

Miscellaneous.



Bladen,
Brunswick,
Beaufort,
Burke,
Cabarrus,
Columbus,
Carteret,
Currituck,
Chowan,
Chatham,
Cumberland,
Camden,
Caswell,
Craven,
Duplin,
Davidson,
Edgecombe,
Franklin,
Granville,
Gates,
Greene,
Guilford,
Halifax,
Hertford.

*Jacob Leonard, Jr.
J. O. K. Williams,
Merritt Burgin,
L. H. Alexander,
James Burney,
*Otway Burns,
Samuel Salyear,
William Walton,
Joseph Ramsey,
*Arch'd M'Dearmid,
*Haywood S. Bell,
†Bartlett Yancy,
Richard D. Spaight,
*Stephen Miller,
John M. Smith,
Louis D. Wilson,
*H. T. G. Ruffin,
*Thomas T. Hunt,
Abraham Harrell,
Jesse Speight,
Jonathan Parker,
Isham Mathews,
David O. Askew.

AN OBLIGING EPISTLE.

Sir: To avoid all proceedings unpleasant,
I beg you will pay what is due;
If you do you'll oblige me at present;
If you don't, then I must oblige you.

Slavery.—The subject of West India slavery fell under discussion in the British House of Commons a short time since, when Mr. Jas. Wilson observed:

"He tho't the honorable members of that House would do much better to look at home, than to travel thousands of miles in order to find subjects for the exertion of their humanity—that humanity might be much better exerted in his opinion, in allaying the sufferings of the thousands who are in a state of starvation at home. He was the owner of a small parish in the north of England. He had an estate in the West Indies, containing nearly the same number of subjects; and he could say most conscientiously, that the condition of the black-colored people was infinitely superior to that of the tenantry of his parish in England."

Irish opinions.—Mr. Grattan, (son of the famous Henry,) in his recent speech on the Catholic question, remarked as follows:

"Time presses: for who can say how soon we may be involved in a new war, and how soon we may again have occasion for the services of the brave and loyal Catholics of Ireland! Have they not met in America a spirit of sympathy until lately unknown. Let us take care we do not excite in our trans-atlantic colonies a feeling that may lead to their ultimate separation. Those Irishmen who return from America exhibit a degree of thoughtful stubbornness which surprises by its contrast. He goes where the spirit of Washington still survives, and the genius of Washington still animates; and when he revisits his native country, he is no longer the humble and subservient Catholic, but the reflecting and stubborn Irish American."

Balloons.—Montgolfier, besides being the inventor of astatic balloons, was the first who manufactured vellum paper in France.

The accident which led him to the formation of balloons was curious enough. One day, in his paper manufactory, he was boiling some wafers in a coffee pot, which happened to be covered with a piece of paper in the form of a sphere, and this paper becoming full of steam, swelled and detached itself from the pot. Montgolfier was surprised, and repeating the experiment, the paper again ascended; this led him to calculate the effect of a rarified air which should be lighter than the atmospheric air—and hence the invention of aërostation.

Valuable Dairy.—We are informed that Mr. Israel Cole, of Pittsfield, (Mass.) has made this season, 16,000 pounds of cheese, from the milk of only 23 cows—being on an average 571 pounds to each cow. We understand he increases the quantity of milk by giving his cows daily the whey mixed with meal. His cheese is of the best quality, and fetches, with his established customers in New-York, one or two cents per pound more than that of ordinary dairies. Such a dairy, when cheese is 12½ cents per pound, would make a man rich in a few years, and even at the present moderate prices is no contemptible income.—*Berkshire Amer.*

Good Toast.—At the close of the Agricultural Exhibition in Worcester, Mass. the company sat down to a dinner, at which Gov. Lincoln presided. Among the toasts was the following:—"Our fair sisters—in the language of the Orator, 'the best friends and most efficient patrons of the farmer, for they would have all men to be husbandmen.'"

A lady who had been but three days married, perceiving her husband enter, stole secretly behind him and gave him a kiss, the husband was angry and said she offended against decency! Pardon me, exclaimed she, I did not know it was you.

A countryman giving his evidence at Court, was asked by the counsel, if he "was born in wedlock?" "No, sir," he replied, "I was born in Devonshire."

Jas. H. Hartmus,

INFORMS the public, that he has just received from Philadelphia, a fresh supply of LEATHER, of the best quality for manufacturing

Boots and Shoes:

And a great variety of materials, embracing every thing in his line of business. ALSO, some black and colored Prunella, for Ladies' shoes, which he is prepared to manufacture to order, at a short notice.

Tarboro', Oct. 31, 1828. 11-3

Notice.

WHEREAS I, Robert Foxhall, gave to Joseph Bell, Esq. a due bill for the amount of thirty dollars, dated 6th April, 1822, and I hold notes of hand to amount of \$125, against the said Bell, and he refuses to give up my due bill to be credited on his note I hold, I therefore forwarn all persons from trading for the same due bill, as I will not pay it.

ROBERT FOXHALL.
Nov. 7, 1828. 12-3

Mrs. D. Womble,

HAS just received and is now opening her fall supply, comprising an extensive assortment of

Ladies' Fancy Goods,

Direct from the City of New-York.

Among which are—

Pattern silk, satin, and velvet Bonnets, of the latest New-York fashions, Leghorn Flats, different numbers, Straw Bonnets, in great variety, Superb head dresses, Plain and figured Silks and Satins, Gros de Naples, &c. assorted colors, Bunches and wreaths of artificial Flowers, a great variety, Black and white Ostrich feathers, Lutestring and satin Ribbons, Thule, bobbinet and blown Lace, A superb assortment of Curles, Black, white, and patent Crape, Pink and white Lince, black Mode, Gimps, fancy and silk cord, &c. &c.

Mantua-making executed with despatch in a superior style, and after the latest New-York fashions.

Halifax, Oct. 31, 1828.

Notice.

THE Subscriber informs all persons indebted to him, that a settlement must be made the ensuing winter, as it respects debtor and creditor. I therefore hereby inform those gentlemen indebted to me by note or open account, that they must come forward and make a settlement, or they will be placed in a train for collection.

HENRY SHURLEY.

9th Oct. 1828. 9

Oxford Academies.

ALL interested are invited to attend the EXAMINATION of the Male Academy on Monday the 10th of November. Report to be read on Wednesday morning; immediately after which the Examination of the Female Academy will commence, and conclude on Thursday evening with an

Exhibition of Music.

The Winter Session of these Seminaries opens on Monday, 12th Jan. 1829. James D. Johnson Principal of the Male, and the Rev. Joseph Labaree of the Female Academy, as heretofore.

THOS. B. LITTLEJOHN, Pres.
Oxford, Oct. 20, 1828. 11-3

Notice.

ON Friday, the 21st of November next, will be sold, at the late residence of JACOB G. FORT, dec'd, the residue of the estate of said deceased, consisting of about

fourteen likely young Negroes,

About five thousand pounds of seed Cotton, between one and two hundred barrels of Corn, ten or fifteen stacks of blade Fodder, one Horse, Gig and harness, fat Hogs, sows and pigs, and various other articles.

On all of the above articles a credit of six months will be given, with the exception of two Negroes, which will be sold for cash. Bonds with approved security will be required before the property is delivered.

JOS. S. BATTLE, Adm'r.
October 31st, 1828. 11-4

Strayed,

FROM the Subscriber, on Tuesday, 14th inst. a Black Horse, ten or twelve years old, four feet ten or eleven inches high, no particular marks recollected only some white spots on his back, and hip-shotten either in his right hip or left. Said horse was traded for by the Subscriber from a gentleman by the name of Diekason, from the county of Granville, who said he had said horse of some gentleman in the county of Edgecombe. Any person or persons that will give any information where said horse is, to the Editor of the Free Press, or to the Subscriber at the great falls of Tar river, shall be rewarded according to the value of the horse, provided he is obtained.

DAVID DANIEL.
October 31st, 1828. 11-4

Notice.

THE Trustees of the Tarborough Academy are desirous of employing a Teacher in this Seminary for the ensuing year, to commence on the first Monday in January next. A gentleman well qualified for that purpose, would meet with encouragement. A graduate of the University of this State would be preferred.

By order of the Board,
ROBT. JOYNER, Sec'y.
Tarboro', Oct. 31, 1828. 11



SCOTLAND NECK Fall Races for 1828,

WILL commence on Thursday, the 20th of November, and continue THREE days:

First Day—two mile heats, for the Jockey Club Purse, \$150.

Second Day—one mile heats, 3 in 5, for the balance of the Jockey Club Purse, say \$130. *

Third Day—Handy-cap race for the Proprietor's Purse, one mile heats, 3 in 5, \$100.

JAMES L. G. BAKER, Sec'y.
Oct 1828 9-5

PROPOSALS,

For publishing in the Town of Halifax, North Carolina, a weekly newspaper, to be called the

Halifax Minerva,

By John Campbell.

THE Minerva will be printed on a large sheet of good paper, with handsome type. Information, of every kind, interesting to the Farmer, the Politician, the Merchant, the Professional Gentleman, and the Mechanic, will be carefully selected; nor shall the Ladies and those fond of amusement be neglected. In fine—it will be my grand aim to render the Minerva a welcome visitor and an instructive and amusing companion to every class of the community.

I am a Republican in principle, and a Southron in feeling. But on all important measures, when conflicting interests or party spirit may excite discussion, I shall endeavor to pursue a moderate and cautious course. The columns of the Minerva shall never be lent to a Faction; nor advocate principles or measures hurtful to our common country. The merits of candidates for important offices will be canvassed strictly, but fairly; and the errors of those in office shall be exposed.

Upon the all-engrossing subject of the Presidential question, it is unnecessary to speak, as the election will have been made before the publication of the Minerva commences.

With this brief sketch of my views and principles, I most respectfully solicit public patronage. Persons to whom this prospectus shall be sent, will please use their exertions to obtain subscribers, and make a return to the Post-master at Halifax by the 1st of December next, as it is designed to commence the publication of the Minerva about that time.

The price of subscription will be two dollars and fifty cents, if paid in advance; or three dollars, if payment is not made in three months from the receipt of the first number.

Any person who shall procure six subscribers, and become responsible for the payment, shall be entitled to a seventh gratis. To persons at a distance I feel willing to make the terms as accommodating as possible; therefore, where a company of twelve subscribers shall be made up, the price, to each subscriber, will be reduced fifty cents, from the above terms.

Advertisements will be inserted on the customary terms.

JOHN CAMPBELL.
September 30, 1828.