaxing the stock-jobbers of New Orleans into a belief that the Government of Texas has made an arrangement for a loan from Biddle's Bank in Philadelphia. On the strength of this hoax, Texian notes and stocks rose fifteen per cent, when the Bulls, of course, sold out, made large profits, and left their dopes to rail at the sub-treasury scheme, or read Dr. Duncan's speech, which ever best suited their taste.—*New York Era.*

We learn with regret, that there is no truth in the alledged donation to this city of a public library by Mr. Jno. Jacob Astor.—*ib.*

Horrid Death from the Bite of a Rattle Snake.—Mr. Jacob Heaton, of Braxton Co. Virginia, is stated to have been bitten by a rattle snake, July 6th, on the skin between the knees and instep, and in a few minutes feeling a smarting made for his house, a fifth of a mile distant, where he fell at the porch with vomiting of blood, and died the same night with extreme agony about the heart, convulsions, &c.

The Cherokees—Conference and Agreement of Gen. Scott with them.—The Hamilton (Penn.) Gazette, August 9, furnishes the details of the agreement entered into. The chiefs engage to transport the remainder of their people to their new homes—to furnish the necessary subsistence, &c. to commence on Sept. 1st, in detachments of about 1000 each, at intervals of a few days. So that reckoning 12 detachments, the last will leave Oct. 20th. Gen. Scott allows \$65 a head for the removal, and furnishes one half in advance. Each detachment to be under their own people, and to be accompanied by one or two physicians, appointed by the general with concurrence of the chiefs. Until the departure, the Indians to subsist by the government.

Suspensions of War.—It will be seen by an article of intelligence in another place, that the Cherokees west of the Mississippi are summoning a grand council of the neighboring tribes, the purpose of which is supposed to be to form an alliance preparatory to a war on the frontier territory of Arkansas and Missouri. They could muster a formidable army, and would doubtless give us great trouble if they were to determine on such a step.—*Norfolk Her.*

Beware of the Swindler.—A fellow of the name of Wm. C. Johnson, Tailor, and Clothes Renovator, who came to this place about two months ago, left clandestinely, on the night of the 18th inst. forgetting, in the hurry of the moment, to pay off several small bills which he had contracted with our citizens. In order to give the public some idea of the prostrate condition of his finances, or his depravity of heart, we will mention the fact that he has thought proper to leave even us minus the sum of ten dollars. Said Johnson is a bad pattern of the "ninth part of a man," and will evidently not "wear well." He had on, when he left, a blue frock coat, velvet pantaloons of the same color, and generally wears shoes made of cloth or buckskin, with buckles. He is about six feet high, of spare proportions—he has a large body face, and is remarkably polite.

Oxford Exam.

We are informed by Capt. Darrell, of the Sch. Admiral Colpoys, at this port, that he saw on Sunday last off "False Cape" a large Canoe or Perrianger Boat; having on board, as he thought, an unusual number of men, for a boat of her size—and that on landing at Old Point on Tuesday, he was told by the master of Pilot Boat Selim, that he, too, had a short time previous, seen the same boat, and made for, and on coming up, found her to have on board some 12 or 15 negroes; all well armed with muskets. They were told to keep

off and not attempt to come too near, as they would be fired into. The Pilot Boat having no arms and but a small crew, let them pass. They were evidently carrying away negroes; had come from the coast of North Carolina, and were making their way North.—*Alex. Gaz.*

A slave girl of Adams county, Mississippi, was recently hung at Natchez, attempting to kill her mistress.

Loss of Life by Steam.—The destruction of human life by steamboat disasters within a few months, has been fearful, and the subjoined list will demonstrate. The Ben Sherrod, 100 lives lost—the Matamoras, 400—the Home, 360—the Mataselle, 120—the Ben Franklin, 100—the Oronoke, 130—the Washington, 30—the Pulaski, 100. Total, 1,260.

New York Market, Aug. 25.—The sales of Cotton for the week are 2000 bales at a 14 cents. New Southern Flour has arrived; Georgetown new sold at 7 75, and Richmond city at 8 37. Southern wheat has brought 1 56 for prime, and one parcel rather more; the receipts of Corn are somewhat increased, and it is now selling at 93 a 95. Nothing new in naval stores.

Petersburg Market, August 24.—Cotton—the market is very still; but few entering bales were sold on the streets during the week, at 9 1/2 a 10 cents; holders ask 10 1/2 a 11 cents; stock light.—Cotton (wholesale,) 4 00—Bacon, (Hog Round,) 11 to 11 50 cents.—*Int.*

Washington Market, Aug. 28.—Turpentine, new dip, \$2.90; Old \$1.85; Scraps, \$1 00. Tar, \$1 55.—*Whig.*

Norfolk Market, Aug. 24.—Cotton, 11 to 12 cents; Corn, 83 to 86 cents; Lard, 11 to 12 cents.—*Her.*



DIED,

In Williamston, N. C. on Friday, 17th ult. Dr. William Henderson, after a lingering and painful illness of nearly five months, which he bore with patience and fortitude. In the grave all his failings are buried, and we say not too much when we assert, that in him the community have lost an attentive, conscientious and skillful physician, a generous, honorable, and worthy citizen. He has left a tender wife (whose soothing attentions were never wanting during his long confinement,) and seven children to mourn their irreparable loss. He expressed no fears of death; his only desire was that he might be spared to raise and take care of his young and interesting family. They have lost an affectionate and kind husband and tender parent.

"Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.
"He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."—*Ral. Stand.*

Prices Current,
At Tarborough and New York.

	AUG. 28.	per	Tarboro'.	New York.
Bacon,	lb	8	10	11
Brandy, apple,	gallon	100	125	41
Coffee,	lb	13	16	9
Corn,	bushel	55	60	81
Cotton,	lb	8 1/2	9	11
Cotton bagging,	yard	20	25	16
Flour,	barrel	88	9	88
Iron,	lb	4 1/2	5	3
Lard,	lb	8	10	9 1/2
Molasses,	gallon	50	55	28
Sugar, brown,	lb	10	12 1/2	8 1/2
Salt, T. I.	bushel	60	65	43
Turpentine,	barrel	175	180	275
Wheat,	bushel	100	125	165
Whiskey,	gallon	50	55	30

Caution.

SOME time in the winter of 1837 and 1838, we gave to each other Notes of Hand for twenty five dollars. These Notes were deposited in the hands of one John Warren, who has since left this country. We caution the public against trading for such Notes, as they were given for a consideration that has failed, and we will never pay them but at the end of the law, (and it may be) not then.

B. R. HINES.
CHAS. ELLIS.
August 29, 1838.

Notice.

THE subscriber having qualified as administrator on the estate of **Elizabeth Pender, dec'd.** At November, 1836, and all persons having claims against the estate will do well to bring them in within the time limited by law, as I shall not pay any debt after that time.

DREWRY PENDER, Adm'r.
August 26, 1838.