

**State Elections.**—The returns from several of the recent State elections, are most cheering to the Democratic Republican party. Pennsylvania, the Key-stone State—and Ohio, the Hercules of the West, have both unquestionably elected Democratic Governors. These two, added to Illinois, Maine and Maryland, make a net gain of five Democratic Governors during the present year—the Federal Whigs not having one change in their favor.

The Democracy have also increased their strength in the Legislatures of Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maine—the Whigs have but a certain increase in the Legislature of Louisiana, and a doubtful one in that of North Carolina, Illinois, Georgia and Vermont.

The Democratic gain for members of Congress, is also gratifying, as follows: Illinois 1, Vermont (probably) 1, Maine 2, Ohio 4 or 5, New Jersey (probably) 6, Pennsylvania 1, South Carolina, (Mr. Holmes in place of Mr. Legare,) 1—the Whigs have gained 1 in Louisiana, and probably some in Georgia; the latter, however, are State Right Whigs, and it is said, are pledged to the support of an Independent Treasury.

From the above brief view of the elections, it will be seen, that though the Democracy may be temporarily discomfited, yet eventually they will rally, reunite, and regain their merited and usual ascendancy.

We will insert in our next, the proceedings at the Democratic Dinner at Yanceyville, together with the interesting letter from Senator Strange.

**Texas.**—The Globe states, that the Texan Minister has delivered to the acting Secretary of State a note, stating that he had been instructed by his Government to communicate to that of the United States, its formal and absolute withdrawal of the proposition for her admission into the Union.

**Assessment of Lands.**—It is known that at the last session of our Legislature, the Revenue Law was so amended, as to make it the duty of the County Courts to appoint, in the several districts of the respective counties, a Board of Valuation, for the purpose of assessing the lands—it being believed, that under the old plan of valuation, great injustice was done both to the State and individuals. The result of the first operations under this law proves this to be the fact, though its principle has not been fairly tested throughout the State. In a number of counties, the Acts of Assembly did not arrive in time to enable the Court to comply with the requisitions of the new law, and, of course, in these counties, the valuation was made as usual by the land owner himself.—Enough is ascertained, however, to show the wholesomeness of the new regulation, and the great advantages accruing to the State from the change.

The Clerks and Sheriffs having just made their annual returns to the Comptroller, we are enabled, through the politeness of that Officer, William F. Collins, Esq. to state the following particulars:

Value of lands in North Carolina, in 1836, as reported by the Clerks to the Comptroller's Department,	\$39,236,108
Unlisted lands for 1836, accounted for by the Sheriffs,	2,329,253
Total valuation for 1836,	41,565,361
Value of lands for 1837, as reported,	51,058,039
Unlisted lands accounted for,	722,697
Total valuation for 1837,	51,780,736
Deduct valuation for 1836,	41,565,361
Difference of valuation,	\$10,215,375

It will thus be seen, by taking the aggregate valuation of 1836 from that of 1837, that there is an increase in the valuation of Real Estate, in favor of the latter year, of Ten millions, two hundred and fifteen thousand, three hundred and seventy-five dollars, (\$10,215,375); while the value of the unlisted lands has decreased One million, six hundred and six thou-

sand, five hundred and sixty-six dollars, (1,606,556) The Comptroller informs us that he is unable to furnish at present, for want of proper returns, the difference in the number of Acres listed for taxation, but will have it in his power to do so very shortly. The increase in the valuation of lands will give a corresponding increase of the Revenue, from that source, of more than Six thousand dollars.—*Ral. Reg.*

**Our University.**—A Catalogue of the Trustees, Faculty and Students connected with this Institution, has just been published, and we are gratified to find that its prospects were never more flattering. As the increased prosperity of the College is not owing to any momentary impulse, but springs from the more just appreciation of its character which, we are confident, now pervades the State, we look forward with pride and pleasure to the still higher eminence which it is destined to attain among the Literary Institutions of the country.

The following Statement,\* showing the number of Students upon the College Catalogue, for a period of twenty years, exhibits the progressive growth of the Institution:

Year.	Students.	Year	Students
1819	118	1829	81
1820	127	1830	83
1821	146	1831	107
1822	165	1832	104
1823	173	1833	109
1824	157	1834	101
1825	122	1835	101
1826	112	1836	89
1827	76	1837	142
1828	85	1838	164

By the way, the Wilmington Advertiser asks—"What has become of the Professorship of Civil Engineering, in our University?" We perceive from this Catalogue, that instruction in Topographical Drawing and Civil Engineering is given by the Professor of French conjointly. We were not aware, that a distinct Professorship in this department was intended.

\* This Statement only contains the names of resident members of the Institution, though the whole number matriculated in the course of the year has always been greater—last year, for example, it was greater in the proportion of 150 to 142.—*ib.*

**Fatal Casualty.**—Mr. Nathaniel Carle, of Wellsburg, Va. died last week in consequence of descending into a well which contained foul air. A Mr. Clarke first descended, and, on discovering the noxious vapors, gave the signal to be drawn out. When within a few feet of the mouth of the well, he fell lifeless, but lodged against the side of the well, his feet being sustained by the bucket. Mr. Clarke then descended and fastened a rope around the body of his friend, in doing which he inhaled the gas and fell to the bottom. Mr. Clarke was drawn out and restored to life, but when the body of Mr. Carle was recovered he was a corpse.—*ib.*

The U. S. Bank of Pennsylvania has purchased of the Commissioners of Mississippi the Union Bank Bonds of that State to five millions of dollars.—*ib.*

**From the Raleigh Standard.**  
**A Proposition.**—The following proposition is made in a late number of the Wilmington Advertiser. We submit it to the consideration of our readers, without being as yet able to form an opinion, pro or con.

**Mr. Editor:**  
Sir—The following proposition is submitted to the public for consideration:—that the next Legislature be memorialized to grant Banking privileges to the Wilmington and Raleigh rail road company, with the condition that the said company shall subscribe for and take one thousand shares in the Fayetteville and Western rail road. Should this proposition be favorably received, a plan will be proposed for carrying it into effect. If, on the contrary, objections should be raised, we will endeavor to meet them.

**WILMINGTON.**

**Distressing News.**—The loss of life and property by the late storm is greater than ever before known by a single hurricane. It is said the southern coast is literally lined with wrecked vessels; and that on the Bahama Banks, which lie opposite to the coast of Florida, between thirty and forty vessels were lost on the 7th of September. The gale was most frightfully violent, blowing the bare masts and spars out of staunch and new vessels.

Among those wrecked on the coast of Florida was a French brig from Havana, bound to Bordeaux; only seven out of sixteen persons who were on board, were saved. The survivors were visited by a large party of armed Indians, who spared their lives because they were Frenchmen, saying that they kill all Americans.

The brig *Alna*, Thomas, of Portland, from St. Thos. also went ashore at the same place; and every man on board was massacred by the Indians, except one Dutchman, who was spared at the time of the general slaughter, and subsequently hid himself in the hold of the brig. A further account states that two more of

the crew of the *Alna* were saved, one of whom was shot through the thigh and hand, but has nearly recovered.—*ib.*

**Benjamin Rathbun**, who figured so largely in the commercial business at Buffalo, N. Y. and who attempted to sustain himself by forgery, has been recently tried at Batavia, and sentenced to five years imprisonment in the State prison.—*ib.*

**The Yellow Fever at Charleston.**—Some idea of the exact identity of this disease (mildly termed Stranger's Fever in Southern prints) with the true black vomit of the West Indies, may be obtained by the following extract in the *New Haven Herald*, from a person now at Charleston in the midst of the ravaging epidemic.—Speaking of the hospitals, he says:

"To realize what death and disease are, you must visit such a place, where the blood is oozing in streams from the mouths of some, and the sheets and bedding saturated with it as it flows from their bodies, and the dreadful metallic smell of the calomel that penetrates your very brain; and the strong and the weak man helpless as infants, some calling on their distant friends whom they never will see no more, crying in their agony, *this, this, is death*. This is a sight enough to melt the stoutest heart."

That poisonous metallic medicine Calomel, it is seen, is still obstinately and murderously persisted in as a curative means, though experience has so clearly demonstrated that it has slaughtered its thousands in this as in other maladies. The City Guard as usual with those on night watch, have lost 26 out of 30.

Four or five English captains have died, and a great many American seamen, captains and mates. These principally die in the marine hospital. There are seven four story brick stores at one point in King street, where a few weeks since a hundred men were employed. For ten days past there has been but four or five. The rest have gone away, have died or are sick. It is the gloomiest time I ever saw in Charleston. Only 13 passengers have come down the rail road from as far up as Branchville, Aiken and Augusta, for four weeks past. The few passengers who come here from the North are immediately sent off in extra cars. The fever is waning for want of subjects.

The ladies exhibited an exalted charity. They are seen in the wretched apartments of the sick soothing their pillow, while the black vomit is streaming upon them from the miserable dying victims. One church alone in Charleston, S. C. though so many persons are absent, raised in a single day \$4000 in subscriptions for the relief of poor foreigners sick of the prevailing scourge.—*ib.*

The report of the Board of Health of Charleston of October 2, shows a considerable increase in the number of deaths by the prevailing epidemic. The deaths by Stranger's fever the previous week were 38, and in the last statement they amounted to 49. Since Saturday, there were several new cases.—*Pct. Int.*

**Daring Murder.**—On Friday morning last (Oct. 5) Mr. Amos Small, of Carteret County, was killed by a negro man named Daniel, under the following circumstances. Daniel, is the property of Capt. Elijah Pigott of Beaufort, from whom he had absconded some time ago. On the evening before that of the murder, the negro had been captured at Harlow's Creek, tied, and committed to the care of the deceased, who undertook to convey him to Beaufort, by water. On Saturday night Daniel was again taken, on Bogue Sound, and committed to Beaufort jail, as a runaway, by a party who knew nothing of his previous capture. On Sunday, the dead body of Mr. Small was found, stripped of every article of clothing. On examination, it was discovered that the head of the deceased was much bruised, and that one eye had been knocked out. The persons who were cognizant of the first capture, and of the fact that Mr. S. had left Harlow's Creek under the circumstances, and accompanied, as stated above, having heard of the melancholy death of their neighbor, had a coroner's inquest convened to summon witnesses and examine the body. The inquest, after a careful and deliberate investigation, recorded a verdict of murder against the blood-thirsty slave. His trial for the alleged crime will come on next week, before the Superior Court of Carteret.—*Newbern Spec.*

**Rev. Sidney Weller.**—The gentleman whose name heads this article, living within 15 miles of this place, has excited the wonder and admiration of all his neighbors, both in regard to his mode of cultivation, and his untiring zeal in whatsoever he turns his attention to. He commenced the cultivation of the Vine, when he first settled in the county, which he has done successfully for several years, and does so to the present. But two or three years back thinking that he could devote a portion of his time to a more profitable pursuit, he purchased, at the North, one *Morus Multicaulis* Mulberry Tree. From this one Tree in the short space of two or three years, we are told that he was enabled to sell the last summer \$5,000 dollars worth of Trees to

one man. Many of Mr. Weller's neighbors who ridiculed the idea of his making money by a scheme they thought visionary, are now about to engage heart and soul into the business; and should they realize a profit similar to that realized by Mr. Weller, they should ever feel grateful to him for the emolument.—*Haltijar. Adv.*

**Fall Business.**—Our merchants are now actively engaged in carrying on a brisk, and, we hope, profitable Fall trade. The assortments of all kinds of goods are unusually fine, and country merchants may rely upon meeting with as good bargains here as can be found in any other market. The numerous advertisements in our paper, (which we plead as an apology for a deficiency of other matter,) the lively aspect of our Streets, and the business-like look of those who walk them, proclaim the indefatigable industry of our merchants, and the increasing prosperity of the Town.—*Petersburg Int.*

**Sudden Death.**—The Coroner of the Town was yesterday called on to examine the body of Joseph Smith Cochran, a native of Scotland, and for a few months a resident of this place, who was found dead in the upper apartments of the Bank Street Coffee House yesterday morning. The Report of the Coroner states that the deceased came to his death by the rupture of a blood vessel. The deceased was for some time a musician in British Army and Navy, and recently in the army of the United States.—*ib.*

Every body, far and near, knew John Bonfanti, who kept the famous fancy Store in Broadway, New York. He had just returned from Europe, with his family, and was stopping at Palm's Hotel. On Wednesday morning, about 4 o'clock, he jumped from the third story of the building into the street, and was picked up by a watchman, insensible. He expired a short time after being carried into the house. As yet no cause can be assigned for the deed.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

**Sickness in the West.**—It is useless to disguise the fact that the present is the most sickly season ever known in the west; owing, undoubtedly, to the protracted hot and dry weather. For the last two months, we have had no rains not even a moderate shower to lay the dust. In Michigan, the crops are suffering greatly from want of some person to harvest them, there being hardly well ones enough to take care of the sick. In passing through one of its populous towns, a gentleman informs us that he saw nothing that looked like life except people who were travelling the streets with dishes of gruel in their hands and hanging bed clothes out of doors to catch the air. From St. Louis and all the western and southern parts of this state we have had accounts. In Burlington, D. Buque and other large towns in Iowa, the same disease prevail. Bilious Fever and Fever and Ague. From Galena & throughout Wisconsin we hear very discouraging accounts. The laborers upon our Rail Roads and Canals are represented as suffering beyond all description. Upon many of the contracts the work has been entirely suspended. They meet with a similar fate in Indiana.—*Chicago Dem.*

**Decline of Sickness in the West.**—The *Cleveland Herald* says: The cool renovating breath of Autumn is beginning to fan the feverish cheek, and the hand of the destroyer is already measurably stayed throughout the West. The summer and fall of 1838, will long be remembered by the pioneers of the wilderness, and the rude, new made graves on which the falling leaf rustles; or wild prairie flower decays, will keep fresh its scenes of sorrow, affliction and death.

**Foreign.**  
**From Europe.**—The British Steam Ship the *Royal William*, arrived at New York from Liverpool, brings English dates to the 20th September; but they are almost totally devoid of interest.

The sales of Cotton at Liverpool for the week ending September 14, were 22,200 bales; the market spiritless, though the holders had not allowed prices to decline. The same condition of the market continued until the 20th.

**New Cotton.**—Sales of the new Cotton were made last week at Fayetteville, at \$10 to \$11 10 per cwt. The quality is said to be very good.

**Washington Market, Oct. 16.**—Turpentine, new dip, \$2.90; Old \$1.85; Scrape, \$1 00. Tar, \$1 60.—*Whig.*

**Petersburg Market, Oct. 12.**—Cotton. The stock on hand is very much reduced. Sales of prime, old crop, have been making at 11 1/2 cts; the new crop will command 12 cts. readily. Flour, nothing doing in the article; price nominal, at (\$8 1/2 a 9 00) Corn, scarce at \$5. Bacon, (hog round,) 16 to 18 cts.—*Int.*

**Norfolk Market, Oct. 17.**—Cotton, 9 to 12 cents; Corn, 92 to 93 cents; Bacon, (hog round,) 14 to 14 1/2; Lard, 13 to 14 cents.—*Her.*

**MARRIED.**

At the residence of Jos. R. L. Esq. near this place, on Thursday evening last, by Rev. J. Singelary, Mr. J. Thompson, to Mrs. Harriet Eliza W.

**Prices Current,**  
At Tarborough and New York.

OCT. 9.	per	Tarborough.	New York.
Bacon,	lb	12	14
Brandy, apple,	gallon	50	100
Coffee,	lb	70	75
Corn,	bushel	13	16
Cotton,	lb	81	9
Cotton bagging,	yard	20	25
Flour,	barrel	87	8
Iron,	lb	4	5
Lard,	lb	10	12
Molasses,	gallon	50	55
Sugar, brown,	lb	10	12
Salt, T. I.	bushel	60	65
Turpentine,	barrel	175	180
Wheat,	bushel	100	125
Whiskey,	gallon	55	60

**Strayed or Stolen,**

FROM the subscriber, on or about the first of the present month, one

**Black Cherokee Pony,**

Well known in this section of the country by the name of

**JACK.**

Any information relative to the discovery of said JOHN, will be thankfully received. It is supposed that the said *Cherokee* is lurking somewhere in the county of Edgecombe, if not, it is probable that he may be making his way to his native State, Tennessee. T. C. HEARN, October 16th, 1838.

**\$50 Reward.**

ON Tuesday or Wednesday night, 9th or 10th inst. some person or persons cut and injured the

**Sulky of Dr. Drake,**

In Mrs. Gregory's stable lot. The above reward will be given by an association of gentlemen in Tarboro', to any person who will discover who did it.

**APPLY AT THIS OFFICE.**  
October 16, 1838. 42 3

**Notice.**

THE subscriber qualified at August term, 1838, as administrator on the estate of

**Sarah Braddy, dec'd,**

And hereby notifies all those having claims against said estate to bring them in, legally authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery—those indebted will make immediate payment, no indulgence can be given.

**SOLOMON T. BRADDY,**  
October 16th, 1838. 42 4

**Horses for Sale.**

I HAVE two Horses, one a young and very fine harness horse, and the other a somewhat older one, either of which will sell if early applied to.

**WILL H WILLS,**  
18 Oct. 1838. 42 3

**PETERS' PILLS.**

THE following was forwarded to Dr. Peters by a highly respectable Planter of Wake Co. No. Ca., March 3d, 1838:

Dr. Peters.—Dear Sir: By request of my agent, Mr. Harrison, I send you a few lines respecting the almost miraculous effects of your pills; and I would add, that you may make use of them, in connection with my name, in any manner you deem proper. I speak of their merits from experience, as I and my family have taken upwards of thirty boxes in three years; and so general are the benefits we have received from them, that I would rather purchase them at ten dollars a box than have my house without them. I will not enumerate the afflictions they have relieved us of; but I can assure you they were many and of very opposite nature, which has fully proved to me that your medicine is a simple purifier of the system, and therefore equally the enemy of every disease. I will mention one case. I have a sister who had been for a long period severely afflicted with dropsy in the chest, and brought by it to the very verge of the grave. She was attended by the most eminent physicians; money could procure; but all their efforts to restore her to health, or even to mitigate her sufferings, were fruitless; and accordingly, we all considered her immediate death as inevitable. By good fortune, however, as she was in this situation, expecting every day to be her last, your pills were introduced into my family, and so speedy and palpable were their effects that three doses visibly relieved her, and in less than three months she was perfectly restored to health. This case (and all who were witness of it, but more especially the suffering party) considered to be the most striking to me; and yet I should mention many more of an equally desperate nature, and