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BUSINESS NOTICE.

After the first of September, 1858, no new subscriber will be entered upon our list unless payment be made in advance, except in cases wherein a special contract is made to pay in barter; nor will the BANNER be continued, after the first of January, to any of our present subscribers, who may be six months in arrears at that time, when, if not before, a bill for the whole amount of each subscription due, will be prepared and put out for collection.

That none may plead inadvertent notice, this will be published every week until Christmas, which will afford ample time for each and every subscriber to adjust his account. The red cross in each which would give us more trouble than we wish to remember, must, at best, be indefinite; and therefore, we shall not at present, resort to it; and as an individual notice entire sold to each of our patrons, would subject us to immense labor and postage expense, we respectfully require that every one who has not made a settlement recently, will without delay, communicate with us, either in person or by letter, and, when required, we will take pleasure in furnishing a statement of the account as it appears on our books, holding ourselves ready and anxious to correct any mistakes that may have occurred in transferring the debts from Mr. Carson to us.

We therefore DEMAND that each of our distant subscribers write to us at once, forwarding the amount due, if he knows it, and if not, enquiring as to the information upon which we shall promptly insert a statement.

Hereafter, after the date above mentioned, our terms are to be invariably in advance.

To make the Banner worthy of the patronage of every reader in the State and out of it, we have cheerfully gone to much expense and heavy liabilities, and, to meet them, we rely upon our friends everywhere. Let each of our present generous supporters, therefore, constitute himself a committee to procure at least one new advance-paying subscriber, and, if this is done, (and without doubt it can be done,) before Christmas, the BANNER will become one of the most profitable as well as efficient papers in the State.

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Professional Card.

DR. C. T. POWE may be found at his Office, in Cowan's Brick Row, when not absent on professional business.
Nov. 23d, 1858. 21—tf

DRS. WHITEHEAD & CALDWELL,
HAVE associated themselves in the PRACTICE of MEDICINE, and offer their PROFESSIONAL SERVICES to the public. Those who wish it, can have the services of both, in any case, without extra charge.
OFFICE.—The same occupied at present by Dr. Whitehead.
M. WHITEHEAD. J. A. CALDWELL.
December 1, 1858.

DR. A. M. NESBITT,
OFFERS his professional services to the public. He can be found at his office on Water Street, or at his residence in the West Ward.
Salisbury, June 16, 1858. 49—tf.

DR. J. J. SUMMERELL,
SALISBURY, N. C.
CAN be found at his office, or at his dwelling on the same lot, unless professionally engaged.
Calls in his absence will be promptly attended to on his return.
Sept. 1, 1857.

Dr. J. M. HAPPOLDT,
TENDERS his professional services to the citizens of Salisbury and the surrounding County. Office opposite the Post Office.
Salisbury, June 23, 1857. tf.52.

DR. R. P. BESSENT,
SURGEON DENTIST,
SALISBURY, No. Ca.
has removed to the Dental Rooms on the corner formerly occupied by Dr. Bason, where he is prepared to attend all operations connected with his profession. dec 15, '57, 22 tf.

W. L. SAUNDERS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
SALISBURY, N. C.,
WILL attend the courts of ROWAN, STANLY and CABARRUS Counties. Office No. 5 Beard's new brick building, UP STAIRS.
November 19th, 1857. 1y.

B. R. MOORE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
SALISBURY, N. C.
OFFICE ON WATER STREET, formerly occupied by Dr. Neslit,
Salisbury, Sept. 14, 1857. tf

N. N. FLEMING
HAS removed his Law Office to the old County Court Clerk's office, immediately in the rear of Court House. Mar. 3, 1858—33

LAW COPARTNERSHIP.—V. C. Barringer and R. E. Love, have entered into a copartnership in the practice of Law, in the criminal and civil business.
V. C. Barringer, R. E. Love,
Concord, N. C. Salisbury or Gold Hill.
Nov. 2, 1858. 19—1mo.

DR. J. M. HAPPOLDT,
HAS removed his Office to the one recently occupied by Dr. Todd, nearly opposite the Post Office, where he may be consulted from ½ past 8 A. M., to ½ pt. 12, from ½ past 2 P. M., until sunset; and when not at his office, he may be found at the "Veranda House," unless absent on professional business.
Salisbury, N. C. March 24, 1858. 36—tf.

CLARK & HENDERSON,
HOUSE, SIGN AND FURNITURE PAINTERS. Grining Marbling, Gilding, Plain and Ornamental Paper Hanging, Glazing, &c., are prepared to execute orders in the above line of business, on the shortest notice and most reasonable terms. Country orders promptly attended to. Their rooms are opposite the Mansion House, next door to Michael Brown's Store.
Salisbury, May 7 44

JAMES HORAH,
WATCH-MAKER AND JEWELER,
SALISBURY, N. C.
(One door below McConnaughey's Store.)
KEEPS constantly on hand a large assortment of WATCHES and JEWELRY of all kinds.
Clocks, Watches, and Jewelry of every description repaired in the best manner and on the most reasonable terms.
October 6, 1858 14—1y

W. W. RUPP,
Watchmaker & Jeweler.
Concord, N. C.
THE Subscriber has on hand one of the finest stocks of Clocks, Gold and Silver Watches of most celebrated makers, and Jewelry of all styles ever offered in this section of country.—All of which he will sell Fifty per cent lower than they can be purchased elsewhere.
Watches, Clocks, and all kinds of Time-pieces carefully repaired and warranted.
Sept 1, 1858. 9—1y.

A. MITCHELL & SON
DEALERS IN
Dry Goods, Groceries,
HARDWARE, CUTLERY, BOOTS & SHOES,
PROVISIONS, COUNTRY PRODUCE &C.
NEWBERNE, N. C.

DIBBLE & BROTHERS,
Forwarding & Commission
MERCHANTS,
NEWBERNE, N. C.
CASH Advances made on Consignments to be sold here or forwarded to Northern Markets
August 18, 1858 1y

PETER MALETT
WITH
D. COLDEN MURRAY,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT
62 SOUTH St.,
New York.
June 23, 1858. 50:1y.

ROWLAND & BROTHERS.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Norfolk, Va.
ARE extensively engaged in the sale of FLOUR, &c. Long experience, with every facility enables us to guarantee promptness and satisfaction in all business.
REFER TO
Hon. Thomas Ruffin, John Newlin & Sons, Wm. R. Albright, Dr. P. Holt, Alamance County, N. C., John Long, Randolph; J. H. Houghton, Chatham; Hon. E. G. Reade, Person; James Webb, P. C. Cameron, John. F. Lyon, Henry Whitted, Orange; and many others.
Norfolk, Va., Sept. 14, 1857. tf

NEWBERN AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE.
WILLIAM H. OLIVER, & CO.
NEWBERNE, N. C.,
WILL, in addition to their large stock of Agricultural Implements, keep constantly on hand a full supply of English, Swede, and American Iron, Cast, German and Blister Steel, Boiler Iron and Rivets, Iron, Axles and Springs, Circular and other Saws.
India Rubber and Hemp Packing, Rubber and Leather Binding, Copper Rivets and Burrs, Lace Leather.
A SUPPLY OF
Cistern, Lift and Force and Engine Force PUMPS, Constantly on hand.
LIME, Calcined Plaster, Cement, Hair, &c. &c.
August 18, 1858 1y

A CARD.
THE SUBSCRIBER is now receiving at his
Drug Store
in Salisbury, a large and well selected stock of fresh Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals, fresh Garden and Field Seeds, Surgical and Dental Instruments, Spices of every variety, all the Patent and proprietary Medicines of the day. Dye Stuffs, Paints, Oil, Varnishes, Painter's Articles, Window Glass, Putty, &c. &c., in fact everything usually kept by Druggists, which have been purchased in the Northern Cities within the last few weeks by himself at cash prices. He flatters himself that he can offer to the public as large and as fine an assortment of Medicines, &c., as can be found in the State. And with his present arrangements and facilities for conducting the business, he can and will sell on as good terms as any house South of Mason & Dixon's line.
C. A. HENDERSON, M. D.
Druggist & Chemist, Successor to Sill & Sill
Salisbury, N. C.
March, 17, 1858. 35—tf

NOTICE.
HAVING sold our Drug establishment in Salisbury, to Dr. C. A. Henderson, we take pleasure in commending him to the favor of our friends and former patrons.
Dr. Henderson being a regularly educated Physician and having provided himself with competent Assistants, will we have every reason to believe so conduct the business, as to entitle himself to the confidence and patronage of the public.
All accounts made since the 20th March (ultimo) will be paid to Dr. Henderson.
SILL & SILL.
Salisbury, April 21, 1857. 25—tf

UNITED STATES
MAIL LINE!
CHANGE OF SCHEDULE FROM
Salisbury to Asheville.
C. S. BROWN'S
LINE OF FOUR HORSE FOURTEEN PASSENGER Coaches, is now running in connection with the TRAINS on the Western N. Carolina Rail Road, Leaving Salisbury by Rail Road at 5 o'clock A. M., on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, reaching Morganton to Supper, on the same days; and without any detention passing on to Pleasant Gardens for Breakfast, crossing the
BLUE RIDGE AT NOON DAY,
and offering to the public a fine view of the celebrated Peaks of the Black Mountain, (Mt. Mitchell and Clingman,) reaching Asheville to Dinner, which will be from EIGHT to TEN hours in advance of any other route.
No expense or pains will be spared to make this the BEST STAGE LINE in the South. Give it a trial, and if satisfaction is not given to all, I will in every instance refund their stage fare. C. S. BROWN, Con.
Morganton, Aug. 25, 1858.

C. A. HENDERSON, M. D.
Druggist & Chemist,
SUCCESSOR TO SILL & SILL,
SALISBURY, N. C.
HAS just received a large stock of fresh DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DYESTUFFS, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, &c. In fact every thing usually found in a Drug Store, all of which will be sold at the LOWEST CASH MARKET PRICES.
Physicians and Country Merchants especially will find it to their interest to call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.
nov. 19, 1857—tf

Rail Road Car Building
THE subscriber respectfully announces the completion of his shop at Salisbury N. C., for R. R. Car, building of every description.
The fine quality and proximity of the material used by him, and his facilities readily to be met with by those engaged in a similar business.
He is therefore prepared and determined to execute all orders entrusted to him in the most durable and workmanlike manner.
L. S. ALDRICH.
April 4, 1857. 42.tf.

CAROLINA CITY, N. C.
THE Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad being now completed to Beaufort Harbor, I have determined to locate at Carolina City for the purpose of doing a
FORWARDING and GENERAL
Commission Business.
And hope by promptness and strict attention to merit patronage and support. Being the
Agent of Murray's Line of First
CLASS PACKETS to this and Morehead city, every effort will be made to make this the cheapest and most expeditious route to New York. Vessels will be loaded and discharged at my Wharf (adjoining the Railroad Wharf,) and thereby save cartage and lighterage. Particular attention will be given to all orders, and to the sale and shipment of Produce.
WM. B. GRANT.
ost 4, 1858 5—1y

NEW MARBLE YARD.
H. C. MALCOLM
PRACTICAL MARBLE CUTTER, Respectfully informs the public, that he has opened a
MARBLE YARD
opposite the Mansion Hotel, where he is prepared to fill all orders with dispatch, for MONUMENTS, HEAD STONES, TABLE TOPS, and all kinds of Work in the Marble line, of either IMPORTED ITALIAN or AMERICAN MARBLE.
Having made arrangements by which he can procure the IMPORTED Italian Marble, at reduced prices, he can fill all orders for Monuments, &c., at reasonable rates.
He would be happy to have all desirous of dealing in his line, to call and see specimens of Marble, hear prices, and judge for themselves. Having had 25 years experience in the business, he will give his personal attention to putting up monuments, &c.
June 28, 1858. 50 tf.

The Following Articles Sold by
W. H. WYATT,
Druggist and Apothecary,
SALISBURY, NO. CAROLINA.
Ayer's Cherry Pectoral FOR coughs. Ayer's Cathartic Pills for Bilious disorders.
Wistar's Balsam Wild Cherry for Coughs and Colds.
Green's Oxygenated Bitters, for General Debility.
Degraff's Electric Oil Pain Curer.
Davis' Pain Killer for Rheumatism, &c.
Radway's Relief for Irregular Coughs.
Hoofland's German Bitters for Dispepsia.
Mustang Liniment for Sprains and Bruises.
Sand's Sarsaparilla for Scrofula.
Kennedy's Discovery for the Impurity of Blood.
Cod Liver Oil for Consumption.
Grays, Dalleys, Morehead's, and all other kinds of Ointments.
Plasters, Pills, and Preparatory Medicines to be found in any Drug Store; together with a general assortment of
Hair Oils,
SOAPS,
Brushes,
Perfumery,
Spices,
Paints,
Oils, &c., &c.
For Sale by W. H. WYATT, Salisbury, N. C.
Sept. 15, 1858 11—tf

NEW STOCK AT SPIESS',
JUST RECEIVED
a new and cheap supply of French Lemons, Cocoanuts, all kinds of Cegars, all sorts of nuts, soft shell Almonds; Eglish Walnuts, Cream Nuts, Pecan nuts and Sardines, Pickles and Brandy Peaches, Filberts and a great variety of every thing in my line, now selling cheaper than ever for CASH.
PH. G. SPIESS.
Salisbury, Oct. 20, 1848 16—tf

Oyster Saloon!
On Monday next a Fine Oyster Saloon, prepared and arranged in the most approved Northern Stile, will be opened at my Confectionary, and particular care has been taken to accommodate ladies with entire privacy, if they desire it.
PH. G. SPIESS
Salisbury, Oct. 20, 16—tf

SETTLE YOUR ACCOUNTS.
THOSE indebted to me are requested to make payment, as that without delay, or I shall certainly put them to cost. JAS. BEARD.
Sept. 6 1858. 12—tf.

CHICKERING & SONS'
Prize Medal Pianos.
The subscriber, resident of Wilmington, N. C, being agent for the sale of the above firm, the only one having received 34 different Prize Medals, at different State Fairs, invites the attention of those persons wishing to purchase Pianos to the above firm, he showing them 14 different styles of Pianos varying from $225 up to $1000. Boston prices excl. freight, etc. T. A. E. BOHNSTEDT.
Wilmington, September 1, 1858. 9—1y.

CALL AT
A. & W. MYERS'
and see the handsomest and cheapest goods in SALISBURY, N. C.
Sept. 29, 1858 13—tf

Kerosene Oil.
DISTILLED from Coal—not explosive—gives a cheaper and brighter light than any burner ever yet discovered. For sale by
C. A. HENDERSON, Druggist,
38 Sole Agent for Rowan County.

Salisbury Banner.

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CALENDAR FOR 1859.

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Written for the Banner.

LETTER WRITING.

Would it not be in better taste, Mr. Banner, when we sit down to write a letter, especially to strangers, and persons with whom we never have had, and perhaps never desire to have, any familiarity, to begin our letter at once with what we have to say; and ending simply with the date, our name, and the name of the party addressed, than to follow the old custom? We are a democratic people; and ought to drop that which is useless and ridiculous, and approach with plain precision what we have to say. *Dear Sir*, would indicate the person thus addressed to be held in high estimation, greatly valued and beloved, and *Yours Truly*, or even *Yours*, &c., leaving the person addressed to fill up the measure, would indicate a feeling of devoted friendship to the party addressed and his interests, that often appears in strange contrast with the important part of the letter, or all lying between the affectionate beginning, and subscription thereof:

DEAR SIR:—Your conduct toward me in the presence of the crowd who witnessed it, was only worthy of the base scoundrel you are, and if you do not forthwith send me a full apology I will take satisfaction out of your infernal hide; for I would not elevate you to the position of a gentleman to seek any other mode of revenge.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient serv't.

DEAR SIR:—If you do not send me the mount of your bill by Saturday, I will pursue you to the full extent of the law, for I will no longer listen to such shameful falsehoods as you have put me off with. Yours truly,

MY DEAR WIFE:—You ask when I will leave this abominable country or send you home to your friends. I have made ample provision for your future maintainance far beyond what the law would require, having settled the largest share of my estate upon you; and have employed Mr. Blank to attend to your removal next week—As I never desire or design to see again one who has striven so hard to make my home a hell upon Earth, I bid you a final adieu.

Your affectionate husband.

MISTER SPEER—DEER SUR:—I was tould ye wants a good sarvint. I am that same, and if ye'll jist give me a thrial, ye'll say ye niver sain the likes ov me, pervided ye pay the dacent wages—Iopin yer honer 'l jist give me the plase, I subscrib mesilf

Yours till deth do us part,

PATRIK O'ROURK.

MR. P. O'ROURK—DEAR SIR: You may come on Monday at the same wages your late employer gave you—as I want you mainly to wait on the table, you must always be polite and attentive.

Yours truly,

J. SPEER.

"Be jabers an that I will—Mister Speer is a gintleman, and he'll niver call me "Pat" no more, but "Mister O'Rourk will ye plase hand me the praties? Och honey, that's the plase for Mister O'Rourk!"

In writing to official dignitaries, intelligent men are often embarrassed to know what style should be adopted; and many use a similar title to officers of different ranks. No doubt Gov. Ellis has had already, many letters addressed to him, since he has reached the gubernatorial chair, as "Your Honor," and "Your Excellency," and President Buchanan the same. Now what do you say, my dear Banner, (I know I have worked my way into *your* affections, and am dear to you at any price,) what do you say, shall we lop off all forms and titles to our letters, and pledges of affection and servitude in our letter ends? When we write to the President or Governor, shall we say "To His Excellency," or simply James Buchanan, President of the United States, or John Ellis, Governor of the State of North Carolina, giving a plain designation of the person by naming the position he occupies, without any further title or term of endearment.

LINK FIDDLER.

Acceptance of Judge Ruffin.

RALEIGH, Dec'r 11th, 1858.

HON. THOS. RUFFIN, *Dear Sir*: In obedience to a Joint Resolution passed by the Senate and House of Commons this morning, we beg leave to inform you that on yesterday you were again elected a Judge of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, by an almost unanimous vote of both Houses of the General Assembly.

We are instructed to request you to accept that high post of honor and duty, to which your State with one voice has called you, and to add another to the long list of eminent services which it has been your fortune to render to your country.

May we be permitted to say that though you cannot increase the measure of your fame, your State hopes that you will continue and prolong the period of your usefulness.

We cannot conclude this note without an assurance of our happiness at the course the Legislature has thought proper to pursue, and an earnest appeal that you will not decline the honor it has sought to bestow.

We are, most sincerely, your friends,

W. J. HOUSTON,
M. C. WHITAKER,
JOHN KERR,
W. N. H. SMITH,
M. W. RANSOM.

RALEIGH, Dec. 15th, 1858.

GENTLEMEN: I left home before your letter, informing me, officially, that I had been elected a Judge of the Supreme Court and requesting me to accept the high trust, had arrived there; and I have just received it.

No event could have been more unexpected by me, or have created more surprise. When, at an advanced age and after long service, I heretofore resigned a seat in that Court, it was with the sincere desire of enjoying the repose and quietness of private life; and I thought I had then laid down the cares and responsibilities of office forever. It would not be sincere if I were to conceal, that it is painful to find myself disappointed. To give up my retirement is against my feelings and breaks up all my plans for the short remnant of my life; and, after abandoning for six years the study of the law, I feel, and I fear others will feel, that, at the age of seventy-one, it is an act of rashness, unsuitable to that age, to undertake again the labors of the judicial station, to which I am called.

But it has pleased the General Assembly to tender this renewed expression of confidence in my diligence and fidelity, and in a manner which touches my sensibilities most deeply, so that I am led to believe that, in their opinion and in that of the country, it is my duty to enter once more into the public service. Under the circumstances I also suppose it to be obligatory on me to obey the commands of the Legislature. Therefore, as a duty, I forego my own inclinations and accept the office bestowed on me; and will endeavor with what impaired ability I retain, to execute with my associates, its functions. I return to the General Assembly the most unfeigned thanks and acknowledgments for the honor conferred on me; but, at the same time, I undertake the task with very great diffidence and entirely in deference to the authority of the public will.

The manner in which, gentlemen, you have made the communication to me, and the kind terms in which you have expressed your hopes and wishes for my usefulness in office, lay me under great and lasting obligations to each of you individually.

With high consideration I am, gentlemen,

Your faithful friend and servant,

THOMAS RUFFIN.

To Messrs W. J. Houston, M. C. Whitaker, and others, Committee.

Written for the Banner

TO MISS ——

There is a face, angelic fair—
A sparkling eye of lovel'est blue—
A cheek—ye fairest roses, blush
That you have been denied its hue.

There is a voice so soft, so sweet—
A timid blush that gently steals—
Of heavenly virtues softly speak,
And tell what love her heart can feel.

This fairy is my guiding star
O'er life's tempestuous darkling main
No Polar star is brighter than
Those sunny smiles that with her reign.

Did I but know those stellar beams
For me'd emit *perennial* light
T' inspire my thoughts to deeds sublime
And guide my wandering footseps right.

I'd climb the mountain's steep of fame
Though rugged heights with terror frown
I'd win, and twine around my brow
An amaranthine fadeless crown.

FESTUS.

ROWAN Co., N. C.

OUR SCRAP BOX.

In a field of grain, the heads that hold themselves the highest, contains the least; so among men, they that assume the most importance, have the least share of judgement and ability

An eccentric man may with good reason be suspected of affection.

Is not the *chimney* a modern addition to the Greek and Roman style of architecture?

Iron may be shaped to will when heated, but a man in a passion will mould easier after cooling.

THE SLANDERER.

"Millions of false eyes
Are stuck upon thee! volumes of report
Run with these false and most contrarious guests
Upon thy doings! thousand 'scapes of wit
Make thee the father of their idle dream,
And rack thee in their fancies!"

Measure for Measure.

A large book may weigh heavily on the same scales that determine the value of corn and pork, but the small *coined dollar* is prized more than an equal amount of gold disseminated through tons of rock.

He that will not forgive offences, destroys the bridge over which he must pass if he enter Heaven.

"Why should a man whose blood is warm within, sit like his grandsire cut in alabaster?"—*Merchant of Venice.*

LOVERS.

"We that are true lovers, run into strange capers; but as all is mortal in nature, so is all nature in love, mortal in folly."

As you like it.

LOVE.

"Oh how this love resembleth
Th' uncertain glory of an April day;
Which now shows all the beauty of the sun
And by and by a cloud takes all away."

Two Gentlemen of Verona.

PERSEVERING COURTSHIP.

"A woman sometimes scorns what best contents her
Never give o'er,
For scorn at first, makes after love the more.
If she do frown, 'tis not in hate of you,
But rather to beget more love in you;
If she do chide, 'tis not to have you gone;
For why, the fools are mad if left alone.
Take no repulse, whatever she doth say;
For, *get you gone*, she doth not mean *away;*
Though ne'er so black, say, they have angels' faces.
That man that hath a tongue I say, is no man,
If with hts tongue he cannot win a woman."

Ibid.

DOUBTS.

"Our doubts are traitors
And make us lose the good we oft might win
By fearing to attempt."

Measure for Measure.

QUIETUS.

"We are such stuff
As dreams are made of, and our little life
Is rounded with a sleep."

Tempest.

PAST AFFLICTION.

"Let us not burden our remembrances
With a heaviness that's gone."

Ibid.

KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE.

A profound knowledge of life is the least enviable of all species of knowledge, because it can only be acquired by trials that make us regret the loss of our ignorance."—*Lady Blessington.*

AMUSING MEN.

We never respect those who amuse us, however we may smile at their comic powers. A considerable distinction exists between the amusing and the entertaining men! We laugh with one, but reflect with the other.—*Ibid.*

AMBITIOUS PEOPLE.

There are no persons capable of stooping so low as those who desire to rise in the world.—*Ibid.*

Did You Ever Know?

Did you ever know a poor man to own the best pew in church?

Did you ever know a minister who had time to talk to a poor brother on the street?

Did you ever know a merchant to talk to a poor woman when a rich city belle entered?

Did you ever know a man to practice the charity he preached?

Did you ever know a man to put a V into the collection box who did not groan very piously and turn around to see who was looking at him?

Did you ever know a politician who knew as many people after as before the election?

Did you ever know a mother who did not like to see her daughter surrounded with *bows* (beaux?)

CHRISTMAS LEGISLATION.

Mr. Turner got the floor and was proceeding to address the Senate.

Mr. Donnell, (interrupting him.) Mr. Speaker, is there anything before the Senate?

Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Senator from Orange. [Loud laughter.]

A Senator. I move an amendment. [Continued laughter.]

Numerrus motions to adjourn were now rejected.

Senator —— introduced the following bill:

A BILL TO PREVENT THE SAILING UNDER FALSE COLORS.

Be it enacted, &c., and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That any female citizen of this commonwealth, who shall, by the artful use of hooped skirts, high-heeled shoes, false hair, Spanish wool, cosmetics, or the like, be guilty of seducing or attempting to seduce any of the male citizens of the State into matrimony, shall be deemed and held guilty of a violation of the laws for the punishment of witchcraft.

The bill was read a first time, and the rules being suspended, it was put on its second reading.

Speaker. As this is a private bill, notice of application must be produced. [Laughter.]

1st Senator. I think the object of the bill essentially public. ["Good."]

2d Senator. Is it open for amendment! [Loud laughter.] If so, I propose to amend by including within the provisions of the bill, all male citizens wearing shawls, wigs, false hair, and using perfumery.

[Here Mr. Speaker Clark showed a little restiveness, but the cloud passed quickly from his brow as a gleam of light revealed the advance of "merrie Christmas," and calling a Senator to the chair, he left to their full bent these children of a larger growth.]

3d Senator. I am against the bill, Mr. Speaker. For though I was opposed to enlarging the powers of married women—[order, order,] I am in favor of unmarried ladies spreading themselves and having full swing. [Convulsive laughter.] I move for a committee on unmarried woman's rights, and suggest the gallant Senator from Cumberland and Harnett as chairman. [Laughter.]

Senator, springing up I have no objection to the suggestion of my young friend, for I have nothing to complain of as respects the ladies. I certainly have suffered nothing from their encroachments as yet.

5th Senator. I see, Mr. Speaker, there is no prospect of settling this question to-day; I therefore move to adjourn.

6th Senator addressing 5th. What news from home? [Allusion to important *domestic* news received.]

5th Senator. The population is increasing in the West. We want new counties. [Loud laughter.]

6th Senator. I move for a committee to ascertain how many Know-nothings are in the Senate.

7th Senator. There is no use for a committee, they can be seen. [Cries of "order," and laughter.]

8th Senator moved to adjourn to meet at Asheville at 9 o'clock to-morrow. Rejected.

8th Senator moved that the members of the House of Commons [a large number of whom were present] be expelled. Ruled out of order.

8th Senator drew attention to the members of the House occupying the seats of Senators. He considered the assemblage an unlawful one, and called for the reading of the riot-act.

Speaker. The Senator will take *his* seat. [Laughter.]

9th Senator. I move the Senate have evening sessions on and after to-day.

3d Senator. I move to amend by inserting "not" after the word "have."

9th Senator. I accept the amendment. The resolution as amended was then adopted.

10th Senator I move that a general leave of absence be granted to all the members of the Senate and House of Commons for one week.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

11th Senator. I move a general leave of absence for all the Lobby members for the balance of the session. Unanimously adopted.

6th Senator. I move, Mr, Speaker, that leave of absence be allowed to Senator 10, forthwith, as he has to walk home all the way and lead a dog. [Loud laughter.]

Senator 10 was understood by the reporter to ask the loan of the 6th Senator's suspenders, for some purpose connected with the dog.

12th Senator moved to add Senator 8 to the committee on hoops.

10th Senator. Woman's or molasses?

A voice. Whiskey hoops. [Laughter.]

8th Senator thought that revenue might be got out of—[speak up]—hoops, and it would be—[louder]—well to refer the bill to the finance committee.

1st Senator. I move the 9th Senator be required to repeat his speech.

9th Senator. I suggest an operation on the Senator's ears. [Laughter.]

12th Senator moved the committee on hoops have power to send for persons and papers.—Agreed to.

6th Senator. Mr. Speaker, I desire to ask the Commoner from Haywood a question.—[Loud laughter.]

Speaker It is out of order.

6th Senator. Then I can't ask him? It's come to something when we can't speak to a Commoner. [Laughter.]

Speaker. A Senator has no right to ask questions except of Senators in this chamber.

6th Senator. Then, sir, I propose he be elected a Senator for a few minutes.

Speaker. The motion is out of order.

6th Senator. I appeal.

2d Senator. I call for the ayes and noes.

Speaker stating, and about to put the question—

2d Senator. I call the Speaker to order.—[Laughter.]

Speaker. The Senator cannot call the chair to order.

3d Senator. Allow me, Mr. Speaker, to state the point.

Speaker. I call the Senator to order. [Cries of "leave, leave."]

3d Senator. A question may be stated sitting, but must be put standing.

Speaker. The chair knows that as well as the Senator. [Loud laughter.]

One of the clerks being absent, 6th Senator proceeded to call the roll, invertedly, commenting upon the Senators, as named, in a most humorous manner.

Speaker Clark at this point returned to the chair, order and decorum became restored, and the Senate adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

To the eye that can see anything to condemn or sneer at in such a scene as this, at such a season, all that is cheerful and bright in Christmas Present or To Come, must be shut out! And it may be that in looking once more towards Christmas Past, nothing will be seen *there* to call up the shadows of

"The forms that we loved to greet!"

Should that be so, then God help that desolate heart!—*N. C. Standard.*

ONE REASON FOR NOT SUBSCRIBING—The Annapolis Gazette tells the following story of a citizen of that place. A person better known for his wealth than his liberality, was requested to aid in the erection of a church and the subscription book was placed in his hands. He looked at it anxiously and earnestly, and handed it back with the astonishing remark: "No, sir! I will not give any thing; not half as many people go to hell now as ought to.'

☞ A Mahometan proverb says—"The ink of the learned, like the blood of the martyrs, is sacred in the eyes of heaven.

☞ The road to ruin—becoming the manager of the Italian Opera.

☞ There is healing in a smile, and laughter is medicine to the mind.

☞ Time, patience and industry, are the three grand masters of the world.

☞ Fortune, when once released, is seldom caught.

In what ship have the greatest number of men been wrecked?—*Courtship.*