

Thursday, January 11, 1878.

THE NEW YEAR.

"ONWARD."

ENCOURAGED by the success of THE OBSERVER, under its present management, we propose to add attractive features to our daily and weekly editions, and thus make it worthy not only of its name, but of increased circulation.

It will continue to be a live journal, fully up to the requirements of the day, a valuable assistant in the various departments of business, creditable alike to its proprietor, and our enterprising city, and the surrounding country.

Living outside the State, it will be strictly independent in its tone, while laboring in the future as in the past for the success of the principles advocated by the conservative party which we conceive under the fundamental principles of government, and civil liberty.

Under the new law which goes into effect January 1, 1878, we are required to pre-pay the postage on our papers. This will add considerably to the cost of publication, and as we propose to make a much better paper than we have ever before, we will be compelled to raise the following rates:

One copy one year (post paid) \$3.00
Six months " " 1.80
Three months " " 1.00
Weekly Edition.
One copy one year (post paid) \$2.25
To subscribers in Mecklenburg, (no postage) 2.00
One copy six months " " 1.50

CLUB RATES.
Three copies, for one year \$8.00
Four copies, for one year 10.00
Five copies, for one year 12.00
Ten copies, for one year 20.00
Twenty copies, for one year 35.00

To every subscriber a CLUB OF TWENTY, one copy will be sent free for one year. Having used all the best material in the subscription rates they are really lower than before, and are offered as inducements to our friends who feel willing to pay a fair price for a paper that will be performed.

Under the new system we shall enforce the cash plan more rigidly than ever before; and this will result in the stoppage of many papers if subscriptions are not received in full. We cannot afford to send our paper on credit and prepay the postage received before the 25th day of December will be received at our old rates, and we hope every subscriber will promptly renew for the coming year.

CHAS. R. JONES, Editor and Proprietor.
Charlotte, N. C.

We regret to learn that Vorhees has withdrawn from the Senatorial contest in Indiana, unreservedly. This leaves the race between Holman and McDonald.

The jury empaneled to try the Tison-Beecher scandal case is composed of three Presbyterians, two Episcopalians, two Catholics, one Methodist, one Baptist, one Lutheran and two who have no particular church leaning.

We have frequently urged upon the Legislature the necessity of imposing a heavy tax on pistols. The Oxford Leader in commenting on the accident to a little son of General Hill, of this place, says:

"The press of the State should insist on the Legislature's passing a law making the parent responsible for such accidents, and then children would not be allowed to handle or carry this 'evil' tool. Such a law would undoubtedly save many lives."

WHEELER TO THE RESCUE.
Our Living and Our Dead, in its last issue, publishes from advance sheets of the National Magazine furnished by the author, a communication from John H. Wheeler, vindicating North Carolina's history, and replying to an article in the North American Review in reference to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The article is a long one, and we have not space in this issue for the full text, and publish only an extract sustaining our position about that document that was in the archives of Great Britain.

There is an ink in the rolls office in London, a dispatch from the royal Governor of the Colony of North Carolina, Josiah Martin, to the Secretary of State, Earl of Dartmouth, dated at Fort Johnston, N. C., June 30, 1775, which contains the following passage: "The resolves of the Committee of Mecklenburg, which your Lordship will find in the enclosed newspaper, are all the horrible and treasonable propositions that the inflammatory spirits of the continent have yet produced, and your Lordship may depend on my hands are sufficiently strengthened to attempt to regain the lost authority of the Government, and I copy of these resolves was sent off by express to the Congress at Philadelphia as soon as they were passed by the committee."

office in Chancery Lane, London, with much care. The inclosures sent were indorsed in the same hand-writing as the dispatch. All the inclosures were there except the newspaper containing the Mecklenburg proceedings. This was the chief object of the search. Its loss was brought to the attention of the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Romilly, and it was stated that it appeared by an indorsement on this dispatch that "the printed paper had been taken out by Mr. Turner for Mr. Stevenson, August 15, 1837." Mr. Stevenson, of Virginia, was at that date the English Consul. He is dead; his son, Hon. J. W. Stevenson, now Senator in Congress from the State of Kentucky, as executor, has his father's papers in his possession, and has promised to make a search for the printed paper. Should it be the resolutions of the 31st of May, it would not disprove the existence of those of the 20th. Both without doubt were passed. Either the fact that the people of Mecklenburg boldly pronounced their independence in advance of any other State, and more than a year in advance of the United States.

CONVENTION AND CONVENTION.

There seems to be very little doubt that the Legislature will call a convention as soon as it assembles on the 18th of this month. If it does, let us have harmony in our ranks and no prophetic intimations of impending disaster to our party and there will be none. Unfortunately for the party, the Conservative press and people of this State cannot discuss any subject dispassionately. They will get up too much feeling. If a convention is called, it will be a triumph of no newspaper or politicians but it will be a triumph of the people. The Legislature will not call a convention unless they believe a majority of the people are for it. They have had ample time and opportunity to consult their constituents, and we may therefore consider their voice the voice of the people.

The newspapers and politicians who oppose the call of a convention have sustained no defeat. Some people are naturally more cautious and conservative than others and our friends, who differ with us, have only shown this phase in their character—a commendable quality it is too, only that we think they have shown a little too much of it in this convention matter. We do not believe in forcing a convention upon the people against their will. We confess that the motive that induced us to favor the call was because we believed that a majority of the people, at heart, favored it. It is all nonsense to talk of the press and politicians leading the people in matters where their material interests are concerned. They only, chameleon like, by contact, catch the shade of the body-politic. Political leaders are slow to learn that the white people, not alone of North Carolina, but of the nation, are learning to think for themselves. The day is past when a petty politician can gather his political serfs around him and lead them blindly to the polls as a feudal chief would muster his vassals, obedient and servile, regardless of whether they were to fight under the banner of the White or the Red Rose.

The foremost and most zealous advocates of the call favor an unrestricted convention. We feel sure that, in order to secure harmony they would be willing to make some concessions and agree to a restricted convention. The anti-conventionists have based their opposition to the measure on the ground of its inexpediency and have never disputed the necessity for amending the constitution. A restricted convention would, therefore, be half-way ground on which both factions could meet and neither party claim a complete victory or be compelled to acknowledge a hopeless defeat.

Some say it is absurd to talk of a restricted convention: that a convention is, in a legal point of view, the people themselves assembled in a body, and that a restricted convention means, if it means anything, that the people's representatives do thereby enact that the people themselves shall not do so and so. This may all be very true, but there were as many as twenty lawyers in this State in 1835 as now, and the convention of that date was restricted by the Legislature. The truth is, it makes little difference whether the restrictions imposed by the Legislature are legally binding or not, if they are honorably, so and it is to be presumed that a majority of the members elect to the convention will be honorable men. The restrictions will be pledges on the part of the Legislature that the members elected to the convention will not interfere with certain existing laws or, if so, they will violate the purposes for which the convention was called. We feel assured that the members elect to the convention, of every shade of politics, will feel themselves honorably bound by these restrictions. Besides they can be called out on the stump and made to pledge themselves publicly to their constituents. Of course there will be a restriction in reference to the homestead which will be very proper, but by no means necessary, for there is not a corporal-guard of homestead-abolishers in any county in the State, and though North Carolina has many dare devil characters within her borders, we do not believe, one could be found desperate enough to introduce a provision looking to the abolition of the homestead law. The convention will be more likely to make the homestead interest a fee simple interest than to abolish it, and it is the opinion of many that a provision making it a fee simple interest would be a very wise one in view of the fact that, as the law now stands, those who have taken the benefit of it are, in many instances, destroying their homesteads, rather than im-

proving them. They prefer to leave the party who owns the reversionary interest a barren waste rather than a valuable farm and thus the taxable property is being destroyed and the prosperity of the commonwealth retarded.

It is proposed also to restrict the convention as to interference with the existing officeholders. This too we think would be a wise step. Conventionists have proclaimed all along that this was not a party measure. Now is the time to prove their sincerity. Let the present members of the Supreme Court and Gov. Brogden 'serve out their time.' Let the provisions of the new or amended constitution relative to office holders, judicial or executive, not go into effect till all terms of those now in office shall have expired. This looks fair and will take away from the Republicans all reasonable grounds of opposition. The Conservative party should not appear too anxious to create vacancies lest their opponents accuse them of interested motives. We have advocated a convention on the high ground that our present Constitution was unsuited to the genius of our people and the character of our institutions, and failed utterly to meet the wants of our people. Let us maintain our high positions at all hazards and leave our political enemies no room to impugn our motives.

All matters pertaining to the law involved in this convention question have already been sufficiently discussed by experts. These are merely the views of an unprofessional citizen.

The Next Tobacco Planting.

In discussing the question, "Shall Virginia and North Carolina plant a large crop of tobacco next spring?" Mr. John Ott, the secretary of the Southern Fertilizing Company, says: "While giving due weight to all contingencies, and also to the element of speculation involved in the situation, there is, in view of the unusually large deficiency in supply to be provided for, and the fact that our domestic demand will require the entire crop of this year, nothing to show that prices will not be very remunerative on the production of a very full crop next year; indeed, it is not improbable that good prices will extend also to the crop planted in 1878."

This is a manifest proposition if "Mr. Ott" had never said a word about it. But the planter should take the good advice of the Daily News, and never fail to raise the best and the latest crop of tobacco on any tract of the quantity on hand, or the price of the entire crop of this year, nothing to show that prices will not be very remunerative on the production of a very full crop next year; indeed, it is not improbable that good prices will extend also to the crop planted in 1878."

By the way, we have no idea that "Mr. Ott" knows anything more about the raising of tobacco, than we do about raising his fertilizers—which is nothing.—Petersburg News.

A Paper Canoe Voyage.

Mr. N. H. Bishop, who started from this city several weeks ago for the Gulf of Mexico in a paper canoe, has written a letter to a friend in this city announcing his safe arrival at New Orleans, N. C. He paddled from Norfolk through the Chesapeake Bay, to Pamlico Sound, and thence to Pamlico Sound, keeping along the shore of the narrow strip of land, which separates those bodies of water from the Atlantic, and running considerable risk in crossing the stormy current which sets in through Hatteras Inlet. The voyage was nicked up in Pamlico Sound by a yacht belonging to Judge West, of Newbern, who, with a party of gentlemen, had been cruising for several days on the look out for him, and who offered him the hospitality of the town. Mr. Bishop's plan on leaving Swamp and Masenboro Sounds in about ten days, and reach Cape Fear river by interior water passage all the way, except the last seven miles. The rice planters on the Waccamaco and Pedee rivers have invited him to visit their plantations. Mr. Bishop is a very stout man whom he meets will trust himself in his boat. Every sailor, boatman and oysterman says he would not cross a creek in such a shell.

Mr. A. T. Stewart, says an editorial paragraph in the Brooklyn Argus, sets an example to the young men of the country which they will do well to copy.

Mr. Stewart is at his place of business at about eight o'clock every morning. He rises in an omnibus when it suits his conveniences. He goes to parties at an early hour, and leaves at a reasonable time. Yesterday we saw one of his wagons in which his goods are delivered—covered with canvas drawn over hoops, his name printed on it in a large hand, and a Broadway to Wall street. On the seat with the driver sat the merchant prince, as careless of the remarks of others as a sensible man ought always to be. Mr. Stewart got out in front of Drexel's banking house, without the consciousness that he had done anything remarkable or unusual.

"I did not come here, gentlemen, with the intention of making a speech, and am consequently wholly unprepared to do honor to the occasion. You must therefore excuse me if I confine myself to a few brief observations." Such were his remarks as they raised him upon a table at a recent political meeting, and after he had talked for an hour and three quarters, it took three of his most able abridgers, consisting of thirteen minutes' hard work with dry pins, to convince him that he had said enough.

To find out how deep the coal veins run, the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company have drilled down two thousand feet. At the bottom of the shaft a vein fourteen feet thick was found, and at nineteen hundred feet a seven-foot vein was discovered. The coal was of both places excellent in quality. If estimates made are correct, fifty million tons of coal can be raised before the bed is exhausted.

Bed's estate is valued at two million dollars. He made his will twenty years ago, and all is left to his wife and children. His ruling passion of misplaced philanthropy was not so strong in death as in life.

Statistics declare a marked difference between Jews and Christians as to longevity. In one hundred Christians die before the age of fifty years, and in one hundred Jews the position reaches beyond sixty years.

Next spring one hundred English swags are to be sent to the Buffalo hunt on the plains. The hunt is to be organized on a magnificent scale. Twenty scouts, headed by Buffalo Bill, will chaperone them, and in addition a vast retinue of servants, cooks, groom and valets, they will be accompanied by brass bands, and will discourse sweet music as they gather about the camp fire to partake of the evening meal of canned buffalo meat.

Paris, it is estimated, contains one hundred and twenty thousand women who are dependent upon the fashion for their support. The highest rate of pay is about twenty-nine cents per day, while the average pay, when fully employed, is not over twenty-four cents for twelve hours' work.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A Triumph over Humbug. It is not difficult to alarm the timid, and avarice is proverbially so. Aware of this fact, the vendors of pseudo bitters, 'entirely new' and 'never before,' have raised a false alarm against tonic preparations containing spirits, and no doubt have frightened a few sick folk into purchasing the fermented rubbish which they sell, and which is infinitely more injurious than the vilest dregs drunk at tavern bars. But already a tremendous reaction has set in against these abominable nostrums which, being devoid of the alcoholic basis which alone prevents liquid boric preparations from turning sour, decompose almost at once. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has lived and will live down the names of these impostures. A regular recurrence of the demand for the great alterative invigorant from men who have always been its patrons, shows that they have not served in their time-honored allegiance to America's health and vitality. A constant influx of new orders demonstrates how little impression, after all, the blatant denunciations of 'mock bitters' men have made upon the general public. So long as Hostetter's Bitters continue to cure and prevent the most distressing cases of indigestion, constipation, kidney disease, and the numerous ailments which they are adapted to, will continue to dominate the facitious opposition of humbugs, and that will be long. For the sake of the honest and true, be it known unto all bogus nostrum-vendors, of every degree of audacity and audacity, that the 'entirely new' and 'never before' which they are so anxious to sell, is not only inferior to the genuine, but is also, as it were, upon a rock.

Keopmann & Rothschild.

We call special attention to the excellent testimonials of Mrs. C. Knight, in reference to Ready Made Paint. Not having used the paint we can't speak from experience, but we feel sure it is to the interest of our customers, who desire painting, to test the same.
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GOING NORTH.
STATIONS. MAIL. EXPRESS.
Leave Charlotte, 10 00 p m 8 35 a m
" Air-Line Jct'n, 10 08 " 8 56 "
" Salisbury, 12 20 a m 10 54 "
" Greensboro, 3 43 " 1 15 p m
" Danville, 9 29 " 3 36 "
" Dundee, 6 25 " 3 48 "
" Burkeville, 11 33 " 8 20 "
Arrive at Richmond, 2 22 p m 11 09 p m

GOING SOUTH.

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Two trains daily, both ways.
On Sundays Lynchburg Accommodation leave Richmond at 9 00 a m, arrive at Burkeville 12 45 p m, leave Burkeville 4 35 a m, arrive Richmond 7 58 a m.
Pullman Palace Cars on all night trains between Charlotte and Richmond, (without change) North or South.
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Promising to give you the best goods for the least money, and spare no pains or expense to give you entire satisfaction. And wishing you and all of yours a happy and prosperous year, we submit ourselves your humble servants.
Opposite the Market.
C. S. HOLTON & CO.
NEW FIRM.
The undersigned take this method to inform the citizens of Charlotte, and the public generally, that they have this day formed a partnership under the firm name and style of CRESSWELL & WALKER, and will do business at A. H. Cresswell's old stand, opposite the Presbyterian church. WE MEAN TO DO A CASH BUSINESS, and if you are not satisfied of the fact, come and see how cheap you can buy for cash. Long years, and long faces about inability to get money, don't pay our bills, and first failing to meet your obligations with us, (when we credit at all) will be compelled to refuse further indulgence. Our House shall be first class as to goods, prices and attention. Ladies, an visit our store at all times without coming in contact with intoxicated men, as we sell no strong drinks. Hoping by honesty and politeness to merit a full share of public patronage. We are Very Respectfully CRESSWELL & WALKER.

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Fine unseasoned Hams, Sugar Cured Breakfast Strips, Prime New Orleans Molasses, Northern Early Rose Potatoes, Best Family Flour, Corn Meal, Peas and Bran, on hand and sold low by WOLFE & HIBBET, Wholesale and Retail Grocers. Dec 20th.

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F. H. ANDREWS & CO. Jan 7

CHARLOTTE MARBLE WORKS.

Having purchased Mr. F. A. McIninch's Marble Works, I respectfully announce to the public that I will carry on the Marble business in all its branches at the stand near the jail, formerly occupied by F. A. McIninch. Tombs, Monuments and Grave-stones of every description manufactured at reasonable prices and at short notice. The public are invited to call and examine samples of my material and workmanship. Family Monuments a specialty. F. A. MCININCH.

A CARD.

Having sold my entire stock and interest in the Marble business to Mr. F. A. McIninch, I take pleasure in recommending him to the public as a first class Artist, and bespeak for him a liberal share of patronage. Respectfully, F. A. MCININCH, Charlotte, November 10, 1874.

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READ THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONIALS:

From Prof W G Simmons, Wake Forest College, North Carolina. WAKE FOREST COLLEGE, N. C., October 4, 1873. Mr. C. P. Knight—Dear Sir: We have for several months been using your Bradley's Patent Enamel Paint on our College Building, and are well pleased with it. Though it was applied by one having no experience in such work, yet we have a good job. We shall continue to use it—believing that in point of economy, durability and facility of application, it is superior to any other pigment offered in the market. W. G. SIMMONS.

From Messrs Englehard & Saunders, Editors and Proprietors "Journal."

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From S. McMill, M. D.

THE PLAINS, FAUQUIER CO., Va., Feb. 6, 1873. Mr. C. P. Knight—Sir: The paint came safe to hand as ordered, 2 kegs, 5 gallons each, and 3 buckets, 1 gallon each. As practice was slack, I did the job myself. Two weeks (not constantly) work, completed the house, two coats; the last coat I applied thick, and it is now generally conceded, that for "enamel," like hardness, and body and harmony of colors, there is not a handsomer job in the place—which is an item just now with the "Southern people." It should be generally adopted in this State. Any country lad can apply it. I have never dabbled in such stock as "testimonials," but I feel so forcibly the great adaptability of your "Enamel Paint" to the wants of our people in erecting buildings, that I have saved sixty-five dollars by the operation—which is as durable as ordinary paint, it has a much finer finish, and its cost and convenience will recommend it to all in need of paint.

From R. W. Rayne, of the Firm of Bartlett & Rayne, 48 Carondelet Street.

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